

Deborah E. Ward

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Master of Science in Psychology – Expected 2014
Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania
Full Graduate Assistantship, 2013-2014
Current GPA of 3.83 – Anticipated Graduation May 2014

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts - May 2012
Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Commitment to Excellence Merit Scholarship, 2008-2012
Majors in Psychology and Russian Studies
Honors in Psychology
Summa Cum Laude (Cumulative GPA of 3.95)

Academic Honor Societies & Awards

The Citizen Exchange Counsel Award in Russian Studies (2012)

Awarded to a student who has shown significant service and interest in the field of Russian Studies

Carol E. Hutchinson Memorial Prize for Research in Psychology (2012)

Awarded to a student contemplating a career in Psychology whose performance most clearly exhibits an inquisitive spirit and devotion to experimental research.

Phi Beta Kappa (Junior Inductee - 2011)

Dobro Slovo – The Slavic National Honor Society (2011)

President, 2011 - 2012

Psi Chi – The International Honor Society in Psychology (2010)

Secretary, 2013 – 2014 (at Villanova University)

Omicron Delta Kappa – The National Leadership Honors Society (2011)

Co-Chair of Membership Committee, 2011 - 2012

Dean's List (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Research Experience

Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania

Masters Thesis with Dr. Erica Slotter, May 2013 – May 2014

Projected thesis will explore the effects of activating self-compassion vs. self-esteem on affect, self-stigma and other-stigma in reference to body image

Volunteer in Dr. Erica Slotter's Social Self Lab

Assisting with data collection and analysis for student and professor research; further developing skills in construction and analysis of social psychology research.

Volunteer in Dr. John Kurtz's Psychological Assessment Lab

Assisting with data collection and analysis for student and professor research; further developing skills in administration and analysis of various psychological assessments. Co-organizing the creation of an assessment that will measure the critical thinking and ethics skills of graduating Villanova Psychology majors.

Coder for Dr. Michael Brown's Comparative Cognition and Dr. Irene Kan's Cognitive Neuroscience of Memory Labs

Coded various forms of data (e.g. video data, pictorial data) for Dr. Brown and Dr. Kan's students' Masters theses.

Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Research Assistant for Dr. Roger Phillips, September 2011 – April 2012

Assisted in data collection to be used by Northampton Community College for the purpose of obtaining grants and funding; administered and scored literacy assessments for pre-school-age children.

Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, Pennsylvania

2011 Pool Summer Research Scholar with Dr. Edward Norris and the Department of Psychiatry, June 2011 – August 2011

Began creation of a research protocol for a future study to be undertaken by the Psychiatry and Vascular Surgery Departments of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network

Muhlenberg College, Office of Institutional Assessment, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Summer Research Assistant, May 2011 – August 2011

Research, data entry and analysis assisting with the assessment of the College's progression towards academic goals.

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Senior Thesis in Psychology – Coping in Caregivers – Advised by Dr. Kathy Harring, September 2011 – May 2012

Completed a literature review and designed methodology to study stress and coping mechanisms in the context of Hospice caregivers. Successfully defended to graduate with Honors in Psychology on May 7, 2012 at Muhlenberg College.

Senior Thesis in Russian Studies – The Psychology of Russian Superstition – Advised by Dr. Luba Iskold, September 2011 – May 2012
Completed a literature review of the psychological mechanisms of superstitious beliefs and their role in 19th Century Russian literature.

Research Apprenticeship with Dr. Jeff Rudski, January 2010 – May 2010

Completed a literature review, collected and analyzed data, and presented findings at a local conference; applied research and survey design methodologies to enhance a study on magical thinking and beliefs on contagion.

Presentations

Ward, D. (2012, April). *Coping in Caregivers*. Paper presented at the annual LVAIC Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Allentown, PA.

Ward, D. (2011, July). *Peripheral arterial disease and depression: Creating a protocol*. Poster presented at the 2011 Pool Summer Scholars Research Fair at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network Cedar Crest Campus, Allentown PA.

Klein, J., Mitchell, H., Ripkin, A., & **Ward, D.** (2011, May). *Homelessness and mental illness: Differences in stigma*. Paper presented at the biannual Muhlenberg College Psychology Day, Allentown, PA.

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Ward, D., Piccone, V. & Summers, L. (2010, April). *Magical contagion effects on comfort with disabilities*. Poster presented at the annual LVAIC Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Bethlehem, PA

Bagley, M., Moulton, S., Rubin, E & **Ward, D.** (2010, May). *Are you a Mac or a PC? Personality differences and computer preference*. Poster presented at the biannual Muhlenberg College Psychology Day, Allentown, PA.

Relevant Work Experience

Villanova University, Psychology Department, Villanova, Pennsylvania

Graduate Assistant to XXXXXX, September 2013 - May 2014

To be assigned September 2013

Graduate Office Assistant, September 2012 – August 2013

General secretary work including: interpersonal communication and guest services, use of copy machine, scheduling and organization, proctoring and grading undergraduate tests for Adjunct Faculty.

Drexelbrook Catering, Event Sales, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania

Event Sales Assistant, June 2012 – Present

General secretary work including: interpersonal communication and guest services, use of copy and fax machines, organization. Proficient with Caterase and Roomviewer software.

Raub Middle School, Behavioral Support Program, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Communities in Schools Volunteer, part of coursework in Dr. Stefanie Sinno's Adolescent Psychology course, Jan. 2012 - May 2012

Worked after school with 5th – 8th graders affected by academic, behavioral, and social deficits. Assisted in creation and facilitation of therapeutic programs and activities.

Roosevelt Elementary School, Autism Support Classroom, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Student Aid, part of coursework in Dr. Mark Sciutto's Child Psychopathology course, September 2011 - December 2011

Worked with kindergarten and first graders affected by ASD's, Intellectual Disabilities, ADHD, and ODD in a classroom setting. Assisted in facilitation therapeutic play and daily classroom activities.

Muhlenberg College Academic Resource Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Tutor, February 2010 - May 2012

Attended tutor training sessions to consistently progress tutoring skills and strategies, provide supplemental learning and review opportunities for students in Psychology and Russian courses; Level I CRLA Certification.

Springfield School District, Springfield, Pennsylvania

Secretarial Assistant, June 2007 to August 2009

Developed skills in interpersonal communications; use of copy and laminate machines; organization. Processed and updated stock inventory.

Daniel Pope Karate Institute, Springfield, Pennsylvania

Assistant Instructor, May 2006 - May 2008

Worked with students ages 6 – 18, including children with ADHD, ASD's and Downs Syndrome. Created on-the-spot lesson plans for students of Tang Soo Do. Evaluated students for belt level advancement. Performed secretarial work and reported progress of students to headmasters and parents.

Memberships

Association for Psychological Science - Student Membership

Extracurricular Activities and Service

Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania

Psi Chi Secretary, 2013-2014

Assist in organizing presentations, panels, and round table discussions for the purpose of facilitating communication and career development opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students in Psychology. Assist in organizing community activities between professors and graduate students.

Arcadia Hospice, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania

Volunteer, September 2011 – May 2012

Visited with patients on hospice care to assess pain levels, provide emotional and social support, and assist with daily tasks.

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Student Orientation and Advisory Planning Committee, 2011 – 2012

Assisted in all aspects of the planning and facilitation of Muhlenberg College's Freshmen Orientation Weekend for the Class of 2015.

Kappa Kappa Psi, Member 2009 – 2012; Vice President of Service, 2010 - 2012; Alumni Member, 2012 - Present

(As VP-S) Located and organized various community service opportunities, keep track of each member's individual progress on meeting the Fraternity's service goals. (As a member) Performed community service centered on local school districts' music programs, raise money for and support the college music programs.

Yearbook Photography Editor, 2009 – 2010; Editor In Chief 2010 – 2012

Stayed in contact with other campus media publications, parents, alumni, the College's PR department, and Balfor Publishing.

Photographed various campus events and activities; edited photographs and designed layouts for publication.

Student Advisor, 2009 – 2011

Participated in Orientation Weekend by providing information, campus tours, making sure assigned students are at all events on time.

Helped and give advice to assigned students throughout the year; made sure they were transitioning to college

Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Lima, Pennsylvania

Volunteer, December 2000 – August 2008

Helped organize weekly social events for residents; provided emotional and social support.

Skills and Qualifications:

Proficient with Microsoft Office, Windows XP/7, Adobe Photoshop, SPSS, CaterEase and Roomviewer software.

Proficient with Nikon brand digital and film cameras.

CITI Certification - Renewed May 2013

College Reading and Learning Association – Level I Tutor