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EDUCATION

College of Charleston

Charleston, SC

Majors: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Expected Graduation Date: May 2018

- **GPA:** Overall: 3.908; Major: 3.941
- **Honors:**
 - Dean's list
 - National Society of Collegiate Scholars
 - Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology
 - William Bischoff Memorial Scholarship 2016
- **GRE:** Verbal: 158; Quantitative: 157; Analytical Writing: 5.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Researcher at the College of Charleston

Charleston, SC

Department of Psychology

May 2016 – present

Researcher

- Recipient of Summer Undergraduate Research with Faculty (SURF) grant in 2016 and 2017.
- Independent studies Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.
- Studied functional behavioral units involved with reinforced behavioral variation. This included data collection, many readings on various relevant topics including behavioral variation and functional response units, rigorous data analysis, weekly discussions surrounding the literature and the findings our research, and writing the literature review, methods, results, and discussion sections of my Independent Study paper.
- Data collection during the two SURFs was 6 (2017) or 7 (2016) days a week and biweekly during the independent studies. It involved working with Med-PC IV software, loading pigeons into operant conditioning chambers, recording the data, and computing U-values.
- Weekly readings were 1-3 behavior-analytic publications from which I would formulate discussion questions that I would explore with my mentor in our weekly meeting.
- Data analysis involved interpreting the data, formulating new dependent measures to quantify the data, analyzing trends and determining stability, creating tables and figures, and more.
- Bachelor's Essay Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 in derived stimulus relations (DSR). This involved planning our experiments as well as completing readings and discussion of the DSR literature including topics such as nodal distance effects, testing paradigms, training structures, and developing technology from DSR. Additionally, I programmed our experiment using MTS computer software, ran the participants, analyzed the data, and formulated a manuscript.
- Attended Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis Conference 2016.

Research Dissemination

- 2017 Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis (SEABA) poster presentation.
- 2017 College of Charleston Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) Celebration of Scholars poster presentation.
- 2017 Society for the Quantitative Analysis of Behavior (SQAB) and Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) conferences poster presentations.

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**Intern at The New School for Social Research
Department of Psychology**

**New York, NY
Spring 2012**

Intern

- Interned for graduate student's research in Social Psychology involving the effects of the environment on interpersonal attitudes.
- Created advertisements to find participants using Craigslist and posting fliers.
- Organized and scheduled testing times for participants via email.
- Ran testing sessions, debriefing participants in control and experimental groups.
- Conducted research for the literature review.

Clinical Experience

Line Therapist at Carolina Coast Behavioral Services

Charleston, SC

Intern/Therapist

August 2016 – January 2017

- Worked as a line therapist doing Applied Behavior Analysis with autism.
- Implemented programs designed to decrease socially inappropriate behaviors and improve desirable behavior in clients.
- Collected behavioral data in the field.
- Contributed to design of clients' future programs.

Volunteer Experience

Presentation

Chair

- Introduced Dr. Nicole Dorey for her presentation "Wild about preference assessments: Using assessment across different taxonomic groups" at the Southeastern Association for Behavioral Analysis conference 2017.

Best Buddies Illinois at Walter Payton College Preparatory High School

Chicago, IL

Peer Buddy

2008- December 2010

- Peer buddy for two students with autism.
- Helped buddies integrate with school environment and overcome obstacles.
- Attended Best Buddies chapter events with my buddy to socialize with other members of the organization.
- Spent time with buddy and his family inside and outside of school.

College of Charleston

Charleston, SC

Animal Care Worker

May 2016 – August 2017

- Manager: Dr. Garret Milliken

Tasks:

- Feeding and giving water to mice, rats, and pigeons daily.
- Cleaning cages weekly.
- Maintaining laboratory conditions.