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EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL April 2022
Bachelor of Science, Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*
Minor: Statistics
Certificate: SAS Statistical Analysis
GPA: 3.951

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Clinical Psychology, Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors, Self-Harm

ADVANCED TRAINING

Statistical Analysis System (SAS), Microsoft Office, Qualtrics, SONA, Inquisit, SPSS, CITI Human Subjects Ethics, CITI GCP for Clinical Investigations of Devices, Verbal Tactics Coding Scheme

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Affective and Translational Neuroscience Lab, University of Maryland, College Park

Principal Investigator: Dr. Alex Shackman

Project Coordinator

August 2022 – Present

- Served as the primary project coordinator for a NIMH R01-funded study, which included contacting participants and scheduling sessions, administering tasks in the lab and/or fMRI scanner, preparing participants for the collection of peripheral physiology data (including heart rate, respiration rate, and galvanic skin response), and managing undergraduate and master's level research assistants.
- Oversaw daily operational functioning, including employee onboarding, purchasing, organizing meetings/events, development and implementation of standard operating procedures and internal tracking spreadsheets.
- Served as funds custodian, which included overseeing the project budget, maintaining all budget related documentation, submitting quarterly reconciliations, and the management of compensation distribution, tracking, and reconciliation.
- Oversaw compliance with IRB protocols, reviewed and submitted amendments and annual reviews on behalf of laboratory staff, and maintained proper organization, storage, and archive of research-related documents.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Attraction and Close Relationships Lab, Florida State University

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Andrea Meltzer

Co-Project Coordinator

August 2021 – May 2022

- Oversaw all study-related communications by corresponding with participants via the laboratory email to schedule study sessions, collect study materials, and answer participant questions.

- Used Qualtrics to filter through participant information to identify and remove fraudulent participants.
- Coordinated the scheduling of laboratory sessions for participants and undergraduate research assistants.
- Prepared Dot Probe Task and Affective Misattribution Procedure (AMP) before laboratory sessions using Inquisit.
- Collected and organized sensitive participant information (e.g., survey responses, romantic partner photos).

Research Assistant

August 2019 – August 2021

- Objectively coded videos of newlywed couples engaging in problem-solving discussions using the Verbal Tactic Coding Scheme.
- Aided in developing a reliable coding protocol for verbal communication behaviors.
- Served as member of the “First Dates Committee” which administered virtual first dates for participants in an online speed-dating study.
- Used Abrosoft FantaMorph to morph images of participants’ faces with attractive and unattractive target stimuli for a daily diary study.

Laboratory for the Study and Prevention of Suicide-Related Conditions and Behaviors,

Florida State University

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Joiner

Research Assistant

September 2019 – April 2022

- Conducted clinical interviews with participants using the Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors Interview (SITBI).
- Administered pain tolerance task using an algometer.
- Utilized organizational skills for data entry using Microsoft Excel.
- Utilized communication skills to present research clearly at conferences.

Evolutionary Psychology Lab, Florida State University

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Jon Maner

Research Assistant

August 2020 – May 2021

- Collaborated with lab members to design a daily diary research study investigating how being aroused by a sexual partner influences the way one thinks and feels about attractive alternative partners.
- Conducted a comprehensive review of the literature on the interaction between intrasexual competition and affiliate motives in same-sex friends and wrote an annotated bibliography summarizing this information.
- Led participants through a complex study protocol via Zoom including administering socio-cognitive reaction time tasks (i.e., the Dot Probe, the Affective Misattribution Procedure (AMP)).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Scott, Z., Ferguson, S., Gallyer, A., Dieciuc, M., & Joiner, T. *Implicit Suicidal Cognitions: A New Approach to The Death Implicit Association Test.* Presented at the Florida State University Psychology Department’s Undergraduate Research Day, April 2021, Tallahassee FL

Scott, Z., Ferguson, S., Gallyer, A., Dieciuc, M., & Joiner, T. *Implicit Suicidal Cognitions: A New Approach to The Death Implicit Association Test*. Presented at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, February 2021, Tallahassee FL

Ferguson, S., **Scott, Z.,** Gallyer, A., Dieciuc, M., & Joiner, T. *Implicit Suicidal Cognitions: A New Approach to The Death Implicit Association Test*. Presented at the Florida State University's 2020 Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 2020, Tallahassee FL

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology

President

August 2021 – April 2022

- Supervised activities such as general board meetings, social events, and graduate student panels.
- Established partnership with the American University of Sharjah's Psi Chi chapter (located in the United Arab Emirates), hosted collaborative discussions, and created a joint book club.
- Utilized organizational skills to maintain confidential files and records.

Treasurer

August 2020 – July 2021

- Collected and organized membership dues.
- Kept an accurate account of all funds received and expended.
- Collaborated with executive board members on using funds for events, meetings, and scholarships.

Freshmen Interest Group (FIG) Program

FIG Leader

January 2021 – December 2021

- Constructed lesson plans designed to introduce college freshmen to the academic culture at Florida State University.
- Instructed discussion-based course during the Fall 2021 semester, employing strong oral communication skills.
- Responsible for grading assignments and providing feedback.

Marching Chiefs Marching Band (trombone)

August 2018 – December 2021

Seminole Sound Pep Band (trombone)

October 2018 – April 2022

Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society

December 2020 – Present

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Dr. Alexander Shackman | Associate Professor of Psychology | shackman@umd.edu | 608-358-5025

Dr. Andrea Meltzer | Associate Professor of Psychology | meltzer@psy.fsu.edu | 850-644-6272

Dr. Thomas Joiner | Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Psychology | joiner@psy.fsu.edu | 850-644-1454