

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## THOMAS SMELTER

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

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Master of Arts, California State University San Marcos 2018-2021  
Advisor: Dr. Dustin Calvillo

Bachelor of Arts, Oregon State University 2010-2014  
Advisor: Dr. Frank Bernieri

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Data Operations Coordinator II, Trusaic 2021-2024

Behavioral Interventionist, New Alternatives Unaccompanied Minors Refugee Program 2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant, California State University San Marcos 2018-2021

Skills Trainer, Trillium Family Services 2018

English Teaching Fellow, Heart for Change Colombia 2016-2017

### SUMMARY

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Peer-reviewed journal publications: 5

Google Scholar Citations = 732

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Smelter, T. J., & Calvillo, D. P.** (2020). Pictures and repeated exposure increase perceived accuracy of news headlines. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 34(5), 1061-1071. <https://doi.org/10.1002/acp.3684>

Calvillo, D. P., & **Smelter, T. J.** (2020). An initial accuracy focus reduces the effect of prior exposure on perceived accuracy of news headlines. *Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications*, 5(1), 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41235-020-00257-y>

Calvillo, D. P., Ross, B. J., Garcia, R. J., **Smelter, T. J.**, & Rutchick, A. M. (2020). Political ideology predicts perceptions of the threat of covid-19 (and susceptibility to fake news about it). *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 11(8), 1119-1128. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550620940539>

Calvillo, D. P., Bratton, J., Velazquez, V., **Smelter, T. J.**, & Crum, D. (2023). Elaborative feedback and instruction improve cognitive reflection but do not transfer to related tasks. *Thinking & Reasoning*, 29(2), 276-304. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13546783.2022.2075035>

Calvillo, D.P., Flores, A. N., Lara, P. M., Hawkins, W. C., Boman, L. D., & **Smelter, T. J.** (2019). Imagining experiencing an event in the future inflates certainty that it occurs in the past. *Imagination, Cognition and Personality*, 39(1), 5-24. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0276236618803308>

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

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“The Effects of Exposure to Fake News about COVID-19 Vaccines on Attitudes and Belief in True and False Headlines.” Psychonomic Society. Virtual, November 2021.

“Feedback and Instruction Improve Cognitive Reflection but Improvement does not Transfer to Other Tasks.” Psychonomic Society. Virtual, November 2020.

“Thinking About Truthfulness During Initial Exposure Reduces the Effect of Prior Exposure on Perceived Accuracy of News Headlines.” CSUSM Symposium on Student Research, Creative Activities, and Innovation (SRCI) Research Competition. San Marcos, California, February 2020.

“Do Knowledge and Cognitive Reflection Protect Against Susceptibility to Fake News?” Psychonomic Society. Montreal, Canada, November 2019.

“The Effects of Photographs on Susceptibility to Fake News.” CSUSM Symposium on Student Research, Creative Activities, and Innovation (SRCI) Research Competition. San Marcos, California, February 2019.

## HONORS/AWARDS

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| President’s Circle Scholarship                 | 2020 |
| Leonard and Jean Evers Endowment Scholarship   | 2020 |
| Hein Family Fellowship Award                   | 2020 |
| President’s Circle Scholarship                 | 2019 |
| Leonard and Jean Evers Endowment Scholarship   | 2019 |
| College of Business Dean’s College Scholarship | 2012 |

## ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| Graduate Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 100 – California State University San Marcos) | 2021      |
| Graduate Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 100 – California State University San Marcos) | 2020      |
| Lab Administrator (Dr. Dustin Calvillo – California State University San Marcos)                             | 2018-2021 |
| Research Assistant (Dr. Frank Bernieri – Oregon State University)  | 2014      |