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Curriculum Vitae

Lake Forest College

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**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

8/2018- Present Assistant Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychology, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Experimental Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at Arlington, 2018

Dissertation: *Opposing Attitudes in Controversial Discussions: Latent Semantic Similarity and Individual Differences in Computer-Mediated Interactions*

M.S. Experimental Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at Arlington, 2016

B.A. Department of Psychology, University of Texas at Arlington, 2012

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

In press **Ta, V.P**., Griffith, C., Boatfield, C., Wang, X., Civitello, M., Bader, H., DeCero, E.,&

 Loggarakis, A. Companion Chatbots and Social Support in Everyday Contexts:

 Analyzing User Experiences of A Companion Chatbot App. *Journal of Medical*

 *Internet Research.*

2019 Gesselman, A., Ta, **V.P.,** & Garcia, J.R. Worth a thousand interpersonal words: Emoji

 as affective signals for relationship-oriented digital communication. *PLoS One, 14(8),*

 *e0221297.*

2019 Bayram, A.B., & **Ta, V.P.** Measuring common knowledge: Latent semantic

 analysis, linguistic synchrony, and common knowledge in international relations.

Published OnlineFirst at *International Relations.*

2018 Bayram, A.B., & **Ta, V.P.** Diplomatic chameleons: Language style matching and

 agreement in international diplomatic negotiations. *Negotiation and Conflict*

 *Management* Research, 12(1), 23-40.

2018 Russell, E.M., Ickes, W., & Ta, **V.P**. Women interaction more comfortably and

 intimately with gay men—but not straight men—after learning their sexual

 orientation. *Psychological Science, 29*(2), 288-303.

2017  **Ta, V.P.** A meta-analytic review of gender-role dimensions and relationship

 satisfaction. *Journal of Relationships Research*, 8(e18), 1-14.

2017 **Ta, V.P.,** Babcock, M.J., & Ickes, W. Developing latent semantic similarity in initial,

 unstructured interactions: The words may be all you need. *Journal of Language and*

 *Social Psychology, 35*(3), 1-24.

2017 Lewis, D.M.G., Russell, E.M., Al-Shawaf, L., Ta, V.P., Senveli, Z., Ickes, W., & Buss, D. M. Why women wear high heels: Evolution, lumbar curvature, and attractiveness. *Frontiers in Psychology, 8*, 1875. http://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2017.01875

2017 **Ta, V.P.,** Gesselman, A.N., Perry, B., Fisher, H., & Garcia, J. Stress of singlehood: Marital status, domain-specific stress, and anxiety in a national U.S. sample. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology, 36*(6), 461-485.

2016 Russell, E., Babcock, M., Lewis, D., **Ta, V.,** & Ickes, W. Why attractive women

 want gay male friends: A novel strategy to prevent competitive deception and sexual

 exploitation. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 120(1), 283-287.

2015 Russell, E., **Ta, V.,** Lewis, D.M.G., Babcock, M., & Ickes, W. Why (and when)

 straight women trust gay men: Ulterior mating motives and female competition.

 *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 46(3), 763-773.

2014 Babcock, M. J., Ta, **V.P.,** & Ickes, W. Latent semantic similarity and language style

 matching in initial dyadic interactions*. Journal of Language and Social Psychology,*

 *33*(1), 78-88.

**Under Review**

Ta, V.P., Keels, E., & Bayram, A.B. How women promote peace: Examining duration, frames, and sex composition in conflict resolution. *Under review at International Studies Quarterly.*

**Invited Submissions**

2017 **Ta, V.,** & Ickes, W. Measuring empathic accuracy: Standard stimulus paradigm. In D.L. Worthington & G.D. Bodie (Eds.), *The sourcebook of listening research: Methodology and measurement.* Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

2017 **Ta, V.,** & Ickes, W. Measuring empathic accuracy: The unstructured dyadic interaction paradigm. In D.L. Worthington & G.D. Bodie (Eds.), *The sourcebook of listening research: Methodology and measurement.*  Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

2017 **Ta, V.,** & Ickes, W. Empathic accuracy. In H. Maibom (Ed.), Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Empathy, (pp. 353-363), New York: Routledge.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2018-present Technology, Relationships, and Language Lab (PI), Department of Psychology, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL, USA

2013-2018 Social Interaction Laboratory,Department of Psychology**,** University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX, USA, PI: William Ickes, PhD

2015 Visiting graduate student, The Kinsey Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, USA

2015 User Experience Intern, Sooth (mobile application for giving and soliciting advice)

2014 Market Research Intern, Strategy and Analytics, Match.com, Dallas, TX, USA

**Methods/Modeling Experience**

Latent Semantic Analysis Word2vec

Topic Modeling(Latent Dirichlet Allocation) Linguistic Sentiment Analysis Language Style Matching Semantic Thematic Analysis

Language Inquiry and Word Count Meta-Analysis

Behavioral Coding Python

Social Network Analysis Relative Weight Analysis

Multilevel Modeling Multiple, logistic, curvilinear regression

Mediation Analysis R, SAS, SPSS

Regions of Significance Dyadic Data Analysis

Factor Analysis LASSO Regression

**INVITED TALKS**

2019 Universes of Discourse in Political Discussions Among Political Adversaries. Psychology of Language Pre-Conference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Portland, OR, February 7.

2018 Language and Civil Discourse in Online Interactions. Facebook Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA, March 14.

2018 The Role and Development of Latent Semantic Similarity in Interpersonal Interactions. Psychology of Language Pre-Conference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 1.

2016 The “Affluenza” Syndrome: Linking Childhood Indulgence to Entitlement and Narcissistic Behaviors. Department of Psychological Sciences, Tarleton State University, November 2.

2016 It’s What You Say, Not How You Say It: Communication in the 21st Century, TEDxUTA, University of Texas at Arlington, April 1

**FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

2019 Assessment of Cognitive Performance-Based Training to Improve Police

 Decision-Making (natural language processing researcher), National Institute

 of Justice

2019 Community Catalyst Grant (co-PI), Society for Personality and Social

 Psychology, $1,425

2018 Mellon Faculty Fellow, Associated Colleges of the Midwest

2018 Heritage Dissertation Award, Foundation for Personality and Social Psychology, $1,000

2017 Dissertation Research Award, American Psychological Association, $1,000

2017 Travel grant, University of Texas at Arlington, $400

2016 Travel grant, University of Texas at Arlington, $400

2016Research Grant, University of Texas at Arlington, $500

2015-2017 LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, National Science Foundation, University of Texas at Arlington, $60,000

2016 Travel Grant, University of Texas at Arlington, $500

2015 Research Travel Grant, University of Texas at Arlington, $750

2015 STEM Fellowship, University of Texas at Arlington

2014 STEM Fellowship, University of Texas at Arlington

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

2017 Janice M. Epp Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

2017 Poster award, Graduate Competition Poster Showcase, Southwestern Psychological Association Conference, San Antonio, TX

2016 First Place, Graduate Research Competition, Southwestern Psychological Association Conference, Dallas, TX

2015 Selected to attend Summer Institute in Social Psychology and Personality, Northeastern University

2015 Outstanding Poster Award (co-investigator), Society for Personality and Social Psychology

2014 Diversity Fund Graduate Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Papers Presented**

2017 **Ta, V.P**., Garcia, J.R., Merriwether, A.M., Massey, S.G., Gesselman, A.N., & Seibold- Simpson. Effects of Sexual Experience and Gender on Conceptualizations of Ideal Partner Types: A Linguistic Analysis. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Atlanta, GA, November 9-12.

2016 **Ta, V.** Introduction to Social Network Analysis. Texas Social Media Research

 Institute, Tarleton State University, Fort Worth, TX, November 4.

2016 **Ta, V.** & Ickes, W. Latent Semantic Similarity in Initial Computer-Mediated

 Interactions. Southwestern Psychological Association Convention, Dallas, TX, April

 8-10.

2015 **Ta, V.** & Bozer, A. Incorporating Social Media into Research. Texas Social Media

 Research Institute, Tarleton State University, Fort Worth, TX, November 6.

**Poster Presentations**

2017 **Ta, V.P.** & Ickes, W. Measuring Latent Semantic Similarity in Initial Computer-Mediated Interactions. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, San Antonio, TX, January 19-21.

2016 **Ta, V.P.,** Garcia, J.R., Massey, S., Merriwether, A., Seibold-Simpson, S. Predicting Attitudes Towards Women Using Ideal Hook-Up Descriptions: A Linguistic Analysis. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 17-20.

2016 **Ta, V.P.** & Ickes, W. Latent Semantic Similarity in Initial Computer-Mediated Interactions. Association for Psychological Science Convention, Chicago, IL, May 26-29.

2016 **Ta, V.P.** & Ickes, W. Latent Semantic Similarity in Initial Computer-Mediated Interactions. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, San Diego, CA, January 28-30.

2015 **Ta, V.** The Role of Narcissism in Student Subject Pools. Association of Psychological Science Convention, New York City, NY, May 21-24.

2015 **Ta, V.** The Words May Be All You Need: Latent Semantic Similarity in Initial Dyadic Interactions. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Long Beach, CA, February 26-28.

2014 **Ta, V.** Examining the Effect of Latent Semantic Similarity in Unstructured Initial Dyadic Interactions. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Austin, Texas, February 13-15.

2013 **Ta, V.** & Babcock, M. Latent Semantic Similarity and Language Style Matching in Initial Dyadic Interactions. Southwestern Psychological Association Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, April 5-7.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Lake Forest College, Sole Instructor**

 Research Methods and Statistics I (Fall 2018, 2019)

Research Methods and Statistics II (Spring 2019, 2020)

 Psychology of Language (senior seminar; Fall 2019)

**University of Texas at Arlington, Sole Instructor**

 Social Psychology (Summer 2015, Summer 2017)

 Social and Personality Development (Spring 2018)

**University of Texas at Arlington, Teaching Assistant**

Research Design & Statistics I (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

**University of California, Santa Cruz, Sole Instructor**

 Foundations of Psychology (Summer 2016, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth)

**Courses Prepared to Teach**

Introduction to Psychology Social and Personality Development

Social Psychology Multivariate Statistics

Research Design and Statistics Text as Data

Personality Psychology R and SAS for Social Scientists

Psychology of Language Psychology of Interpersonal Relationships

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Peer Review**

Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Computers in Human Behavior,* *Behavior Research Methods, Emotion, Interpersona, Journal on Semantic Web and Information Systems, Journal of Medical Internet Research, Journal of Social Media in Society*

Grant Reviewer, Association for Psychological Science Student Caucus Student Grant Competition, 2014

**To Profession**

Co-Editor, SPSPotlight, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2016-2017

Graduate Mentor, Association of Psychological Sciences, 2014

**To Institution**

Human Subjects Review Committee, Lake Forest College, 2019-2020

Pre-Health Advisory Committee, Lake Forest College, 2019-2020

President, Graduate Student Senate, University of Texas at Arlington, 2015-2016

Student Advisory Council, University of Texas System, 2016

Next Generations Initiatives Committee, 2015-2016

Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students Steering Committee, University of Texas at Arlington, 2015

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2014-present

Midwestern Psychological Association, 2018-present

Southwestern Psychological Association, 2012-2018

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2016-2018