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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

2019 Assistant Professor of Psychology at Butler University

Education

2019 Ph.D. in Psychology and Law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the CUNY Graduate Center (advisor: Saul Kassin)

2014 B.A. in Psychology, B.S. in Criminology, University of Florida

Grants and Fellowships

AP-LS Early Career Professionals grant for the project “It’s Not Your Fault You’re a Criminal”: Causal Attributions in Interrogation Tactics (2019, \$5,000)

AP-LS Grants-in-Aid for the project “The Effect of Audio-Visual Quality on Evaluating Video-Recorded Interrogations” (Co-PI, 2019, \$994)

Holcomb Awards Committee Grant (2019, \$343)

Holcomb Awards Committee Grant (2019, \$274)

CUNY PhD Student Council Grant, Diversity in Psychology Recruitment Day (2018, \$505)

CUNY Doctoral Student Research Grant (2018, \$1,500)

CUNY Doctoral Student Research Grant (2016, \$764)

Awards and Honors

Certificate in Effective Instruction: Association of College and University Educators (2020)

This certificate signifies my completion of a 25-module course in effective teaching practices requiring the implementation of evidence-based instructional approaches. The credential is co-issued by the American Council on Education and distinguishes faculty for their commitment to educational excellence and student success.

Teacher Scholar Award Winner for SPSP Convention 2020 (2019)

University Student Senate Graduate Peer Mentoring Scholarship (2018)

CUNY Academy and Central Office of Research, Associate Professors Travel Awards for Adjunct Faculty (2018)

Second Annual Psychology Travel Award, Graduate Center, CUNY (2018)

Winner of AP-LS Outstanding Student Poster Award for “The effects of mere rehearsal on lay perceptions of confession evidence” (2017)

Student Awards

CHASE Scholars, Bailey Wendt (2020-2021, \$4,500 + \$1,000 for lab funds)
 Woodruff Undergraduate Research Award, Bailey Wendt (2020-21, \$800)
 Butler Summer Institute, Bailey Wendt (2020, \$4,500 + \$1,000 for lab funds). Note: BSI 2020 was cancelled due to public health concerns related to COVID-19.

Publications

- Alceste, F., Luke, T. J., Redlich, Hellgren, J., Amrom, A., & Kassin, S. M. (accepted). The psychology of confessions: A comparison of expert and lay opinions. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*.
- Luke, T. J., & Alceste, F. (2020). The mechanisms of minimization: How interrogation tactics suggest lenient sentencing through pragmatic implication. *Law and Human Behavior*.
- Alceste, F., Jones, K. A. & Kassin, S. M. (2020). Facts only the perpetrator could have known?: A study of contamination in mock crime interrogations. *Law and Human Behavior*, 44(2), 128-142.
- Kassin, S. M., Scherr, K. C. & Alceste, F. (2019). The right to remain silent: Realities and illusions. In R. Bull & I. Blandon-Gitlin (Eds.). *Routledge International Handbook of Legal and Investigative Psychology*, 2-19.
- Alceste, F. & Kassin, S. M. (2019). Confessions. In Morgan, R. D. (Ed.). *Sage Encyclopedia of Criminal Psychology*, pp. 157-159. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781483392240.n59>
- Alceste, F., Crozier, W. E., & Strange, D. (2019). Contaminated confessions: How source and consistency of confession details influence memory and attributions. *Journal of Applied Research on Memory and Cognition*, 8(1), 78-91.
- Alceste, F., Amrom, A., Hellgren, J., & Kassin, S. (2019). Social psychology and law. Chapter in K. O'Doherty & D. Hodgetts (Eds.), *Sage Handbook of Applied Social Psychology* (pp. 559-582). Newbury Park: Sage Publications.
- Alceste, F., Luke, T. J., & Kassin, S. M. (2018). Holding yourself captive: Perceptions of freedom in interviews and interrogations. *Journal of Applied Research on Memory and Cognition*, 7(3), 387-397.
- Kassin, S.M., Redlich, A., Alceste, F. & Luke, T. (2018). On the "general acceptance" of confessions research: Opinions of the scientific community. *American Psychologist*, 73, 63-80.

Work in Progress

Alceste, F., Sanchez, P. Y., Dalsklev, M. & Kassin, S. M. (in preparation). “That’s not good enough, tell me again”: The effect of mere rehearsal on lay judgments of confession evidence.

Crozier, W. E., Rico, G., Alceste, F., & Strange, D. (in preparation). Inaccurate Confessions: Misremembered and Unconvincing.

Conference Presentations

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Alceste, F. & Kassin, S. M. (2020). *Different strokes for different but reasonable folks: Comparison of legally relevant observers’ perceptions of custody*. Poster accepted at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago. Note: This meeting was cancelled due to public health concerns related to COVID-19. Poster was presented virtually at the APS Virtual Poster Showcase.

Hussey, Kate*. (2020). *Effects of Education on Juror Perceptions of Confession Evidence*. Abstract accepted for presentation at the 32nd annual Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference, Indianapolis. Note: This meeting was cancelled due to public health concerns related to COVID-19.

Wendt, Bailey*. (2020). *Using Mock Interviews to Understand the Effect of Guilt Expectations on Evidence Contamination*. Abstract accepted for presentation at the 32nd annual Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference, Indianapolis. Note: This meeting was cancelled due to public health concerns related to COVID-19.

Alceste, F. & Kassin, S. M. (2020). *Different strokes for different but reasonable folks: Comparison of legally relevant observers’ perceptions of custody*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans. (I organized and chaired this symposium).

Sanchez, P.Y., Alceste, F., & Kassin, S. M. (2020). “*That’s not good enough, tell me again*”: *The effect of mere rehearsal on lay judgments of confession evidence*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans.

Luke, T. J. & Alceste, F. (2020). *The mechanisms of minimization: How interrogation tactics suggest lenient sentencing through pragmatic implication*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans.

Jones, K. A., Alceste, F., & Kassin, S. M. (2020). *Facts only the perpetrator could have known? A study of contamination in mock crime interrogations*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans.

Alceste, F., & Kassin, S. M. (2019). *Different strokes for different but reasonable folks: Comparison of legally relevant observers’ perceptions of custody*. Paper presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences, Valparaiso, IN.

- Alceste, F., Jones, K. A., & Kassin, S. M. (2019). *Facts only the perpetrator could have known? A study of contamination in mock crime interrogations*. Paper presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences, Valparaiso, IN.
- Alceste, F., Crozier, W. E., & Strange, D. (2019). *Misremembered, but forgotten: Evaluating and remembering contaminated confessions*. Paper presented at the Bi-Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Cape Cod.
- Alceste, F., Jones, K. A., & Kassin, S. M. (2019). *Contaminated Confessions: A Study of Mock Interrogators and Suspects*. Paper presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the AP-LS, Portland.
- Rico, G., Crozier, W. E., Alceste, F., & Strange, D. (2019, March). *Inaccurate and unconvinced: Effect of explanations for confession inaccuracies*. Paper presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of AP-LS, Portland.
- Alceste, F., Crozier, W. E., & Strange, D. (2018). *Misremembered, but forgotten: Evaluating and remembering contaminated confessions*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of AP-LS, Memphis.
- Alceste, F., Golden, C., Shpiz, L., & Kassin, S. M. (2018). *From "10 minutes" to "as long as it takes": A survey on adolescent beliefs concerning police interrogations and confessions*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of AP-LS, Memphis (also presented at the CUNY Graduate Center Psychology Research Day, NY).
- Crozier, W. E., Rico, G., Alceste, F., & Strange, D. (2018). *Inaccurate Confessions: Problems for Memory and Potential Solutions*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of AP-LS, Memphis, USA.
- Alceste, F., Luke, T. J., Cheiffetz, R., & Kassin, S. M. (2017). *Holding yourself captive: Perceptions of freedom in interviews and interrogations*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of AP-LS, Seattle. (I organized and chaired this symposium).
- Luke, T. J. & Alceste, F. (2017). *Pragmatic implicature and implied misinformation in police interrogations*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of AP-LS, Seattle.
- Kassin, S.M., Redlich, A., Alceste, F. & Luke, T. (2017). *On the "general acceptance" of confessions research: Opinions of the scientific community*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of AP-LS, Seattle.
- Alceste, F., Dalsklev, M., & Kassin, S. M. (2017). *The effects of mere rehearsal on lay perceptions of confession evidence*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of AP-LS, Seattle.

Alceste, F. & Kassin, S. M. (2017). *The devil is in the details: Contamination sensitivity in investigators and suspects*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the CUNY Graduate Center Psychology Research Day, New York.

Invited Presentations

Alceste, F. (2018). "False Confessions." Presentation at Wrongful Convictions Panel with the Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice at Montclair State University, October 15 (www.deskovicfoundation.org).

Alceste, F. (2018). "Psychology and Law." Presentation at EXPLO Psychology and Neuroscience Program at Yale University, June 25 (<https://www.explo.org/>).

Alceste, F. (2017). "Interrogations and False Confessions." Presented at Fordham Law School, Criminal Procedure, March 29.

Scholarly Outreach

Alceste, F. (2018, September 4). You have the right to remain silent...unless you are free to leave [web log post]. Retrieved from <https://www.exerciseinexceptions.com/2018/09/you-have-right-to-remain-silentunless.html>

Alceste, F. (2018, May 7). Danger: Risk of contaminated false confessions [web log post]. Retrieved from <https://www.exerciseinexceptions.com/search?updated-max=2018-05-22T12:13:00-07:00&max-results=7>.

Alceste, F., Crozier, W. C. & Luke, T. J. (2018, February 26). Let's talk about the decision to uphold Brendan Dassey's conviction [web log post]. Retrieved from <https://www.exerciseinexceptions.com/2018/02/lets-talk-about-decision-to-uphold.html>

Coursework

In addition to basic social, cognitive, and forensic psychology courses as well as various courses on statistics and research methods, I completed a graduate seminar at New York University titled "Social Vision" and audited classes at Fordham Law School on Evidence and Criminal Procedure.

In light of my research interests, I also completed law enforcement training on interviewing and interrogation offered by Wicklander Zuluwsky & Associates and by John Reid & Associates.

Teaching Experience

Instructor - Social Psychology (2020)

Instructor - Introduction to Psychology (2018-2020)

Instructor - Psychology Research Methods and Statistics (2017, 2019-2020)

T.A. - Psychology and Law (2018)

T.A. - Cognitive Psychology (2017)

T.A. - Social Psychology (2016, 2017)
 T.A. - Psychology Research Methods (2016)
 T.A. - Introduction to Psychology (2015)

Teaching Interests

Introduction to Psychology
 Research Methods & Statistics
 Social Psychology
 Psychology and Law
 Police Interrogations and Confessions

Professional Memberships

American Psychology and Law Society (AP-LS; APA Division 41)
 American Society of Criminology (ASC)
 Association for Psychological Science (APS)
 Indiana Academy for Social Sciences (IASS)
 International Investigative Interviewing Research Group (iIIRG)
 Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC)
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
 Society for the Teaching of Psychology (APA Division 2)

Professional and Community Service

Reviewer (journals and conferences)
Law and Human Behavior
Legal and Criminological Psychology
Psychology, Crime, and Law
 American Psychology-Law Society Reviewer
 IASS Conference Undergraduate and Graduate Poster Judge
 American Psychology-Law Society Student Reviewer
 LaGuardia Community College Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow (2018-19)
 John Jay College Diversity Chair of the Doctoral Student Council (2018-19)
 John Jay College Diversity in Psychology Recruitment Day organizer (2018)
 John Jay College panelist for Master's Student Research Group (2018)
 John Jay College Chair of Doctoral Student Council (2016-18)
 American Psychology-Law Society Student Contributor (2015-18)
 John Jay College Deputy Co-Chair of Doctoral Student Council (2015-16)
 CUNY Graduate Center Psychology Rep. of Doctoral Student Council (2015-16)

References

Saul M. Kassin, Psychology Dept. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, skassin@jjay.cuny.edu
 Deryn Strange, Psychology Dept. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, dstrange@jjay.cuny.edu
 Mark Fondacaro, Psychology Dept. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, mfondacaro@gmail.com