

# Erinn Barry

## Curriculum Vitae

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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**

- Honour Roll (Cumulative GPA: 11.60 out of 12.0)
- Completed honours thesis in Developmental Psychology under Dr. Nicola (Nicky) Newton, investigating personal identity formation in students with autistic traits 2016 – 2017
- Conducting directed studies project under Dr. Newton that expands honours thesis research 2017 – PRESENT

CONESTOGA COLLEGE, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

**Academic Upgrading (Employment Preparation Program)**

- Preparatory Mathematics 2011 – 2012
- Preparatory Communications 2009

**Focus for Change Certificate**

2009

EMMANUEL BIBLE COLLEGE, KITCHENER, ONTARIO

2009 – 2011

**MountainTop Certificate, Religious Education**

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### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

JAN. 2018 – PRESENT

**Faculty of Science Students' Association (FOSSA): Research Assistant Scholarship**

- Awarded a FOSSA scholarship to work as a research assistant in Dr. Newton's *Personality and Development in Adulthood (PanDA) Lab*, assisting with a longitudinal study, the Women's Life Paths Study, based at University of Michigan
  - Organized data using the Q-sort method
  - Performed duties as required (e.g., conducted preliminary analyses on SPSS, etc.)
  - Regularly attend lab meetings to discuss future steps of the research project (e.g., discuss project deadlines, personal responsibilities, ways to improve, etc.)

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

SEPT. 2017 – DEC. 2017

**Faculty of Science Students' Association (FOSSA): Research Assistant Scholarship**

- Awarded a FOSSA scholarship to work as a research assistant in Dr. Newton's *PanDA Lab*, assisting with a longitudinal, qualitative study examining the experiences and expectations of older women in retirement
  - Aided in the development of the interview protocol that is being implemented by Dr. Newton

- Transcribed the audio of participants' telephone interviews using Microsoft Word, Express Scribe software, and pedal
- Trained other research assistants regarding the interview transcription process
- Regularly attend lab meetings to discuss future steps of the research project (e.g., discuss project deadlines, personal responsibilities, ways to improve, etc.)

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

PART-TIME, JAN. 2017 – AUG. 2017

**Research Assistant**

- Employed as a research assistant in Dr. Nicola Newton's *PanDA Lab*, assisting with the Canadians' Experiences of Retirement project
  - Transcribed the audio of participants' telephone interviews using Microsoft Word, Express Scribe software, and pedal
  - Conducted various SPSS analyses as needed (e.g., descriptive statistics, means, etc.)
  - Aided in the development of a report based on the main findings of this project that was disseminated to the participants and to the community
  - Attended bi-monthly lab meetings to discuss the future steps of this research project (e.g., discuss project deadlines, personal responsibilities, ways to improve, etc.)

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

SEPT. 2015 – MAY 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 using 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) 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**

UNDER REVIEW

- 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 SCRP Internship over the 2015-2016 term

#### **How Different Is Different: Investigating How Individuals with Autistic Traits Develop Personal Identities**

IN PROCESS

- Writing manuscript for publication, under the supervision of Dr. Newton, based on honours thesis and directed study project

### PRESENTATIONS

#### PERSONALITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ADULTHOOD LAB, WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

2017

##### **Guest Presenter**

- Presented research proposal for directed study project, examining resiliency, personal identity, well-being, and the proposed female autism phenotype in adults who are formally diagnosed or self-identify as being autistic

#### COMMUNITY 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 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 honours thesis: "How Different Is Different: Investigating 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 youth service providers
- 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

2018

**Faculty of Science Students' Association: Research Assistant Scholarship**

- Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and research potential
  - The award provided financial support to work under Dr. Newton on the Q-Sort project
    - Received \$1,000

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 \$1,500

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2017

**Faculty of Science Students' Association: Research Assistant Scholarship**

- Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and research potential
  - The award provided financial support to work under Dr. Newton on the older women in retirement longitudinal project
    - Received \$1,000

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 researching gender issues in the sciences
  - The award provided financial support to work with Dr. Newton on a directed study project to foster additional research skills, and to develop a manuscript for publication, based on honours thesis research
    - Received \$500

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2016

**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 \$1,000

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

2016

**In-Course Scholarship**

- Recipients are selected based on academic achievement in full-time studies
  - Received \$1,500 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)**

2015

- 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 \$5,625

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**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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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

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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