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EDUCATION

McGill University

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

CGPA: 3.63/4.00

CGPA of most recent 60 credits: 3.83/4.00

Selected Coursework: Categorization, Communication & Consciousness; Human Motivation; The Psychology of Pain; Behavioural Neuroscience II

Montreal, Quebec

January 2019 - September 2022

PUBLICATIONS

- Skvortsova, A., **Contofalsky, R.**, Carrier, S., & Mogil, J. (2023). The Neurochemical Mediation of Conditioned Hyperalgesia in Mice. *In preparation*
- Koestner, R., & **Contofalsky, R.** (2021). The Psychological Effects of The COVID-19 Pandemic on Young Adults: A Self-Determination Theory Perspective. *McGill Journal of Human Behaviour*, 1(1), 89-103

RESEARCH COURSES TAKEN

- **PSYC 395** (Psychology Research Project 1) - Thesis: The Psychological Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Young Adults: A Self-Determination Theory Perspective
- **PSYC 494 D1/D2** (Psychology Research Project) - Thesis: Supervised Learning of Auditory Categories: A Pilot Study
- **PSYC 495** (Psychology Research Project 2) - Thesis: Neurochemistry of Nocebo Conditioned Hyperalgesia in Mice

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tomlinson Engagement Award for Mentoring

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology

McGill University

September 2021 - December 2021

- Course: PSYC 332, Intro to Personality
- Mentoring students, generating and evaluating exam material, and enhancing course delivery

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

MOGILab

Research Assistant & Thesis Student

McGill University

September 2021 - September 2022

- Principal investigator: Dr. Jeffrey Mogil
- Conducting research on mice regarding the novel “nocebo conditioned hyperalgesia effect”

Communication and Consciousness Lab

Research Assistant & Thesis Student

McGill University

December 2020 - September 2021

- Principal investigator: Dr. Stevan Harnad
- Helped design and manage an experiment to test auditory categorical perception in humans as part of a pilot study

McGill University Health Centre*Research Assistant*

- Principal investigator: Dr. Marc O. Martel
- Aided a chronic back pain study; collected data, recruited patients, organized study materials, and provided compensation for participation

McGill University

August 2020 - September 2021

McGill Human Motivation Lab*Research Assistant & Thesis Student*

- Principal investigator: Dr. Richard Koestner
- Collected and analyzed data obtained through a longitudinal study, with a focus on how the COVID-19 pandemic affected students using a Self-Determination Theory perspective

McGill University

May 2020 - October 2020

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Private Neuropsychologist Clinic*Personal Assistant*

- Supervisor: Dr. Geneviève Gagnon
- Helped with administrative tasks in a private clinic

Montreal, Quebec

January 2020 - January 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Intact Financial Corporation*Incoming Behavioural Science Intern*

- Creating human-centered experiences and achieving business goals
- Analyzing qualitative and quantitative data to drive interventions
- Participating in analysis, brainstorming sessions, content creation, and solution presentations

Montreal, Quebec

January 2023E - April 2023E

Douglas Mental Health University Institute*Research Assistant - Eating Disorders Continuum*

- Developing an online psychoeducation tool
- Managing large databases and datasets with Excel & SPSS
- Organizing group therapy for both clinicians and patients

Montreal, Quebec

June 2022 - September 2022

Costco Wholesale Corporation*Meat Department Assistant*

- Providing a service to members in a professional manner
- Helping the department attain its weekly goals by ensuring that no products are missing, all storage units are full, all the while working in an interdependent working environment

Saint-Bruno, Quebec

June 2018 - May 2022

McDonald's Corporation*Cashier, Drive-Thru, and Team Leader*

- Attending to the needs of the clients
- Promoting the necessary work-ethic to my co-workers in order to meet the demands of the challenging and dynamic working environment

Greenfield Park, Quebec

September 2016 - June 2018

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

Human Methodology

- TCPS 2: Tri-Council Policy Statement
- RI-MUHC: Standard Operating Procedures & Good Clinical Practice

Biomethodology

- CMARC 1: Handling & restraint, humane intervention, and euthanasia
- CMARC 2: Substance administration and blood collection in the laboratory mouse

Computational Methodology

- UDEMY: Deep Learning: Convolutional Neural Networks in Python
- UDEMY: The Complete Neural Networks Bootcamp: Theory, Applications
- UDEMY: The Complete Python Bootcamp: From Zero to Hero in Python

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- English (Native Speaker)
- French (High level reading, writing and speaking)
- Slovak (Basic level reading and speaking)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Organizational Software: Microsoft Office Suite
- Statistical Software: SPSS & R
- Bibliographic Tools: Zotero
- Video Editing Software: Sony Vegas Pro
- Programming: Fluent in Python; Introductory MATLAB & HTML

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

- Experience: Purple Belt
- Supervised Coaching: Bi-Weekly
- Active Competitor: Competing Bi-Yearly

Language Learning

Slovak

- Re-mastering spoken abilities
- Augmenting written capabilities

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Richard Koestner**
Professor, Department of Psychology; McGill University
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- **Dr. Marc O. Martel**
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Dentistry; McGill University
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- **Dr. Jeffrey Mogil**
Professor, Department of Psychology; McGill University
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- **Dr. Stevan Harnad**
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