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Education

- Master of Science** Expected (May 2015)
 Arizona State University, Glendale, AZ
 Advisor: Dr. Jessica Salerno
- Bachelor of Arts, Honors Psychology: Research Specialist** 2011
 Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
 Advisor: Dr. Maxwell Gwynn
 Honors Thesis: *He Looked Like a Gangster: The Role of Social Schemas and Stereotypes in Eyewitness Memory Report*
- Year 3 & 4 GPA: 11.45 (12 point scale; A+)

Statement of Research Interests

My research centers on decision making processes in legal contexts. Specifically, I am interested in contemporary forms of racism and how they affect decision making on juries and in capital trials. I am also interested in how ambiguous laws (e.g., sex offender registration for minors), ambiguous evidence strength, and defendant characteristics affect trials outcomes.

Scholarships and Awards

- Master of Science Psychology Program Merit Scholarship** 2013
 Arizona State University
- Dean's List Honors** 2010; 2011
 Wilfrid Laurier University

Publications

Peter-Hagene, C. L., Jay, A. C., & Salerno, J. M. (in press). The emotional components of moral outrage and their effect on mock juror verdicts. *The Jury Expert*.

Conference Presentations

Jay, A. C., Salerno, J. M., Murphy, M. C., & Bottoms, B. L. (March, 2014). *Gender bias in perceived criminality of adolescent "sex" offenders*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.

Jay, A. C., Ross, R., & Salerno, J. M. (February, 2014). *War hero or violent criminal? The effect of defendant veteran status and PTSD in criminal court*. Data Blitz talk presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Pre-conference meeting for Social Psychology & Law, Austin, TX.

Jay, A., & Gwynn, M. (April, 2011). *He looked like a gangster: The role of social schemas and stereotypes in eyewitness memory report*. Paper presented at the 41st Ontario Psychology Undergraduate Thesis Conference, Guelph, ON, Canada.

Jay, A., & Gwynn, M. (March, 2011). *He looked like a gangster: The role of social schemas and stereotypes in eyewitness memory report*. Poster presented at Wilfrid Laurier University's Annual Thesis Poster Conference, Waterloo, ON, Canada.

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant *Dr. Jessica Salerno, Psychology, ASU* 08/2013-Present

We are currently exploring several research questions focusing primarily on how aversive racism affects courtroom outcomes as well as jury decision making. Additionally, we are investigating the effects of PTSD as a defense for veterans and non-veterans in a murder trial. I am responsible for developing research questions, reviewing the literature, and designing the experiments. I have presented the results of these lines of research at two national Psychology and Law conferences and am currently in the process of writing manuscripts for publication.

Lab Coordinator *Dr. Christian Jordan, Psychology, WLU* 05/2012-07/2013

I was responsible for coordinating lab schedules, hiring and training new research assistants and organizing payroll information. Occasionally, I assisted in revising manuscripts that were in the process of publication. I also helped the Master's and Ph.D. students run coordinate and implement their various experiments.

Research Associate *Dr. Pamela Sadler, Psychology, WLU* 05/2011- 07/2013

I was initially trained as a joystick coder of interpersonal behavior (Interpersonal Circumplex Theory). I also assisted Dr. Sadler in the development of a scale tapping into Politeness Strategies and Interpersonal Style. I contributed to literature reviews, data collection, data input, analysis, and results summaries for Graduate students in the lab. I also served as a confederate for two different studies.

Research Associate *Dr. Christian Jordan, Psychology, WLU* 05/2011- 04/ 2012

I worked as a confederate and eventually was hired as a Research Associate. I then assisted with data collection and analysis for several in-lab studies and several graduate students. One project concerned healthy eating decision-making, and another focused on thin-slicing of others and the accuracy of character judgments given various types and quantities of information. Additionally, I was trained on qualitative coding of open-ended responses in yet another study.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

WLU, Waterloo, ON, 05/2010- 08/2011

I designed and executed original research, supervised by Dr. Maxwell Gwynn, investigating the impact of activated social schemas and stereotypes on memory report error of eyewitnesses to a robbery. I learned how to effectively conduct a literature review, design an experiment, analyze the data and disseminate the results in a scholarly manner. I presented the results of my honors thesis at both a regional and national conference.

Teaching Experience

Course Assistant

Fall 2013-Spring 2014

- Online Social Psychology, Arizona State University

Professional Affiliations

- American Psychology-Law Society
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Professional References

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