

# Nicholas Murray

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## OBJECTIVE

I am a psychology & philosophy student at Dalhousie University ('22) with lots of diverse research and volunteer experience. My dream is to draw on insights from research and practical work to become an evidence-based clinical psychologist.

## EDUCATION

*Dalhousie University – Bachelor of Science, Combined Honours in Psychology & Philosophy ('22)*

*Supervisor: Dr. Raymond Klein*

My coursework in psychology is focused on experimental methods in clinical and cognitive psychology.

My coursework in philosophy is focused on the history of philosophy, metaphysics, and epistemology.

The combination of courses in psychology and philosophy makes me uniquely qualified to use methods from the philosophy of science to work on technical topics in psychology. Two examples of this are:

- (1) Applying metaphysics to understand the relation between psychological and logical identity
- (2) Applying insights from moral philosophy to explain the relationship between moral reasoning and theory of mind in children

## SKILLS & TRAINING

- Technical scientific writing (writing samples available upon request)
- Popular science communication
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- Canadian Positive Psychology Association: 2021 annual bootcamp certificate
- TCPS 2: CORE certificate for human research
- Running cognitive psychology experiments
- Tutoring

## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

*Student Engagement Award, PSYO 3170: Hormones & Behaviour (Winter 2021)*

*Dean's List, 2019–Present*

*2x Dalhousie In-Course Scholarship, \$375/each*

*Dalhousie Entrance Scholarship, \$2000*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Student Volunteer & Honours Student, Klein Lab; Dalhousie University – Sept 2019–Present*

- Manage Klein Lab Facebook and Twitter pages
- Assist in managing the Attention Network Test Database
- Data collection; running experiments

- Assist graduate students with literature review for meta-analyses

## **PRESENTATIONS & VIDEO ESSAYS**

*PSYO 2000 Writing Workshop (Presentation), Dalhousie Association of Psychology Students – Nov. 2020*

*Why It's Good to Discipline Children for Lying (Video Essay), On Things Psychological – Jan. 2021*

*The Commonplace Book–For Students of the 21st Century (Video Essay), Subject Matter Unknown – Jan. 2021*

*Suggestions for Safer Crosswalks in Halifax, NS (Video Essay), Subject Matter Unknown – March 2021*

*Is Gaze Cuing More Like Endogenous or Exogenous Orienting? (Honours Presentation) – Oct. 2021*

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Barista, Apartment 3 Espresso Bar – Aug. 2018–Jan. 2021*

*Cashier, McDonald's Canada – July 2016–Aug. 2018*

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

*Student Ambassador, Canadian Positive Psychology Association – June 2021–Present*

- Editor-in-Chief for the CPPA student blog, [CPPA Students Medium](#)
- Spread the word to students and interested others about joining the CPPA
- Help organize various social events for students in the CPPA
- Participate in and host webinars and workshops with students, clinicians, teachers, professors, and many others
- Selected webinar: [Enhancing Science Literacy: Breaking Bad Habits and Embracing New Ones](#)
  - Presented by Dr. Jennifer Stamp. Hosted by Nicholas Murray
- Selected essay: [Strategic Reading for Clearer Thinking](#)

*Guitarist, JMN Through the Night – Jan. 2019–Present*

- Funk rock band
- Volunteer shows for various organizations like the Sackville Association for Parents of Autistic Children, Knox United Church, etc.

*Academic Representative, Dalhousie Association of Psychology Students – Sept. 2019–Present*

- First joined in 2019 as second-year representative; became Vice President Academic in 2019; position of Vice President Academic re-named to Academic Representative in 2021
- Organize society and department events, such as the Fall 2020 PSYO 2000 Live Writing Workshop and the DAPs/UNS Honours Seminar
- Peer Mentor Program: Mentor younger students starting out in psychology
- Co-founded Dalhousie Psychoanalysis Book Club in 2020

*Writer, On Things Psychological (Psychology Blog) – Jan. 2020–Present*

- Website created to teach history and philosophy of psychology
- Used to teach psychodynamic theory for free to students at Dalhousie University
- Write about issues in theoretical and experimental psychology
- Selected essay: [Why It's Good to Discipline Children for Lying](#)

*Writer, Subject Matter Unknown (Personal Blog) – Jan. 2019–Present*

- Website for writing about philosophy, music, literature, history, etc.
- Blog posts on relationship between political philosopher Thomas Hobbes and Black Lives Matter used by political science department of an Irish beacon school to teach a 2020/21 course on politics & society

- Selected essay: [Reflections on Freedom & COVID-19](#)

*Service Musician, Knox United Church — Jan. 2017–Present*

- Play guitar, bass, and sing for Sunday services, coffee houses, and various other church events
- Record covers and original music with Minister of Music John Lindsay-Botten and other collaborating volunteers

*Volunteer, South Mountain Campground — May 2013–Sept. 2018*

- Assist in organizing and running various events for children such as chocolate bar bingo, kids' carnival, etc.