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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Social Psychology** (*in progress*) May 2023 – Present

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Certificate: Quantitative Methods in Family Science

Advisor: Dr. Richard B. Slatcher

**M.S., Social Psychology** August 2021 – May 2023

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Thesis: Intimate Conversations Lead to Feelings of Interpersonal Closeness and Romantic Interest in Both Appealing and Unappealing Environments

Advisor: Dr. Richard B. Slatcher

**B.S., Psychology** August 2019 – May 2021

Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

Minor: Philosophy

Summa Cum Laude; GPA: 4.00

**A.S., Liberal Studies**  August 2017 – May 2019

Barton Community College, Great Bend, KS

Concentration: Psychology

Cumulative GPA: 3.95

**MANUSCRIPTS**

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

2. **Brand, D. R.** & Whitaker, W. (2022). The influence of subjective happiness and kindness on perseverance. *Journal of Psychological Inquiry, 26,* 5-11.

* Elizabeth A. Dahl, Ph.D., Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research

1. **Brand, D. R.**, Lockwood, A., & Park, J. (2022). Exploring the impact of information load and need for cognition on attitude differences. *Journal of Psychological* *Inquiry, 26,* 22-29.

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

2. **Brand, D. R.,** Proctor, A. S., Harvey, M. W., Abney, D. H., Slatcher, R. B., & Holt-Lunstad, J. (revise and resubmit). Actively participating in live events as an avenue for social connection.

1. **Brand, D. R.,** Leckfor, C. M., & Slatcher R. B. (under review). “Is it (un)romantic in here or is it just me?”: Examining the effects of physical environment on relationship initiation processes.

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

1. Balzarini, R. N., Zoppolat, G., Leckfor, C. M., **Brand, D. R.,** & Slatcher, R. B. (in prep.). Making the most of your time together: Can self-expansion help buffer couples’ boredom and promote sexual and relationship quality?

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (γ indicates mentored student)

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

9. **Brand, D. R.**, Leckfor, C. M., Cloonan, S. A., & Slatcher, R. B. (2024, July 5-9). *Unmasking the effects of mask wearing on social connection*. [Oral Presentation]. International Association for Relationship Research Conference, Boston, MA, United States.

8. **Brand, D. R.**, Proctor, A. S., Harvey, M. W., Slatcher, R. B., & Holt-Lunstad, J. (2024, July 5-9).*“So fun last night!”: How actively participating at live events may be a pathway to feeling socially connected.* [Oral presentation]. International Association for Relationship Research Conference, Boston, MA, United States.

7. γChaille, A., **Brand, D. R.**, Cloonan, S. A., Leckfor, C. M., & Slatcher, R. B. (2024, March 14). *Can’t Take My Eyes off of You: Examining the mediating effect of self-focus on masked social interactions.* [Oral presentation]. Annual Psi Chi Convention of the Behavioral Sciences, Athens, GA, United States.

6. γAckleh, L., **Brand, D. R.**, Cloonan, S. A., Leckfor, C. M., & Slatcher, R. B. (2024, March 14). *Modern masquerade:**Examining the relationship between face coverings and self-disclosure as moderated by attachment style.* [Oral presentation]. Annual Psi Chi Convention of the Behavioral Sciences, Athens, GA, United States.

* Award for Best Oral Presentation

5. Balzarini, R. N., Leckfor, C. M., **Brand, D. R.,** Zoppolat, G., & Slatcher, R. B. (2022, November). *Making the most of our time together: Can self-expansion help buffer couples’ boredom and promote sexual and relationship quality?* [Oral Presentation]. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Virtual.

4. **Brand, D. R.**, Lockwood, A., & Park, J. (2021, April). *Exploring the impact of information load and need for cognition on attitude differences*. [Oral Presentation]. Southwestern Psychological Association Convention, Hybrid Conference.

3. **Brand, D.**, Wasinger, G., Call, B., & Moon, H. (2021, March). *Navigating the graduate application process*. [Non-empirical Oral Presentation]. Great Plains Students’ Psychology Convention, Live Virtual Conference.

2. **Brand, D.**, & Wiebe, H. (2021, March). *Investigating multiple roles and stress in college students during COVID-19*. [Literature Review Oral Presentation]. Great Plains Students’ Psychology Convention, Live Virtual Conference.

* First Place: Undergraduate Literature Review Oral, Session 2

1. Wasinger, G., & **Brand, D.** (2021, March). *Why get involved in undergraduate research?* [Nonempirical Oral Presentation]. Great Plains Students’ Psychology Convention, Live Virtual Conference.

* First Place: Undergraduate and Graduate Non-Empirical Oral, Session 4

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

9. **Brand, D. R.**, Cloonan, S. A., Leckfor, C. M., Zoppolat, G., Balzarini, R. N., & Slatcher, R. B. (2024, May 15-18). *Compensatory connection: The buffering role of romantic connection on social disconnection and well-being during COVID-19*[Poster session]. The Love Consortium 2024 Conference, Chapel Hill, NC, United States.

8. γAyyapan, S., Cloonan, S. A., **Brand, D. R.**, Leckfor, C. M., & Slatcher, R. B. (2024, March 14). *Have you been sleeping on your kids?: Examining the connection between sleep quality and relationship satisfaction with and without young children during the COVID-19 pandemic.* [Poster]. Annual Psi Chi Convention of the Behavioral Sciences, Athens, GA, United States.

* Award for Best Poster Presentation

7. γMatthews, K., **Brand, D. R.,** Leckfor, C. M., & Slatcher, R. B. (2023, July). *Correlating family communication patterns in childhood to conflict resolution styles in close relationships in adulthood.* [Poster]. Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

6. γHernandez, A., γHu, H., **Brand, D. R.,** Leckfor, C. M., & Slatcher, R. B. (2023, April). *Do our parents live rent-free in our relationships? Examining the association between perceptions of interparental relationships and relationship quality and positive behaviors.* [Poster]. Psi Chi Convention of the Behavioral Sciences, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

* (2024, February). [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA
* (2024, April). [Poster]. Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

5. **Brand D. R.,** Leckfor, C. M.,& Slatcher R. B. (2023, February). “*Is it (un)romantic in here or is it just me?”: Examining the effects of physical environment on relationship initiation processes.* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

4. Proctor, A., **Brand, D. R.,** Holt-Lunstad, J., & Slatcher, R. B. (2023, February). *“So fun last night!”: How live events are associated with feelings of social connection.* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

3. Leckfor, C. M., **Brand D. R.,** & Slatcher R. B. (2023, February). *Unmasking the effects of mask wearing on social connection.* [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

2. **Brand, D.** **R.**, Leckfor, C. M., Balzarini, R. N., Zoppolat, G., & Slatcher, R. B. (2022, February). *“What do we do now?”: Examining the interactive effects of time spent with partner and self-expansion on relational boredom during Covid-19*. [Poster]. Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Virtual Conference.

1. Wasinger, G., **Brand, D.**, Callis, T., Park, J., & Whitaker, W. (2021, April). *Exploring loss aversion found in dating choices*. [Poster]. Southwestern Psychological Association Convention, Hybrid Conference.

**SKILLS AND PROFICIENCIES**

**Designs** Laboratory Experiment • Online Experiment • Existing Data

**Methods** Recall Paradigm • Behavioral Measures • Fast Friends Paradigm • Self-Report Measures

**Statistics** ANOVA • Regression • MLM • Quantitative • Data Visualization

**Software** Qualtrics • R (programming language) • SONA • Prolific.co

**METHODOLOGICAL AND STATISTICAL TRAINING**

2024 **Meta-Analysis**, Course, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Georgia

2024 **Longitudinal Analysis**, Course, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Georgia

2023 **Multilevel Modeling**, Course, Psychology, University of Georgia

2023 **Structural Equation Model**, Course, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Georgia

2022 **Data Management**, Course, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Georgia

2021 **Applied Regression**, Course, Psychology, University of Georgia

**TEACHING AND MENTORING**

**INSTRUCTOR**

**Social Psychology**, 11 students (5/5), University of Georgia, 2024

**Research Analysis Lab**, 35 students (4.94/5), University of Georgia, 2023

**TEACHING ASSISTANT**

**Advanced Social Psychology**, University of Georgia, 2024

**Human Sexuality**, University of Georgia, 2023 (2)

**Psychology of Intimate Relationships**, University of Georgia, 2022

**Cognitive Psychology**, Fort Hays State University, 2020-21

**Peer Tutor**, Barton Community College, 2018-19

**RESEARCH MENTORSHIP**

2024 **Alex Chaille**, Close Relationships Lab, University of Georgia

* + - Mentored an undergraduate research oral presentation (listed above)

2024 **Lauren Ackleh**, Close Relationships Lab, University of Georgia

* + - Mentored an undergraduate research oral presentation (listed above)

2023-2024 **Andrea Hernandez** and **Hannah Hu**, Close Relationships Lab, University of Georgia

* + - Mentored a joint undergraduate research poster (listed above)

2023 **Katherine Queen**, High School Research Program, Close Relationships Lab, University of Georgia

* + - Co-mentored a research presentation

2022-23 **Sriya Chatterjee,** High School Research Program, Close Relationships Lab, University of Georgia

* + - Co-mentored a research project and presentation

**GUEST LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS**

6. “Live Events as an Avenue for Social Connection” (2024, Spring). *Presentation, Graduate and Professional Scholars, University of Georgia*

5. “Fast-Friends Paradigm and Research Talk: ‘Examining Feelings of Closeness and Romantic Interest After Intimate Conversations in (Un)appealing Environments’” (2023, Fall). *Guest Lecture, Social Psychology, University of Georgia*

4. “Personality and Personal History” (2023, Fall). *Guest Lecture, Psychology of Intimate Relationships, University of Georgia*

3. “Is it (Un)romantic in Here or is it Just Me? Examining Feelings of Closeness and Romantic Interest in Different Settings” (2023, Fall). *Guest Lecture, Research Design in Psychology, University of Georgia*

2. “Life of a Graduate Student;” What are Personal Statements?;” “How to Make a Poster;” “Paths to PhD and Upping Your Experience” (2023, Summer). *Workshops, Summer Undergraduate Research Education Program, University of Georgia*

1. “Life of a Graduate Student;” The CV, Is It Just a Resume?;” “How to Make a Poster” (2022, Summer). *Workshops, Summer Undergraduate Research Education Program, University of Georgia*

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITES**

**SERVICE AND MENTORSHIP**

2024- **Student Representative of Behavioral and Brain Sciences**, University of Georgia

2024 **Annual Psi Chi Convention Student Judge**, University of Georgia

2023-2024 **Graduate and Professional Scholars (GAPS), Corresponding Secretary**, University of Georgia

2022- **Social and Personality Psychology at University of Georgia (SPPUGA) Co-Vice President**, Univ. of GA

2022,23 **Recruitment/Applicant Visit Day Committee,** Behavior and Brain Sciences Program, Univ. of Georgia

2022, 23 **Session Leader and Mentor,** Summer Undergraduate Mentorship Program (SUREP),UGA

2022 **Co-Facilitator,** Behavior and Brain Sciences Pre-Application Event, Univ. of Georgia

2022 **Graduate Student Panelist,** Graduate Teaching Seminar, University of Georgia

2021- **Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program (PUMP),** 3 mentees, University of Georgia

2020-2021 **Black Student Union Secretary,** Fort Hays State University

2020-2021 **Psychology Club President,** Fort Hays State University

2019-2020 **Psychology Club Secretary,** Fort Hays State University

2017-2019 **Student Ambassador,** Barton Community College

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2023 **Michael H. Kernis Research Talk Award**, Behavioral and Brain Sciences, University of Georgia

2023 **Graduate Student Diversity Research Award**, Behavioral and Brain Sciences, University of Georgia

2022, 2023 **Summer Undergraduate Research Education** **Program**, Graduate Student Scholarship, $450

2022-2023 **Psi Chi Spring Graduate Research Grant**, $2,000

$1,500 research grant and an additional $500 for living expenses

2021-2022 **Osborne Research Assistantship Fellowship**, $24,468

Annual stipend and tuition fee reduction

2021 **Outstanding Undergraduate Award**, Fort Hays State University

**CONFERENCES**

2024, July International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)

2024, May The Love Consortium (TLC)

2023, Feb. Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); Close Relationships Preconference

2022, Feb. Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); Close Relationships Preconference

2021, April Southwestern Psychological Association Convention (SWPA)

2021, March Great Plains Students’ Psychology 41st Annual Convention

**MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

2024-Present International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)

2021-Present Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

2021-Present Social and Personality Psychologists at the University of Georgia (SPPUGA)

2020-Present Psi Chi: The International Honor Society in Psychology

2018 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Barton Community College (PTK)

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Social and Behavioral Research – CITI Program 2021

Social and Behavioral Research – Internet – CITI Program 2021

Social, Behavioral, and Education (SBE) Sciences – CITI Program 2020