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## EDUCATION

**Yale University, Psychology, PhD**

May 2020

**Washington and Lee University**

May 2015

**Bachelor of Science with Honors in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude. Member: Phi Beta Kappa.**

In-major GPA: 3.985. Overall GPA: 3.966. Class rank: top 2% (approximate).

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## PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

[<sup>1</sup>=joint first authors]

**Bronstein, M.V.**, Pennycook, G., Buonomano, L., & Cannon, T.D. (*in press*). Belief in Fake News, Responsiveness to Cognitive Conflict, and Analytic Reasoning Engagement. *Thinking and Reasoning*.

Everaert, J.<sup>1</sup>, **Bronstein, M.V.**<sup>1</sup>, Castro, A., Cannon, T.D., & Joormann, J. (2020). When negative interpretations persist, positive emotions don't! Inflexible negative interpretations encourage depression and social anxiety by dampening positive emotions. *Behaviour Research and Therapy*, 124, 103510.

**Bronstein, M. V.**, Pennycook, G., Joormann, J., Corlett, P. R., & Cannon, T. D. (2019). Dual-process theory, conflict processing, and delusional belief. *Clinical Psychology Review*, 101748.

**Bronstein, M. V.**<sup>1</sup>, Everaert, J.<sup>1</sup>, Castro, A., Joormann, J., & Cannon, T. D. (2019). Pathways to paranoia: Analytic thinking and belief flexibility. *Behaviour Research and Therapy*, 113, 18-24.

**Bronstein, M.V.**, Pennycook, G., Bear, A., Rand, D., & Cannon, T.D. (2018). Belief in fake news is associated with delusionality, dogmatism, religious fundamentalism, and reduced analytic thinking. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jarmac.2018.09.005>.

- Bronstein, M.V.**, & Cannon, T.D. (2018). Measuring bias against disconfirmatory evidence: An evaluation of BADE task scoring methods and the case for a novel method. *Psychiatry Research*, 261, 535-540.
- Everaert, J., **Bronstein, M.V.**, Cannon, T.D., & Joorman, J. (2018). Looking through tinted glasses: Depression and social anxiety are related to both interpretation biases and inflexible negative interpretations. *Clinical Psychological Science*, 2167702617747968.
- Bear, A., Fortgang, R. G., **Bronstein, M. V.**, & Cannon, T. D. (2017). Mistiming of thought and perception predicts delusionality. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 114(40), 10791-10796.
- Bronstein, M.V.**, & Cannon, T.D. (2017). Bias Against Disconfirmatory Evidence in a large Nonclinical Sample: Associations with Schizotypy and Delusional Beliefs. *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology*, 8(3), 288-302.
- Bronstein, M. V.**, Dovidio, J. F., & Cannon, T. D. (2017). Both bias against disconfirmatory evidence and political orientation partially explain the relationship between dogmatism and racial prejudice. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 105, 89-94.
- Bronstein, M.V.** (2014). A review of the models of schizophrenia: And a putative novel, more unified model. *Modern Psychological Studies*, 19, 47-64.

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#### **Selected Media Coverage**

- Bronstein, M.V.**, Everaert, J., Castro, A., Cannon, T.D., & Joormann, J. (2019, December 11). How do we interpret ambiguous social events? *Psychology Today*. Retrieved from: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/thoughts-and-feelings/201912/how-do-we-interpret-ambiguous-social-events>.
- Dolan, E. (2018, October 28). *Study: Religious fundamentalists and dogmatic individuals are more likely to believe fake news*. Retrieved from: <https://www.psypost.org/2018/10/study-religious-fundamentalists-and-dogmatic-individuals-are-more-likely-to-believe-fake-news-52426>.
- Bear, A., Fortgang, R., & **Bronstein, M. V** (2018, January 13). You think you're clairvoyant, but your brain is just tricking you. *The Washington Post*. Retrieved from: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/you-think-youre-clairvoyant-but-your-brain-is-just-tricking-you/2018/01/12/005b8d48-deac-11e7-bbd0-9dfb2e37492a\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/you-think-youre-clairvoyant-but-your-brain-is-just-tricking-you/2018/01/12/005b8d48-deac-11e7-bbd0-9dfb2e37492a_story.html)

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**Ad-hoc Reviewer for:**

Schizophrenia Research  
Judgment & Decision Making  
Social Science Computer Review  
Cognition & Emotion  
Psychiatry Research  
Sage Open

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## **COMPETITIVE GRANTS**

Yale Graduate Student Assembly's Conference Travel Award: \$500  
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Washington and Lee Johnson Opportunity Grant: \$2500

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Laboratory Section Leader: Introductory Statistics**

Scaffolded student knowledge about statistics concepts and their practical application according to students' zone of proximal development. Created lessons to accompany laboratory exercises.

### **Teaching Assistant: Introductory Psychology Courses**

Assisted with courses serving as introductions to cognitive science, emotional intelligence, and positive psychology.

### **Yale Graduate Writing Lab/Washington and Lee Undergraduate Writing Center**

As a writing consultant, I worked one-on-one with writers to encourage development of independent writing skills. This role included substantial work with multilingual and ESL students.

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## **CLINICAL WORK**

### **Specialized Treatment Early in Psychosis (STEP) Clinic**

In this role, I provided evidence-based therapeutic interventions designed to support individuals who recently had a first episode of psychosis (CBT/DBT/MCT) and their families (FFT). Became certified to administer the SIPS interview for identifying individuals at risk for psychosis (see: <https://thesipstraining.com/>).

### **Yale Psychology Department Clinic**

In this role, I provided evidence-based therapeutic interventions for depression, anxiety, and obsessive-compulsive disorder through individual therapy. I co-led three therapy groups (two DBT-informed groups and one CBT group). Additionally, I gained experience administering the WAIS-IV and WMS-IV and conducted multiple SCID interviews.

**Direct Care: Wediko Children's Services (AmeriCorps Professional Corps Member)**

In this role, I provided 24-hr direct care counseling services at an intensive, 45-day residential treatment program for children ages 7-20 with a wide range of emotional/behavioral issues and psychiatric disorders. During this time, I facilitated individual and group therapies and engaged in several therapeutic interventions on a daily basis. I also developed engaging activities geared towards behavior modification, emotion regulation, and improving social skills. Research activities tracking behavior change across the program were completed simultaneously.

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**ACTIVITIES, ACCOLADES, AND CERTIFICATIONS**

**Kingsley Trust Association Fellow (Spring 2020)**

**Jonathan Bourne Fellow (Fall 2019)**

A prestigious endowed fellowship awarded at Yale on the basis of scholarly excellence.

**Oliver Award (2015)**

Award given to one student/year for the consistent demonstration of intellectual curiosity across the breadth of the field of psychology.

**Elmes Pathfinder Prize (2014)**

A cash prize given to one senior who has demonstrated exceptional promise for a career in psychological science through outstanding scholarship in basic or applied psychology.

**James McDowell Scholarship (2014)**

A cash prize given to 6 students/year at Washington and Lee for outstanding 2-year records of achievement.

**Washington and Lee Psychology Department Award (2014)**

A cash prize given to the rising senior with the highest overall GPA in the department.

**Johnson Scholar (2011-2015)**

Highest merit scholarship award given at Washington and Lee University (full tuition award).

**Robert Alexander Prize (2013)**

Given to 1 person/year for exceptional academic achievement at Washington and Lee.

**Sidney M. B. Coulling Prize (2012)**

For best essay on a literary topic by a first-year student at Washington and Lee University.

**National Merit Scholarship (2011-2015)**

**Eagle Scout**

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**Other Publications**

**Bronstein, M.V. (2017).** Hunters' Moon. In: *Virginia's Best Emerging Poets* (2017). Z Publishing House, p.

108.