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EDUCATION

**The University of Texas at El Paso- El Paso, TX**

*Bachelors of Science, Graduation Date: May 2016*

Major: Psychology Minor: Mathematics

 Magna Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant**- *evaluated and graded exams and assignments. Prepared study materials for students, held office hours weekly, hosted review sessions.*

The University of Texas at El Paso

 ***Fall 2016***- PSYC 1303 Statistical Methods; PSYC 2302 Social Psychology

 ***Fall 2017***- PSYC 1303 Statistical Methods; PSYC 3348 Cognitive Psychology

 ***Spring 2018***- PSYC 1303 Statistical Methods; PSYC 4316 Language and Cognition

**Research Assistant**- *conduct literature reviews, create and administer campus wide surveys, evaluate and analyze survey data, compile reports and prepare statistical representations of data*

 The University of Texas at El Paso

 ***Spring 2017-Summer 2017***

 Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research, & Planning- Dr. Denise Carrejo, Assistant Director

 **GRE Preparation Instructor**-*prepared lecture materials, taught a course for students who are preparing to take the Graduate Records Examination (GRE)*

The University of Texas at El Paso

 ***Winter Mini-semester 2017/2018***

CURRENT PROJECTS

 **Social Neuroscience Laboratory** University of Texas- El Paso, TX

 Faculty Supervisor: Stephen L. Crites, Ph.D. Fall 2016- Present

 Overview: Primary focus is to investigate the physiological and motivational processes that influence person perception, stereotyping, and cognitive processes; spontaneous trait inferencing; racial, ethnic, and gender categorization and stereotyping; person perception.

 *Project: Spontaneous Trait Inferencing of Racial Stereotypes*

**Personality, Emotion, Attitude, & Social Psychology Lab** University of Texas – El Paso, TX

Faculty Supervisor: Adam K. Fetterman, Ph.D. Fall 2016- Present

Overview: Primary focus is to investigate wrongness admission and metaphors; metaphors reveal aspects of personality and behavior.

*Project: Finding the Perfect Match: Dating Preferences for Rational and Intuitive Thinking Styles*

* Administered online survey to assess whether quotes oriented toward specific thinking styles influence decisions made in online dating.

*Project: Dear Diary Study*

* Assisted in administering daily surveys to participants. Surveys consisted of questions that addressed various topics on personality such as dooms day preparation, stereotyping, nostalgia, political affiliation and beliefs, and religion and atheism.

**Psycholinguistic Research on Bilingualism and Reading Lab** University of Texas- El Paso, TX

Faculty Supervisor: Anna Schwartz, Ph.D. Spring 2018-Present

Overview: Primary focus is on bilingual language processing, reading, literacy development, and eye-tracking.

*Project: Spontaneous Trait Inferencing using Eye-tracking*

* Currently designing a study to measure spontaneous trait inferencing using eye-tracking techniques.

**Collaboration with Katherine White, Ph.D.** Kennesaw State University-

Kennesaw, GA

Fall 2017-Present

Overview: Dr. White research interests include stereotyping, intergroup dynamics, morality, political ideology, and cultural influences.

*Project: The Intergroup Sensitivity Effect Among Racial groups*

* Currently gathering data to assess the intergroup sensitivity effect using minority students as participants.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bray, J., & Fetterman, A., K. (2018, March). *Differences in Stereotype Activation for Intuitive and Rational*

*Thinking Styles.* Poster session to be presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

GUEST LECTURES

**October 12, 2017**; PSYC 1303-Statistical Methods

 Lecture topic: Regression, Finding the equation of a regression line

**October 12, 2017**; PSYC 3348- Cognitive Psychology

 Lecture topic: Long Term Memory

**November 9, 2017**; PSYC 3348- Cognitive Psychology

Lecture topic- Speech Perception

**March 29, 2018**; PSYC 1303-Statistical Methods

 Lecture topic: The Law of Averages

REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Student Poster Reviewer-2017

HONORS, AWARDS, STIPENDS, PRIZES

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Small Research Grant-application is in review

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

* Society for Personality and Social Psychology, member
* National Latina/o Psychological Association, member
* American Psychological Graduate Student Association, member