

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA September 2019 - Present
Doctoral Candidate in Clinical Psychology
Advisor: Aaron L. Pincus, Ph.D.
Research Interests: Interpersonal Theory, Personality Disorders

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York Aug 2013 - May 2017
Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Science and English
Cumulative GPA: 3.74 / 3.89 (Overall / Psychological Science), Cum Laude in Psychological Science
Senior Thesis, Awarded Distinction: "Emotional Motivations for Coping with Microaggressions: Results from a Self-Report Survey" (Thesis Advisor: Dr. Randolph Cornelius)

University College London, London, United Kingdom Sep 2015 – Dec 2015
Affiliate Student in Psychology and Language Sciences, and English Language and Literature
Cumulative GPA: 3.85

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Asan, A. E.**, Nielsen, K., Cohen, T. R., Lewandowski, K. E., Chouinard, V. A., Cohen, B. M., Öngür, D. (January 2018). "Prevalence and Predictors of Anxiety Disorder Comorbidity in Affective and Non-Affective Psychotic Disorders" McLean Research Day, Belmont, MA.
2. Nielsen, K., **Asan, A. E.**, Hall, M., Brady, R., Öngür, D. (January 2018). "Contributing Factors to Social Anosognosia in Patients with Psychotic Disorders." McLean Research Day, Belmont, MA.
3. Cohen, T. R., Baker, J. T., **Asan, A. E.**, Lewandowski, K. E., Öngür, D. (January 2018). "Relationships Between Symptom Presentation and Intrinsic Resting-State Functional Connectivity in First Episode Psychosis." McLean Research Day, Belmont, MA.
4. **Asan, A. E.**, Nielsen, K., Cohen, T. R., Lewandowski, K. E., Chouinard, V. A., Cohen, B., Öngür, D. (January 2018). "Prevalence and Predictors of Anxiety Disorder Comorbidity in Affective and Non-Affective Psychotic Disorders." 2018 Harvard Medical School Mysell Research Day in Psychiatry, Cambridge, MA.
5. Chouinard, V. A., Valeri, L., Dalla Man, C., Lewandowski, K. E., **Asan, A. E.**, Cypess, A. M., Henderson, D. C., Cobelli, C., Cohen, B. M., Öngür, D. (May 2018). "Insulin Action and Cognition in Patients With First-Episode Psychosis." Society of Biological Psychiatry 73rd Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
6. **Asan, A. E.**, Lewandowski, K. E., Chouinard, V. A., Öngür, D. (September 2018). "Associations of Anxiety Comorbidity with Community Functioning in Patients with Psychosis." 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology. Indianapolis, IN.
7. **Asan, A. E.**, Bucher, M. A., Samuel, D. B., Pincus, A. L. (March 2020). "An Empirical Review to Derive Best Practices for Scholarly Publication of Translated Assessment Instruments" Poster accepted for presentation at the Society for Personality Assessment Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Chouinard, V.-A., Shinn, A. K., Valeri, L., Chouinard, P. A., Gardner, M. E., **Asan, A. E.**, Cohen, B. M., Öngür, D. (2019). Visual hallucinations associated with multimodal hallucinations, suicide attempts and morbidity of illness in psychotic disorders. *Schizophrenia Research*, 208, 196–201.
2. Chouinard, V. A., Valeri, L., Dalla Man, C., Lewandowski, K. E., **Asan, A. E.**, Cypess., A. M., Henderson, D. C., Cobelli, C., Cohen, B. M., Öngür, D. (2018). *Insulin Action and Cognition in Patients With First-Episode Psychosis*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH FUNDING

- Robert W. Graham Endowed Graduate Fellowship, The Pennsylvania State University
- Internship Grant Fund, Vassar College, \$1100 award to fund summer research and academic credit at Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorders Program of McLean Hospital

AWARDS, HONORS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Student Member, Society of Personality Assessment
- Member, Psi Chi, Psychology Honors Society
- Associate Member, Society for Research in Psychopathology
- Fergusson Presidential Scholar, Vassar College
- High Honors, Turkish Ministry of Education

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student, Clinical Psychology, The Pennsylvania State University August 2019- Present

Penn State Personality Psychology Laboratory

Advisor: Aaron L. Pincus, Ph.D.

- Assist with ongoing lab-wide research projects, including the Continuous Assessment of Interpersonal Dynamics study by supervising undergraduate research assistants and maintaining databases
- Conduct a review of translations of assessment measures, and a study of interpersonal characteristics of schizotypal personality disorder
- Write and contribute to manuscripts/book chapters, analyze data and present research findings

Clinical Research Assistant, McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA

Jun 2017 – Jan 2019

Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorders Program

Supervisors: Virginie-Anne Chouinard, MD; Dost Ongur, MD, PhD

- Assisted MRI procedures, conduct blood draws, assist with skin biopsies and administer symptom assessments and cognitive tasks to first episode psychosis clinic patients, first-degree relatives and healthy control subjects in a longitudinal multimodal neuroimaging study
- Recruited inpatient and outpatient study participants, perform informed consent, coordinate study visits, manage and maintain patient and study databases
- Prepared research and recruitment materials, create and modify IRB Protocols
- Analyzed behavioral, cognitive and neuroimaging data; prepare and submit presentations and manuscripts
- Trained incoming research assistants and international visiting scholars

Study Coordinator, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Jun 2017 – Jan 2019

Translational and Clinical Research Center

Supervisor: Virginie-Anne Chouinard, MD

- Schedule visits, prepare doctor's orders, facilitate visit preparation with participants for a study of metabolic abnormalities in first episode psychosis
- Coordinate study components with nurse-practitioners, dietitians and registered nurses
- Assist in collecting Frequently Sampled Oral Glucose Tolerance Tests, gather nutrition logs and medical history information, order and coordinate blood tests

- Maintain and analyze dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry and indirect calorimetry data

Research Assistant, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Sep 2016 – Jun 2017

Emotions and Psychophysiology Lab, Independent Thesis, Awarded Distinction

Supervisor: Michele Tugade, PhD

- Designed and conducted research on emotional motivations for passive or active coping with racial discrimination in the form of microaggressions
- Assisted in a study of the influence of positive emotions on dealing with stressors and possible uses of mobile technology to build resilience
- Attended weekly lab meetings, conducted study tasks in a controlled laboratory environment, consented and thoroughly debriefed study participants

Academic Credit Student, McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA

Jun – Aug 2016

Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorders Program

Supervisor: Dost Ongur, MD, PhD

- Worked as a student researcher for a study on visual perception abnormalities in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, and their relationship with clinical characteristics
- Administered clinical symptom scales and visual perception tasks, edited the IRB proposal, recruited and managed study participants, edited records and conducted data analysis using SPSS
- Attended weekly lectures, grand rounds and case conferences, shadowed inpatient rounds

Research Assistant, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Jun – Aug 2015

Psychological Counseling Unit

Supervisor: Sibel Halfon, PhD

- Assisted in research to understand mechanisms of therapeutic change through the study of the therapeutic processes in child psychoanalytic play therapy
- Sorted through and edited the clinical files of participants and the collected data, prepared a soft copy data checklist making sure the data is suitable for reliable statistical analysis
- Transcribed child play therapy sessions, prepared them for scoring, translated research proposals from English to Turkish for IRB review

Research Assistant, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Sep 2014 – Jun 2015

English Department, Supervisor: Michael Joyce, PhD

- Formulated an annotated bibliography and a course syllabus as the assistant for course “Creative Writing: Writing As a Healing Art”
- Prepared course presentations, compiled academic material and bibliographic information as requested

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teacher’s Assistant, Department of Psychology, The Pennsylvania State University (Fall 2019)

Instructor: Jeff. M Love, PhD

- TA for an Introduction to Psychology course with 360 students
- Grade in-class assignments, extra-credit assignments, and exams
- Hold weekly office hours and study sessions to assist students with coursework

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER WORK

Peer Counselor, CARES at Vassar, Vassar College

Feb 2014 – May 2017

- Listened for a 24-hour non-judgmental peer hotline for victims of sexual assault, personal violence and childhood abuse
- Received extensive training on issues of childhood trauma, sexual assault, Title IX, self harm, child abuse, vicarious trauma

Co-Founder, President, Middle Eastern Students Collective, Vassar College Feb 2015 – May 2017

- Co-founded affinity space for students identifying as Middle Eastern and North African
- Organized events that celebrate Middle Eastern culture and raise awareness on xenophobia and Islamophobia, and provide peer support to students who are affected by discrimination

Chair of Residential Affairs, Vassar Student Association, Office of Residential Life May 2016 – May 2017

- Member of Vassar Student Association Executive Board and administrative committees
- Primary liaison to Residential Life, Safety and Security and Student Conduct

CERTIFICATIONS

- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI): Human Social & Behavioral Research Certification
- Structured Clinical Interview for DSM Disorders (SCID) Training
- Massachusetts General Hospital Division of Clinical Research Phlebotomy Trained
- Partners Magnetic Resonance Environment Safety and Certification 1.5, 3 and 4 Tesla MR
- MATRICS Consensus Cognitive Battery Administrator Training

SOFTWARE

SPSS, STATA, Qualtrics, REDCap, Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, EndNote X7

LANGUAGES

English, Turkish, French