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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-present Postdoctoral Scholar, Columbia University, NY
Advisor: Dr. Meghan Meyer

EDUCATION

2023 Ph.D., Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
Advisor: Dr. Carolyn Parkinson

2018 M.A., Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
Advisors: Drs. Carolyn Parkinson, Matthew Lieberman

2013 B.A., Psychology, Mathematical Sciences, Bethel College, KS
Advisors: Drs. Dwight Krehbiel, Lisa Thimm
Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2023 Shelley E. Taylor Dissertation Award, *UCLA*

2022 Dissertation Year Fellowship, *UCLA*

2022 Graduate Travel Award, *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*

2021 Poster Award, *Social & Affective Neuroscience*

2020 Graduate Research Fellowship, *NSF*

2019 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, *UCLA*

2019 Fellow, *Kavli Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience*

2019 Fellow, *NIA Summer School in Social Neuroscience & Neuroeconomics*

2019 Harold H. Kelley Award: Best Basic Research Paper, *UCLA Social Psychology*

2019 Travel Grant, *International Convention of Psychological Science*

2019 Poster Award, *Social & Affective Neuroscience*

2018 Fellow, *São Paulo School of Advanced Sciences on Social and Affective Neuroscience*

2018 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, *UCLA*

2017 Graduate Dean's Scholar Award, *UCLA*

2009-2013 *Bethel College*
Academic Thresher Scholarship, STEM Scholarship, Music Scholarship,
Music Scholar Award, Art Scholarship, Dean's List

PUBLICATIONS

Please note that prior to 2021, I published and presented under the name Miriam E. Weaverdyck

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SUBMITTED/UNDER REVIEW

Schwyck, M.E., Du, M., & Parkinson, C. (submitted). The role of one's own social network position in learning new networks: Brokerage is associated with better network learning. [OSF Preprint](#)

PUBLISHED

- Schwyck, M.E.**, Du, M., Natarajan, P., Chwe, J.A., & Parkinson, C. (2023). Neural encoding of novel social networks: Evidence that perceivers prioritize others' centrality. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 18(1) 1-9. [PDF](#)
- Schwyck, M.E.***, Du, M.*, Li, Y., Chang, L., & Parkinson, C. (2023). Similarity among friends serves as a social prior: The assumption that "Birds of a feather flock together" shapes social decisions and relationship beliefs. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 014616722211402. [PDF](#) [OSF](#)
- Sahi, R.S.*, **Schwyck, M.E.***, Parkinson, C., & Eisenberger, N.I. (2021). Having more virtual interaction partners during COVID-19 physical distancing measures may benefit mental health. *Scientific Reports*. 11(18273) [PDF](#) [OSF](#)
- Weaverdyck, M.E.**, Thornton, M.A., & Tamir, D.I. (2021). The representational structure of mental states generalizes across target people and stimulus modalities. *NeuroImage*, 238(118258) 1-9. [PDF](#) [OSF](#)
- Weaverdyck, M.E.**, Lieberman, M.D., & Parkinson, C. (2020). Multivoxel pattern analysis in fMRI: A practical introduction for social and affective neuroscientists. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 15(4) 487-509. [PDF](#)
- Thornton, M.A., **Weaverdyck, M.E.**, & Tamir, D.I. (2019). The brain represents people as the mental states they habitually experience. *Nature Communications*, 10(2291) 1-10. [PDF](#) [OSF](#)
- Thornton, M.A., **Weaverdyck, M.E.**, Mildner, J.N., & Tamir, D.I. (2019). People represent their own mental states more distinctly than others'. *Nature Communications*, 10(2117) 1-9. [PDF](#) [OSF](#)
- Thornton, M.A., **Weaverdyck, M.E.**, & Tamir, D.I. (2019). The social brain automatically predicts others' future mental states. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 39(1) 140-148. [PDF](#) [OSF](#)
- Weaverdyck, M.E.**, & Parkinson, C. (2018). The neural representation of social networks. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 24, 58-66. [PDF](#)
- Harold H. Kelley Award: Best Basic Research Paper
- Jones, M.A., Shelton, B.C., & **Weaverdyck, M.E.** (2014). On God's Number(s) for Rubik's Slide. *The College Mathematics Journal*, 45(4), 267-275. [PDF](#)
- Anderson, A.L.*, **Weaverdyck, M.E.***, & Krehbiel, D. (2011, March). *Discovering GEMS in music: Armonique digs for music you like*. Paper presented at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Ithaca College, NY. [PDF](#)

IN PREPARATION

- Schwyck, M.E.** & Parkinson, C. (in prep). Predicting that birds of a feather will flock together: Expectations of homophily for others but not the self.
- Schwyck, M.E.***, Guassi Moreira, J.F.*, & Parkinson, C. (in prep). Do different aspects of psychological distance differentially predict social behavior?

PRESENTATIONS

*Denotes multiple presenters

TALKS

- Schwyck, M.E.**, Du, M., & Parkinson, C. (2024) *Tracking relationships: Uncovering how people acquire and neurally encode others' social networks*. International Network for Social Network Analysis SunBelt Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.

- Schwyck, M.E.,** Du, M., & Parkinson, C. (2024) *The role of one's own social network position in learning new networks: Brokerage is associated with better network learning*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Schwyck, M.E.** (2023) *Tracking relationships: Uncovering how people acquire, represent, use, and predict social network information*. Social Connection Lab Meeting, University of Southern, California, Los Angeles, CA.
- Schwyck, M.E.,** Kim, J., Chey, J., Zerubavel, N., Bearman, P., Youm, Y., & Parkinson, C. (2023) *Contention in real-world social networks: Examining the neural and behavioral correlates of structural equivalence*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Conference, Santa Barbara, CA.
- Schwyck, M.E.** (2023) *Introduction to fMRIPrep*. Lab Meeting of Yoosik Youm's Lab, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Thornton, M.A., & Tamir, D.I. (2016). *Mental state space expands for self and contracts for others*. New York Social & Affective Neuroscience Meet-Up, Manhattan, NY.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Jones, M.A., & Shelton, B.C. (2013). *Finding God's Number(s) for the Rubik's Slide puzzle: an algebraic graph-theoretic analysis*. Undergraduate Research, Internship and Creative Activity Symposium, North Newton, KS.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Gongora, T., & Unruh, N. (2013). *Positive and negative appraisal: how feedback affects attitudes and performance in math*. Undergraduate Research, Internship and Creative Activity Symposium, North Newton, KS.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Jones, M.A., & Shelton, B.C. (2012). *On God's Number(s) for Rubik's Slide*. Mathematical Association of America MathFest Conference, Madison, WI.
- POSTERS
- Basyouni, R., **Schwyck, M.E.,** Du, M., & Parkinson, C. (2024). *Tracking and applying knowledge of centrality in social networks*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Guassi Moreira, J.F., **Schwyck, M.E.,** & Parkinson, C. (2024) *What drives the link between psychological distance and social behavior?* Society for Affective Science Conference, New Orleans, LA
- Schwyck, M.E.** & Parkinson, C. (2024). *Assumptions of homophily shape social decisions and relationship beliefs*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Schwyck, M.E.,** Du, M., & Parkinson, C. (2022). *Learning the structure of social worlds: Brokerage affects one's ability to learn new social networks*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Du, M., Natarajan, P., Chwe, J.A., & Parkinson, C. (2021). *Neural encoding of new social network structures*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Conference, Virtual.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Du, M., Natarajan, P., Chwe, J.A., & Parkinson, C. (2019). *Contextual goals shape the neural representation of social networks*. UCLA Brain Research Institute's Neuroscience Poster Session, Los Angeles, CA.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Du, M., Natarajan, P., Chwe, J.A., & Parkinson, C. (2019). *Contextual goals shape the neural representation of social networks*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Conference, Miami, FL.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Du, M., Li, Y., Chang, L., & Parkinson, C. (2019). *Social network knowledge shapes trust behavior*. International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, FR.

- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Du, M., Li, Y., Chang, L., & Parkinson, C. (2019). *Social network knowledge shapes and is shaped by trust behavior*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Portland, OR.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Thornton, M.A., & Tamir, D.I. (2018). *Representational similarity analyses reveal stable mental state concepts for self and others*. São Paulo School of Advanced Sciences on Social and Affective Neuroscience, São Paulo, BR.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Thornton, M.A., & Tamir, D.I. (2018). *Neural representations of mental states remain stable across modalities and targets*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Conference, Brooklyn, NY.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Thornton, M.A., & Tamir, D.I. (2017). *Representational similarity analyses reveal stable mental state concepts for self and others*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.,** Thornton, M.A., & Tamir, D.I. (2017). *Representational similarity analyses reveal stable mental state concepts for self and others*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.*,** Anderson, A.L.*, & Krehbiel, D. (2011). *Discovering GEMS in music: Armonique digs for music you like*. Undergraduate Research, Internship and Creative Activity Symposium, North Newton, KS.
- Anderson, A.L.*, **Weaverdyck, M.E.*,** & Krehbiel, D. (2011). *Discovering GEMS in music: Armonique digs for music you like*. National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Ithaca, NY.
- Weaverdyck, M.E.*,** Anderson, A.L.*, & Krehbiel, D. (2010). *Does liking predict emotional and physiological responses to music*. Undergraduate Research, Internship and Creative Activity Symposium, North Newton, KS.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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|-----------|--|
| 2017–2023 | Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA Computational Social Neuroscience Lab, Dr. Carolyn Parkinson |
| 2015–2017 | Research Specialist, Princeton University Princeton, NJ Princeton Social Neuroscience Lab, Dr. Diana I. Tamir |
| 2014–2015 | Lab Coordinator, Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ Rutgers Lab for Developmental Language Studies, Dr. Kristen Syrett |
| 2009–2013 | Undergraduate Student Researcher, Bethel College North Newton, KS Dr. Dwight Krehbiel |

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 2022 | New England Future Faculty Workshop, Northeastern University, Boston, MA |
| 2020 | Neuromatch Academy: Interactive Track, Course Project |
| 2019 | Kavli Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA |
| 2019 | Summer School in Social Neuroscience & Neuroeconomics, Duke University, Durham, NC |

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| 2018 | São Paulo School of Advanced Sciences on Social and Affective Neuroscience, Mackenzie Presbyterian University, São Paulo, BR | |
| 2018 | Machine Learning with Python, Quantitative and Computational Biology Collaboratory, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA | |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Guest Lecturer, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA | | |
| Psych 236 Methods in Social and Affective Neuroscience (Graduate course) | <i>Introduction to MVPA</i> | Spring 2022 |
| Psych 137I Social Influence (Undergraduate course) | <i>Neural Processes of Persuasion & Influence</i> | Fall 2021 |
| Psych 135 Social Psychology (Undergraduate course) | <i>Introduction to Social Neuroscience</i> | Winter 2021 |
| Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA | | |
| Psych 85 Introduction to Cognitive Science (Undergraduate course) | | Spring 2020 |
| Psych 10 Introductory Psychology (Undergraduate course) | | Spring 2018 |
| Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI | | |
| Michigan Math and Science Scholars (Highschool students) | <i>Mathematics of Decisions, Elections, and Games</i> | Summer 2017, 2018 |
| Academic Tutor, Bethel College, North Newton, KS | | |
| Center for Academic Development (Undergraduate students) | | 2010–2013 |
| Undergraduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI | | |
| Michigan Math and Science Scholars (Highschool students) | <i>Mathematics of Decisions, Elections, and Games</i> | Summer 2012 |

OPEN SCIENCE

GitHub profile: <https://github.com/mweaverdyck>
 Also see lab repositories: github.com/Dartmouth-Social-Neuroscience-Lab, github.com/CSNLab,
github.com/PrincetonUniversity/prsonpipe
 Open Science Framework profile: osf.io/7kc49

SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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| University of California, Los Angeles, CA | | |
| Underrepresented Graduate Students in Psychology | <i>Transfer Outreach Committee, Brownbag Committee</i> | 2017–2022 |
| Inclusivity Lab Meeting (organizer, discussion leader) | <i>A conversation on creating supportive and inclusive communities within academia</i> | Winter 2021 |
| Social Colloquium Representative | | 2020–2021 |
| How to Maximize Your Summer Workshop | | Spring 2021 |
| Ask a Graduate Student Panel | | Winter 2020 |
| Applying to Undergraduate Research Programs Workshop | | Winter 2020 |
| Maximizing Your Transfer Experience Networking Workshop | | Fall 2019 |
| Queers in STEM Mentor | | 2018–2019 |
| Advancing Women in Science and Engineering | | 2017–2018 |
| Success in the Life Sciences Workshop | | Fall 2018 |

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| Reviewer | 2018–Present |
| <i>Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience, Social Neuroscience, Nature Neuroscience</i> | |
| Volunteer, Society for Affective Science Conference | 2018 |
| Pro Bono Legal and Administrative Assistant | 2013–2014 |
| Mennonite Voluntary Service | |
| Immigration Legal Services Pro Bono Program, Catholic Charities, Washington, DC | |

TECHNICAL SKILLS

| <i>Programming Languages</i> | <i>Analyses</i> | <i>Platforms, Equipment</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Python, Psychopy▪ R▪ Bash▪ jsPsych▪ FSL▪ LaTeX | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Multivoxel Pattern Analysis, Representational Similarity Analysis▪ Machine learning▪ Eyetracking▪ Designed and programmed custom modular fMRI analysis pipelines | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ GitHub▪ Pavlovia▪ Prolific▪ MTurk▪ Qualtrics▪ fMRI |