

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Doctor of Philosophy, Developmental Psychology

2019 – 2023

Advisor: Dr. Nicky Newton

Master of Arts, Developmental Psychology

2018 – 2019

Advisor: Dr. Nicky Newton

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

2013 – 2018

Minor: Philosophy

- High Distinction (GPA: 11.62 out of 12.00)

Honours Thesis & Title (PS499)

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

Undergraduate Research Projects:

- Independent study in developmental psychology 2017 – 2018
- Honours thesis in developmental psychology 2016 – 2017
- Internship: Participatory Action Research study (Qualitative) 2015 – 2016

CONESTOGA COLLEGE, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

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

EMMANUEL BIBLE COLLEGE, KITCHENER, ONTARIO

MountainTop Certificate, Religious Education

2009 – 2011

Research & Teaching Assistant Experience

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Graduate Teaching Assistantships

FALL, 2018

- Research in Developmental Psychology (PS375)

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS (RESOURCE & LEADERSHIP CENTRE), KITCHENER, ONTARIO

Research Assistant in Clinical and Research Services

SUMMER, 2018

- Conducted extensive literature reviews in diverse topics (e.g., quality of life, dignity, respect, etc)

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Research Assistant in Dr. Nicola (Nicky) Newton's Personality and Development in Adulthood lab (PanDA)

JAN. 2017 – PRESENT

- Organized data for statistical analyses using Microsoft Excel, Word, and SPSS
- Regularly attended lab meetings to discuss research projects (e.g., deadlines, responsibilities, etc.)
- Transcribed telephone interviews using Microsoft Word and Express Scribe software
- Entered participants' hard-copy data into the system and ran statistical analyses as required
- Trained other research assistants as needed
- Aided in writing and developing a report that was disseminated to participants and to the community

Research Intern at the Centre for Community Research, Learning, and Action (CCRLA)

2015 – 2016

- Worked with a professor, team of interns, research associate, and community partner to design and implement a qualitative, participatory action research study

Research Assistant in Dr. Todd Ferretti's Cognitive Psychology lab

SUMMER, 2015

- Acquired through the Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) program
- Aided in the design and implementation of an EEG study exploring language comprehension and temporal perspectives

Research Assistant in Dr. Christian Jordan's Social Psychology lab

2014 – 2015

- Observed and instructed participants, organized time-slots, and set up an implicit-association test (IAT) using MediaLab software

Scholarships, Grants, & Awards

Internal Awards

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Scholarship

- Valued at \$5,000

2018 – 2019

Laurier Graduate Fellowship

- Valued at \$1,541

2018

Faculty of Science Students' Association: Research Assistant Scholarship

- Valued at \$1,000

2018

- Valued at \$1,000

2017

Varietas Scholarship

- Valued at \$1,500

2017

- Valued at \$1,000

2016

Women in Science: Hypatia Award

2017

- Valued at \$500

In-Course Scholarship

2016

- Valued at \$1,500 for maintaining a GPA between 11.0 and 12.0 (out of 12.0)

External Awards

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)

- Valued at \$15,000 2018 – 2019

Undergraduate Student Research Awards Program (USRA)

2015

- Funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
- Valued at \$5,625

Publications & Conference Presentations

Publications

Personal Identity Formation and Well-Being in Autistic Females

IN PROCESS

- Submitted manuscript in *Journal of Developmental and Physical Disabilities* (first author)

Personal Identity Formation and Personality Characteristics in Students with Autistic Traits

IN PROCESS

An Angel or an Alien: Qualitative Experiences of Persons on the Autism Spectrum

IN PROCESS

Conference Presentations

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS, KITCHENER, ONTARIO

Student Conference

- Presented poster entitled: “Investigating Individual Outcomes Over Time: A Desire-Preference Model of Support” AUG. 2018

BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Development 2018 Conference: Poster Presentation

MAY 2018

- Presented findings from honours research: “Personal Identity Formation in Autism Spectrum Disorder”

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Community Psychology Research Day: Conference Presenter

APR. 2017

- Presented updated research findings from SCRP Internship with a fellow intern

Undergraduate Thesis Conference: Poster Presentation

MAR. 2017

- Presented research findings from honours thesis

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

Guest Presenter

MAY 2016

- Presented findings from SCRP Internship to youth service providers, and created a mobilization tool with the goal of making youth programs more accessible to girls

CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH, LEARNING, & ACTION (CCRLA), KITCHENER-WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Conference Presenter

APR. 2016

- Presented research findings with fellow interns in a conference that was open to the community, stakeholders, and to fellow researchers
- Presented findings from the qualitative participatory action research study that examined the barriers to participation of young girls attending youth programs in Kitchener-Waterloo

Professional Activities

JOURNAL OF AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

Peer Reviewer

2018 - PRESENT

Other Experience

CRAWFORD & COMPANY CANADA, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Junior Call Centre Agent for *Claims Alert Division*

SUMMER, 2010

Office Support Worker for *Appraisal Management Services*

FEB. 2007 – AUG. 2008

Training & Volunteer Experience

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Career Development Certificate – Advanced

2017

WATERLOO REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

Essential Skills Upgrading Tutor

2016

TRI-COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT: ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMANS (TCPS-2)

2014

THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, CANADA

2007

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