

Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITION

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER (2020-present), Department of Health, Medicine, and Society
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, SC

MA in **Sociology** (2017)

PhD in **Sociology** (2020) Graduate GPA: **4.00**

Dissertation: How Self-Sentiments and Personal Networks Influence Political Polarization

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, SC

PhD candidate 2011-2015 in Cognitive Neuroscience

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE New Wilmington, PA

Bachelor of Arts: **Psychology** Major GPA: **3.98**

Minor: **Sociology**

May 2011

Psychology Honors Program, Cum Laude

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Facciani, M.J. & Brashears, M.E. (2019). Sacred Alters: The Effects of Ego Network Structure on Religious and Political Beliefs. *Socius*, (5), 1–16.

Facciani, M.J. (2019). The Effects of Power on the Processing of Identity Threat. *Journal of Integrated Social Sciences*, 9(1): 116-130.

Langston, J. Albanesi, H.P. & Facciani, M.J. (2019). Toward Faith: A Qualitative Study of How Atheists Convert to Christianity. *Journal of Religion & Society*, (21), 1-23.

Schnabel, L, Facciani, M.J., Sincoff-Yedid, A., & Fazzino, L (2016). Gender and Atheism: Paradoxes, Contradictions, and an Agenda for Future Research. *Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion: Sociology of Atheism*, 75-97.

Facciani, M. J., Warren, P., & Vendemia, J. (2016). A Content-Analysis of American Comic Books. *Race, Gender, & Class*.22(3/4), 216-226.

Facciani, M.J. (2015) Developing Affective Mental Imagery Stimuli with Multidimensional Scaling. *Quantitative Methods for Psychology*. 11 (2), 113-125.

Shinkareva, S., Wang, J., Kim, J., Facciani, M., Baucom, L., & Wedell, D. (2013) Representations of modality-specific affective processing for visual and auditory stimuli derived from fMRI data. *Human Brain Mapping*. DOI:10.1002/hbm.22421

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Facciani, M.J., Brashears, M.E. & Zhong, J. “Visual Vignettes for Cross-National Research”

McKay, T. & Facciani, M.J. “Alter Loss Following a Major Health Event among Older LGBT Adults in the UCNets LGBT Oversample”

Facciani, M.J. “The Impact of Political Homogeneity on Outgroup Affect”

Facciani, M.J. “How Self-Uncertainty Affects Political Sentiments”

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Facciani, M.J. & Brashears M.E. (2019). Visual Vignettes for Cross-National Research. Group Processes Conference, New York, NY

Facciani, M.J. & Brashears M.E. (2018). How Culture Influences Our Judgement of Social Scenarios. Group Processes Conference, Philadelphia, PA

Facciani, M.J. (2018). The Effects of Power on The Processing Of Identity Threat. Southern Sociological Society Conference. New Orleans, LA

Facciani, M.J. & Brashears, M. E. (2016). Sacred Alters: The Effects of Ego Network Structure on Religious and Political Beliefs. Scientific Study of Religion Conference, Atlanta GA

Facciani, M. J., Warren, P., & Vendemia, J. (2015). Holy Race and Gender Discrimination, Batman: A Critical Review of American Comic Books. International Conference on Masculinities, New York, NY.

Shinkareva, S., Wang, J., Kim, J., Facciani, M., Baucom, L., & Wedell, D. (2013). Tests of Modality-specific Affective Processing for Visual and Auditory Stimuli Derived from fMRI. *Human Brain Mapping*, Seattle, WA.

Facciani, M.J. (2013) Affective Mental Imagery. Graduate Student Day Oral Presentation, University of South Carolina.

Facciani, M.J., Kim, J., Wedell, D., Newell, M., & Shinkareva S.V. (2012) Discovering Emotion from Mental Imagery. Graduate Student Day Poster Presentation, University of South Carolina.

Shinkareva, S.V., Wang, J., Kim, J., Facciani, M. J., Baucom, L., & Wedell, D. H. (2012). Decoding Valence from Picture and Sound Stimuli. *Human Brain Mapping*, Beijing, China.

Facciani, M.J. (2011). When Two Decision Tasks are Better than One: Simultaneous Cognitive Tasks Affect Learning in the Monty Hall Problem Paradigm. Oral Presentation for Hard Data Café, University of South Carolina.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor for Psychological Statistics at University of South Carolina (Five semesters)
Teaching assistant for Social Psychology
Teaching assistant for Drugs and Behavior (Two Semesters)
Teaching assistant for Sensation and Perception
Teaching assistant for Psychological Statistics (Two Semesters)
Preparing Future Faculty Program

RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, SC, (Fall, 2015-current)
Duties include writing programs for experiments in Qualtrics, helping with literature reviews, experimental design, and processing/analyzing survey data. Funding from 2016 to present is through the Army Research Institute.

Research Assistant, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, SC, (Fall, 2013) Duties included writing programs for experiments in E-Prime, helping with literature reviews, experimental design, running subjects through fMRI, and processing/analyzing fMRI data.

Research Assistant, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, Hanover, NH, (Summer 2010)

Duties included writing programs for experiments in E-Prime, helping with the literature review, running subjects through EMG and fMRI, and processing EMG and fMRI data.

Intern, ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL, Pittsburgh, PA, (Summer 2009)

Duties included administering and scoring neuropsychological tests to inpatients and outpatients as well as assisting with research projects.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Social Psychology Quarterly, **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

Social Science Quarterly, **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

Psychology Graduate Student Association, **Elected President (two terms)**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Light of Hope Project for Rwandan Genocide Survivors, **US Ambassador**

Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, **Speakers Bureau member**

Carnegie Science Center, **Special Events Volunteer**

HONORS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

Dissertation Research Grant from the University of South Carolina: \$1000

University of South Carolina Research Travel Grant

American Humanist Association Travel Grant

National Italian American Foundation Voyage of Discovery Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Student Member

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Student Member

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