

“All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind.”  
– Martin H. Fischer

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## EDUCATION

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WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO 2013 – PRESENT

**Honours Bachelor of Arts, Psychology (Concentration: Research Specialist)**

**Minor: Philosophy** (Cumulative GPA: 11.58 out of 12.0)

- Completed undergraduate honours thesis in Developmental Psychology, 2016 – 2017  
 (“How Different Is Different: An Investigation into How Individuals with  
 Autistic Traits Develop Personal Identities”) under the supervision of  
 Dr. Nicola (Nicky) Newton
- Conducting directed studies project under the supervise of Dr. Newton 2017 – PRESENT  
 that further expands on undergraduate thesis research

REGION OF WATERLOO SOCIAL SERVICES, WATERLOO, ONTARIO 2012

**High School Equivalency Certificate (GED)**

CONESTOGA COLLEGE, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

**Academic Upgrading**

- Preparatory Mathematics 2011 – 2012
  - Preparatory Communications 2009
- Focus for Change Certificate** 2009

EMMANUEL BIBLE COLLEGE, KITCHENER, ONTARIO 2009 – 2011

**MountainTop Certificate, Religious Education**

- 3.79 GPA (out of 4.0 scale)

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO PART-TIME, JAN. 2017 – PRESENT

**Research Assistant**

- Currently employed in Dr. Nicola Newton’s *Personality and Development in Adulthood*  
 (*PanDA*) Lab assisting with the Canadians’ Experiences of Retirement project
  - Transcribe audio of participants’ telephone interviews using Microsoft Word, Express  
 Scribe software, and pedal
  - Enter participants’ hard-copy data into Excel for data comparison and future analysis
  - Attend bi-weekly lab meetings to discuss future steps of the research project

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2015 – 2016

**Research Internship (Directed Study)**

- Student-Community Research Partnerships for Social Justice and Wellbeing (SCRJ) Internship sponsored by the Centre for Community Research, Learning and Action (CCRLA)
- Worked alongside a professor, team of interns, research associate, and community partner to design and implement a community-based, participatory action research (PAR) study
- This study examined the barriers to participation of young girls attending youth programs in the Kitchener-Waterloo community
- Received a certificate of completion for successfully fulfilling the internship program requirements

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

FULL-TIME, SUMMER 2015

**Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA): Research Assistantship**

- Funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- Employed in Dr. Todd Ferretti's *Cognitive Psychology Lab*
- Worked alongside two graduate students to help design and implement a research study that utilized the electroencephalogram (EEG) to explore language comprehension and temporal perspectives
  - Created stimulus files for experiments via the STIM<sup>2</sup> software

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

PART-TIME, 2014 – 2015

**Research Assistant**

- Employed in Dr. Christian Jordan's *Social Psychology Lab*
- Assisted two PhD students specializing in narcissism with in-lab research studies via observing and instructing participants, and organizing time-slots for participants
- Setup an implicit-association test (IAT) experiment using MediaLab software

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**PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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PUBLICATIONS

**Gaining Insight into Youth Programming and the Inclusivity of Girls**

SUBMITTED

- Submitted manuscript for publication with fellow researcher, Shannon Vokes, under the supervision of Dr. Ciann Wilson
- This publication is an extension of the research conducted in the SCRJ Internship over the 2015-2016 term

**How Different Is Different: An Investigation into How Individuals with Autistic Traits Develop Personal Identities**

IN PROCESS

- Preparing to write manuscript for publication under the supervision of Dr. Nicola (Nicky) Newton based on research conducted for my undergraduate honours thesis

PRESENTATIONSCOMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH DAY, KITCHENER, ONTARIO

2017

**Conference Presenter**

- Hosted by Wilfrid Laurier University to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Community Psychology program
- Presented updated research findings from the SCRP Internship with a fellow intern, Shannon Vokes, at a conference that was open to the local community, and to researchers and faculty from Wilfrid Laurier University

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2017

**Undergraduate Thesis Conference: Poster Presentation**

- Presented research findings from undergraduate honours thesis: “How Different Is Different: An Investigation into How Individuals with Autistic Traits Develop Personal Identities”

THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE, KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2016

**Guest Presenter**

- Presented research findings with fellow interns from the SCRP Internship to local service providers of youth programs
- Provided copies of a mobilization tool (i.e., gender-based toolkit) that was created by the team of interns, which upon implementing, would make the benefits of recreational programming more accessible to girls in the local community

CCRLA CONFERENCE, KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2016

**Conference Presenter**

- Presented research findings with fellow interns from the SCRP Internship at a conference that was open to the community, stakeholders, and to fellow researchers from Wilfrid Laurier University

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**SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS**

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WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2017

**Women in Science: Hypatia Award**

- Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and for being a female student in the natural sciences or mathematical social sciences, or for being an individual researching gender issues in the sciences
  - Received award for undergraduate honours thesis research investigating the proposed female autism phenotype and its impact on personal identity formation
  - This award provided financial support to work with Dr. Newton on a directed studies project to foster additional research skills, and to develop a manuscript for publication based on my honours thesis
    - Received \$500

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2017

**Varietas Scholarship**

- Recipient must be a senior undergraduate student who is registered with the Accessible Learning Centre in full time studies or equivalent, and has an Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Preference is given to the student with the highest cumulative GPA
  - Received \$1000

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2016

**In-Course Scholarship**

- Recipients are selected based on academic achievement in full-time studies
  - Received \$1500 for maintaining a GPA between 11.0 and 12.0 (out of 12.0)

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO**Undergraduate Student Research Awards Program (USRA)**

FULL-TIME, SUMMER 2015

- Research Assistantship funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- The assistantship funded a summer long experimental research study in Dr. Todd Ferretti's *Cognitive Psychology Lab*
  - Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and interest in pursuing a research career
    - Received \$5625

EMMANUEL BIBLE COLLEGE, KITCHENER, ONTARIO

2009 – 2010

**Alumni Scholarship**

- Received \$1500 over the course of two academic terms

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**CRAWFORD & COMPANY CANADA, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

SUMMER 2010

**Junior Call Centre Agent** in Claims Alert Division

- Worked under pressure taking emergency insurance claims, including automobile accidents, fatalities, house fires, floods, and theft
- Successfully entered hundreds of claims from the general public, brokers, adjusters, and other clients into the Claims Alert database

CRAWFORD & COMPANY CANADA, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

PART-TIME, 2007 – 2008

**Office Support Worker** for *Appraisal Management Services*

- Entered hundreds of car insurance claims into the Auto Appraisal database
- Was required to have an eye for detail, time management, professionalism in the workplace, and the ability to work independently
- Improved productivity by providing computer technical advice to coworkers to maximize efficiency and reduce time loss

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**TRAINING & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**


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CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO 2017

**Career Development Certificate**

**Career Development Certificate – Advanced**

- Participated in workshops focusing on career planning, resume and cover letter writing, interview skills, and career development strategies

WATERLOO REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, WATERLOO, ONTARIO 2016

**Essential Skills Upgrading Tutor**

- Tutored adult students in foundational skills in English, Reading, Mathematics, and computer use
- Provided tips and advice for students hoping to write the GED, based on shared personal experience

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO 2013

**Volunteer Note-Taker**

- Took course notes for students registered with the Accessible Learning Centre

EMMANUEL VILLAGE RETIREMENT RESIDENCE, KITCHENER, ONTARIO 2010

**Event Support Staff & Solo Pianist**

THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, CANADA 2007

- Levels 7 and 8 Solo Piano
- Grade I and II Rudiments (Honours)

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**


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- Canadian Psychology Association (CPA), Student Affiliate 2017 – PRESENT