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EDUCATION

M.A. Social Psychology

Simon Fraser University

2011-

present

Honours B.A. Psychology

King's University College at the University of Western Ontario

2010

Thesis: *Environmental Inequality: Social Dominance Orientation and Environmental Decision Making*

Supervisor: Lynne M. Jackson

AWARDS/CERTIFICATIONS

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, SSHRC (\$17,500)	2011
Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship, SFU (\$5,000)	2011
Graduate Fellowship, SFU (\$6,250)	2011
Provost Prize of Distinction (\$5,000)	2011
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000, declined)	2011
Dean's Honor List, King's University College	2008 - 2010
Distress Centre Award for One Year of Service	2010
King's University College Continuing Scholarship (\$1,500)	2009
Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Certificate	2009
The Heggarty/Laetare Bursary (for working with disadvantaged groups) (\$500)	2009
King's University College Continuing Scholarship	2008
Basilicata Cultural Society Award (\$2,000)	2008
Joe Barth Award for Justice and Peace (\$375)	2007
King's University College Entrance Scholarship (\$3,000)	2005

PUBLICATIONS

Wright, S. C., & **Bitacola, L. M.** (in press). *Echoing the call to move "Beyond Prejudice" in search of evaluating intergroup equality*. [Peer commentary on the journal article "Beyond prejudice: Are negative evaluations the problem? Is getting us to like one another more the solution?"]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Jackson, L. M., **Bitacola, L. M.**, Janes, L., & Esses, V. M. (2012). The intergroup context of

environmental decision-making: Ideological support of environmental inequality. *Manuscript under review*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bitacola, L. M. (2011, August). *Environmental inequality: Social dominance orientation and environmental decision making*. Data Blitz presented at the 1st Annual Pacific Conference on Prejudice and Culture, Bellingham, WA.

Bitacola, L. M., Wright, S. C., & Jauernig, N. (2012, June). Stereotypes and cross-group interactions: The impact of reminders of White racism. Louis, W. (Symposium chair), *Intergroup encounters: Choices, threats, and opportunities*. Symposium to be conducted at the 9th Biennial Convention for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Charlotte, NC.

Bitacola, L. M., & Jackson, L. M. (2010, April). *Environmental inequality: Social dominance orientation and environmental decision making*. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Ontario Psychology Undergraduate Thesis Conference. Windsor, ON.

Bitacola, L. M., Jackson, L. M., Esses, V. M., & Janes, L. (2010, June). *Environmental inequality: Social dominance orientation and environmental decision making*. Poster presented at the 8th Biennial Convention for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. New Orleans, LA.

Jackson, L. M., **Bitacola, L. M.**, Esses, V. M., & Janes, L. (2011, January). *Environmental inequality and social dominance orientation*. Poster to be presented at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Esses, V. M., Lapshina, N, **Bitacola, L. M.** (2010). Settlement information renewal exercise. *Report written for Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Integration Branch*.

RESEARCH/WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Department of Psychology, Simon Fraser University

- mark assignments and exams
- answer students questions

2011-
present

Lab Coordinator

Dr. V. M. Esses, Esses Lab for the Study of Intergroup Relations,
UWO, London, ON

- supervise research assistants

Aug. 2010-
2011

- coordinate research
- organize weekly lab meetings
- developed an anti-racism and anti-discrimination database

Research Assistant

Dr. L. M. Jackson, King's University College, London, ON

- collect, input and analyze data
- field research on environmental inequality

Jan. 2010-
2011

Computer Lab Employee

King's University College, London, ON

- supervised the student computer lab
- helped professors set up technology equipment and assist with difficulties

Sept. 2009-
April 2010

Exam Proctor for Students with Disabilities

King's University College, London, ON

- administered and scribed exams for students with disabilities
- promoted to Senior Proctor

Nov. 2007-
April 2009

Diversity Student Clerk

Greater Essex County District School Board, Windsor, ON

- research on race relations and religious accommodation
- assisted the diversity coordinator in preparing programs for newcomers to Canada
- screened Aboriginal and African American educational material for appropriateness

Summer 2008

SERVICE/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

Departmental Psychology Graduate Caucus Representative

Simon Fraser University

May 2012-
present

Social Area Seminar Organizer

Simon Fraser University

Jan. 2012-
present

First Year Psychology Graduate Caucus Representative

Simon Fraser University

Sept. 2011-
present

Crisis Phone Volunteer

London District Distress Centre

Nov. 2008-
May 2009

Notetaker for students with disabilities

King's University College, London, ON

Sept. 2008-
April 2009

International Peer Mentor and Bridging Assistant King's University College, London, ON	2008-2009
Mobile Outreach Volunteer Streetlight Ministry, London, ON	Dec. 2007- April 2008
Group Leader/Organizer Young Adult Service Group	Jan. 2006- July 2007
Residence Council Representative King's University College, London, ON	Sept. 2005- April 2006
Haiti Service and Poverty Awareness Trip Hearts Together for Haiti and Rayjon Share Care	Dec. 2005 and March 2005