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EDUCATION

In Progress	Ph.D., Psychological Science , Kent State University Dual specialization in Social Psychology and Health Psychology
August 2020	M.A., Psychological Science , Kent State University Dual specialization in Social Psychology and Health Psychology
May 2016	B.S., Psychological Science , <i>summa cum laude</i> , John Carroll University Specialization in Mental Health Services

AWARDS AND HONORS

Spring 2020	Finalist, Psychological Science Accelerator Call for Rapid and Impactful COVID-19 Studies
Spring 2016	DiCaprio Award for the Distinguished Graduate in Psychological Science, John Carroll University
Spring 2016	Psychological Science Scholastic Achievement, John Carroll University
Spring 2016	Research Recognition Award, John Carroll University
2012-2016	Dean's List Achievements, John Carroll University
2012-2016	Leadership Scholarship Award, John Carroll University

RESEARCH FUNDING

Fall 2020	\$500 Applied Psychology Center Graduate Student Research Award, Kent State University
Fall 2019	\$750 Lasser Graduate Psychology Research Award, Kent State University
Spring 2016	\$250 Student Research Grant, John Carroll University

TRAVEL FUNDING

Spring 2021	\$500 Domestic Travel Award, Kent State University
Summer 2020	\$1500 International Travel Award, Kent State University
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Summer 2019	\$1500 International Travel Award, Kent State University
Summer 2019	\$500 Domestic Travel Award, Kent State University
Fall 2018	\$1000 Special Contingency Travel Award, Kent State University

PUBLICATIONS

- Simonovic, N.**, & Taber, J. M. (In Prep). Perceptions of ambiguity about cigarettes and e-cigarettes among users and non-users.
- Simonovic, N.**, & Taber, J. M. (Under Review). Psychological impact of ambiguous health messages about COVID-19. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*.
- Simonovic, N.**, & Taber, J. M. (Revise and Resubmit). Effects of construal level on responses to ambiguous health information about alcohol consumption. *Health Communication*.
- Coifman, K. G., Disabato, D. J., Aurora, P., Seah, T. H. S., Mitchell, B., **Simonovic, N.**, Foust, J. L., Sidney, P. G., Thompson, C. A., & Taber, J. M. (Revise and Resubmit). What drives preventive health behavior during a global pandemic? Emotions and worry. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*.
- Thompson, C. A., Taber, J. M., Sidney, P. G., Fitzsimmons, C. J., Mielicki, M. K., Matthews, P. G., Schemmel, E. A., **Simonovic, N.**, Foust, J. L., Aurora, P., Disabato, D. J., Seah, T. H. S., Schiller, L., & Coifman, K. G. (Under Review). Math matters during a pandemic: A novel, brief educational intervention combats whole number bias to improve health decision-making and predicts COVID-19 risk perceptions and worry across 10 days.

Simonovic, N., Taber, J. M., Klein, W. M. P., & Ferrer, R. A. (2020). Evidence that perceiving and being averse to medical ambiguity are distinct constructs: An analysis of nationally representative U.S. data. *Health Expectations*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/hex.13037>

Taber, J. M., McQueen, A., **Simonovic, N.**, & Waters, E. A. (2019). Adapting a self-affirmation intervention for use in a mobile application for smokers. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10865-019-00028-1>

BOOK CHAPTERS

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

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Simonovic, N., & Taber, J. M. (July, 2021). Perceived ambiguity about cigarettes and e-cigarettes: Associations with risk perceptions and use. Oral Presentation at the International Congress of Psychology, Prague, Czech Republic.

Simonovic, N., & Taber, J. M. (July, 2020). Smokers' defensive behavior to tobacco control as a perspective gap in healthcare. 4th Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Medical Decision Making, Kiryat Ono, Israel. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic).

Simonovic, N., Taber, J. M., Klein, W. M. P., & Ferrer, R. A. (May, 2019). Perceiving and being averse to medical ambiguity: Associations with cancer perceptions. Oral presentation at the National Cancer Institutes' Health Information National Trends Survey Data Users Conference, Bethesda, MD.

Simonovic, N., & Taber, J. M. (November, 2018). Smoker stigmatization and reactance following a recently implemented tobacco free policy. Oral presentation at the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 13th World Conference: Bioethics, Medical Ethics, and Health Law, Jerusalem, Israel. Co-chair of the session.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Simonovic, N., & Taber, J. M. (February, 2021). Effects of construal level on responses to ambiguous health information about alcohol consumption. Poster presentation at the Annual meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Online Conference.

Simonovic, N., Taber, J. M. (April, 2020). Perceptions of ambiguity about cigarettes and e-cigarettes among users and non-users. Poster presentation at Society of Behavioral Medicine's 41st Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions, San Francisco, CA. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic).

Simonovic, N., Taber, J. M. (February, 2020). Self-moralization higher among cigarette than e-cigarette users. Poster presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Taber, J. M., McQueen, A., **Simonovic, N.**, & Waters, E.A. (February, 2019). Adapting a self-affirmation intervention for use in a mobile application: Smokers who self-affirm report greater intentions to smoke. Poster presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2021 Course Instructor, Kent State University
Health Psychology

Fall 2020 Course Instructor, Kent State University
Psychology of Everyday Life (formerly called Psychology of Adjustment; this course is based on material from social psychology, health psychology, positive psychology, and clinical psychology)

Spring 2020 Course Instructor, Kent State University
Honors Psychology of Everyday Life

Fall 2019	Course Instructor, Kent State University Psychology of Everyday Life
Spring 2019	Course Instructor, Kent State University Career Pathways in Psychology
Spring 2016	Teaching Assistant, John Carroll University Experimental Design and Analysis in Psychology
Fall 2015	Teaching Assistant, John Carroll University Experimental Design and Analysis in Psychology

CONTINUING EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Fall 2020	Graduate Professional and Academic Development, Kent State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed assessments to receive a Research Fundamentals Certification
Summer 2020	Center for Teaching and Learning, Kent State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in a workshop to develop strategies for remote learning including synchronous vs. asynchronous engagement, communication, collaborative work, and student accountability
Summer 2019	Summer Institute of Advanced Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Tel Aviv University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed a week-long intensive course on uncertainty in medical decision making with a focus on judgment and choice biases, expected utility theory, and decision tree models
Spring 2018	Graduate Professional and Academic Development, Kent State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended sessions on how to use various statistical software packages (e.g., SAS, NVivo) and expanding skills in online teaching
Fall 2017	Teaching Assistant Training Program, Kent State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viewed sessions on creating a syllabus, complex conversations, and student diversity

NATIONAL SERVICE

*Ongoing

Spring 2021	Division 8 Programming Reviewer, APA 2021 Virtual Convention
Fall 2020*	Campus Representative, APA Society for Health Psychology (Division 38)
Fall 2020	Outstanding Research Award Reviewer, Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2021 Conference
Fall 2019-Spring 2020	Mentor, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Peer Advising Program
Fall 2019	Graduate Student Poster Award Reviewer, Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2020 Conference

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

*Ongoing

Fall 2020*	Health Psychology Representative, Psychological Sciences Experimental Training Committee
Fall 2020*	Mental Health Subcommittee, Kent State Graduate Student Senate
Fall 2020*	Special Contingency Award Review Committee, Kent State Graduate Student Senate
Fall 2019*	Chair of Recruitment and Retention, Multicultural and Diversity Committee
Spring 2019	Special Contingency Award Review Committee, Kent State Graduate Student Senate
Fall 2018*	Mentor, Multicultural and Diversity Undergraduate Mentorship Program
Fall 2018- Spring 2019	Vice Chair of Recruitment and Retention, Multicultural and Diversity Committee
Fall 2018-Spring 2019	Health Psychology Representative, Psychological Sciences Experimental Training Committee
Fall 2018-Spring 2019	Public Health Student Alliance, Kent State University
Fall 2018	Health and Wellness Subcommittee, Kent State Graduate Student Senate
Fall 2018	International Travel Award Review Committee, Kent State Graduate Student Senate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

*Ongoing

Fall 2018*	American Psychological Association
Fall 2018*	American Psychological Association of Graduate Students
Fall 2018*	Society for Health Psychology, APA Division 38
Fall 2018*	Society for Personality and Social Psychology, APA Division 8
Fall 2017*	Social and Health Area Meeting Group, Kent State University
Spring 2014*	Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

- PLOS ONE
- Patient Education and Counseling

RELEVANT SKILLS AND PROFICIENCIES

- Trained with several statistical software packages and add-ons including SPSS, SAS, and SUDAAN
- Use of multiple data collection sources including Qualtrics, Medialab, Actigraph, and Mturk
- Native proficiency in English language and professional working proficiency in Hebrew language