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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Social-Personality Psychology <i>Quantitative Certificate</i> University of Rochester	2022
M.A.	Social-Personality Psychology University of Rochester	2019
B.S.	Psychology Honors Research Distinction Summa Cum Laude The Ohio State University	2016

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Scholar Arizona State University School of Social and Behavioral Sciences	January 2024-present
Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor University of Pittsburgh Department of Psychology	August 2022-December2023
Adjunct Instructor University of Rochester Department of Psychology	Summer 2021, 2022
Statistics Tutor University of Rochester Department of Psychology	Fall 2021

RESEARCH

Publications:

- ***Black, A. E.** (2023). Responding to threatening online alternatives: Perceiving the partner's commitment through their social media behaviors. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. Advance Online Publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075231186960>
- Shrout, M.R., **Black, A. E.**, Wilson, S., Renna, M., Madison, A., Kiecolt-Glaser, J. K., Reis, H.T. (2023). Aging couples' emotional and physiological synchrony during positive, supportive, and conflictual discussions across the day. *Biological Psychology*, 177. 10.1016/j.biopsycho.2023.108500
- Black, A. E.** & Reis, H.T. (2022). Is my partner committed to me or tempted by others?: Perceptions of the partner's devaluation of attractive alternatives. *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*, 3. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cresp.2022.100042>
- Pollard, A., **Black, A. E.**, Rogge, R. D. (2022). Clarifying anticipated feelings of jealousy: Development and validation of the anticipated jealousy scale. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 51, 1471-1494. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-021-02184-5>
- Jamieson, J. P., **Black, A. E.**, Pelaia, L. E., Gravelding, H., Gordils, J., & Reis, H. T. (2022). Reappraising stress arousal improves affective, neuroendocrine, and academic performance outcomes in community college classrooms. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 151(1), 197–212. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0000893>
- Jamieson, J. P., **Black, A. E.**, Pelaia, L., & Reis, H. T. (2020). The impact of math anxiety on stress appraisals, neuroendocrine responses, and academic performance in a community college sample. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 113(6), 1164-1176. <https://doi.org/10.1037/edu0000636>
- Black, A. E.** & Reis, H. T. (2019). Responsiveness. In *The Macmillan Encyclopedia of Families, Marriages, and Intimate Relationships* (Vol 2, pp. 754-756). Macmillan Reference USA.

*Denotes a publication in a special issue.

Manuscripts in Preparation:

- Black, A. E.**, Hossain, M., Rutherford, H. J. V., Nelson-Coffey, K. (in prep). The importance of social connection during the perinatal period.
- Black, A. E.** (in prep). Identifying Short-Term Relational Buffers Through Examining Step 1 of the Attachment Security Enhancement Model.

Conference Presentations:

- Black, A.E.**, Sharabi, L., Cloonan, S., Beesley, K., Letniku, A. (July, 2024). *For You(r Partner): The impact couples' Tik Tok For You Pages have on romantic relationships*. Data blitz

accepted at the International Association of Relationship Research (IARR) Conference, Boston, MA.

- Black, A. E., Nelson-Coffey, K., & Rutherford, H. J. V.** (April, 2024). *Buffering attachment anxiety during the transition to parenthood: Examining the Social Connectedness Model*. Data Blitz accepted at the 3rd annual Resilience in Social Environments (RISE) Conference, Tempe, AZ.
- Black, A. E.** (2023, May). *Empirically testing the ASEM: Specific routes to promote momentary security for insecure partners*. Data Blitz presented at the International Association of Relationship Researchers (IARR) Conference, Tempe, AZ.
- Shrout, M. R., **Black, A.**, Renna, M. E., Madison, A. A., Wilson, S. J., Kiecolt-Glaser, J. K., & Reis, H. (2022, July). *In sync: Middle-aged and older couples' emotional and physiological synchrony across positive, supportive, upsetting, and contentious discussions*. Talk presented at the International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) Conference, Virtual.
- Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T.** (2021, August). *Can I trust you around attractive people?: Perceptions of the partner's devaluation of alternatives*. Single talk presented at the International Association of Relationship Researchers (IARR) Conference, Virtual.
- Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T.** (2021, February). *Is my partner interested in others?: Perceptions of the partner's devaluation of alternatives*. Chaired symposium talk presented at the 22nd Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Virtual.
- Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T.** (2021, February). *Is my partner interested in attractive others?: Perceptions of the partner's devaluation of alternatives*. Data blitz talk presented at the Close Relationships Preconference for the 22nd Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Virtual.
- Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T.** (2020, February). *Is your eye roaming?: Examining trust as a buffer against alternative threat*. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T.** (2019, May). *Perceptions of the partner's devaluation of attractive alternatives*. Talk presented at the 6th Annual Social Psychologists Around Western New York (SPAWN) Conference, Syracuse, NY.
- Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T.** (2018, July). *Perceiving targets as responsive increases resilience when experiencing daily setback*. Poster presented at the International Association of Relationship Researchers (IARR) Conference, Fort Collins, Colorado.
- Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T.** (2018, May). *Perceiving targets as responsive increases resilience when experiencing daily setback*. Poster presented at the 5th Annual Social Psychologists Around Western New York (SPAWN) Conference, Buffalo, NY.
- Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T.** (2017, August). *Perseverance and passion for one's partner: Exploring grit in a relational context*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Social Psychologists Around Western New York (SPAWN) Conference, Rochester, NY.

Black, A. E. & Reis, H. T. (2017, June). *Perseverance and passion for one's partner: Exploring grit in a relational context*. Poster presented at the New Scholars Workshop for the International Association of Relationship Researchers (IARR) Mini-Conference, Syracuse, NY.

Black, A. E. and Crocker, J. (2016, May). *Characteristics of self-protective and wholehearted people*. Poster presented at the 88th Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Black, A. E. & Crocker, J. (2016, March). *Characteristics of self-protective and wholehearted people*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Denman Forum, Columbus, OH.

Media Attention:

PITTWIRE (February 14th, 2024): “Attraction is key to keeping your relationship alive – but not how you think”

<https://www.pitt.edu/pittwire/features-articles/relationship-security-study>

PSY POST (May 29th, 2024): “New study pinpoints online behaviors that best signal romantic commitment”

<https://www.psypost.org/new-study-pinpoints-online-behaviors-that-best-signal-romantic-commitment/>

HUFF POST (June 14th, 2024): “Forget ‘Instagram Official’: If you want to make a partner feel secure, do this instead”

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/instagram-behavior-in-new-relationship_1_666a2f7de4b076909e1d059c

FUNDING AND AWARDS

2023 University of Pittsburgh Psychology Department Research Funding (\$1,000)

2021 American Psychological Association Dissertation Award (\$1,000)

2021 Herbert Fink Research Award (\$800)

2021 University of Rochester Psychology Department Dissertation Grant (\$1,000)

2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference
Graduate Registration Award (\$500)

2018 International Association for Relationship Research Conference
Student Travel Award (\$250)

2016 Denman Research Forum Awardee (\$250)

Applied for, but not funded:

NIH F32 *The Importance of Buffering Dementia Caregiving Dyads from Attachment-Related Fears During the Early Stages of Dementia*

NSF GRFP *Examining Theory of Mind During Threats to Romantic Relationships*

ADVANCED QUANTITATIVE TRAINING

R Workshop Series, Instructors: Statistics and Methods (SAM) Lab, Spring 2024
Studying Conversations as Dynamic Dyadic Systems Workshop, Instructors: M. Brinberg, D. Solomon, G. Bodie, S. Jones, and N. Ram, Summer 2023
Introduction to R Workshop, Instructor: J. Girard, Summer 2023
Introduction to Missing Data Analysis APA Webinar, Instructor: C. Enders, Spring 2023
Mixed Effects Models Audited Course, Instructor: S. Fraundorf, Fall 2022
Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling Webinar, Instructors: D. Bauer, and P. Curran, Spring 2021
Actor-Partner Interdependence Modeling Workshop, Instructor: S. Olderbak, Fall 2020
Structural Equation Modeling II, Instructor: B. Abar, Spring 2019
Structural Equation Modeling I, Instructor: L. Handley, Fall 2018
Meta-Analysis Workshop, Instructor: D. Dodell-Feder, Summer 2018
Measurement and Evaluation, Instructor: R. Rogge, Spring 2018
Hierarchical Linear Modeling Course, Instructor: R. Rogge, Fall 2017
Intensive Longitudinal Methods Workshop, Instructors: N. Bolger, and J. P. Laurenceau, Summer 2017
Regression, Instructor: H. Reis, Spring 2017
Data Analysis I, Instructor: M. Zuckerman, Fall 2016

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

The University of Pittsburgh

PSY 1137: Close Relationships Seminar, Fall 2022, 2023; Spring 2023
 PSY 1145: Advanced Research Methods in Social Psychology, Spring 2023; Fall 2023
 PSY 0037: Research Methods Lab, Fall 2022
 PSY 0105: Introduction to Social Psychology, Summer 2023

The University of Rochester

Lecturer

PSYC 161: Social Psychology & Individual Differences, Summer 2021, 2022

Graduate-Level Lab Instructor

PSYC 504: Data Analysis I, Fall 2019; 2020

Teaching Assistant

PSYC 264: Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Spring 2019; 2021
 PSYC 161: Social Psychology & Individual Differences, Spring 2020
 PSYC 210: Social Cognition, Fall 2018
 PSYC 209: Psychology of Human Sexuality, Spring 2017; 2018
 PSYC 263: Relationship Processes and Emotion, Fall 2016; 2017

Guest Lecturer

SOCIOL 2370: Social Psychology in a Sociological Perspective (Ohio State) Fall 2020

PSYC 263: Relationship Processes and Emotions, Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
PSYC 209: Psychology of Human Sexuality, Spring 2017, 2018; Summer, 2017
PSYC 210: Social Cognition, Fall 2018

Graduate-Level Statistics Tutor

PSYC 504: Data Analysis I, Fall 2021

Mentor

Training Undergraduate Research Assistants 2017-2022

The Ohio State University

Peer Statistics Tutor, Fall 2015; Spring 2016

SERVICE

Psi Chi Speaker, Spring 2023; Fall 2023

Judge for the Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition, 2023

Psychology Committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Community (PEIC) Member 2022-present

LGBTQIA+ Community Group

TOPICS Leader 2020-2021

Psi Chi Volunteer Chair 2014-2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Association for Relationship Research

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology

Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society

Society for Personality and Social Psychology