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EDUCATION

B.A. Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison May 2021
Honors in College of Letters and Science; Honors in Psychology Major
Honors Thesis: “Face Masks Hinder Our Ability to Recognize Facial Expressions of Emotion” (Advisor: Paula M. Niedenthal)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Distinctive Scholastic Achievement Commencement Honor Spring 2021
• Earned by students with a GPA that places them within the top 20% of their graduating class in the College of Letters and Science

Hilldale Undergraduate Research Fellowship Fall 2020-Spring 2021
• Awarded to students that propose an original research idea and demonstrate a significant intellectual contribution to the research

Welton Summer Sophomore Research Apprenticeship Grant Summer 2020
• The apprenticeship supports second-year undergraduate students in starting an independent research project with a faculty member

MacDonald Summer Research Support Grant Summer 2020
• A 10-week summer research stipend by virtue of Dr. Maryellen MacDonald

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Affective Synchrony and Communication; Group Processes; Mental Health; Social Context

PUBLICATIONS

Langbehn, A. T., Yermol, D. A., Zhao, F., Thorstenson, C. A., & Niedenthal, P. M. (2022). Wearing N95, Surgical, and Cloth Face Masks Compromises the Perception of Emotion. *Affective Science*, 3, 105-117.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lab Manager July 2021-July 2023
Infant Learning Lab
Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Advisor: **Dr. Jenny R. Saffran**
• Trained and supervised undergraduate research assistants, served as the lead experimenter for eye-tracking studies with infants, and co-developed an online research project to investigate the age at which infants begin to associate emotion labels with their emotion displays

Research Assistant September 2019-July 2023
Niedenthal Emotions Lab
Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Advisors: **Dr. Paula M. Niedenthal and Dr. Ryan S. Hampton**

- Spearheaded novel dyadic interaction study with emotion-eliciting tasks aimed to capture authentic facial expressions and established a series of studies examining how social roles affect people's behaviors and perceptions of others

Research Assistant

September 2018-May 2021

Language and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab

Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Advisor: **Dr. Maryellen MacDonald**

- Wrote Python code to extract human-readable text from Instagram and Twitter accounts, cleaned and managed large datasets in Python and R Studio, and served as the lead experimenter for serial recall task studies

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Yermol, D. A. & Hampton, R. S. (2022, October). *Do you Know Your Role? Examining How Role Induction Shapes Values and Self-Perception*. Invited talk at the Niedenthal Emotions Lab.

Yermol, D. A. & Niedenthal, P. M. (2021, April). *Face Masks Hinder Our Ability to Recognize Facial Expressions of Emotion*. Flash-talk presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, Senior Honors Thesis Symposium, and Psychology Student Thesis and Research Showcase at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Yermol, D. A., Langbehn, A. T., Martin, J. D., & Niedenthal, P. M. (2020, July). *Validating the Situational Meaning of Functionally Distinct Smiles*. Presented at the annual Sophomore Research Apprenticeship Retreat at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Yermol, D. A., Ruba, A. L., & Saffran, J. R. (2022, March). *Do Preverbal Infants Map Emotion Words to Emotion Displays?* Poster presented at the annual Society for Affective Science conference.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Student Advising

- Howard Owens Summer 2023
Letters & Science Summer of Excellence Research Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Martina Napoli Spring 2023
Biology 152 Independent Research Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Anna Rifkin Fall 2022
Biology 152 Independent Research Project, University of Wisconsin-Madison

ACT and Mathematics Tutor

October 2021-July 2023

Galín Education, Madison, Wisconsin

- Created individualized lesson plans based on students' progress and test scores, improving official ACT scores by 5 points on average

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Secretary & Social Media Lead

Spring 2021-

Present

Society for Affective Science Student Committee

- Fostering an online community to encourage student-to-student connection, networking, and sharing of resources

Vice President & Speaker Coordinator

Fall 2020-May 2021

International Honor Society in Psychology (Psi Chi), UW-Madison Chapter

- Advised fellow underrepresented, first-generation students to get involved in research and led monthly meetings with the Psi Chi executive board

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical R | Python | SPSS Statistics

Software Qualtrics Survey Software | Microsoft (Excel, PowerPoint, Word) | Praat Speech Analysis | Computer Expression Recognition Toolbox (CERT) | Davinci Resolve Video Editing | Tobii Eye Tracking | Prolific | Amazon Mechanical Turk

Research Laboratory | Self-Report Surveys | EEG | Eye-Tracking | Sentiment Analysis | Corpus Analysis | Web Scraping | Natural Language Processing