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Education

Education

Ph.D (2017- 2021)
Social/Personality Psychology

University of British Columbia
Advisor: Dr. Jessica Tracy

M.A (2017)
Social/Personality Psychology

University of British Columbia
Advisor: Dr. Jessica Tracy

B.A. (2015)
Psychology – Major
Management – Major
Music - Minor

Gettysburg College
Advisor: Dr. Christopher Barlett
Psychology Department Honors Recipient
Management Department Honors Recipient

Fellowships, Awards, and Research Funding

Fellowships

- University of British Columbia Four-Year Doctoral Fellowship (2017-2021)
- International Student Tuition Award (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Elwyn Gregg Memorial Fellowship, University of British Columbia (2016)

Awards and Honors

- UBC PsychFest Thesis Presentation Competition – 2nd place
- International Student Tuition Award, University of British Columbia (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Vancouver Big Data Competition, *DataSense & Big Data University* (2015), Finalist
- Gettysburg College Psychology Departmental Honors Recipient (2015)
- Gettysburg College Organizational Management Studies Department Honors Recipient (2015)
- Psi Chi Honor Society Research Competition, Gettysburg College. *Race, Obesity, and Aggression* (2015), 2nd Place: \$50.00.
- Sigma Chi Fraternity. *Highest Semester GPA: 4.0; \$100.00* (Fall, 2015)

- Psi Chi Honor Society Research Competition, Gettysburg College. *The Effect of Head Tilt on Physical Aggressive Intent* (2014), 1st Place: \$75.00.
- Pi Lambda Sigma Business/Economics Honor Society (2014-present)
- Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society (2014-present)
- Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology, *Secretary/Executive Board* (2013-present)

Research and Travel Funding

- Graduate Student Travel Award for the 2018 SPSP Annual Convention, “The Illusion of a Facial Action Unit: How Head Pitch Rotation Influences Perceptions of Dominance from an Inactive Face.” \$500. Funded.
- Gettysburg College Provost Funding, “Head Tilt: The Influence of Body Language on Aggressive Behavior.” \$500. Funded.
- Gettysburg College Department of Psychology Research Fund, “Head Tilt: The Influence of Body Language on Aggressive Behavior.” \$250.00. Funded.
- Mellon Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Fund, Gettysburg College. *Three Nonverbal Behaviors Associated with Intimidation During a Handshake.* \$500.00.
- Mellon Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Fund, Gettysburg College. *Perceptions of Time as a Function of Context.* \$500.00.
- Mellon Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Fund, Gettysburg College. *Perceptions of Negligence as a Function of Type of Testimony and Priming.* \$500.00.
- Psychology Department, Gettysburg College. *Perceptions of Negligence as a Function of Type of Testimony and Priming.* \$132.46.

Publications

Witkower, Z., Tracy, J. L., Cheng, J. T., & Henrich, J. (in press). Two Signals of Social Rank: Prestige and dominance are associated with distinct nonverbal displays. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.*

Witkower, Z. & Tracy, J. L. (in press). A facial action imposter: How head tilt influences perceptions of dominance from a neutral face. *Psychological Science.*

Witkower, Z. & Tracy, J. L. (2018). Bodily communication of emotion: Evidence for extra-facial behavioral expressions and available coding systems. *Emotion Review.*

Barlett, C. P., **Witkower, Z.**, Mancini, C., Saleem, M. (2016). Breaking the link between provocation and aggression: The role of mitigating information. *Aggressive Behavior.*

Barlett, C. P., Chamberlin, K., **Witkower, Z.** (2016). Predicting cyberbullying frequency in emerging adults: A longitudinal analysis. *Aggressive Behavior.*

Manuscripts Under Review and in Preparation

Witkower, Z., Tracy, J. L., & Lange, J. (in prep). It's all in your head: Head position changes the perception of facial expressions of emotion

Witkower, Z., Tracy, J. L., Hill, A., Koster, J., Pun, A., & Baron, A. (in prep). Two cross-cultural and early-emerging signals of social Rank: Prestige and dominance are associated with distinct nonverbal displays across diverse populations and among young children.

Witkower, Z., Tracy, J. L., Hill, A., Koster, J., Pun, A., & Baron, A. (in prep). Bodily expressions of negative emotion are accurately recognized across cultures and by young children

Witkower, Z., Tracy, J. L., Hill, A., & Koster, J. (in prep). Is the Action Unit Imposter effect a universal phenomenon? The upper face is sufficient to for perceptions of dominance from a downwards head tilt across diverse populations.

Lange, J., Cheng, J.C., **Witkower, Z.** & Tracy, J. L. (in prep). Narcissism, Pride, and Status.

Witkower, Z., Benjamin, R., & Heine, S. (in prep). Tylenol and aggressive behavior.

Rich, S.D., Caver, E., Bodnar, M., Winterburn, P.A., **Witkower, Z.** (in prep). Geochemical Mapping of the Deerhorn Cu-Au Porphyry deposit and associated alteration through transported overburden.

Conference Talks, and Poster Presentations

Witkower, Z., & Tracy, J. L. (2019, February). *Two signals of rank: Distinct displays of dominance and prestige*. Paper to be presented in the symposium, "New insights into the nonverbal communication of social rank," (Z. Witkower, Chair), at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.

Witkower, Z. (2019, February). Symposium Chair, *New insights into the nonverbal communication of social rank*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.

Witkower, Z., & Tracy, J. L. (2019, February). *It's all in your head: Head position changes the perception of facial expressions of emotion*. Nonverbal Behavior Preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.

- Tracy, J. L., Laurin, K., Shariff, A., & **Witkower, Z.** (2019, February). *Hot sh*t or piece of sh*t: The directly opposing impact of pride displays on social judgments and decision-making*. Paper to be presented in the symposium, "Nonverbal expressions of positive emotion: New advances and social functions," (L. Shiota, Chair), at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.
- Witkower, Z.**, Tracy, J. L., Lang, J. (2018, May). *Illuminating the Shade: Uncovering a Schadenfreude Expression*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science. San Francisco, California.
- Witkower, Z.**, & Tracy, J. L. (2018, March). *The illusion of a facial action unit: How head pitch rotation influences perceptions of dominance from an inactive face*. Paper presented in the symposium, "Inferring psychological traits from faces: Accuracies, errors, and mechanisms," (P. Khambatta, Chair), at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Witkower, Z.**, Tracy, J. L., Cheng, J. T., & Henrich, J. (2018, March). *Two signals of social rank: Prestige and dominance are associated with distinct nonverbal displays*. Paper presented at the Nonverbal Behavior Pre-Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Witkower, Z.**, & Tracy, J. L. (2017, December). *The physiological foundation of facial expressions*. EmotionFest 2.0. Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, B.C.
- Witkower, Z.**, & Tracy, J. L. (2017, May). *Two signals of social rank: Prestige and dominance are associated with distinct nonverbal displays*. PsychFest Thesis Presentation Competition. Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, BC
- Witkower, Z.** & Tracy, J. L., (2017, January). Two signals of social rank: prestige and dominance associated with distinct nonverbal displays. Poster presented at the Nonverbal Behavior Pre-Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Witkower, Z.**, Tracy, J. L., Cheng, J. T., & Henrich, J. (2017, January). *Distinct nonverbal displays of dominance and prestige*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Witkower, Z.** & Barlett, C.P. (2016, January). *Aggression and the prototypical pride expression*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Witkower, Z.**, Tracy, J. L., & Cheng, J. T. (2016, January). *Nonverbal expressions of prestige and dominance*. Poster presented at the Nonverbal Behavior Pre-

- Conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Witkower, Z.,** Tarner, N., Kelly, A., & Garnick, D. (2015). *Having the upper hand: The role of nonverbal behavior on perceptions of power*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. New York, NY.
- Witkower, Z.,** Garafola, N., Mancini, C., Barlett, C.P., (2015). *Excuses, excuses: The interaction between excuse and provocation strengths on subsequent aggressive behavior*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. New York, NY.
- Witkower, Z.,** Palladino, L., & Houston, K., (2015). *Race, obesity, and aggression*. Poster presented at Celebration 2015. Department of Psychology, Gettysburg College. Gettysburg, PA.
- Witkower, Z.,** Trotter, M., Fox, M., & Grom, S., (2015). *The influence of head tilt on aggressive behavior*. Poster presented at Celebration 2015. Department of Psychology, Gettysburg College. Gettysburg, PA.
- Witkower, Z. & Barlett, C. P.** (March, 2015). *A nonverbal investigation of aggressive intent*. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Tarner, N., **Witkower, Z.,** Kelly, A., & Garnick, D. (March, 2015). *Three nonverbal behaviors associated with intimidation during a handshake*. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Witkower, Z. & Barlett, C. P.** (2014). *The effect of head tilt on physical aggressive intent*. Poster presented at the International Society for Research on Aggression Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Witkower, Z.,** Kelly, A., & Tarner, N. (2014, May). *Perceptions of time as a function of context*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- Witkower, Z. & Barlett, C. P.** (2014). *The effect of head tilt on physical aggressive intent*. Poster presented at Celebration 2014. Department of Psychology, Gettysburg College. Gettysburg, PA.
- Witkower, Z.,** Kelly, A., & Tarner, N. (2014). *Perceptions of time as a function of context*. Poster presented at Celebration 2014. Department of Psychology, Gettysburg College. Gettysburg, PA.

- Witkower, Z.** & Barlett, C. P. (2014). *“Heads up”*: A correlational analysis between head tilt and aggression. Poster presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- Purita, R., **Witkower, Z.**, Tarner, N., & Platania, J. (2013). *Perceptions of negligence as a function of type of testimony and priming*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. Washington D.C.
- Purita, R., **Witkower, Z.**, Tarner, N., & Platania, J. (2013). *Perceptions of negligence as a function of type of testimony and priming*. Poster presented at Celebration 2013. Department of Psychology, Gettysburg College. Gettysburg, PA.

Technical Research Reports

- Witkower, Z.** (2015, September). *Understanding the Functional Nature of Authenticity and Pride in Healthcare*. Los Angeles, CA: David Couper Consulting
- Witkower, Z.** (2014, August). *Physician Leadership: Demands of Leadership Training in Healthcare*. Los Angeles, CA: David Couper Consulting
- Witkower, Z.** (2014, August). *Literature review: Physician Leadership In Healthcare*. Los Angeles, CA: David Couper Consulting
- Witkower, Z.** (2014, July). *The Nursing Profession: The Role of Leadership During a Bad Forecast*. Los Angeles, CA: David Couper Consulting
- Witkower, Z.** (2014, June). *Literature review: Registered Nursing (RN) Leadership in Healthcare*. Los Angeles, CA: David Couper Consulting

Academic Work and Service Positions

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

- Evolutionary Psychology
- Journal of Experimental Child Psychology
- Journal of Research in Personality

Teaching Assistant Experience

(Fall, 2016)

University of British Columbia	Personality Psychology	Dr. Jessica Tracy
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(Spring, 2016)

University of British Columbia	Personality Psychology	Dr. Jason Martens
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- Guest Lecture on Evolutionary Psychology.

(Fall, 2015)

University of British Columbia	Personality Psychology	Dr. Jessica Tracy
University of British Columbia	Forensic Psychology	Dr. Don Dutton

(Fall, 2014)

Gettysburg College	Psychology 101	Dr. Nina Tarner
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Certifications

Facial Action Coding System (FACS).

Vancouver Institute for Visual Analytics (VIVA) Andrew Wade Visual Analytics Program

Academic Work Experience

Manager of the Human Subject Pool	University of British Columbia (2017)
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Academic and Social Service Positions

APS Convention Program Committee (Poster reviewer)	Association for Psychological Science (2017, 2018, 2019)
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Social-Personality Area Representative	University of British Columbia (2015, 2016)
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First-Year Student Representative	University of British Columbia (2015)
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Undergraduate Curricula Representative	University of British Columbia (2015)
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Undergraduate Journal of Psychology Graduate Student Assistant	University of British Columbia (2015)
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Secretary of Psi Chi Honor Society	Gettysburg College (2014)
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Treasurer of Sigma Chi Fraternity	Gettysburg College (2014)
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Orientation Leadership Facilitator

Gettysburg College
(2014)

Media Appearances

BrainBuzz Podcast (2018). [*Dominance or Prestige: Nonverbal Communication*](#)

Global BC Morning News (2017). [*Analyzing the body language from the leaders' debate.*](#)

Vancouver Magazine (2017). [*Perfecting the candidate.*](#)