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EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) | PhD (Psychology) *Expected June 2021*

- Dissertation: Mechanisms and heterogeneity of stress-enhanced fear learning

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) | MA (Psychology) *December 2015*

Brown University | BSc with Honors (Psychology) *December 2012*

- Honors Thesis: Pavlovian biconditional discrimination learning with temporally asynchronous compounds
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EXPERIENCE

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) **Los Angeles, CA**
PhD Student *September 2014 - Present*

- Utilize sophisticated neuroscience techniques including targeted genetic manipulations using viral vectors
- Spearheading multi-year collaborative projects investigating behavioral and biological impacts of stress
- Present research findings annually at Society for Neuroscience and other scientific conferences and seminars

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) **Los Angeles, CA**
Teaching Assistant *January 2016 - December 2018*

- Led 60-120 minute discussion sections and review sessions for undergraduate Psychology and Neuroscience courses
- Developed and graded undergraduate course assignments, projects, quizzes and exams
- Held one-on-one meetings with students to improve comprehension of course materials and assignments

University of California Berkeley **Berkeley, CA**
Research Assistant *July 2013 - June 2014*

- Recruited study participants, administered questionnaires and computer tasks, prepared raw data for analysis

Brown University **Providence, RI**
Laboratory Manager *January 2013 - June 2013*

- Continued Honors Thesis research studying environmental toxin exposure and executive cognitive functions
 - Oversaw daily laboratory operations, managed zebrafish and mouse colonies, published findings in peer-reviewed journals
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SKILLS

- Project management, scientific communication, publication, grant writing, data management, data analysis, statistics
 - Stereotaxic surgery, immunohistochemistry, tissue histology, behavioral testing, in vivo pharmacology
 - Mouse and zebrafish breeding colony management, development of SOPs and protocols, equipment maintenance
 - Software: IBM SPSS Statistics, R software, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint and Excel), ImageJ, Noldus EthoVision
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HONORS & AWARDS

- UCLA: UC Office of the President Dissertation Year Fellowship, NSF Graduate Research Fellow, BRI/Semel Institute Travel Award, Graduate Research Mentorship, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, Graduate Dean's Scholar
 - Brown University: Harold Schlosberg Memorial Premium, Kling Premium, Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award
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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Volunteered at community outreach events with Brain Awareness Week and Psychology in Action
- Wrote pieces for Psychology in Action blog to improve public awareness through dissemination of research findings
- Provided math tutoring for Providence public elementary schools through BearPaw Tutors
- Member: Society for Neuroscience, Pavlovian Society, Women in Learning