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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor	Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA	July 2022 – present
Assistant Professor	Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR	Sept 2020 – June 2022
Part-Time Faculty	South Seattle Community College, Seattle, WA	Mar-June 2020
Full-Time Adjunct Faculty	Renton Technical College, Renton, WA	Sept 2018 – June 2020
Researcher	University of Denver, Denver, CO	Oct 2016 – May 2017
Graduate Student Instructor	University of Denver, Denver, CO	Mar-June 2014
Lab Manager	University of Denver, Denver, CO	Jan 2011 – Aug 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado	2013 - 2016
Dissertation: <i>Attention and Mimicry in Minimal Groups</i>	
Major focus: <i>Affect / Social Psychology</i>	
Minor focus: <i>Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience</i>	
M.A., Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado	2010 - 2013
Thesis: <i>The Relationship Effect on Facial Mimicry</i>	
B.S., Psychology, Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, TX	2003 - 2007
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , Minors in Biology & Honors	
Honors Thesis: <i>Trait Empathy and Sensitivity to Morphed Emotional Faces</i>	

HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

Teacher Excellence Award Nomination, Eastern Oregon University	2022
Faculty Scholars Award (Summer Research Stipend), Eastern Oregon University, \$5,625	2022
Faculty Scholars Award (Summer Research Stipend), Eastern Oregon University, \$11,000	2021
GEER Distance Learning Grant, Eastern Oregon University, \$2,000	2021
Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Denver	2015
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Denver	2014
Interdisciplinary Research Incubator for the Study of (In)Equality, University of Denver, \$1,700	2014
Inclusive Excellence Award, University of Denver	2013, 2011
GRAF (Psychology Department) Research Grant, University of Denver, \$280	2013
Travel award, SPSP Conference, GSFF, University of Denver	2012, 2013, 2014
Louise Lindsey Merrick Scholarship, Texas State University	2003 – 2007
Honors Thesis Grant, Texas State University	2007
Mitte Honors Program Scholarship, Texas State University	2006
Leah Burnett Scholarship (Psychology Award), Texas State University	2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Role of specific emotions in stereotypes, prejudice, & dehumanization
- Interaction of cognition and emotion in reactions to stigmatized groups
- Development of minimal groups
- Replication & cross-cultural big team science

STUDENT MENTORING

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Swiger, H. (2022). *Influence of Native American Princess Costumes on Sexualization of Native Women*. Eastern Oregon University.

Co-mentor for Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Mulder, H. (2013). *Is Imitation Contagious?: The Influence of a Third Person on Mimicry and Liking*. University of Denver.

- Received University-wide award for best senior honors thesis

PUBLICATIONS

Blocker, H. S. & McIntosh, D. N. (2017). Not all outgroups are equal - Group type may influence group effect on matching behavior. *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior*. 41(4), 395-413. doi: 10.1007/s10919-017-0258-z

Blocker, H. S. & McIntosh, D. N. (2016). Automaticity of the interpersonal attitude effect on facial mimicry: It takes effort to smile at neutral others but not those we like. *Motivation and Emotion*, 40(6), 914-922. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11031-016-9581-7>

Mendez, R., Graham, R., **Blocker, H. S.**, Harlow, J., & Campo, A. (2011). Construct validation of Mexican empathy scale yields a unique Mexican factor. *Acta de Investigación Psicológica*, 1, 381-400.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Blocker, H. S. & D'Abreu, L. C. (in preparation). Automatic disgust reactions to overweight individuals are related to stereotypical beliefs.

Blocker, H. S., McRae, K., & McIntosh, D. N. (in preparation). Effects of minimal groups on attention and rapid emotional responses.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

*Mentored undergraduate author

*Swiger, H., McIntosh, D.N., & **Blocker, H. S.** (2023). *Influence of "Native Princess" Halloween Costumes on Interpretations of Sexual Incidents*. Poster submitted for presentation at the Western Psychological Association Conference. Riverside, CA.

*Swiger, H., McIntosh, D. N., & **Blocker, H. S.** (2022). *Is it really just a Halloween Costume? Do "Native Princess" Costumes Sexualize Native Women?* Poster presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.

*Dudley, P. & **Blocker, H. S.** (2022). *Seeking social support in a rural community*. Poster presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.

Blocker, H.S. (2022). *Attention to minimal groups*. Poster presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology 23rd Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.

Blocker, H.S. & McRae, K. (2016). *Attention allocation to minimal group members not determined by threat-association*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 17th Annual Convention. San Diego, CA.

Blocker, H. S., D’Abreu, L. & McIntosh, D. N. (2015). *Saliency of perceiver’s weight and anti-fat prejudice distort weight ratings of others.* Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 16th Annual Convention. Long Beach, CA.

Blocker, H. S., *Mulder, H. D. & McIntosh, D. N. (2014). *Is Matching Contagious? The Influence of a Third Person on Behavioral Mimicry and Liking.* Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 15th Annual Convention. Austin, TX.

D’Abreu, L., **Blocker, H. S.** & McIntosh, D. N. (2014). *Gender Differences in Rapid Emotional Responses to Normal-Weight and Overweight Emotional Faces.* Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 15th Annual Convention. Austin, TX.

Blocker, H. S. & McIntosh, D. N. (2013). *Relationship Effect on Facial Mimicry.* Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 14th Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.

Mendez, R., Graham, R., **Blocker, H.,** Morales, O. (2008). *Empathic Prescience and Accuracy in Detecting Angry and Fearful Emotional Expressions.* Poster presented at the Association of Psychological Science. 20th Annual Convention. Chicago, Ill.

Blocker, H., Morales, O., Mendez, R. & Graham, R. (2007). *Trait empathy and sensitivity to morphed emotional faces.* Poster presented at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, New York, NY.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Claremont McKenna College	2022 – present
Introduction to Psychology Social Psychology	
Eastern Oregon University	2020 – 2022
Social Psychology Experimental Psychology (Research Capstone) Psychology of Diversity Emotion Lifespan Development The Psychology Major	
Renton Technical College	2018 – 2020
General Psychology Development through the Lifespan College Success	
South Seattle Community College	2020
Lifespan Psychology	
University of Denver	
Instructor:	
Special Topics in Psychology – The Psychology of Empathy	2014

Teaching Assistant:

Junior Honors Research Methods	2014
Introduction to Statistics	2013 & 2014
Foundations of Psychology	2013 & 2013
Social Psychology	2011
Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience	2011 & 2015
Emotion and Motivation	2010

TRAININGS, COLLOQUIUM, & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Blocker, H.S. (January 2022). *Attention to Minimal Groups*. Eastern Oregon University Colloquium, Eastern Oregon University, virtual event.

Blocker, H.S. (January 2021). *Engaging Activities over Zoom Classes*. Teaching, Learning, & Technology Roundtable (TLTR), Eastern Oregon University, virtual event.

Reichmann-Decker, A., **Blocker, H.S.**, & Pennington, A.R. (January 2015). *Reducing the Stigma of Mental Illness at DU*. Diversity Summit Workshop, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Draghici, A.M. & **Blocker, H.S.** (May 2013). *When Diversity Education Fails and How to Ensure its Success*. Diversity Summit Workshop, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

VOLUNTEER, CONSULTING, & NON-ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Filter at Oculus Virtual Reality, Redmond, WA	2018
Research Analyst, Ladybug House, Seattle, WA	2018 – 2019
Project Director, Wellness Treatment Center, Englewood, CO	2016 – 2017
Subject Matter Expert, Second Language Testing, INC.	2014 – 2015

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**Eastern Oregon University**

Collaborative Replication & Education Project Reviewer	2021-present
Institutional Review Board	2020-present
Financial Aid Committee	2021-present
Psychology Club Faculty Sponsor	2020-present
Faculty Search Committee	2020, 2022

University of Denver

Graduate student representative, Undergraduate Affairs Committee	2012- 2014
Member, Multicultural Interest Group	2011- 2015
Organizer, Mental Health Day	2014
Vision Science Community Outreach Program, Denver, CO	2013 – 2014
Undergraduate Lecturer Search Committee	2013
Organizer, CU/DU Social Psychology Mini Conference, University of Denver	2012

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Electromyography (EMG)	Virtual Reality Research (Oculus)	E-Prime (Go)
Amazon Mechanical Turk	Qualtrics	SPSS
Conversational Spanish	BioPac	Mindware

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Western Psychological Association
 Society for Teaching of Psychology
 Society for Personality & Social Psychology
 Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching & Learning in the Diverse Classroom, CornellX, virtual	2021
Society for the Teaching of Psychology Annual Conference on Teaching, virtual	2020
Summer Teaching Institute, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR	2020
Society for the Teaching of Psychology Annual Conference on Teaching, Denver, CO	2019
Six Weeks to Increased Retention, Renton Technical College, Renton, WA	2020
Teaching Triangles, Renton Technical College, Renton, WA	2019 & 2020
Academic Integrity Explorations, Renton Technical College, Renton, WA	2020
CANVAS 102: An Equity Teaching Tool, Renton Technical College, Renton, WA	2019
Curriculum (Re)Design: Tools & Resources, Renton Technical College, Renton, WA	2019
Triple E Book Club, Renton Technical College, Renton, WA	2019

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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 College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
 University of Denver
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