

CHRISTINA M. LECKFOR

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EDUCATION

- PhD, Social Psychology** Aug 2020 – May 2024 (expected)
University of Georgia Athens, GA
Certificate: Quantitative Methods in Family Science (in progress)
Mentor: Dr. Richard Slatcher
- Master of Science, Social Psychology** Aug 2018 – Apr 2020
University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA
Thesis: *Intimate conversation leads to greater social bonding in face-to-face and texting exchanges*
Mentor: Dr. Edward Orehek
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude** Aug 2013 – May 2017
Youngstown State University Youngstown, OH
Thesis: *Self-reported Facebook addiction is related to implicit approach behavior*
Mentor: Dr. James Juergensen

PUBLICATIONS

- Leckfor, C. M.**, Wood, N. R., Kwiatek, S. M., & Orehek, E. (*under review*). On the displacement of social interaction by screen time: Examining expectations and experiences of screen time, social interaction, and solitude.
- Wood, N. R., **Leckfor, C. M.**, & Orehek, E. (*registered report; revise & resubmit*). Do smartphones increase social isolation? *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.
- Leckfor, C. M.**, Wood, N. R., & Orehek, E. (*in prep*). Intimate texting conversations promote closeness.
- Wood, N. R., Orehek, E., & **Leckfor, C. M.** (*in prep*). Social isolation increases violent extremism.
- Juergensen, J., & **Leckfor, C.** (2019). Stop pushing me away: Facebook addiction relates to automatic approach motivation for Facebook stimuli. *Psychological Reports*, 122(6), 2012-2025.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- Leckfor, C. M.**, Bierstetel, S. J., Balzarini, R. N., Zoppolat, G., & Slatcher, R. B. (2021, February) *Feeling gloom after Zoom: The psychological effects of video chat vs. face-to-face interactions*. Data blitz presentation at Society of Personality and Social Psychology 22nd Annual Convention, Psychology of Media and Technology Preconference, Virtual Conference.
- Leckfor, C. M.**, Wood, N. R., & Orehek, E. (2021, February). *"Tell me about it:" Intimate conversation promotes social connection in texting exchanges*. Poster presentation at Society of Personality and Social Psychology 22nd Annual Convention, Virtual Conference.
- Leckfor, C.**, Wood, N. R., Orehek, E. *Home alone: Investigating the motives that drive social isolation*.
- (2020, February). Poster presentation at Society of Personality and Social Psychology 21st Annual Convention, Motivation Preconference, New Orleans, LA.
 - (2019, August). Presentation at Konstanz International Summer School on Motivation Science, Konstanz, Germany.
- Leckfor, C.** (2019, April) *How choosing screen time affects well-being and social isolation: Current research and future directions*. Presentation at University of Pittsburgh Social Psychology Brown Bag Series, Pittsburgh, PA.

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GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2021	UGA Summer Research Grant, \$1,500
2020 – 2021	Psi Chi Fall Graduate Research Grant, \$1,500
2019	Konstanz International School on Motivation Science Travel Grant, \$1,554
2017	Youngstown State University Outstanding Psychology Student Award, \$100
2013 – 2017	Youngstown State University Dean’s Scholarship of Excellence, \$11,000
2016	Youngstown State University Scholarship in Psychology, \$1,625

MENTORSHIP AND OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Students Mentored, *University of Georgia* Jan 2021 – Present

- Danielle Holyoke, SPSP Undergraduate Conference Poster
- Oreoluwa Badejoh, SPSP Undergraduate Conference Poster
- Meredith Camp, Undergraduate Thesis

Graduate Research Assistant, *University of Georgia* May 2021 – Aug 2021

Motivation and Behavior Lab, Dr. Michelle vanDellen

- Assisting with the Smoking in Couples Study (NIH R21) to examine the effects of financial incentives, partner support, and a free tobacco information program on smoking cessation in dual-smoker couples.
- Interacting with participants by managing communication, informing them of study procedures, and running intake and follow-up sessions; Supervising undergraduate research assistants.
- Conducting a literature search for a meta-analysis on the effect of partner support on smoking cessation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, *University of Georgia* Aug 2020 – Present

Research Analysis in Psychology

- Instructed 35 students on conducting data analysis using SPSS syntax by holding virtual office hours, providing feedback, and grading.

Research Design in Psychology

- Instructed 12 students to write an APA style research paper by holding virtual information sessions, providing feedback on research ideas, editing, and grading.

Human Sexuality; Psychology of Intimate Relationships

- Attended lectures and graded assignments for 140 students.

Instructor of Record, *University of Pittsburgh* Aug 2019 – Jul 2020

Introduction to Psychology

- 19 students, Average Student Evaluations: **4.56/5**
- Created and instructed an asynchronous online summer course through modules with prerecorded lectures, discussion boards, learning activities, and quizzes.

Learning and Motivation Lab

- 3 sections, 71 total students, Average Student Evaluations: **4.54/5**
- Connected coursework on operant and classical conditioning to virtual rat training laboratory experiments; graded lab reports and an APA style research paper.

Teaching Assistant, *University of Pittsburgh* Aug 2018 – Apr 2020

Learning and Motivation; Introduction to Social Psychology

- Attended lectures, held office hours, graded assignments, and led review sessions for 668 students.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Psychology Undergraduate Mentoring Program (PUMP), *University of Georgia*** Jan 2021 – Present
- Mentoring undergraduate students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds in psychology.
- Summer Undergrad Research and Education Program (SUREP), *Univ of Georgia*** Jul 2021 – Aug 2021
- Assisting with CV, personal statement, and mentoring workshops for this virtual education and mentorship program designed to make graduate study more accessible to groups that are traditionally underrepresented in psychology (and academia more broadly).
- Psi Chi Peer Mentor, *University of Georgia*** Oct 2020 – May 2021
- Mentored a first-year undergraduate psychology student regarding study habits, involvement on campus, and potential career avenues.
- Behavior and Brain Sciences (BBS) Diversity Committee, *University of Georgia*** Oct 2020
- Presented information on the graduate school application process to potential applicants as part of an initiative to recruit undergraduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds.
- Social Psychology Program Bulletin Manager, *University of Pittsburgh*** Aug 2019 – May 2020
- Collected, organized, and disseminated graduate student and faculty research and achievements.
- Psychology Department Peer Mentor, *University of Pittsburgh*** Aug 2019 – May 2020
- Mentored a first-year graduate psychology student regarding work-life balance, research and teaching responsibilities, and feelings of imposter syndrome.
- Psi Chi Chapter President, *Youngstown State University*** Apr 2016 – Apr 2017
- Organized an induction ceremony, fundraising events, and psychology informational sessions.
- Psi Chi Chapter Treasurer, *Youngstown State University*** Apr 2015 – Apr 2016
- Managed chapter budgeting and expenses and contributed to event planning.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2020 – Social and Personality Psychologists at the University of Georgia (SPPUGA)
- 2020 – Psychology Educator Development Association (PEDA), *University of Georgia*
- 2019 – American Psychological Association (APA)
- 2019 – Society for the Science of Motivation (SSM)
- 2018 – Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
- 2016 – Association for Psychological Science (APS)
- 2016 – Psi Chi: The International Honor Society in Psychology
- 2018 – 2020 Psychology Committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Community (PEIC), *University of Pittsburgh*

SKILLS AND PROFECIENCIES

- Research** Laboratory • Multimethod • Online • Quantitative • Self-Report Survey Measures
- Statistical** ANOVA • Data Cleaning • Data Visualization • Linear Regression • MLM
- Software** G*Power • Microsoft (Excel, PowerPoint, Word) • Qualtrics • SPSS • R
- Soft Skills** Mentorship • Project Management • Teaching • Verbal and Written Communication