

Odilia Dys-Steenbergen

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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 social justice, motivation and positive cross-group interactions.

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2014 SPSSI - Maya Claro Masters Grant (pending acceptance) - \$1000
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

ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

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

Dys-Steenbergen, O. & Wright, S.C. (2014, June). Current Directions in Intergroup Contact Research. *Canadian Psychological Association*, Vancouver, B.C.

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

Wright, S. C., **Dys-Steenbergen, O.** & Lorenzo, G. (2012, November). 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. Presented at the 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.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

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*, 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*, 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*. 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*. San Diego, CA.

MANUSCRIPTS :

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

Wright, S.C., & **Dys-Steenbergen, O.** (In Preparation). Self-expansion motivation and intergroup relations. Invited submission to proposed special issue, *Journal of Social Issues*.

Gibson, T. M., Wright, S.C., & **Dys-Steenbergen, O.** (In Preparation). Are we close or just happy? An examination of attitude generalization from interactional closeness and positivity.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

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

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| 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, Queen Mary, University of London, UK.) |
| 2013 | <i>Vicarious Offense</i> (supervisor: Dr. Aknin at Simon Fraser University). |
| 2012 – present | <i>Friendship Study</i> (supervisor: Dr. Wright at Simon Fraser University). |

SERVICE TO ACCADEMIC COMMUNITY:

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| 2013- 2014 | <i>Social Area Meeting Facilitator</i> (Simon Fraser University) |
| 2014 | <i>Symposium on Cross-Group Interactions Co-Chair</i> at the Canadian Psychology Association conference in Vancouver. |

WORK EXPERIENCE (Simon Fraser University):

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| 2014 | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Spring) – Psychology and Environmental Sustainability: Psyc 391 |
| 2012 – 2014 | <i>Lab Manager</i> (IRSJ & SISC - Social Psychology Lab), Supervisors: Dr. Wright & Dr. Schmitt |
| 2012 | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> (Spring) – Interpersonal Relations: Psyc 362 |
| 2011 – present | <i>Research Assistant</i> (IRSJ & SISC Lab), Supervisors: Dr. Wright & Dr. Schmitt |

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

2013 – present *Program Evaluation* – paid position (The PACE Program, Vancouver)
2013 *Truth and Reconciliation Walk Team Leader* (SFU Social Psychology)
2012 – present *Village Vancouver Volunteer* (Sustainable Community Development)
2005 – present *Respite Foster Care Provider*
2000 – 2010 *Child & Family Outreach Worker* – paid position (The PACE Program, Vancouver)

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

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

PROFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Simon Fraser University)

2014 *IRI Lecture Series on Aboriginal Issues* (February 11 – March 18)
2014 SFU Reconciliation Workshop (February 6 - 7)
2013 Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) – Certificate Program (August). Offered by the Teaching and Learning Center at Simon Fraser University.
2012 Graduate Student Writing Group (November, 2012 – April, 2013).
2012 Mediation Analysis Workshop (October, 2012). Presented by Dr. Schmitt at Simon Fraser University.
2012 – present IRSJ & SISC Lab Meeting Attendance & Presentation (bi-weekly)
2011 – present Social Area Meeting Attendance (bi-weekly)