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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology May 2016

Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA

- Summa Cum Laude, GPA: 3.95

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Emotion Research Lab Sep. 2017 – Present

University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA

- Lead researcher: Emily Urban, M.A.; Faculty Advisor: Susan Charles, Ph.D.
- Facilitated data collection using the Trier Social Stress Test.

Research Assistant, Loftus Lab Feb. 2016 – Present

University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA

- Lead researcher: Kevin Cochran, M.A.; Faculty Advisor: Elizabeth Loftus, Ph.D.
- Facilitated data collection and entry. Prepared a cold pressor task, took blood pressure measurements, and coded qualitative data.

Student Researcher Aug. 2015 – May 2016

Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA

- Faculty Advisor: Noreen Dulin, Ph.D.
- Created surveys to examine the relationship between health behaviors, perceived stress, personality factors, and faith among college students enrolled in a private Christian university.
- Analyzed data using SPSS statistical software.

PRESENTATIONS

Lee, J., Chen, Y., **Wilson, M.**, Schwartz, S., Rodriguez, C. (May, 2016). *Inconclusive Correspondence Between Self-Report and Behavior*. Poster session presented at the 2016 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Symposium, Irvine, CA.

Alvarez, S., Martin, L., Newlin, P., Smith, H., **Wilson, M.**, (April, 2016). *God and the Self: Correlates of Faith in a Sample of Christian University Students*. Presentation at Vanguard University's 2016 Spring Colloquium, Costa Mesa, CA.

Malerbe, P., Martin, L., Saito, S., **Wilson, M.**, Dulin, N., (April, 2016). *Health Perception and Related Behaviors in College Students*. Poster presented at 15th Annual Psi Chi Whittier Undergraduate Research Conference, Whittier, CA.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Vanguard University

- Psychology Savant Award April 2016
- Shirley Albertson Owens Academic Achievement Award April 2016
- Academic Dean's List Dec. 2012 – Dec. 2015
- Academic Merit Scholarship Dec. 2012 – Dec. 2015

MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Psychological Science (APS) 2017 – Present
 Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology 2014 – Present

WORK EXPERIENCE

Student Success Coordinator/Administrative Assistant April 2017 – Sep. 2017

Nursing Program, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA

- Academic advisor to students working towards a Master's of Science in Nursing degree
- Administrative assistant to Dr. Mary Wickman, Dean of Graduate Programs and Nursing Program Director

SPECIAL SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Sexual Assault Counselor Certification Training July 2016

- Community Service Programs, Santa Ana, CA
- A 48-hour state certified training which provides individuals with the education and skills required to act as a sexual assault counselor.

Spanish Language Proficiency

- California State Seal of Biliteracy, 2012
- Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking

REFERENCES

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