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EDUCATION

- 2023 - Present **Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology** *University of California, Davis*
Fields of Study: Developmental & Quantitative Psychology
Advisors: [Drs. Kristin Lagattuta & Emilio Ferrer](#)
- 2017 –2021 **Honors Bachelor of Science in Psychology** (magna cum laude) *University of Utah*
Bachelor of Science in Health, Society & Policy (magna cum laude)
Minors & Certificates: Economics, Sociology, & Quantitative Analysis
Thesis: “I never felt like I was heard”: Feeling Heard in Disagreements Across Relationships
Advisors: [Drs. Monisha Pasupathi & Cecilia Wainryb](#)

AWARDS & HONORS

- Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation (URSD) (Spring 2021)
- Francis Family Foundation Undergraduate Research Scholarship (Spring 2021)
- Aimee LaPine Memorial Scholarship Recipient (Fall 2020)
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Scholar (Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020)
- College of Social & Behavioral Sciences Solutions Scholar (Fall 2018 – Spring 2020)
- Dean’s List (Fall 2017 – Spring 2021)

PUBLICATIONS

- Southwick, M. L. (2021). “I never felt like I was heard”: The experience of feeling heard in disagreements across relationships. *Undergraduate Research Journal*. <https://tinyurl.com/URJ2021-MaiaSouthwick>
- Southwick, M. L. (2020). Subsidized childcare policy and its implications for low-income families. *Hinckley Journal of Politics*, 21, 54-60. <https://tinyurl.com/HJOP2020>

CONFERENCE POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

- Southwick, M. L., Kramer, H. J., Lara, K. H., & Lagattuta, K. H. (2024, March 23). *Will I help or befriend? Children’s and adults’ coordination of the social past when evaluating traits and making sociomoral decisions* [Poster Presentation]. Cognitive Development Society Biannual Meeting, Pasadena, CA, United States.
- Southwick, M. L. (2021, April). “I never felt like I was heard”: *Feeling heard in disagreements across relationships* [Poster Presentation]. National Conference for Undergraduate Research.
- Southwick, M. L. & Phan, T. (2020, July). *Mental health among college freshmen displaced by COVID-19* [Poster Presentation]. Summer 2020 Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Utah
- Southwick, M. L. (2020, April). *The experience of feeling heard in conflict across relationships* [Poster Presentation]. Spring 2020 Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Utah.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Utah, Social Development Lab
Research Assistant

Salt Lake City, UT
January 2018 – May 2021

- Developed an undergraduate thesis exploring social relationships, conflict, and interpersonal resolution by creating a university-scale online survey, leading a team of RAs quantifying qualitative data, and performing a series of statistical analyses from 400 coded narratives

- Processed and analyzed narrative and survey data from over 200 college freshmen in a multi-institution longitudinal study investigating the effects of displacement caused by COVID-19, such as disruptions in identity development, mental health concerns, and additional impacts
- Trained research assistants in survey creation and lab protocol to help promote a supportive and efficient lab environment
- Created an online survey using Qualtrics to collect pilot data differences between relationship styles in interpersonal resolution for a university-scale social development study
- Interviewed 20 university student participants about interpersonal conflict experiences as part of a pilot study to identify patterns in interpersonal resolution

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Davis September 2023 – Present
Teaching Assistant *Davis, CA*

Courses:

- PSC 001 (Fall 2023), General Psychology (Dr. Kelly King)
- PSC 140 (Winter 2024), Developmental Psychology (Dr. Kristin Hansen Lagattuta)
- PSC 126 (Spring 2024), Health Psychology (Dr. Kelly King)

University of Utah August 2019 – May 2020
Teaching Assistant *Salt Lake City, UT*

Courses:

- PSY 1010 (Fall 2019), General Psychology (Dr. Kris Oldroyd)
- PSY 2010 (Spring 2020), Orientation to Psychology as a Science & Profession (Dr. Kris Oldroyd)

APPLIED & INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Veris Insights January 2022 – August 2023
Senior Market Research Associate, Rapid Insights *Remote | Washington, D.C.*

- Proposed, managed, and led a research project in creating a new product for supporting recruiting professionals in building a more diverse and inclusive workforce ([see here](#))

Sinsheimer Elementary School August 2022 – June 2023
Kindergarten Instructional Aide *San Luis Obispo, CA*

Compass Center, Inc. November 2021 – August 2022
Child Development Specialist *Santa Maria, CA*

Fit Learning SLC August 2020 – July 2021
Learning Coach | Behavior Technician *Salt Lake City, UT*

United States Census Bureau August 2020 – September 2020
Enumerator *Salt Lake City, UT*

YWCA, Family Justice Center January 2020 – March 2020
Intern | Front Desk Receptionist *Salt Lake City, UT*

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services May 2019 – August 2019
Strategic Planning Intern *Washington, D.C.*

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Utah, Honors Mentoring Program January 2024 – Present
Undergraduate Mentor *Remote*

ACCESS Grads November 2023 – Present
Undergraduate Mentor *Davis, CA*

Graduate Student Association October 2023 – Present
Graduate Student Representative *Davis, CA*

Honors College, University of Utah August 2020 – May 2021
Thesis Peer Mentor *Salt Lake City, UT*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

United Way | Allan Hancock Community College January 2022 – April 2022
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Volunteer *Santa Maria, CA*

Utah Health & Human Rights August 2018 – February 2019
Tutor/Mentor *Salt Lake City, UT*

The Children's Center October 2017 – August 2018
Preschool Assistant *Salt Lake City, UT*