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EDUCATION:

2014-Present Masters in Social Psychology, Simon Fraser University
2013 Honours B.A. Psychology, Simon Fraser University
2009 Arts & Science University Transfer Program, Langara College

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

My research interests include the study of intergroup relations with a specific focus on positive cross-group interactions, collective action, social justice, and poverty reduction.

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

As a person I strive to build positive, collaborative and enduring relationships with others. I communicate with people sincerely and effectively, while also being receptive to feedback and new insights. In addition, I am highly motivated and I have strong leadership skills; however, I also work really well in partnership with others and as part of a team. Finally, I use an analytical approach in my work while setting clear goals and addressing obstacles in a pragmatic and strategic manner.

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2016 Graduate Fellowship - \$3250
2014 Provost Prize of Distinction - \$5000
2014 Graduate Fellowship - \$6250
2014 SSHRC – Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships - \$17,500
2013 Vice-President Research-Undergraduate Student Award - \$1210
2010-2011 Simon Fraser University Open Undergraduate Scholarship -\$2320
2010 Golden Key International Honours Society member

MANUSCRIPTS:

Dys-Steenbergen, O., Wright, S.C., & Aron, A. (2016). Self-Expansion Motivation Improves Cross-Group Interactions and Enhances Self-Growth. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, 19, 60-71.

Paonli, S., Wright, S.C., **Dys-Steenbergen, O.,** & Favara I. (revised and submitted). Self-Expansion and Intergroup Contact: Expectancies, Motives, and Desires to Self-Expand Lead to Greater Interest in Outgroup Contact and More Positive Cross-Group Contact. [Special issue: Proactive Behaviour across Group Boundaries.] *Journal of Social Issues*.

Dys-Steenbergen, O., & Wright S.C. (in preparation). An Overview of Self-expansion Motivation in Intergroup Relations.

ACADEMIC TALKS:

Dys-Steenbergen, O. & Wright, S.C (June, 2016). Self-Expansion motivation and knowledge sharing in cross-group interactions. *Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (Summer Conference)*, Minneapolis, MN.

Dys-Steenbergen, O. & Wright, S.C (June, 2016). The Benefits of Ethnic Diversity: From Self-Expansion Motivation to Knowledge Sharing in Cross-Group Interactions. *Canadian Psychological Association (Annual Conference)*, Victoria, B.C.

Dys-Steenbergen, O. & Wright, S.C. (January, 2016). Self-Expansion and Knowledge Sharing Motivation: Two Driving Forces in Positive Cross-Group Engagement. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Annual Conference)*. San Diego, CA.

Dys-Steenbergen, O., & Wright, S.C. (August, 2015). Expanding on Self-Expansion in Cross-Group Interactions: The benefits of self-expansion and knowledge sharing motivation for the self and society at large. *Pacific Conference on Prejudice and Cultural Diversity*. Bellingham, WA.

Dys-Steenbergen, O. & Wright, S.C. (June, 2014). Self-Expansion Motivation Improves Cross-Group Interactions and Enhances Self-Growth. *Canadian Psychological Association (Annual Conference)*, Vancouver, B.C.

Wright, S. C., Droogendyk, L., Bitacola, L. M. & **Dys-Steenbergen, O.** (April, 2013). Cross-Group contact and social change. *John C. Turner Commemoration Colloquium*, Australia National University, Canberra, AU.

Wright, S. C., **Dys-Steenbergen, O.** & Lorenzo, G. (November, 2012). Self-expansion and intergroup relations. *Joint SPSSI-EASP Small Group Conference - Proactive Behavior Across Group Boundaries: Seeking and Maintaining Positive Interactions with Outgroup Members*. Stony Brook, NY.

Dys-Steenbergen, O., & Wright, S.C. (August, 2012). Self-Expansion and Self-Maintenance: The Enduring Effects. *Pacific Conference on Prejudice and Cultural Diversity*. Bellingham, WA.

Dys-Steenbergen, O., & Wright, S.C. (May, 2012). Self-Expansion and Self-Maintenance: Two opposing Engagement Motives in Cross-Group Interactions. Talk presented at: *Connecting Minds (North American Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference)*, Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Richmond, BC.

INVITED CLASSROOM TALKS:

Dys-Steenbergen, O. (January, 2015). Guest Lecture on Attribution Error. *Psyc 260: Introduction to Social Psychology*, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

Dys-Steenbergen, O. & Wright, S.C. (June, 2014). Guest Lecture on Self-Expansion & Cross-Group Interactions. *Psyc 363: Intergroup Relations*, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

Seida, L., Wright S.C., & **Dys-Steenbergen, O.** (January, 2016). Cross-Group Contact and Advanced Group Helping for Social Change. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Annual Conference)*, San Diego, CA.

Boese, G., D. Bitacola, L. M., **Dys-Steenbergen, O.**, & Wright, S.C. (June, 2015). How does thinking about Disability influence Attitude towards Assisted Suicide? *Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (Summer Conference)*, Washington, DC.

Dys-Steenbergen, O., Wright, S. C., Aron, A., & Seidda L. (June, 2015). Self-Expansion and Knowledge Sharing in Cross-Group Interactions: A Public Policy Issue. *Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (Summer Conference)*, Washington, DC.

Dys-Steenbergen, O., Wright, S.C., Aron, A., & MacKay, C. (February, 2015). A diary study: Self-expansion and Cross-Group Interactions. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Annual Conference)*. Long Beach, CA.

Mackay, C., Wright, S. C., **Dys-Steenbergen, O.**, & Zhou, C. S. (June, 2014). From the one to many: generalization of secondary transfer effect in intergroup contact and implication for multiculturalism. *Canadian Psychological Association (Annual Conference)*, Vancouver, B.C.

Gibson, T. M., Wright, S.C., & **Dys-Steenbergen, O.** (June, 2014.) Are we close or just happy? An examination of attitude generalization from interactional closeness and positivity. *Canadian Psychological Association (Annual Conference)*, Vancouver, B.C.

Dys-Steenbergen, O., & Wright, S.C. (January, 2013). A Friendship Study: Further Insights on the Benefits of a Self Expansion Versus a Self-Maintenance Engagement Motive in Cross-Group Interactions. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Annual Conference)*. New Orleans, LA.

Dys-Steenbergen, O., & Wright, S.C. (January, 2012). Self-Expansion and Self-Maintenance: Two opposing Engagement Motives in Cross-Group Interactions. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Annual Conference)*. San Diego, CA.

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Duties: study design, survey development, project management, data collection, data analysis and manuscript preparation.

2015 – present	<i>CAPS (Living on the Edge) Poverty Simulation: Experiential learning on economic inequality.</i> (supervisor: Dr. Wright at Simon Fraser University).
2015 – present	<i>Self-Expansion Motivation: The Force behind the Union of Communion and Agency</i> (collaborator: Katharina Block MA at University of British Columbia).
2014 – present	Master's Research: <i>Self-Expansion & Knowledge Sharing in Cross-Group Interactions</i> (supervisor: Dr. Wright at Simon Fraser University).
2013 - 2014	<i>Student Daily Life Study</i> (supervisor: Dr. Wright at Simon Fraser University).
2013	<i>Social Exclusion & Meaning Making</i> (collaborator: Dr. Jones at Queen Mary University of London, UK.)
2011 – 2014	<i>Friendship Study</i> (supervisor: Dr. Wright at Simon Fraser University).

SERVICE TO ACCADEMIC COMMUNITY:

2015	<i>Coordinator of the Pacific Conference on Prejudice and Cultural Diversity (Bellingham, WA.)</i>
2014	<i>CPA Social Co-Organizer of Canadian Psychology Association conference (Vancouver, BC.)</i>
2015- present	<i>Social Area Meeting Facilitator (Simon Fraser University)</i>
2013- 2014	<i>Social Area Meeting Facilitator (Simon Fraser University)</i>
2014	<i>Symposium on Cross-Group Interactions Co-Chair at the Canadian Psychology Association conference (Vancouver, BC.)</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE (Simon Fraser University):

2016 – present	<i>Research Assistant – Institute for the Study of Teaching and Learning in the Disciplines (ISTLD)</i> I conduct literature reviews related to Teaching and Learning Development Grants (TDLG); assist with data minding; and support faculty conducting TLDG projects (e.g. consultation on research designs – qualitative and quantitative), and developing data collecting instruments and data analysis procedures.
2015 – present	<i>Co-Supervisor – Work Study Students</i> I oversee the duties of two work study students in our lab; support their overall learning; and facilitate the development of their research skills.
2015 – present	<i>Teaching Assistant – Intergroup Relations: Psyc 363</i> I grade the students' papers and exams, and I hold office hours to mentor students in their learning of the course material.
2015 – present	<i>Project Coordinator - CAPS (Living on the Edge) Poverty Simulation: Experiential learning on economic inequality.</i> I am in charge of overseeing 16 research assistants, organizing the study materials for the poverty simulation used in the project; developing the surveys; implementing the poverty simulation, collecting data; carrying out of statistical analysis; report writing; and dissemination of finding.
2014	<i>Teaching Assistant (Spring) – Psychology and Environmental Sustainability: Psyc 391</i> I graded the students' papers and exams, and I held office hours to mentor students in their learning of the course material.
2012 – 2014	<i>Lab Manager (IRSJ & SISC - Social Psychology Lab), Supervisors: Dr. Wright & Dr. Schmitt</i> I had general oversight of lab operations, including liaising with Dr. Wright and Dr. Schmitt and his graduate students about their research needs, hiring and supervising volunteer and paid research assistants, conducting studies and overseeing the lab finances and administration.

- 2012 *Teaching Assistant* (Spring) – Interpersonal Relations: Psyc 363
- I graded the students' papers and exams, and I held office hours to mentor students in their learning of the course material.
- 2011 – 2013 *Research Assistant* (SISC Lab), Supervisor: Dr. Schmitt
- My duties consisted of data coding, data collection and data analysis.
- 2011 – present *Research Assistant* (IRSJ Lab), Supervisor: Dr. Wright
- My duties have consisted of managing various research projects; including survey development, data collection and data analysis.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- 2016 – present *Immigration Services Society of British Columbia* – volunteer
- Syrian Refugee Mentor and Conversation Group Leader
- 2015 – present *BC Poverty Reduction Coalition* – member
- 2013 – present *Community Research Consultant* – paid position (The PACE Program)
- I am conducting a program evaluation for the different services of the program. This consists of developing training manuals and various surveys, as well data analysis and writing up of a community report.
- 2012 – present *Village Vancouver* – member
- 2005 – present *Respite Care Provider* – volunteer
- I offer respite and support to a girl who was previously in foster care.
- 2000 – 2010 *Child & Family Outreach Worker* – paid position (The PACE Program)
- This job consisted of working as a consultant with childcare educators, collaborating with affiliated professionals, and supporting the needs of at risk children and their families in the community.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)
American Psychological Society (APA)
Greater Good Science Center

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Simon Fraser University)

2016	<i>Introduction to NVivo (Qualitative Data Analysis) for Windows</i> – Library, Simon Fraser University (January 12, 2016)
2015	<i>Presentation Skills Workshop</i> – Teaching and Learning Centre, Simon Fraser University (October 8, 2015)
2015	<i>Cultural Safety Presentation</i> - Provincial Health Services Authority's San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety program (February 14, 2015)
2014	<i>IRI Lecture Series on Aboriginal Issues</i> (February 11 – March 18, 2014)
2014	<i>SFU Reconciliation Workshop</i> (February 6 – 7, 2014)
2013	<i>Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) – Certificate Program</i> – Teaching and Learning Centre, Simon Fraser University (August, 2013)
2012 – present	IRSJ & SISC Lab Meeting Attendance & Presentation (bi-weekly)
2011 – present	Social Area Meeting Attendance (bi-weekly)

STATISTICAL TRAINING:*PSYC 911: Research Design II - Multivariate Regression & Correlation Models*

Jan-Apr 2015

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC

Instructor: Dr. Rachel Fouladi

Course Grade: A (GPA: 4.00)

PSYC 910: Research Design I – Experimental design and analysis of variance

Sept-Dec 2014

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC

Instructor: Dr. Michael Maraun

Course Grade: A (GPA: 4.00)

CPA Pre-Convention Workshop: Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling

June, 2014

75th Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Vancouver, BC

Instructors: Dr. Rob Cribbie & Alyssa Counsell

Mediation Analysis Workshop

October, 2014

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC

Instructor: Dr. Michael Schmitt