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Education

B.A. Psychology
Kent State University

December 2019

Honors & Awards

3-Minute Thesis Undergraduate Competition: 2 nd place Award	Fall 2019
President's List, College of Arts & Sciences	Spring 2019
President's List, College of Arts & Sciences	Fall 2019
Dean's List, College of Arts & Sciences	Spring 2018

Fellowships & Scholarships

2019	Summer Research Undergraduate Experience (SURE) Recipient (\$2,800 award and on-campus housing)
2019	Undergraduate Student Research Travel Award (\$500 award)

Publications

Dunlosky, J., & **O'Brien**, A. (2020). The power of successive relearning and how to implement it with fidelity using pencil and paper and web-based programs. *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/stl0000233>

Taber, J. M., Simonovic, N., Foust, J. L., & **O'Brien**, A. (Accepted for publication). Beliefs and health. In R. Gurung (Ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Psychology in the Real World*. Routledge.

Presentations

Foust, J. L., **O'Brien**, A., & Taber, J. M. (2020, May). *Dispositional Optimism and Spontaneous Self-Affirmation As Predictors of Information Avoidance and Agreement with Prediabetes Risk Information*. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL. (Conference canceled).

O'Brien, A., Foust, J. L., & Taber, J. M. (February 2020). *Effects of Mindsets about the Malleability of Physical Health on Information Avoidance*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

O'Brien, A. *The Effects of Mindsets on Health Information Avoidance*. (October 2019). Presented at 3MT-Three-Minute Thesis Competition, Kent State University, Kent, OH.

O'Brien, A., Lambert, A., Janes, J. L., Dunlosky, J., Rawson, K. A., & Jasnow, A. (April 2019).
Successive Relearning Boosts Student Achievement in an Upper-level Science Course. Poster
presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Research Experience

Social, Health, Risk Perception Lab

February 2019- May 2020

Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Taber

Department of Psychological Sciences, Kent State University

Independent Research Study

- Conducted extensive literature searches on implicit theories, information avoidance, and relevant topics
- Designed two experimental studies testing the effects of health implicit theories on medical information avoidance
- Completed the IRB application
- Programmed surveys in Qualtrics
- Completed and published a pre-registration form on Open Science Framework
- Collected data by running participants in the research lab
- Monitored and collected data through an online crowdsourcing website, MTurk
- Cleaned data through the use of syntax in SPSS
- Used SPSS to analyze data

Social Health, Risk Perception Lab

January 2019-December 2019

Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Taber

Department of Psychological Sciences, Kent State University

Research Assistant

- Ran participants on two different studies in the research lab
- Conducted extensive debriefing with participants
- Entered data collected into an excel spreadsheet
- Reviewed and edited graduate student's manuscript

Mindfulness Lab

January 2019- May 2019

Mentor: Dr. Laura Kiken

Department of Psychological Sciences, Kent State University

Research Assistant:

- Conducted weekly literature searches on mindfulness using PsycINFO and Google Scholar
- Edited manuscripts

Metacognition Lab

August 2018-December 2019

Mentor: Dr. John Dunlosky

Department of Psychological Sciences, Kent State University

Research Assistant

- Ran participants on various studies that assessed metacognitive manipulations including successive relearning and judgements of learning
- Scored and coded data across multiple studies

- Entered data into a database for analysis
- Conducted a review on available online flashcard programs with attributes deemed important by cognitive theory for successful retention
- Co-wrote a manuscript regarding online flashcard programs and submitted for publication

Mentorship

Psychology Peer Mentor Program, Kent State University- Mentor

January 2019-December 2019

Professional Affiliations:

2019-Present

Student member of the American Psychological Association

2019-Present

Student member of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology

2019-Present

Student member of the Social, Personality, and Health Network

References:

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Dr. John Dunlosky

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Dr. Janis Crowther

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