

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

University of Wyoming

August 2018 – Present
Ph.D. Program in Social/Experimental Psychology
Graduate Advisor: Benjamin Wilkowski, Ph.D.

Kansas State University

August 2013 – July 2018
B.S. Psychology
Advisor: Donald A. Saucier, Ph.D.

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant
ASPIRE Lab under Benjamin Wilkowski, Ph.D.
University of Wyoming
August 2018-Present

Responsibilities:

I create, disseminate, and analyze my own research, as well as the research of my lab members. My research focuses on both game- and interdependence-theoretical underpinnings as it relates to the perception of aggressive behaviors. Relating to my research surrounding aggression, I also research the impact of regulatory modes on the enactment of aggressive behavior.

Affiliate Member

Social Cognition and Law Lab under Kayla Burd, Ph.D.
Legal Decision Making Lab under Narina Nunez, Ph.D.
University of Wyoming
August 2020-Present

Responsibilities:

I create, disseminate, and analyze research relating directly with policing. The majority of my work focuses on aggression within law-enforcement, both the factors that influence the enactment of deadly force as well as the public's perception surrounding such deadly acts. I also investigate the motivation and goals that influence individuals to enter law enforcement.

Undergraduate Research Assistant
 Social Psychology Lab under Don A. Saucier, Ph.D.
 Kansas State University
 January 2016 – July 2018

Responsibilities:

I assist in the research of the lab by helping with the design, implementation, and collection of data throughout each semester. I have gained in-depth experience with designing my own research as well as implementing and analyzing the data from said research, both in online and in-person formats. Due to the research I have conducted, I have gained in-depth knowledge of both the Sona and Qualtrics data collection programs, as well as gaining in-depth knowledge of the SPSS, JMP, and SAS statistical programs. I've also led a group of undergraduates through the data collection process, with duties that included coordinating the printing, binding, and collection of data. Because of the hands-on experience gained in the lab with data collection, analyses, and manuscript writing, I was able to earn the 2017-2018 Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship, a prestigious fellowship that provided research funding.

Awards

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| Richard Pasewark Excellence Fund Research Fellowship | Spring 2022 |
| Awarded a research fellowship for a full academic semester in order to focus on research-oriented projects and academic writing. | |
| Lillian G Portenier Psychology Scholarship | 2018 through 2022 |
| Awarded a \$300 travel scholarship to supplement travel expenses occurred during presentations at national scholarships. | |
| Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship | 2017 |
| Awarded a \$500 research fellowship to support the research and publication of a joint-authored manuscript within the Department of Psychological Sciences. | |
| David and Janice Von Riesen Scholarship | 2014 |
| Awarded \$1000 for academic success and proficiency in writing | |
| Kansas State Leadership Scholarship | 2013 |
| Awarded \$3000 for demonstrating leadership skills as well as academic proficiency. | |

Published Manuscripts

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- Wilkowski, B. M., Williamson, L. Z., **Rivera, E. D.**, Fetterman, A., & Meier, B. P. (2021). What is the "Opposite" of a Value?: A Lexical Investigation into the Structure of Generally-Undesirable Goal-Content. *Journal of Personality*.

Stratmoen, E., **Rivera, E. D.**, & Saucier, D. A. (2020). “Sorry, I already have a boyfriend”: Masculine honor beliefs and perceptions of women’s use of deceptive rejection behaviors to avert unwanted romantic advances. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 37(2), 467-490.

Rivera, E. D. (2020). How Do People Perceive Situations in Daily Life?: An Examination of Proposals from Interdependence Theory (Master Thesis, University of Wyoming).

Wilkowski, B. M., Fetterman, A., Lappi, S. K., Williamson, L. Z., Leki, E. F., **Rivera, E. D.**, & Meier, B. P. (2019). Lexical derivation of the PINT taxonomy of goals: Prominence, inclusiveness, negativity prevention, and tradition. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

National Presentations

Rivera, E.D., Michalski, N. D., Choi, S., Erion, C. J., Burd, K. A. Legitimate Protectors? Mock Jurors Indictment and Charging Behaviors Surrounding Police Officers’ Lethal Use of Force. Talk given at the 2022 annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.

Choi, S. G., Burd, K. A., Michalski, N. D., **Rivera, E. D.**, Cangialosi, B., Erion, C. Good Cop, Bad Cop: Police Characteristics Predict Use of Force and Procedural Justice Endorsements. Talk given at the 2022 annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.

Rivera, E. D., Michalski, N. D., Choi, S., Erion, C. J., Burd, K. A. To Indict or Not Indict: Impact of Jurors’ Individual Differences Surrounding Police Use of Force Cases. Poster presented at the 2022 annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Rivera, E. D., Michalski, N. D., Choi, S., Erion, C. J., Burd, K. A. The Impact of Individual Difference and Situational Factors on Grand Juror Indictment. Poster presented at the 2021 annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Virtual Conference.

Rivera, E. D., Wilkowski, B. Situation Structure and the Motivation to Aggress. Poster presented at the 2020 annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Rivera, E. D., Stratmoen, E., & Saucier, D. A. “I got a man”: Masculine Honor Beliefs and Perceptions of Women’s Use of Deflective Rejection Behaviors. Poster presented at the 2019 annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Rivera, E. D., Stratmoen, E., & Saucier, D. A. “I’m Flattered But...”: The Influence of Masculine Honor Beliefs on Women’s Rejection Strategies to Men’s Romantic Advances. Poster presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Local Presentations

Rivera, E. D. Everyday Perception of Social Situations. Oral Presentation given during the 2020-2021 CDLS Brownbag Series.

Rivera, E. D. “I’m Flattered But...”: Masculine Honor Beliefs and Women’s Rejection Techniques with the Expectation of Men’s Aggressive Responses. Oral Presentation given at the 2018 Undergraduate Research Convocation.

Rivera, E. D. “Hell No”: The Effect of MHB Adherence and Women’s Rejection Techniques on Perceptions of Aggressive Responses. Oral Presentation given for Saucier Social Psychology Lab, Fall 2017.

Rivera, E. D. The Moderating Effect of Women’s Romantic Rejection Techniques on the Relationship Between Masculine Honor and Aggressive Behaviors. Oral Presentation given for the Doreen Shanteau Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

Rivera, E. D. “Can I Have Your Number”: Investigating Masculine Honor and Women’s Rejection Strategies. Oral Presentation given for Saucier Social Psychology Lab, Fall 2016.

Rivera, E. D. I Wouldn’t Mess with Him: Accurate Perceptions of Masculine Honor. Oral Presentation given for Saucier Social Psychology Lab, Spring 2016.

Local Panels Served

McNair Scholars Graduate Admissions Panel. Panel on graduate school admissions, requirements and undergraduate research. Panel given for McNair Scholars, June 2019.

Undergraduate Research Panel. Panel on involving undergraduate students in research and preparing them for graduate school. Panel given for Kansas State University’s Research Week, May 2018.

Teaching History

Personality Psychology (Psyc-4390)	Fall 2021
Personality Psychology (Psyc-4390; Redesigned for Summer Intersession)	Summer 2021

University Service

Graduate Student Representative	August 2020 – Present
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Undergraduate Research Advising

Mary Miller	January 2021 – Present
Hannah Mulkey	August 2021 – Present

Katelyn Cathcart	January 2022 – Present
Audrey Merwin	January 2022 – Present
Adam Sittner	January 2022 – Present
Rylee Hanson	August 2021 – December 2021
Sam Weiznierl	August 2021 – December 2021
Anika Pelkey	January 2021 – May 2021
Sara Horsley	January 2021 – May 2021
Octavio Reyes	August 2020 – May 2021
Sarah Brooksmith	August 2020 – May 2021
Melissa Villalva*	March 2020 – December 2020
Wyatt Overton	January 2020 – December 2020
Maya Koch	January 2019 – December 2020
Brandi Akin	January 2020 – May 2020
Cassidy Coggins	January 2020 – May 2020
Sonja Visnak	January 2020 – May 2020
Anna Gettinger	January 2019 – May 2020
Brian Hinman*	April 2019 – September 2019
Ruth Ford	January 2019 – December 2019
Sarah Glandt	January 2019 – May 2019
Kimberly Hoover	August 2018 – August 2019
Tyler Klatt	August 2018 – December 2019
Jaden Nyberg	August 2018 – December 2018
Olivia Steverson	August 2018 – December 2018
Bryan Burton	August 2018 – December 2018
Megan Carpenter	August 2018 – December 2018
*Denotes McNair Scholars Mentorship	

Affiliations

International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA)	February 2021 – Present
American Psychological Association (APA)	December 2020 – Present
American Psychological – Law Society (AP-LS)	December 2020 – Present
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)	July 2017 – Present
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology	August 2015 – Present