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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Oxford

2014 - 2019

DPhil in Experimental Psychology

Supervisors: Professor Elaine Fox and Dr Anne-Wil Kruijt

Oxford Brookes University

2013 - 2014

MSc in Psychology

Distinction

University of Stirling

2008 - 2012

BSc in Psychology

Upper Second Class

# ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**UK** Research and Innovation

October 2019 - February 2022

ECR representative (10% FTE)

Oxford, UK

Mental Health Networks Impact and Engagement Coordination team

University of Oxford, Experimental Psychology

October 2018 - September 2021

Postdoctoral Research Associate (90% FTE)

Oxford, UK

Oxford Centre for Emotions and Affective Neuroscience (OCEAN)

University of Oxford, Experimental Psychology

January 2018 - September 2018

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Oxford, UK

Oxford Centre for Emotions and Affective Neuroscience (OCEAN)

#### **VISITING POSITIONS**

University of Western Australia

April 2016 - May 2016

Centre for the Advancement of Research on Emotion (CARE)

Perth, Australia

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Demkowicz, Panayiotou, **Parsons**, Feltham, Arseneault, Ingram, Patalay, Edge, Pierce, Creswell, Victor, O'Connor, & Qualter. (2021). Looking back to move forward: Reflections on the strengths and challenges of the COVID-19 UK mental health research response. *accepted for publication in Frontiers Psychiatry* 

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Parsons, S. (2020). Does attention bias modification induce structural brain changes? A commentary on Abend et al. (2019). *Biological Psychology*, 152. DOI: 10.1016/j.biopsycho.2020.107866. Preprint: psyarxiv.com/4ze6h

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Kruijt, A-W., **Parsons, S.**, & Fox, E. (2019). A meta-analysis of bias at baseline in RCTs of attention bias modification: no evidence for bias towards threat in clinical anxiety and PTSD. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 128(6), 563-573. DOI: 10.1037/abn0000406. Preprint DOI: 10.31234/osf.io/rfjup

**Parsons, S.** (2018). Moving forward with questions of process and procedure in cognitive bias modification research: three points of consideration. *Published as an eLetter on DOI:* 10.1192/bjp.2018.43. Preprint: psyarxiv.com/k3vxc

Notebaert, L., Georgiades, J., Herbert, M., Grafton, B., **Parsons, S.**, Fox, E., & MacLeod, C. (2018). Trait anxiety and the alignment of attentional bias with controllability of danger. *Psychological Research*. DOI: doi.org/10.1007/s00426-018-1081-9

Lakens, et al. (2017). Justify Your Alpha: A Response to "Redefine Statistical Significance". *Nature Human Behaviour*, 2, 168-171. DOI:10.1038/s41562-018-0311-x. Preprint: *psyarxiv.com/9s3y6/* 

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**Parsons, S**, Kruijt, A-W., & Fox, E. (2016). A cognitive model of psychological resilience. *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology*, 7(3), 296-310. DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.5127/jep.053415

## UNDER REVIEW AND PREPRINTS

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Parsons, S. (2020). Exploring reliability heterogeneity with multiverse analyses: Data processing decisions unpredictably influence measurement reliability. *Under review at Meta-Psychology*. Preprint: psyarxiv.com/y6tcz, data and code: osf.io/haz6u/

**Parsons, S.**, Booth, C., Songco, A., & Fox, E. (2020). Emotional information-processing correlates of mental health in adolescence: A network analysis approach. *Under review at Cognition and Emotion*.

Preprint: psyarxiv.com/8ygnh, data and code: osf.io/mn5ek/

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**Parsons, S.** (2019). Visualising two approaches to explore reliability-power relationships. Preprint: psyarxiv.com/qh5mf

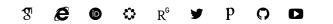
## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

| Mission award for ReproducibiliTea Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science. improvingpsych.org                     | October 2020<br>\$500   |
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| Commendation award for 'A Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training - FORRT'  | October 2020  |
| Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science. improving psych.org   | A:1 0000  |
| Award for Excellence in recognition of exceptional contribution<br>Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford. | $\begin{array}{c} April \ 2020 \\ \pounds 1,000 \ {\rm salary \ raise} \end{array}$ |
| Commendation award for ReproducibiliTea Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science. improving psych.org               | February 2020   |
| UKRN Grant to ReproducibiliTea UK Reproducibility Network   | December 2019 £3,261  |
| UKRN Grant to ReproducibiliTea UK Reproducibility Network   | January 2019<br>£2,500  |
| Travel bursary MQ Mental Health science meeting   | 2017<br>£146  |
| Conference bursary BPS conference registration and travel   | 2017<br>£165  |
| Travel and Research fund<br>Awarded by St Cross college to attend ECPP conference, France                                       | 2016<br>£400  |
| 3 year DPhil Studentship<br>University of Oxford; Funded via ERC grant  | 2014-2017 aprox. £66,000  |
| Summer research bursary<br>University of Stirling   | 2011<br>£1,400  |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Applying for ethical approval; transparency in research reporting                              | 2020<br>University of Oxford, UK        |
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| Core Practical Leader Personality, Individual Differences, and Personality Disorders           | 2019<br>University of Oxford, UK        |
| Core Practical lab demonstrator Personality, Individual Differences, and Personality Disorders | 2017 - 2018<br>University of Oxford, UK |



Core Practical lab demonstrator 2016 - 2017

Modules: MATLAB, Report writing, Personality

University of Oxford, UK

Oxbridge Academic Programs 2016

Social Psychology Teacher, 4 week summer school Oxford, UK

Core Practical lab demonstrator 2016

Modules: Perception, Neuroanatomy, Social, Cognitive University of Oxford, UK

Tutor 2015

One term: resilience and research design

University of Oxford, UK

## WORKSHOPS

A Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training (FORRT): 2020

Curating pedagogical resources for teaching open and reproducible practices virtual

Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science conference

What can open and reproducible research do for you? 2020

slides: osf.io/5eqvg/

Revolutionizing (Open) Methods Pedagogy in Communication (co-lead) 2020

International Communications Association Conference virtual

video playlist: https://youtu.be/ma6z797kxEk

How to Do Open Science: Hands-on Pre-registration Training (co-lead) 2020

International Communications Association Conference virtual

video playlist: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL\_wlr6EiCKuVsUCLmOngx9d4fN9B1-cey

Advanced Methods in Reproducible Science 2020

Hack-a-thon workshop lead; slides: osf.io/zy76n/ Windsor, UK

Advanced Methods in Reproducible Science 2019

Hack-a-thon workshop lead Windsor, UK

Introduction to R 2016

Including; data wrangling, basic analyses, and data visualisation University of Oxford, UK

## **SUPERVISION**

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MSc research project 2020 - 2021

One student University of Oxford, UK

BSc final year research project 2020 - 2021

Supervision team for two students

University of Oxford, UK

DPhil in Experimental Psychology 2019 - 2020

Supervision team for one student

University of Oxford, UK

MSc research project 2019 - 2020

Two students University of Oxford, UK

BSc final year research project 2019 - 2020

The last research project

Two students University of Oxford, UK

2018 - 2019 MSc research project

One student University of Oxford, UK

BSc final year research project 2018 - 2019

Four students University of Oxford, UK

BSc final year research project 2014 - 2015

Two students University of Oxford, UK

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Presentation slides can be found in this repository: osf.io/rfy2h/

Supporting and building a community of open educators: a Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training

(virtual) National Forum

Teaching and Learning Open Research in Higher Education

Seminar slides and recording osf.io/t8xwy/

How reliable is the reliability of your cognitive tasks?

November, 2020

March, 2021

UCL Experimental Psychology Seminar

(virtual) London, UK

Slides: osf.io/7r2q8/

Evolution of Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training

October, 2020

ReproducibiliTea Journal Club meeting

Slides: osf.io/9bwuj/

Replicability and Reproducibility

October, 2020

Principles and Practices for Better Research

(virtual) University of Basel, Switzerland

(virtual) University of Birmingham, UK

Slides: osf.io/jwda2/; Recording: youtu.be/xz5rXd0XNe4

Why should we all care about reproducibility?

September, 2020

Oxford-MRC Doctoral Training Program Welcome event

(virtual) Oxford, UK

Slides: osf.io/dxusg/

ReproducibiliTea and ECRs role in reimagining research

June, 2020

Panel discussion at Kings Open Research Conference

(virtual) London, UK

Event program and slides: osf.io/r2qsg/; Recording: youtu.be/vZ-xpKtXzco

Measurement Heterogeneity

May, 2020

Reading Research Division Meeting

(virtual) Reading, UK

Slides: osf.io/v8pwj/

An Introduction to Open Science in Experimental Psychology Oxford

March, 2020

Getting Started with Open Science ECR Discussion

Oxford, UK

Slides: osf.io/b5sdj/

Measurement Matters

January, 2020

UCL ReproducibiliTEA Journal Club

London, UK

Slides: osf.io/m5pdv/

Reflections from Reproducibility 2019

January, 2020

Advanced Methods in Reproducible Science

Windsor, UK

slides: osf.io/yb6nj/

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Measurement Matters: Psychometric Horror Stories

October, 2019 Oxford, UK

ECR Fireside Talks Slides: osf.io/bpn3j/

What can WE do to promote culture change? ECR discussion

September, 2019 Oxford, UK

Oxford-Berlin Open Science Summer School

Slides: osf.io/5xnp7/

Introducing a Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training (FORRT)

March, 2019 Birmingham, UK

UK Open Research Working Groups meeting

Slides: osf.io/fypqn/; Audio: tinyurl.com/UKORWG19-AV

An Introduction to Experimental Psychology

Oxford Prospects Programmes

July, 2017 Oxford, UK

The cognitive characteristics of resilience and optimal health

CARE lab meeting, University of Western Australia

April, 2016 Perth, Australia

Emotion recognition and Attention Bias associated with mental health, and an information processing model of resilience

June, 2015 Oxford, UK

Symposia: Developments in the measurement and modification of Cognitive Bias

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Presentation slides can be found in this repository: osf.io/rfy2h/

Bringing Reproducible Practices to Methods Training: Introducing the Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training (FORRT)

January, 2021 (Virtual)

Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS) annual meeting

Slides: osf.io/ykw5q/

FORRT: Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training September, 2020

UK Open Research Working Groups meeting

(Virtual) Cambridge, UK

Slides: osf.io/eq9c7/; Video: youtu.be/JUnjW Ycyk8

Introducing a Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training (FORRT)

June, 2019

Rotterdam, Netherands

Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS)

Co-Presenter: Azevedo, F; Repository: osf.io/trbm5/

Measurement error in psychology

June, 2019

Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science

Rotterdam, Netherands

Co-Presenter: Neijenhuijs, K; Slides: osf.io/eghb5/

Measuring cognitive-affective processing: The critical need for estimation and reporting of reliability

Glasgow, UK

July, 2018

British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies

Slides: osf.io/zjyhq/

Exploring connectivity amongst cognitive biases with a psychometric network approach

July, 2018

Glasgow, UK

British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies

Slides: osf.io/sjr24/





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Alignment of Attention Bias to Threat: a proof-of-principle study March, 2018 Society for Affective Science Los Angles, US Do individuals allocate more attention to fear cues with high June, 2017 British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies Manchester, UK Attention bias favouring positive stimuli predicts future happiness and May, 2017 Brighton, UK positive emotions British Psychological Society annual conference A cognitive model of psychological resilience: current and future directions May, 2017 Brighton, UK British Psychological Society annual conference A cognitive model of psychological resilience September, 2016 BPS West Midlands Branch annual conference Birmingham, UK A cognitive model of psychological resilience: current and future directions July, 2016 Psychology Postgraduate Affairs Group annual conference York, UK The 'Third Hypothesis' in Fredrickson's Broaden-and-Build Theory of September, 2012 positive emotions Glasgow, UK British Psychological Society Undergraduate Conference POSTERS PDFs of posters can be found in this repository: osf.io/rfy2h/ May, 2019 Cognitive and Emotional Vulnerability Factors in Adolescence: A Longitudinal Network Approach Boston, US Society for Affective Science annual conference Poster: osf.io/qnyv8/ Cognitive-affective processes and their measurement: the need for May, 2018 estimating and reporting measurement reliability Los Angeles, US Society for Affective Science annual conference Poster: osf.io/z9n28/ Alignment of Attention Bias to Threat: a proof-of-principle study May, 2018 Society for Affective Science annual conference Los Angeles, US Poster: osf.io/gnh5r/ Cognitive correlates of mental health in adolescence: May, 2018 A network analysis approach Los Angeles, US Society for Affective Science annual conference Poster: osf.io/yr8n6/

A cognitive model of psychological resilience: current and future directions July, 2017
British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies Manchester, UK

A cognitive model of psychological resilience: current and future directions February, 2017 MQ Mental health science meeting London, UK

A cognitive model of psychological resilience: current and future directions June, 2016 European Conference on Positive Psychology Angers, France

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#### PROFFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

## FORRT: a Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training

Steering Committee; forrt.netlify.com/

# ReproducibiliTea Global

Steering Committee Chair; reproducibilitea.org/

#### ReproducibiliTea Podcast

Co-creator, Co-Host, and audio producer; soundcloud.com/reproducibilitea

#### Centre for Open Science Ambassador

Promoting, supporting, and teaching open science practices

#### SERVICE AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

#### Ongoing

Fellow of Reproducible Research Oxford (RROx), University of Oxford, from 2019

Postdoc Representative, Oxford Experimental Psychology Open Science Committee, from 2018

Co-creator and co-convenor of ReproducibiliTea Journal Club, Oxford Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, from 2018

#### Previous

Workshop Organiser: Implementing open science within Mental health Science - with a specific focus on the UKRI mental health networks (mentalhealthresearchmatters.org.uk/). Funded and supported by UKRI Mental Health Networks Coordination team. Virtual event. December 2020

Co-organiser of ECR focused event on research funding and networking for mental health Science. Funded and supported by UKRI Mental Health Networks Coordination team. 2-part Virtual event. November-December 2020

Interview Panellist for the role of Research Assistant, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, October 2020

Selection Committee for the role of Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, October 2019

Assistant organiser, Oxford Reproducibility Summer School, University of Oxford, 2018

Symposia organiser, Developments in the measurement and modification of Cognitive Bias - two day meeting, University of Oxford, July 2015.

Student representative, Clinical Psychology module for BSc in Psychology, University of Stirling, 2011

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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Personal Blog: medium.com/@Sam D Parsons/

Here I blog about academic culture, ECR experiences, open science, and psychometrics

#### Mental Health Research Matters blog (link)

December, 2020

How do I get funding for my research?: 5 questions to get you started

BBC Oxford news interview

September, 2020

"Oxford study to investigate impact of COVID-19 pandemic on school life"

JackFM Oxford radio interview

September, 2020

"Oxford study to investigate impact of COVID-19 pandemic on school life"

"I'm a Researcher": Psychology, Summer, and Loneliness zones

May-July, 2020

Live chatroom discussions with secondary school students about research and academia

"Go get Mom" podcast interview podcast

May, 2020

Invited to talk about early findings from the Oxford ARC study

Mental Health Research Matters blog (link)

March, 2020

#WorkingFromHome: Adjusting to my new life as a mental health Early Career Researcher

Psychology Postgraduate Affairs Group (PsyPAG) blog. (link)

August, 2019

What advice would you give to yourself at the beginning of your postgraduate studies?

Oxplore October, 2018

Contributed to the Big Question: Are we getting unhappier? (website)

Living library event, Curiosity Carnival

September, 2018

Acted as a "living book" to discuss psychological research with the public

Oxford

"I'm a Researcher, get me out of here", Curiosity Carnival

September, 2018

Chatroom discussions with secondary school students about research

Oxford

the Psychologist blog; (link)

May, 2017

reflections on BPS postgraduate conference

#### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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Improving your statistical questions. Coursera online: Power analyses, meta-analyses and bias detection, equivalence testing, and NHST. October, 2020.

R Programming in Data Science: High Volume Data Online course (Lynda.com): Introduction to visualising and analysing network data. July, 2020

Social Network Analysis Using R Online course (Lynda.com): Introduction to visualising and analysing network data. July, 2020

HPC: A beginner's tour of the command line (Linux), and HPC: Introduction to the Advanced Research Computing (Linux). 2 half day workshops: Use of Oxford University's High Performance Computer Cluster. Oxford, UK; January 2020.

**ProjectTIER Faculty development workshop**. Two day workshop: Implementation of the TIER protocol for teaching integrity. Oxford, UK; March 2019.

Psychological Networks Amsterdam Winter School. Five day workshop: Theory and implementation of Network models. Amsterdam, The Netherlands; January 2019.

Advanced Methods in Reproducible Research. Five day workshop: preregistration, open science, bayesian statistics, version control with git, error detection, and data simulation. Windsor, UK; January 2019.

**Software Carpentry**. Two day workshop: Unix shell, Git for version control, R for reproducible analyses and visualisation. August, 2018

**Preparing for Tutorials in Psychology**. One day workshop: Teaching in tutorials, course structures, developing new assignments. Oxford, UK; June 2018

**Learning the R Tidyverse**. Online course (Lynda.com): data wrangling and R programming. December, 2017

Improving your statistical inferences. Coursera online: Interpreting frequentist and bayesian statistics, power, effect sizes, preregistration. 2017.

Get that Grant. Half day workshop: Grant Writing, funding structures, costing and FEC. Oxford, UK; June 2016

Teaching skills. One day workshop: Small class lecturing, tutorials. Oxford, UK; April 2015.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS)

Society for Affective Science (SAS)

# STATISTICS, SOFTWARE, AND CODING

**Statistical procedures** Cognitive measure psychometrics, multiverse analyses,

network modelling

Statistical software R, RStudio (advanced), SPSS (intermediate), JASP (intermediate),

Other software Inquisit Millisecond (Intermediate), MATLAB and ERPLAB (beginner),

E-Prime (Intermediate)

Other skills website development in R and wordpress; shell scripts; LATEX(basic);

REDcap, Qualtrics and Limesurvey for online surveys;

audio and video editing

#### SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

splithalf: permutation based estimates of split-half reliability

Documentation: sdparsons.github.io/splithalf documentation/

Video tutorial: youtu.be/FhqyKxH4kyk

#### REVIEWING

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Publons profile: publons.com/researcher/1351322/sam-parsons/

Editorial board member: Assessment

Ad Hoc reviews for: Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science; Perspectives in Psychological Science; Assessment; Cognition and Emotion; Behaviour Research and Therapy; PeerJ; Behavior Research Methods; International Journal of Psychophysiology; Translational Psychiatry; Journal of Abnormal Psychology; Development and Psychopathology; HRB Open Research; eLIFE

# REFERENCES

Available upon request

