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EDUCATION

- 2015-present Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology
Advisors: Dr. Wendy A. Rogers, Dr. Christopher Hertzog
- 2015 Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology, Stony Brook University
Graduate Certificate: Quantitative Methods
Dissertation: *Social Contagion Effects in Intertemporal Decision Making*
Advisor: Dr. Christian C. Luhmann
- 2012 M.A. in Cognitive Psychology, Stony Brook University
Thesis: *Shared Losses Lead to Riskier Choices: A Laboratory Study of Moral Hazard*
Advisor: Dr. Christian C. Luhmann
- 2010 B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy, Elmhurst College
Honors thesis: *Individual Differences in Older Adults' Response to a Theatrical Intervention Designed to Enhance Cognitive Abilities*
Advisor: Dr. Helga Noice

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015-2017 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Research Training Grant (Grant #T32AG000175)
- 2014 Stony Brook University Department of Psychology Award for Excellence in Research
- 2010 Elmhurst College Psychology Department Senior Recognition Award
- 2009-2010 Elmhurst College Honors Program
- 2009 Elmhurst College Psychology Department Junior Recognition Award

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2014 \$1000 American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Award
- 2009-2010 \$4000 National Institutes of Health Administrative Supplement Providing Summer Research Experiences for Students (Included in Grant #3R15AG032120-01S2; PI: Helga Noice)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Bixter, M.T.**, Trimber, E.M., & Luhmann, C.C. (in press). Are intertemporal preferences contagious? Evidence from collaborative decision making. *Memory & Cognition*.
- Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (2015). Evidence for implicit risk: Delay facilitates the processing of uncertainty. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*, 28(4), 347-359.
- Arfer, K.B., **Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (2015). Reputational concerns, not altruism, motivate restraint when gambling with other people's money. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 6: 48.
- Bixter, M.T.** (2015). Happiness, political orientation, and religiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 72, 7-11.
- Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (2014). Shared losses reduce sensitivity to risk: A laboratory study of moral hazard. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 42, 63-73.
- Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (2013). Adaptive intertemporal preferences in foraging-style environments. *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, 7: 93.
- Bixter, M.T.**, & Daniel, F. (2013). Working memory differences in illusory recollection of critical lures. *Memory & Cognition*, 41(5), 716-725.

Conference Proceedings (Peer-Reviewed)

- Bixter, M. T.**, Trimber, E. M., & Luhmann, C. C. (2014). Contagion effects in intertemporal decision making. In P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, & B. Scassellati (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1929-1934). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
- Luhmann, C. C., & **Bixter, M. T.** (2014). Subjective hazard rates rationalize "irrational" temporal preferences. In P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, & B. Scassellati (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 904-909). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Book Chapter

- Bixter, M.T.**, Blocker, K.A., & Rogers, W.A. (in preparation). Enhancing social engagement of older adults through technology. In R. Pak and A. McLaughlin (Eds.), *Aging, Technology, and Health*. Elsevier.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C. (under revision). Judgment in the presence of multiple anchors.

Bixter, M.T., Perlman, G., Kotov, R., Watson, D., & Luhmann, C.C. (under review). The relationship between personality and delay discounting: Is it mediated by subjective well-being?

Johnson, K.L., **Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (under review). Delay discounting and risky choice: Meta-analytic evidence regarding single-process theories.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bixter, M.T., Prakash, A., Blocker, K.A., Mitzner, T.L., & Rogers, W.A. (November, 2016). *A qualitative analysis of the adoption and use of social communication technologies by older adults*. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 69th Annual Scientific Meeting: New Orleans, LA.

Chong, A., **Bixter, M.T.**, & Rogers, W.A. (November, 2016). *Age-related differences in medication risk taking and susceptibility to social influence*. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 69th Annual Scientific Meeting: New Orleans, LA.

Johnson, K.L., **Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (August, 2016). *Information processing during intertemporal choice: An investigation using eye movement data*. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society: Philadelphia, PA.

Bixter, M.T., Prakash, A., Blocker, K.A., Mitzner, T.L., & Rogers, W.A. (April, 2016). *Designing social networking applications for older adults: Insights from current users and non-users*. Poster presented at the Cognitive Aging Conference: Atlanta, GA.

Bixter, M.T., Johnson, K.L., Rajaram, S., & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2015). *Socially transmitted memory biases: Influences on decision making*. Presentation at the 56th Annual Conference of the Psychonomic Society: Chicago, IL.

Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2015). *Social influences on temporal preferences*. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Conferences of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making: Chicago, IL.

Johnson, K.L., **Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2015). *Delay discounting and risky choice: Meta-analytic evidence regarding single process theories*. Poster presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society: Chicago, IL.

Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2014). *Judgment in the presence of multiple anchors*. Poster presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society: Long Beach, CA.

- Luhmann, C. C., & **Bixter, M. T.** (July, 2014). *Subjective hazard rates rationalize “irrational” temporal preferences*. Presentation at the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society: Quebec City, Quebec.
- Bixter, M.T.**, Trimber, E.M., & Luhmann, C.C. (July, 2014). *Contagion effects in intertemporal decision making*. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society: Quebec City, Quebec.
- Luhmann, C. C., & **Bixter, M. T.** (July, 2014). *Subjective hazard rates imply non-stationary intertemporal preferences*. Presentation at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Mathematical Psychology: Quebec City, Quebec.
- Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2013). *Adjusting, but from where? Judgment in the presence of multiple anchors*. Poster presented at the 34th Annual Conference of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making: Toronto, Ontario.
- Bixter, M.T.**, Trimber, E.M., & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2013). *Social transmission of intertemporal preferences during collaborative decision making*. Poster presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society: Toronto, Ontario.
- Bixter, M.T.**, & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2011). *Evidence for implicit risk: Delay information primes the processing of uncertainty information*. Poster presented at the 32nd Annual Conference of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making: Seattle, WA.
- Skoczelas, K., & **Bixter, M.** (May, 2011). *Differential responses to a theatrical intervention designed to enhance cognitive functioning and life satisfaction: Evidence from older adults living in subsidized retirement communities*. Poster presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association: Chicago, IL.
- Bixter, M.**, Kritikos, N., Peterson, N., Daniel, F., & Noice, H. (November, 2010). *Working memory differences in remember/know judgments for falsely recognized words*. Poster presented at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society: St. Louis, MO.
- Bixter, M.**, Kritikos, N., Peterson, N., & Daniel, F. (August, 2010). *Working memory differences in remember/know judgments for falsely recognized words*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse: Chicago, IL.
- Bixter, M.**, Kritikos, N., & Peterson, N. (May, 2010). *The effect of working memory differences on remember/know judgments for falsely recognized words*. Poster presented at the 8th Annual Research and Performance Showcase. Elmhurst College. Elmhurst, IL.
- Bixter, M.**, & Hartley, A. (April, 2010). *The association of social engagement and quality-of-life assessments with cognitive functioning in older adults*. Poster presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association: Chicago, IL.

Bixter, M., & Peterson, N. (May, 2009). *Transient affective influences on moral judgments of self and others*. Poster presented at the 7th Annual Research and Performance Showcase. Elmhurst College. Elmhurst, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia Institute of Technology

Guest Lecturer, "Seminar in Cognitive Aging/Metacognition", October 2016
Guest Lecturer, "Psychomotor and Cognitive Skill Learning and Performance",
September 2016
Guest Lecturer, "Survey of Cognitive Aging", April 2016
Guest Lecturer, "Applied Experimental Psychology", February 2016

Stony Brook University

Teaching Assistant, "Survey in Abnormal and Clinical Psychology", spring 2015
Teaching Assistant, "Statistical Methods in Psychology", fall 2014
Teaching Assistant, "Survey in Developmental Psychology", spring 2014
Teaching Assistant, "Statistical Methods in Psychology", fall 2013
Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, "Advanced Statistics", spring 2013
Teaching Assistant, "Survey in Social Psychology", fall 2012
Recitation Instructor, "Research and Writing in Psychology", spring 2012
Teaching Assistant, "Survey in Cognition/Perception", fall 2011
Teaching Assistant, "Statistical Methods in Psychology", spring 2011
Teaching Assistant, "Research and Writing in Psychology", fall 2010

AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Professional Organizations and Memberships

American Psychological Association
Cognitive Science Society
Gerontological Society of America
Psychonomic Society
Society for Judgment and Decision Making

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Basic and Applied Social Psychology
Canadian Journal of Communication
Cognitive Science Society (Conference Proceedings)
Journal of Economic Psychology
Journal of Forensic Research
Journal of Psychology & Psychotherapy
Quarterly Journal of Psychology

Service

- 2016 Co-organized the 3rd Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium at the Georgia Institute of Technology
- 2016 Gave a tour of the Human Factors and Aging Laboratory at the Georgia Institute of Technology to prospective students in the FOCUS program
- 2011 Co-led psychology department orientation for incoming graduate students at Stony Brook University
- 2009 *Psi Chi*, International Honor Society in Psychology (Elected as Board Member)
- 2009 Gave an invited talk titled “How to successfully prepare for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)” at the Department of Psychology Graduate School Information Session. Elmhurst College. Elmhurst, IL.