

Mary Himmelstein

EDUCATION

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Ph.D. Social Psychology (Present)

Advisor: Diana Sanchez

St. John's University, Jamaica, NY. M.A. Experimental Psychology (2009)

Thesis: *Sex, gender identity, and aggression in self-report, peer-report and an online task: Does gender identity predict aggressiveness?*

La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA. B.A. Psychology, Art History (2006)

Thesis Psychology: *Eating behaviors in the female college population.*

Thesis Art History: *Understanding children's drawings.*

GRANTS

Independent Research Grant- *Honors grant awarded by Dr. James Butler: Eating behaviors in female college population.*

HONORS

Psychology Service Award, La Salle University (2006)

Alpha Epsilon Alumni Honor Society for Academic Excellence and Service, La Salle University (2006)

Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, La Salle University (2004-2006)

Lillian Beresneck Miller Memorial Scholarship for Art History/ Fine Arts, La Salle University (2004-2006)

Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology, La Salle University, Chapter Vice President (2005-2006)

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, La Salle University (2003)

Founders Scholarship for Academic Excellence, La Salle University (2002-2006)

Dean's list, La Salle University (2002-2006)

Dean's List, St. John's University (2006-2008)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Specialist II

Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Princeton University (Summer 2009 – Summer 2011)

Under Sara McLanahan and Kate Jaeger. Responsible for data maintenance and analysis of the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study, a large-scale longitudinal study. Other duties include writing academic papers for publication, fielding questions from data users, attending research working groups, organizing conferences and website maintenance.

Gallup Scholar

Independent Contractor for Gallup, Inc. (Fall 2008 – Summer 2011)

Under Daniel Kahneman, Ph.D. Responsible for data maintenance and analysis of the Gallup World Poll for Professor Kahneman.

Research Specialist II

Center for Health and Wellbeing, Princeton University (Summer 2008 – Summer 2011) Under Daniel

Kahneman, Ph.D. and Talya Miron-Shatz, Ph.D. Responsible for data collection, download, maintenance and analysis. In addition, manuscript preparation for publication, writing and editing academic publications.

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty Member

Behavioral Science Department, Bucks County Community College (Fall 2008 – Present)

Responsible for teaching Introductory Psychology, Lifespan Development, Child Development, Psychology of Personal Awareness and Psychopathology.

Office Manager (Part-time)

Center for Algorithms and Interactive Scientific Software (CAISS), Research Foundation of CUNY, City College (Fall 2006-Summer 2008) Under Gilbert Baumslag, Ph.D. Responsible for developmental support for statistical software package CAISS-Stat, NSF grant management, research support, website maintenance, travel organization, conference organization, accounting, human resources, and tasks associated with daily research center maintenance.

Research Assistant

Contemporary Parenting Practices. La Salle University (Spring 2004-Spring 2006)

Under Lynn Collins, Ph.D. Research examined the role of socialization in creating the existing patterns of psychopathology in the following childhood disorders: oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, separation anxiety disorder, and intermittent explosive disorder. Responsible, in conjunction with mentor, for all aspects of project including experimental design, scale creation/ validation, Institutional Review Board application, recruitment, experimental methodology, statistical analyses, poster presentation, and publication preparation

Research Assistant

Development of the PACES La Salle University (Spring 2004- Spring 2005)

Under Erin O’Hea, Ph.D. Research examined development of scale to measure mood changes related to exercise and body image. Responsible for literature review contribution, consent form, demographics questionnaire and contributions to experimental design.

Intern

American Foreign Service Protective Association (Fall 2003-Spring 2006)

Under Paula Jakub and Gail Keil. Responsible for database setup and maintenance for life insurance program (Immediate Benefit Plan). Responsible for sorting insurance claims, file maintenance and support for the Senior Living Foundation, a charity for former foreign service employees.

Tutor (Part-time)

La Salle University Academic Discover Program (Spring 2003 – Spring 2006).

Responsible for tutoring students in statistics, cognition, history and systems of psychology, public speaking, art history, introductory psychology, developmental psychology, experimental psychology, research methods, and sociology.

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RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- Hanoch, Y., Gummerum, M., Miron-Shatz, T., Himmelstein, M. (2010). Parents decision following the food and drug administration recommendation: the case of the over the counter cough and cold medication. *Child: Care, Health, and Development*, 36(6):795-804.
- Hanoch, Y., Miron-Shatz, T., Cole, H., Federman, A., & Himmelstein, M. (2010). Choice, numeracy, and physicians-in-training performance: The case of medicare part d. *Health Psychology*, 29(4): 454-459.
- Hanoch, Y., Miron-Shatz, T., & Himmelstein, M. (2010). Genetic testing and risk interpretation. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 5(2): 116-123
- Himmelstein, M (2006). *Eating behaviors in the female college population*. Unpublished bachelor's thesis, La Salle University, Philadelphia.
- Himmelstein, M. (2009). Low-income fathers' access to health insurance. *Fragile Families Research Brief*, 45: 1-4.
- Himmelstein, M., Miron-Shatz, T., Hanoch, Y. & Gummerum, M. (in press). Over-the counter cough and cold medicines for children: A comparison of UK and US parent' parental usage, perception and trust in governmental health organization. *Health Risk and Society*.
- Himmelstein, M. (2009). *Sex, gender identity, and aggression in self-report, peer-report and an online task: Does gender identity predict aggressiveness?* Unpublished master's thesis, St. John's University, Queens.
- Miron-Shatz, T., Diefenbach, M., Himmelstein, M. (2010). Worried, confused and reluctant to undergo BRCA ½ testing: The curse of low numeracy. Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Miron-Shatz, T., Hanoch, Y., & Himmelstein, M. (2010). Pregnancy Numeracy and Decision Making. Manuscript submitted for publication.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS (note: maiden name: Mary S. Tramel)

- Collins, L. H., & Tramel, M. (2006, March). *Does socialization contribute to sex differences in patterns of psychopathology?* Poster presented at La Salle University Grimes Lecture, Philadelphia, PA.
- Collins, L. H., & Tramel, M. (2006, August). *Does socialization contribute to sex differences in patterns of psychopathology?* Poster presented at the 114th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA

POSTER PRESENTATIONS (note: maiden name: Mary S. Tramel)

- Miron-Shatz, T., Hanoch, Y., & Himmelstein, M. (2009, June). *Understanding of pregnancy-related risk*. Poster presented at the 5th International Shared Decision Making Conference, Boston, MA.
- Tramel, M. (2006, April). *Eating behaviors in the female college population*. Poster presented at La Salle University Research Poster Day, Philadelphia, PA.

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PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (note: maiden name: Mary S. Tramel)

Tramel, M., Field, E., Collins, L.H. (2006, August). *What they need to know in a nutshell: educating colleagues, research assistants, and students about online data collection issues* Online clinical research- advantages, challenges, and ethical issues. L.H. Collins (Chair): Symposium conducted at the 114th meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.

SKILLS

Research: Certification for research with human subjects by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institute of Health

Computer: STATA, SPSS, SPSS Tables, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Access, Acrobat, Lotus Notes, Photoshop, Horizon, Microsoft Works, Windows 97 - Vista, HTML, Plone, Camtasia Studio, Dreamweaver