

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- 2019 - Present **Doctoral Student (Ph.D.) - Clinical Psychology**
University of Houston - Houston, TX (APA-Accredited Program)
Thesis: *Thwarted Belongingness and PTSD Symptom Severity among Firefighters: The Role of Emotion Regulation Difficulties*
Defense Approved: 08/2020
Mentor: Anka A. Vujanovic, Ph.D.
Graduate GPA: 3.76
- 2017 - 2019 **Master of Science - General Psychology**
University of Memphis - Memphis, TN
Thesis: *Shame and Guilt Mediate the Relationship between Adult Attachment Style and PTSD Severity among Combat Veterans*
Mentor: Meghan McDevitt-Murphy, Ph.D.
Graduate GPA: 3.90
- 2009 - 2013 **Bachelor of Science - Biomedical Sciences and Psychology (Double Major)**
Colorado State University - Fort Collins, CO
Honors Thesis: *EEG Pattern Classification of Music Features Using a Variant of the Song Recognition Without Identification Paradigm*
Mentor: Anne Cleary, Ph.D.
Undergraduate GPA: 3.70 - *Graduated with Honors*

Honors and Awards

- 2019 *Travel Award (\$300), University of Houston, Department of Psychology*
- 2018 *Student Government Association Travel Award (\$400), University of Memphis*
- 2018 *Spring Graduate School Coordinating Committee Travel Award (\$326.53), University of Memphis*
- 2018 *Fall Graduate School Coordinating Committee Travel Award (\$357.10), University of Memphis*
- 2018 *College of Arts & Sciences Travel Enrichment Award (\$300), University of Memphis*
- 2018 *Association for Psychological Science Travel Award (\$200)*
- 2014 - 2015 *Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, Corporation for National and Community Service*
- 2010 *Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity Honors Recognition, Colorado State University Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (Top 30 out of 200 Poster Presentations)*
- 2009-2013 *Honors Scholarship, Colorado State University*

2009-2013 *Green and Gold Scholarship*, Colorado State University
 2009-2013 Honors Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, Colorado State University

Professional Memberships

2018 – Present International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS)
 2018 – Present Association for Psychological Science (APS)
 2012 – 2013 Society for Neuroscience (SfN)

Research Experience

2021 - Present **Research Program Co-Coordinator**, Trauma and Stress Studies Center (TaSSC)
 Department of Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX
 Supervisor: Anka A. Vujanovic, Ph.D.

2019 - Present **Graduate Research Assistant**, Trauma and Stress Studies Center (TaSSC)
 Department of Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX
 Supervisor: Anka A. Vujanovic, Ph.D.

2017 - 2019 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Trauma and Coping Research Group
 University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
 Supervisor: Meghan McDevitt-Murphy, Ph.D.

2017 - 2019 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Zhang Social Psychology Laboratory
 University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
 Supervisor: Jia Wei Zhang, Ph.D.

2016 - 2017 **Research Assistant**, Davalos Cognitive Neuroscience Lab
 Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
 Supervisor: Deana Davalos, Ph.D.

2009 - 2013 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Cleary Human Memory Lab
 Colorado State University
 Supervisor: Anne Cleary, Ph.D.

Scholarly Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Lebeaut, A., **Leonard, S. J.**, Healy, N. A., Raines, A. M., Buser, S., & Vujanovic, A. A. (2021). *Associations between lower-order anxiety sensitivity facets and PTSD symptoms among trauma-exposed firefighters with probable alcohol use disorder*. Behavioral Modification.

Leonard, S.J. & Vujanovic, A. A. (2021). *Thwarted Belongingness and PTSD Severity among Firefighters: The Role of Emotion Regulation Difficulties*. Behavioral Modification.

Vujanovic, A. A., Lebeaut, A., & **Leonard, S.** (2021). *Evaluating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health of first responders*. Cognitive Behaviour Therapy.

Lebeaut, A., Zegel, M., **Leonard, S.J.**, Bartlett, B. A., & Vujanovic, A. A. (2020). *Examining transdiagnostic*

factors among firefighters in relation to trauma exposure, probable PTSD, and probable alcohol use disorders. Journal of Dual Diagnosis.

Leonard, S.J., Zhang, J. W., & Howell, R.T (2019). *Spending well: How Time Perspectives Impact Consumer Values and Financial Decisions among Middle-Aged Adults.* Research in Human Development, 16(2), 135-155.

Manuscripts Submitted

Leonard, S.J., McDevitt-Murphy, M.E., & Tripp, J.C. *Shame and Guilt Mediate the relationship between Adult Attachment Style and PTSD Severity among Combat Veterans.* Manuscript submitted for publication. [Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease]

Olin, C.C., McDevitt-Murphy, M.E., **Leonard, S.J.**, & Acuff, S.F. *Wanting, Liking, and Missing Out: Exploring the Role of Reward Functioning in the Overlap between PTSD and Depression.* [Manuscript submitted for publication]. Department of Psychology, The University of Memphis.

Leonard, S.J., Zegel, M., Venta, A., & Vujanovic, A. A. *Insecure Adult Attachment Style and PTSD Symptom Severity among Firefighters: The Role of Distress Tolerance.* Manuscript in preparation. [Journal of Trauma and Dissociation]

Manuscripts in Preparation

Healy, N. A., **Leonard, S. J.**, Bittar, J., Stanley, I. H., & Vujanovic, A. A. (2021). *Social Attachment and the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide: Associations of Insecure Adult Attachment Styles, Thwarted Belongingness, Perceived Burdensomeness, and Suicide Risk Among Firefighters.* Manuscript in preparation.

Conference Presentations

National Symposia and Oral Presentations

Acuff, S. F., Pilatti, A., **Leonard, S.J.**, Collins, M., Hides, L., Thingujam, N. S., Chai, W. J., Shuai, C., & Hogarth, L., Murphy, J.G. (2019, November). *A cross-cultural behavioral economic analysis of compulsive Internet use: Data from six countries.* In S. Acuff (Chair), Reframing behavioral addictions as a reinforcer pathology: Implications for theory and practice. Symposium presented at the 53rd annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA.

National Poster Presentations

Leonard, S.J., Zegel, M., Venta, A., & Vujanovic, A. A. (2021, November). *Insecure Adult Attachment Style and PTSD Symptom Severity among Firefighters: The Role of Distress Tolerance.* Poster submitted for presentation consideration at the 55th annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New Orleans, LA.

Healy, N. A., **Leonard, S. J.**, Bittar, J., Stanley, I. H., & Vujanovic, A. A. (2021). *Social Attachment and the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide: Associations of Insecure Adult Attachment Styles, Thwarted Belongingness, Perceived Burdensomeness, and Suicide Risk Among Firefighters.* Abstract submitted for consideration as a poster presentation at the 55th annual Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies convention, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- Lebeaut, A., Zegel, M., Healy, N., **Leonard, S. J.**, & Vujanovic, A. A. (2021). *Sex differences in the association between posttraumatic stress and alcohol use among trauma-exposed, Latinx university students*. Abstract submitted for consideration as a poster presentation at the 44th annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting/International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Congress, San Antonio, TX
- Leonard, S.J.** & Vujanovic, A. A. (2020, November). *Social Disconnectedness and PTSD Severity among Firefighters: The Role of Emotion Regulation Difficulties*. Poster presented at the 36th annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies [virtual]
- Lebeaut, A., **Leonard, S. J.**, Tran, J. K., & Vujanovic, A. A. (2020, November). *Associations between lower-order anxiety sensitivity facets and PTSD symptoms among trauma-exposed firefighters with probable alcohol use disorder*. Poster presented at the 36th annual convention of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies [virtual]
- Olin, C.C., McDevitt-Murphy, M.E., **Leonard, S.J.**, Zakarian, R.J., & Bowen, M.E. (2020, November). *Wanting, Liking, and Losing Out: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and the Loss of Reward Functioning*. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies [virtual]
- Lebeaut, A., Smith, L. J., **Leonard, S.**, & Vujanovic, A. A. (2020, June). *Transdiagnostic correlates of co-occurring probable PTSD and substance use disorder among low-income, acute-care psychiatric inpatients*. Poster presented at the 82nd annual College on Problems of Drug Dependence Meeting, Hollywood, FL.
- Leonard, S. J.**, Tripp, J. C., Olin, C. C., Zakarian, R. J., & McDevitt-Murphy, M. E. (2019, November). *Shame and Guilt Mediate the relationship between Insecure Adult Attachment Style and PTSD Severity among Combat Veterans*. Poster presented at the 35th annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Boston, MA.
- Leonard, S. J.**, Tripp, J. C., Luciano, M. T., & McDevitt-Murphy, M. E. (2018, November). *The role of avoidant attachment in PTSD-shame and PTSD-guilt relationships among combat veterans*. Poster presented at the 34th annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Washington, DC.
- Zhang, J. W. & **Leonard S. J.** (2018, May). *How to be true to yourself: Self-compassion promotes authenticity independent of self-esteem*. Poster presented at the 30th annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.
- Zhang, J. W. & **Leonard S. J.** (2018, May). *Asian Americans and materialism: Exploring the phenomenon and its why and when*. Poster presented at the 30th annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.
- Staley S. R., Ryals, A. J., **Leonard S. J.**, Cowen M. J., Maher W. J, Hawkins T. J., & Cleary, A. M. (2012, October). *ERP correlates with recognition without identification across real-world stimuli*. Poster presented at the 41st annual meeting of the Society of Neuroscience, New Orleans, LA.

Local/Departmental Poster Presentations

- Leonard S. J.**, Phillips, C. S., Ryals, A. J. & Cleary, A. M. (2010, April). *Does your brain know the answer before you do?* Poster presented at the 16th annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium, Fort Collins, CO.

Clinical Experience

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| 2021 – Present | Pre-Doctoral Clinician , Michael E. Debakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX
<i>Supervisor</i> : Ellen Teng, Ph.D. |
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2020 – 2021	Pre-Doctoral Clinician , Lone Star Circle of Care University of Houston, Houston, TX <i>Supervisor</i> : Rheeda L. Walker, Ph.D.
2020 – 2021	Pre-Doctoral Assessment Clinician , Applied Psychological Services The Woodlands, TX <i>Supervisor</i> : Daniel J. Fox, Ph.D.
2016 - 2017	Care Coordinator/Case Manager , Combined Assertive Community Treatment and Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment Team Health District of Northern Larimer County and SummitStone Health Partners Fort Collins, CO <i>Supervisor</i> : Matt Jaramillo, Ph.D.
2014 - 2015	AmeriCorps Member , Community HealthCorps – Homeless Outreach Team Metro Community Provider Network Denver, Colorado <i>Supervisor</i> : Sarah Limberg

Teaching Experience

Fall 2021	Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record) Physiological Psychology [undergraduate course] University of Houston Enrollment: 22 students
Fall 2021	Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record) Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course] University of Houston Enrollment: 40 students
Summer 2021	Teaching Assistant , Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course] University of Houston Instructor: Tres Bodet, M.A. Enrollment: 12 students
Summer 2021	Teaching Assistant , Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course] University of Houston Instructor: Kelly Halverson, M.A. Enrollment: 39 students
Spring 2021	Teaching Assistant , Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course] University of Houston Instructor: Therese Kosten, Ph.D. Enrollment: 49 students
Spring 2021	Teaching Assistant , Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course] University of Houston Instructor: Stephanie Torres, M.A.

Enrollment: 57 students

- Spring 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Michelle Babicz, M.A.
Enrollment: 41 students
- Fall 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Tres Bodet, M.A.
Enrollment: 54 students
- Fall 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Johanna Bick, Ph.D.
Enrollment: 43 students
- Summer 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Tres Bodet, M.A.
Enrollment: 19 students
- Summer 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [online undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Kelli Sullivan, M.A.
Enrollment: 46 students
- Spring 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Therese Kosten, Ph.D.
Enrollment: 23 students
- Spring 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Kelly Halverson, M.A.
Enrollment: 53 students
- Spring 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Tres Bodet, M.A.
Enrollment: 35 students
- Fall 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Cognitive Psychology [undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Shadab Forouzan, M.A.
Enrollment: 35 students
- Fall 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Cognitive Psychology [online undergraduate course]
University of Houston

Instructor: Shadab Forouzan, M.A.
Enrollment: 45 students

Fall 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Physiological Psychology [undergraduate course]
University of Houston
Instructor: Brian Biekman, M.A.
Enrollment: 50 students

Spring 2013 **Undergraduate Seminar Instructor**, Controversial Issues in Psychology [undergraduate course]
Colorado State University
Instructor: Karla Gingerich, Ph.D.
Enrollment: 10 Students

Fall 2010 **Teaching Assistant**, Mind, Brain, and Behavior [undergraduate course]
Colorado State University
Instructor: Deana Davalos, Ph.D.
Enrollment: 40 Students

Journal Ad Hoc Reviewing

2018 *Preventive Medicine*

2019 *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*

Other Relevant Employment and Service Experience

2013 - 2014 **AmeriCorps Member**, United Way of Larimer County/Larimer County CSU Extension
Fort Collins, Colorado

2012 – 2013 **Vice President**

2011 - 2012 **Community Volunteer Coordinator**

2009-2013 **Student Member**
Biomedical Student Association, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

2011 **Resident Assistant**, Colorado State University Office of Residence Life
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

2009 **Peer Mentor**, Colorado State University Leadership Floor
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Trainings, Workshops, and Certifications

2014 **Level 1 Patient Navigator** certified from the Patient Navigator Training Collaborative
Training involved motivational interviewing, health literacy, and patient resources

2014 **Mental Health First Aid** certified from Jefferson Center for Mental Health
Training involved how to assess and act in a mental health crisis

