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EDUCATION

**University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY  
PhD Candidate, May 2023

Clinical Psychology, Department of Clinical and Social Sciences

**Washington University**, St. Louis, MO  
Bachelor of Arts, May 2015

Major: Psychology (Conc. Experimental Psychopathology), Minor: Writing

AWARDS & HONORS

- SSCP Student Poster Competition - Distinguished Contribution Award (2017)
- PsiChi Unrestricted Travel Grant (2015)
- Department of Psychology Undergraduate Research Award (2015)
- Undergraduate Research Award for Conference Travel (2015)
- Summer Undergraduate Research Award (2014)
- Dean's List (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)
- Summer Scholar in Biology and Biomedical Research (2011)

PUBLICATIONS

- Dodell-Feder, D., **Saxena, A.**, Rutter, L., Ressler, K., & Germine, L. T. The network structure of schizotypy in a population-based sample: A conceptual replication and extension. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Saxena, A.**, Haut, K. M., Dodell-Feder, D., Guty, E., Yin, H., Nahum, M., & Hooker, C. I. Neuroplasticity in neural networks of emotion following targeted social cognition training in healthy adults. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Saxena, A.**, Pagliaccio, D., Barch, D. M., & Luking K. R. Individual differences as predictors of mood induction efficacy. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Saxena, A.**, Pagliaccio, D., Barch, D. M., & Pagliaccio, D. (2017). Individual differences in hedonic capacity, depressed mood, and affective states predict emotional reactivity. *Motivation and Emotion*, 41(3), 419-429. doi:[10.1007/s11031-017-9610-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11031-017-9610-1).

POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

- Saxena, A.**, Dodell-Feder, D., Guty, E., Yin, H., Haut, K. M., Nahum, M., & Hooker, C. I. (2017, May). *Changes in connectivity of neural networks in healthy adults following targeted social cognition training*. Poster session presented at 5th Annual Society for Affective Science Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
- Saxena, A.**, Dodell-Feder, D., Guty, E., Yin, H., Haut, K. M., Nahum, M., & Hooker, C. I. (2017, May). *Effects of targeted social cognition training on behavioral and neural measures of emotion recognition in healthy adults. reactivity*. Poster session presented at 29th Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention. Boston, MA.
- Pridgen, S. A., **Saxena, A.**, Haut, K. M., & Hooker, C. I. (2017, May). *Beyond stigma benefits of providing structured feedback to clinical high risk individuals*. Poster session presented at 29th Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention. Boston, MA.
- Saxena, A.**, Dodell-Feder, D., Guty, E., Yin, H., Haut, K. M., Nahum, M., & Hooker, C. I. (2017, April). *Neuroplasticity in neural networks of emotion following targeted social cognition training*. Poster session presented at 4th Annual Society for Affective Science Conference. Boston, MA.
- Saxena, A.**, Guty, E., Dodell-Feder, D., Yin, H., Haut, K. M., Nahum, M., & Hooker, C. I. (2017, March). *Effects of targeted social cognition training on behavioral and neural measures of emotion recognition in healthy adults*. Poster session presented at 34th Annual Rush University Forum for Research and Clinical Investigation. Chicago, IL.
- Saxena, A.**, Guty, E., Dodell-Feder, D., Yin, H., Haut, K. M., Nahum, M., & Hooker, C. I. (2016, October). *Effects of targeted social cognition training on behavioral and neural measures of emotion recognition in healthy adults*. Poster session presented at 30th Annual Society for Research in Psychopathology Meeting. Baltimore, MD.
- Saxena, A.**, Pagliaccio, D., Luking K. R., & Barch, D. M. (2016, May). *Effects of induced affective states on hedonic capacity, depressed mood, and emotional reactivity*. Poster session presented at 28th Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention. Chicago, IL.
- Saxena, A.** (2015, April). *Individual differences in hedonic capacity, mood, and affective states predict emotional reactivity*. Oral presentation at St. Louis Area Undergrad Research Symposium, Saint Louis, MO.
- Saxena, A.** (2015, April). *Redefining Clinical Depression*. Keynote speaker at Washington University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Saint Louis, MO.

- Saxena, A.,** Pagliaccio, D., Luking K. R., & Barch, D. M. (2015, April). *Individual differences in hedonic capacity, mood, and affective states predict emotional reactivity*. Poster session presented at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Society for Affective Science Conference. Oakland, CA.
- Saxena, A.,** Pagliaccio, D., Luking K. R., & Barch, D. M. (2014, November). *Relations between anhedonia, mood, and emotional reactivity to affective stimuli*. Poster session presented at Annual Midstates Consortium of Math and Science Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Biological Sciences and Psychology. Chicago, IL.
- Saxena, A.,** Pagliaccio, D., Luking K. R., & Barch, D. M. (2014, October). *Efficacy of films in guided mood induction*. Poster session presented at Washington University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Saint Louis, MO.
- Saxena, A.,** Luking K. R., Pagliaccio, D., & Barch, D. M. (2014, April). *Effects of anhedonia and mood on emotional reactivity to affective stimuli*. Poster session presented at Washington University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Saint Louis, MO.

### PROFFESIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Research in Schizophrenia (SRP), *Associate Member (2016– Present)*
- Association for Psychological Science (APS), *Student Member (2016– Present)*
- Society for Affective Science (SAS), *Student Member (2014 – Present)*
- PsiChi, International Psychology Honorary, *Lifetime Member, Program Coordinator (2014 – 2015)*
- Lambda Sigma Sophomore Honor Society, *Lifetime Member, External Vice-President (2012– 2013)*

### JOURNAL SERVICE

- Motivation and Emotion – Ad-Hoc Reviewer

### LEADERSHIP

- Society for Affective Science Student Committee, (April 2015–Present)
  - *Secretary* (June 2018–Present)
  - *Event Team* (May 2016–April 2017)
  - *Social Media & Innovation Teams* (May 2015–Present)
- Washington University Pride Alumni Network (2015–Present)
  - *Steering Committee, (May 2015- Present)*
  - *Vice-President & Interim Director of Social Media (May 2015- June 2017)*

### SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Technical Skills:** Moderate Proficiency in MATLAB; Advanced-Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, Qualtrics, and RedCap
- **Statistical Skills:** Basic Proficiency in R/RStudio and SPM8/12; Advanced Proficiency in SPSS and 3DSlicer
- **Imaging Skills:** Structural Imaging (Resting State, ASL), Functional Imaging, Contrast-Enhanced Imaging (CBV, CBF)
- **Clinical Skill:** Phlebotomy, Clinical Interviewing, Suicide-Risk Assessment, Cognitive & Behavioral Testing