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EDUCATION

Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

May 2022

HONORS AND GRANTS

Phi Beta Kappa (2022 - Present)
Psi Chi Honors Society Member (2021 - Present)
Dean's List – Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021; Spring 2021, 2022
Class of 1939 Summer Research Fellowship (2020)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Columbia University, SCAN Lab

Research Assistant, February 2020 – Present

Advisors: Monica Thieu, Kevin Ochsner

- Aid in literature reviews, participant recruitment, and fMRI scans.
- Assist in design and analysis of research studies.
- Research topics include memory in trivia experts, the categorization of ambiguous social and emotional stimuli, and how emotion labels affect/are affected by our experiences.

Columbia University, Summer Internship Program in Psychological Science

Intern, Peer Mentor, May 2021 – August 2021

Advisors: Ana DiGiovanni, Monica Thieu

- Studied semantic memory formation in trivia experts of varying ability.
- Conducted a secondary analysis looking at the impact of gender on confidence and performance in the trivia task.

Columbia University, Global Behavioral Scholars Program

Intern, January 2020 – August 2020

Advisor: Kai Ruggeri

- Assisted in conducting a global replication of Lees & Cikara (2020) with over 10,000 participants across 26 countries.
- Collaborated with students from around the world by creating and circulating a survey, drafting and editing a preprint, and conducting data analysis.

Columbia University, Shohamy Lab

Research Assistant, August 2019 – May 2020

Advisors: Zarrar Shehzad, Daphna Shohamy

- Assisted in literature searches, MRI scanning, and scoring psychological tasks.
- Research topics included the influence of semantic memory on decision making, abstraction and categorization, eating behaviors, and the tradeoff between exploration and exploitation in human behaviors.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Princeton University, Crockett Lab

Lab Manager, July 2022 - Present

Employer: Molly Crockett

- Manage lab finances: online participant payments (Prolific, MTurk, Lucid Theorem), conference and travel fees, equipment purchases, and reimbursements.
- Lead weekly RA meetings, involving guest speakers, coding/writing workshops, and presentations.
- Manage internal lab wiki and code on Github; maintain lab website (Squarespace) and OSF.
- Coordinate weekly in-person/virtual lab meetings and lab events (e.g., socials, lab retreat).
- Maintain, update, & renew active IRB study submissions.

Columbia University, Department of Psychology

Teaching Assistant, August 2020– Present

Employer: Patricia Lindemann, Katherine Fox-Glassman, E'mett McCaskill

- Manage student questions during class, grade quizzes, discussion posts, and papers, hold weekly discussion sections, sit for twice-weekly office hours, and assist in the creation of class content.
- Courses include Science of Psychology, Thinking and Decision Making, and Abnormal Behavior.

Columbia Business School, Alumni Career Management

Administrative Assistant, June 2019 – December 2019

Employer: Nancy Johnston

- Assisted in the creation and management of lists and spreadsheets of alumni and provided data entry support.
- Edited and managed content on the Alumni Career Management website, prepared materials for events, and drafted email communications between students and staff using mail merges.

Columbia University Visitor's Center

Tour Guide and Office Assistant, June 2019 – August 2019

Employer: Kathryn Saunders

- Greeted visitors and provided directions, written materials, and general information about the University.
- Monitored the front office and stocked desks and shelves as needed.
- Answered phones and delivered messages to appropriate parties, and led groups of visitors on campus tours.

Columbia University Department of Economics

Office Assistant, January 2019 – May 2019

Employer: Celeste Ransom

- Greeted students and visitors at the front desk, answered phones, responded to emails, sorted mail, and delivered packages between department buildings.
- Organized and set up weekly staff lunches, colloquia, and other events.
- Filed papers and dealt with records of confidential nature within the department.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Columbia Department of Psychology

Peer Advisor, October 2020 – June 2022

Supervisor: Caroline Marvin, Katherine Fox-Glassman

- Provide departmental information to students and devise new, more effective ways to facilitate contact between majors and faculty advisors.
- Hold open office hours to talk with students and oversee new programs and events in the department.

Gay Health Advocacy Project

Peer Advocate, August 2021 – June 2022

Supervisor: Daniel Chiarilli

- Work with medical providers at Columbia Health to provide STI testing and connect students to campus resources.
- Host drop-in hours for students to talk about sex, pleasure, concerns about sexuality, identity, and relationships in a non-judgmental space.

Alice! Health Promotion

ROAR Facilitator, August 2021 - May 2022

Supervisor: Jaclyn Hawkins

- Work with Alice! staff at Columbia Health to talk to incoming students about being responsible, optimal, authentic, and resilient.
- Teach stress management strategies, connect students to campus resources, and discuss the role of substances in the college experience.

MaMa Project

Creative Director, Choreographer, September 2021 – March 2022

- Manage the production of an evening-length dance show from auditioning and casting dancers to choreographing and directing movement for the stage.
- Hold twice-weekly dance rehearsals and lead monthly board meetings to discuss marketing strategies, performance logistics, and creative direction.

CU Generation

Secretary, Executive Board Member, September 2019 – May 2020

- Took minutes at weekly board meetings and shared them with the entire team.
- Collected and updated member contact information to create a team directory.
- Organized and scheduled general events including board meetings, auditions, open classes, study breaks, and team bonding events.

Columbia University Orchesis Dance Group

Public Relations Co-Chair, December 2018 – December 2019

- Design, copy, and distribute all posters, flyers, and other promotional materials.
- Curate the Orchesis social media presence on Facebook and Instagram.
- Help publicize group events such as auditions, classes, and performances.

Columbia University Office of University Life, Events Council

Chair of Marketing, September 2019 – May 2020

- Promote the events and brand of University Life Events Council by making and distributing flyers and hosting tabling events around campus.
- Coordinate videography and photography for all events and create promotional videos for events.

PUBLICATIONS

Ruggeri, K., Većkalov, B., Bojanić, L. *et al.* The general fault in our fault lines. *Nat Hum Behav* (2021).
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01092-x>

PRESENTATIONS

Wilkins, L., Monica, T., Ochsner, K. The Effect of Gender on Confidence and Performance in a Trivia Task. Data blitz presented at: SIPPS Conference; August 2021; New York, NY.

Wilkins, L., Monica, T., Ochsner, K. Emotional Expressivity Across Genders. Poster presented at: Undergraduate Research Symposium; October 2020. New York, NY.

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)
Spanish (conversational)

SKILLS

Computational: R Studio, Google Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, PsychoPy, Gorilla, Qualtrics, Adobe Photoshop

Practical: MRI Safety trained- Level II, HIPAA certified, qualitative data coding, greeting and managing participants, group research work, running a meeting, meeting minutes, managing communication, planning and overseeing events, scheduling, photography