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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social/Personality Psychology Fall 2018 – Present
University of California, Riverside (UCR) *Expected 2023*

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology May 2016
Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA
▪ Summa Cum Laude, GPA: 3.95

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UC, Riverside

- Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship Award 2018 – 2019

Vanguard University

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

PUBLICATIONS

Under review and in preparation

Knapp, S., **Wilson, M.**, Sweeny, K. (*under review*) Emotion Regulation Tendencies Across Two Waiting Periods.

Wilson, M., Sweeny, K. (*manuscript in preparation*) Volatility in Expectations While Awaiting Important News.

PRESENTATIONS

Talks

Wilson, M., (November, 2019) *Keynote Address*. 2019 Psi Chi Induction Ceremony, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA.

Wilson, M., Sweeny, K. (April, 2019). *Metrics for Assessing Within-Person Variability: Part 2*. Presentation at Modeling and Methodological Analysis (MAMA) brown bag series, University of California, Riverside.

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.

Posters

Wilson, M., Sweeny, K. (February, 2020). *Impact of Volatile Expectations on Physical and Psychological Health While Awaiting News*. Poster to be presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP): Health Preconference; New Orleans, LA.

Wilson, M., Sweeny, K. (February, 2020). *Volatility in Expectations While Awaiting Important News*. Poster to be presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); New Orleans, LA.

Wilson, M., Knapp, S., Sweeny, K. (February, 2019). *Emotion Regulation during an Uncertain Waiting Period*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP); Portland, OR. Poster Award Nominee.

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.

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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, PSYC 140, Social Psychology Fall 2019
University of California, Riverside, CA

- Instructor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.

Teaching Assistant, PSYC 179, Health and Behavior Change Summer 2019
University of California, Riverside, CA

- Instructor: Brandon Tran, M.A.

Teaching Assistant, PSYC 002, Intro to Psychology Spring 2019
University of California, Riverside, CA

- Instructor: Carolyn Murray, Ph.D.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Graduate Representative Steering Committee Member January 2020 – Present
Psi Chi National Honors Society

Reviewer – Travel Award, Undergraduate Research Award January 2020 – Present
Psi Chi National Honors Society; Western Psychological Association Conference

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher, Life Events Lab Aug. 2018 – Present
University of California, Riverside, CA

- Faculty Advisor: Kate Sweeny, Ph.D.

Research Assistant, Emotion Research Lab Sep. 2017 – March 2018
University of California, Irvine, CA

- Lead researcher: Emily Urban, M.A.; Faculty Advisor: Susan Charles, Ph.D.

Research Assistant, Loftus Lab Feb. 2016 – March 2018
University of California, Irvine, CA

- Lead researcher: Kevin Cochran, M.A.; Faculty Advisor: Elizabeth Loftus, Ph.D.

Student Researcher Aug. 2015 – May 2016
Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA

- Faculty Advisor: Noreen Dulin, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL 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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Social and Personality Psychology (SPSP)	2018 – Present
Association for Psychological Science (APS)	2017 – Present
Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology	2014 – Present

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