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EDUCATION

Davidson College

Bachelor of Science, Psychology & English

Davidson, NC

Expected May 2025

- Coursework: General Biology; Health Psychology; General Psychology; Humanities; Gendered Communication in Society; Film & Media Studies; General Chemistry; Genetics of Mitochondrial Shaping; Industrial/Organizational Psychology; Research Design & Statistics; Human Neuropsychology; Literary Analysis; New Fables: East Asian Diaspora; Gender & Psychopathology; TV: Queer Representations; Book History, Arts, Culture; The Prison in Literature; Feminist & Queer Theories; Research Methods in Social Psychology; Research Methods in Quantitative/Experimental Psychology.

DIS Copenhagen

Study Abroad Student

Copenhagen, Denmark

August 2023 - December 2023

- Core Course: European Clinical Psychology
 - Grade: A
 - Traveled to Aarhus in Denmark, and Vienna in Austria to see how clinical psychology is applied in real-world settings
 - Became familiar with important concepts and issues surrounding the field of clinical psychology in Europe
 - Became familiar with some of the most prevalent psychotherapeutic approaches in clinical practice
 - Defined, understood, and used the terminology of these major psychotherapeutic schools
 - Analyzed case studies within the context of a specific treatment approach
 - Understood the major foundational skills in psychotherapy, i.e. empathy, active listening, and recognizing different worldviews
 - Thought divergently about a single phenomenon. The emphasis on critical engagement with the material will be very strong
 - Was able to reflect on what we learn during lectures and study tours and synthesize these two experiences
- Other Coursework:
 - Gender & Sexuality in Scandinavia: A
 - Disaster Management Leadership: A
 - Traveled to Lisbon, Portugal to meet leaders and experts who share their experiences and perspectives on leadership during crisis and disaster management, as well as to learn about cultural and national differences during times of uncertainty
 - Guilty Pleasures of Pop Culture: A-
 - Concept of Evil in Contemporary Culture: A-

Charles University

Coursework: Social Psychology

Prague, Czech Republic

December 2022 - January 2023

- Grade: A
- Defined Social Psychology and its application to understanding human behavior
- Drew on current concepts, theory, and experimental findings to build a contemporary scientific understanding of how people think, feel, and behave in social situations
- Explained social cognition, attitude formation, decision-making, group processes, prosocial behavior, aggression, conformity/obedience, and stereotyping/prejudice
- Connected human behavior to such social factors as groups, authority figures, in-group bias, gender roles, and cognitive dissonance
- Predicted and critiqued outcomes of social situations by applying social psychology principles (e.g. attributions, cognitive dissonance, in-group/out-group behavior, etc.)
- Related major concepts and methods of the field to understand interpersonal and group relationships

- Described and assessed the basic psychological theories, principles, and concepts explaining social cognition, attitude formation, decision-making, group processes, prosocial behavior, aggression, conformity/obedience, and stereotyping/prejudice
- Articulated how social psychology informs our understanding of local culture, regional identity, and actions of our global society

RESEARCH

Davidson College

Davidson, NC

Undergraduate Researcher in Social Psychology

August 2024 - December 2024

- Designed a research study on perceived political incongruence moderate the relationship between fear of social isolation and self-censoring in college students before and after the 2024 presidential election on YikYak (an anonymous platform) versus Instagram (non-anonymous platform)
- Conducted research on undergraduate students across multiple disciplines
- Engaged in data analysis alongside research teammates and Dr. Jessica Good - the principal investigator and course instructor
- Culminated the project in the format of a collaborative manuscript and class presentation

Karolinska Institute

Stockholm, Sweden

Unveiling Frustration: Research Assistant

May 2024 - July 2024

- Designed, developed, and evaluated a task that can reliably induce experienced frustration in research participants
- Assessed experienced emotions and frustration before, during, and after executing a range of tasks in the system
- Assessed statistical differences between tasks using mixed effects modeling, which allowed us to analyze how both fixed and random effects contribute to the build-up of frustration

Research in Science Experience (RISE)

Davidson, NC

Fellow

May 2022 - June 2022

- Worked alongside Dr. Karen Hales to research *Drosophila melanogaster* to determine whether the CG43328 gene is involved in spermatogenesis and mitochondrial morphogenesis
- Crossed flies with mutant strains of the gene with flies that contained altered chromosomes with deficiencies that included the gene in question (meaning the CG43328 gene was removed from the chromosome) and observed phenotypic alterations that may arise
- Performed fertility tests and testis dissections to determine whether the offspring of the crosses that were sperm producers remain fertile or became sterile as a result of their genotype
- Collaborated with peers to ensure that goals are achieved
- Presented journal articles related to my project to the lab group

Behavioral Neuroscience Research

Davidson, NC

Research Assistant Volunteer

January 2022 - May 2022

- Weighed rats daily to monitor growth
- Gently handled rats daily to establish a sense of comfort and security and get them accustomed to human interaction before being experimented on
- Ran rats in the Y-maze before and following their surgeries. Rats were rewarded with food pellets according to specific protocols set by the researcher
- Observed a bilateral entorhinal cortex lesion

WORK EXPERIENCE

Davidson College Center for Teaching & Learning

Davidson NC

Psychology Embedded Tutor

August 2024 - Present

- Trained to recognize learning styles and tailor strategies to meet the needs of students
- Held office hours twice a week and met with students according to their needs

Davidson College Academic Access & Disability Resources

Davidson, NC

Peer Academic Coach

February 2024 - Present

- Assist students with academic skills such as time management, organization, note-taking, studying, reading, and test-taking
- Meet regularly with students to discuss academic strategies, create action plans, assess their progress, and identify needed support and resources
- Plan workshops and events throughout the academic year for the benefit of students, especially during times of high stress

Davidson College Summer Programs

Davidson, NC

Summer Conference Assistant

May 2023 - August 2023

- Provided exceptional customer service to summer camp participants before, during, and after camps and conferences
- Served as a resource and contact for camp leaders and participants throughout their stay on campus

Davis Cafe

Davidson, NC

Cashier

September 2021 - March 2022

- Assisted customers throughout the checkout process by taking payments
- Stocked items throughout the stands in the cafe and ensured that the drink stations were constantly filled and adequately fresh for consumption
- Washed dirty dishes and maintained cleanliness throughout the cafe including wiping down tables, disposing of the trash, and mopping the floor

INVOLVEMENT

Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society

Davidson, NC

Member

February 2024 - Present

- Psi Chi is an international honor society whose purpose shall be to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology.
- Invited to apply for membership based on meeting specific criteria including:
 - Rank in the upper 35 percent of your class in general scholarship
 - A minimum psychology 3.0 grade point average

Strategies for Success

Davidson, NC

Mentee

August 2021 - May 2023

- Cultivated skills necessary to succeed in college-level science courses
- Worked with mentors on the steps necessary to achieve a potential career in medicine

Dr. Ruth Fredericks, MD

Jackson, MS

Shadow

July 2022 - August 2022

- Observed Dr. Ruth Fredericks, a neurologist, for several weeks as she performed her daily duties at the St. Dominic Neuroscience Center in Jackson, Mississippi
- Gained knowledge of several diseases related to the nervous system and received thorough demonstrations of patient checkups
- Observed the patient intake process before actual patient interactions

Dr. Seshadri Raju, MD

Jackson, MS

Shadow

July 2022 - August 2022

- Observed Dr. Seshadri Raju, a vascular surgeon, as he performed his duties at the Rane Center at the St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi
- Learned about the equipment used daily with patients
- Observed the patient intake process before actual patient interactions. Observed the associated medical assistant as she measured blood pressure and weight before the patients visited with Dr. Raju

Service Odyssey: Housing & Homelessness

Davidson, NC

Volunteer

July 2021

- Explored the root causes of homelessness in the Greater Charlotte area through education and reflection
- Considered how officials are addressing these issues
- Created and facilitated a virtual workshop for the Relatives Crisis Youth Center

FIRST Robotics

Southborough, MA

Builder

November 2019 - June 2021

- Design & construction of competition-specific mechanisms
- Placed second in the 2020 FIRST Robotics New England District Competition Finals

Saint Mark's School LEO Academic Journal

Southborough, MA

Editor

September 2020 - June 2021

- Scouted for literature from students and faculty to be published in the journal each month
- Served as an editor for the journal by proofreading and editing submissions before they were published

Saint Mark's School Admissions Office

Southborough, MA

Admissions Prefect & Tour Guide

September 2019 - May 2021

- Provided prospective students with both scheduled and impromptu tours of the greater campus and dorms both in person and virtually
- Spoke at virtual panels that were held for prospective and incoming students
- Met with prospective students before their admission interviews for a quick "meet and greet" and "question and answer" session

LEADERSHIP

Davidson College Residence Life Office

Davidson, NC

Resident Advisor

August 2022 - May 2023

- Provided support to dorm residents as they navigate through their college experiences by being someone that they can reach out to for assistance in any areas possible as deemed appropriate
- Acted as a resource to residents by performing duties such as carrying out rounds in the dorms in my area, responding to residents and situations on nights/weekends of duty
- Provided residents with educational resources to aid with their success as individuals, residents, and scholars
- Assisted the Residence Life Office during move-in, move-out, and special occasions and circumstances
- Cooperated with other resident advisors and on-campus organizations to provide residents with specific information and resources before and at the moment when the need arises
- Ensured adherence to rules and expectations by making known the consequences of misdemeanors and enforcing those consequences when necessary

Saint Mark's School Residential Life

Southborough, MA

Dorm Prefect

September 2020 - June 2021

- Provided support to the dorm community by being someone that they could talk to when necessary and helping them to work to their full potential as students and residents
- Assisted faculty on nights of duty by checking in with students and enforcing the rules such as quiet hours and lights out
- Ensured that students in the dorm complied with the rules and expectations by establishing consequences for possible misdemeanors and enforcing those consequences when necessary

Student Mentor Program

Southborough, MA

Program Development Coordinator & Tutor/Mentor

September 2019 - June 2021

- Assisted peers in Math, Spanish, Biology, and English with their comprehension of course content
- Provided writing assistance to students in need during free time
- Helped students develop proper time management skills

International Student Connection

Southborough, MA

Co-Founder

May 2020 - May 2021

- Supported international students throughout the year
- Organized meetings where members discussed current issues and caught up with each other

- Created a buddy program that matched incoming international students with current international students

CERTIFICATIONS

- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certification
 - Human Subjects Research: Social Behavioral Methods Students
- Certified Peer Educator Certification
 - NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education
- Suicide Prevention Certification
 - QPR Institute

SKILLS & TRAINING

- R (Programming)
- Jamovi
- Qualtrics
- Data (Quantitative/Qualitative) Analysis
- Research Design
- Survey/Questionnaire Design
- Collaboration
- Scientific Writing
- Project/Program Management
- Project/Program Planning
- Digital Design (Canva)

HONORS & AWARDS

- Psi Chi Honor Society (2024)
- Davidson College Presidential Scholar (2021)
- (High) Honor Roll (2019-2021)
- Cum Laude Society Inductee (2021)