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## **EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Psychology** 

Sep 2013- present

McGill University, Montreal

Master of Arts, Educational Psychology

Sep 2011 – Aug 2013

McGill University, Montreal

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Apr 2007 - Jun 2010

**Dean's Honour Roll** 

York University, Toronto

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant** 

Jan 2012- present

Achievement, Motivation, and Emotion Lab

Supervisor: Dr. Nathan Hall

McGill University

- Conduct statistical analyses of two existing databases.
- Present and discuss findings during bi-weekly lab meetings.
- Conduct literature searches and reviews to inform statistical analyses.
- Organized and managed multiple projects for the Achievement, Motivation and Emotions lab successfully.
- Coordinate and assist with all stages of a research project (e.g., data collection, dataset cleaning and merging, data analysis, writing, etc.).

Research Assistant

Jan 2011 - Aug 2011

# **Supervisor: Dr. Ron Sheese**

York University

- Reviewed and summarized research articles which are to be included in an Introduction to Psychology textbook.
- Organized articles into categories corresponding to the textbook chapters using RefWorks.
- Provided supervisor with weekly updates of overall progress.
- Prepared visual cues to assist author with recollection and organization of articles.

# TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Sep 2017 - Present

**Intermediate Statistics** 

McGill University

• Lead bi-weekly laboratory sessions to demonstrate the practical application of statistical methods in social sciences.

- Grade all class assignments and final project and provide detailed feedback to over 60 students.
- Address students' questions at the end of each weekly lecture.
- Assist students with any difficulties one-on-one during office hours.

#### **Course Instructor**

Jan 2018 – April 2018

Theories of Learning and Instruction (EDPE 635; two sections) McGill University

- Re-designed a graduate-level course to accommodate high enrollment (from  $\sim$ 15 in all past sections to 58 students).
- developed all facets of a 13-week, Master's-level required course (syllabus, rubrics, sample assignments, assessment, online platform).
- work closely with a teaching assistant to ensure alignment in expectations, grading schemes, and ways of scaffolding student progress.
- enjoy teaching about the evolution of theories of learning and instruction from a historical perspective (e.g., behaviourism, situated cognition, etc.)

#### **Academic Mentor**

**Sep 2011 – June 2012** 

Taylor Adolescent Program

Montreal, Quebec

- Provide strategy-based academic support for high-school students with learning disabilities.
- Participate in bi-weekly clinical meetings which aim to assess and support student motivation.
- Model appropriate social behavior.
- Prepare clinical reports indicating student ability, motivation, and intervention effectiveness.

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Sep 2010 - Jan 2011

York University

- Addressed students' queries regarding a third-year Educational Psychology course content and structure.
- Modeled and facilitated reflective practice.
- Evaluated students' weekly online journal entries.
- Provided course instructor with a weekly update of students' overall strengths and weaknesses.

#### **ABA Therapist and Enrichment Tutor**

Jul 2010 - Aug 2011

L&A Educational Services

Toronto, Ontario

- Provided enrichment programs to gifted children.
- Provided full-time intervention to children with developmental delays using the principles of Applies Behavioural Analysis.
- Implemented treatment protocols and educational programs.
- Conducted preference assessment and designed individualized programming to support child motivation.
- Collected and analyzed data and monitored child progress.

# **Homework Club Counsellor**

Feb 2009 - Aug 2011

JIAS Toronto

Toronto, Ontario

- Served as a group leader and counsellor.
- Introduced new immigrants in various age groups as a youth group leader and ESL teaching assistant.
- Provided ongoing advice to current and prospective high-school and university students.
- Prepared reports evaluating program with input from participants.
- Prepared activities for new comers as an ESL teacher assistant, which included Canadian content and values.

#### **Tutor and Mentor**

Nov 2007 - Apr 2008

Jewish Family and Child

Registered Canadian Charity

- Tutored a middle-school student with learning disabilities in math, biology, and English.
- Provided social support and modeled a healthy friendship.
- Assisted in coping with intimidating social situations.
- Modeled proper behavior in social settings.
- Assisted in improving interaction with family members.

# MERIT BASED FUNDING AND AWARDS

Learning Environments Across Disciplines (LEADS) Travel Award	January 2018
\$1378	
Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) award	April 2016
\$670	
Learning Sciences Best Conference Paper Award	January 2016
\$629.94	
Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC)	May 2015-April 2018
\$60,000	
Graduate Excellence Fellowship	April 2015
\$530	
Graduate Excellence Fellowship	February 2014
\$950	
Graduate Excellence Fellowship	September 2013
\$7500	
Canadian Psychological Association's Best Poster Award	June 2013
\$150	
Graduate Excellence Fellowship	September 2012
\$4000	
York University Undergraduate Bursary	Sep 2008-Apr 2010
\$3647	
Ontario Textbook and Technology Grant	Sep 2008- Jan 2010
\$300	
Ontario Student Opportunity Grant	Sep 2009- Apr 2012
\$685	

#### **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

**Sverdlik, A.**, & Hall, N. C. (under review). Not just a phase: Understanding the role of doctoral program stage on motivation and well-being. *Journal of Adult and Continuing Education*.

- **Sverdlik**, A., Hall, N. C., McAlpine, L., & Hubbard, K. (2018). The PhD experience: A review of the factors influencing doctoral students' completion, achievement, and wellbeing. *International Journal of Doctoral Studies*, 13, 361-388.
- Zhang, K., Goetz, T., Martiny, S. E., Chen, F., **Sverdlik, A.**, & Fang, P. (revise and Resubmit). The differential effects of anger on trust: A cross-cultural comparison of gender and social distance.
- Zhang, K., Goetz, T., Martiny, S. E., Chen, F., & **Sverdlik, A.** (revise and Resubmit) Angry women are more trusting: The differential effects of perceived social distance on trust behavior.
- Hall, N. C., & **Sverdlik**, **A**. (2016). Encouraging realistic expectations in STEM students: Paradoxical effects of a motivational intervention. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *7*, 1109.
- Weinberg, L., Hall, N. C., & **Sverdlik, A**. (2015). Attributional retraining and physical rehabilitation in later life: Intervention effects on motivation, mobility, and well-being. *Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics*, *33*, 294-302.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Hubbard, K., Hall, N. C., & Sverdlik, A. (under review). *Phenomenology of boredom coping: Understanding students' lived experiences of coping with boredom in college*. Paper submitted to the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting.
- Feizi, S., Hall, N. C., & **Sverdlik, A.** (2018, June). *The SAS Project: Examining the Effects of Self-efficacy on Well-being in Graduate Students*. Poster to be presented at the International Conference of Applied Psychology, Montreal, QC.
- **Sverdlik, A.,** Hall, N. C., & Wang, H. (2018, April). *Not just a phase: Understanding the role of doctoral program stage on motivation and well-being.* Paper accepted for presentation at the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.
- Wang, H., Hall, N. C., & **Sverdlik, A.** (2018, April). *A moderated mediational exploration of teachers' value congruence and emotional labor*. Paper accepted for presentation at the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.
- Feizi, S., Hall, N. C., **Sverdlik, A.,** & Wang, H. (2018, April). *The SAS Project: An international analysis of self-efficacy and well-being in graduate students.* Poster accepted for presentation at the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.
- Hall, N. C., **Sverdlik, A**., Rahimi, S., & Hubbard, K. A. (2017, May). *The SAS Project: Exploring relations between university rankings, motivation, and well-being in graduate students*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Motivation, Boston, MA.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, Hall, N. C., & McAlpine, L. (2016, April). What doctoral students reveal in the comment section: Insights from an overlooked source. Paper Presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Washington, DC.
- Zhang, K., Goetz, T., Martiny, S. E., Chen, E., & **Sverdlik**, A. (2015, May). *Angry women are more trusting: A mediational analysis of anger, trust, and social distance*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Science, New York, NY.
- Weinberg, L. E., **Sverdlik, A.,** & Hall, N. C. (2014, August). *Attributional retraining in older adults: Evaluating the effects of a motivational intervention on perceived control and functional ability*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Sverdlik, A., Hall, N.C. & Weinberg, L. E. (2014, August). Evaluating the effects of a

- motivational intervention on control, health, and ability in older adult. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, Hall, N. C., Heckhasuen, J., Rahimi, S., & Maymon, R. (2014, July). *Encouraging realistic expectations in STEM students: Differential gender effects of a motivational intervention*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of Gender and STEM, Berlin, Germany.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, Hall, N. C., & Hubbard, K. A. (2014, April). *Paradoxical Effects of a Motivational Intervention for College Students in STEM Disciplines*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- **Sverdlik, A.,** Wang, H., & Hall, N. C. (2014, April). *A Qualitative Forensic Investigation of an Intervention that Backfired*. Poster presented the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Astahova, M., Wimmer, B. M., Goetz, T., & Sverdlik, A. (2013, August). *Dampening of Positive Emotions in Students Searching for Motives Underlying Emotion Regulation*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction, Munich, Germany.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, Maymon, R., & Hall, N. C. (2013, August). "Be Realistic": A mixed method analysis of a motivational intervention. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii\*.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, Hubbard, K. A., Rahimi, S., & Hall, N. C. (2013, August). *The paradoxical effects of a motivational intervention on students' expectations*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii\*.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, D'Intino, J., & Hall, N.C. (2013, June). *Paradoxical Effects of a Motivational Intervention for College Students in STEM Disciplines*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services, Montreal, QC.
- **Sverdlik, A.** & Hall, N.C. (2013, June). "Be Realistic": A mixed Methods Analysis of a Motivational Intervention. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services, Montreal, QC.
- Maymon, R., D'Intino, J., **Sverdlik, A.** & Hall, N. C. (2013, June). *Academic Technology and Gender*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services, Montreal, QC.
- Maymon, R. L., **Sverdlik, A.**, Ranellucci, J., & Hall, N. C. (2013, June). *Academic technology and gender: Differential effects on computing-related emotional experiences*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Quebec City, QC.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, Rahimi, S., & Hall, N. C. (2013, June). *The paradoxical effects of a motivational intervention on college students' expectations*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Quebec City, QC.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, Hubbard, K. A., & Hall, N. C. (2013, June). *Preventing adverse effects to web-based interventions: The "reminder" approach.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Quebec City, QC.
- Rahimi, S., Hall, N. C., Pychyl, T. A., & **Sverdlik, A.** (2013, June). *Blameworthiness and moral responsibility in students that procrastinate versus delay*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Quebec City, QC.
- Hubbard, K. A., **Sverdlik, A.**, Bieg, M., & Hall, N. C. (2013, April). *Attribution retraining and self-esteem: Investigating iatrogenic effects of an online intervention*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, CA.

- Maymon, R., **Sverdlik, A.**, Bieg, M., Hall, N. C., & Azevedo, R. (2013, April). *Academic computing and gender: Differential effects on attributions and emotions in college students.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Maymon, R., **Sverdlik, A.** & Hall, N. C. (2013, March). *Academic computing and college students: Gendered effects of attributions and emotions*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Education Graduate Students' Society, Montreal, QC.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, & Hall, N. C. (2013, March). "Be realistic": Iatrogenic effects of downgrading expectations on high-achieving students' performance. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Education Graduate Students' Society, Montreal, QC.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, & Hall, N. C. (2013, March). "Be Realistic": Iatrogenic effects of downgrading expectations on high-achieving students' performance. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Academic Advising Association, Montreal, Quebec.
- Maymon, R., **Sverdlik, A.**, & Hall, N. C. (2012, October). *Academic computing and college students: Gendered effects of attributions and emotions.* Poster presented at the biannual meeting of the Centre for Research in Human Development, Montreal, Quebec.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, Hubbard, K., Beig, M., & Hall, N. C. (2012, October). *The iatrogenic effects of adopting realistic expectations on academic achievement.* Poster presented at the biannual meeting of the Centre for Research in Human Development, Montreal, Quebec.
- **Sverdlik, A.**, & Sheese, R. (2010, May). *A culture within a culture? A qualitative participatory analysis of adaptation to university culture.* Poster presented on the annual Poster day at York University, Toronto, ON.
- \*Withdrawn due to pregnancy.

#### **INVITED ADDRESSES**

- **Sverdlik, A.** (2018, September). *Doctoral students' well-being and work-life balance: Past, present, and future*. Invited Address at the department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, McGill University, Montreal, QC.
- **Sverdlik, A.** (2017, November). *Data cleaning and merging in SPSS*. Invited Address at the department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, McGill University, Montreal, QC.
- **Sverdlik, A.** (2012, October). *The iatrogenic effects of adopting realistic expectations on academic achievement.* Invited address at the Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas, McGill University, Montreal, QC.

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# **Quebec Inter-University Center for Social Statistics (QICSS)**

Jul 2015

Intensive 4-day workshop on multilevel statistical modeling using the statistical software MLwiN; Dr. S. V. Subramanian (Harvard School of Public Health)

**Department of Educational Counselling Psychology, McGill University**Sep 2014

A 2-day workshop on hierarchical linear modeling with Mplus; Dr. Fabio Sticca (University of Zurich)

# **Quebec Inter-University Center for Social Statistics (QICSS)**

Apr 2013

Intensive 5-day workshop on structural equation modeling (SEM) using LISREL and EQS; Dr. Rex Kline