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**EDUCATION**

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida Expected May 2025

M.A., Experimental Psychology

Advisor: Brett Laursen

Thesis: *Age-group differences in friend influence over academic achievement and physical activity*

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec June 2023

B.S., Psychology (First Class Honours)

Senior Honours thesis: *Using the Social Responsiveness Scale to differentiate between autism spectrum disorders and other neurodevelopmental disorders*

Honours thesis: *Oxytocin, CD38, and emotional reactivity*

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Procyshyn, T. L., **Leclerc Bédard, L. A.,** Crespi, B. J., & Bartz, J. A. (2024). CD38 genetic variation is associated with increased personal distress to an emotional stimulus. *Scientific Reports*, *14*(1), 2571. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-53081-5>

**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

**Leclerc Bédard, L.**, Leggett-James, M.P., Žukauskienė, R., Kaniušonytė, G., & Laursen, B. The correlates and consequences of friendship change and friendlessness during late child and early adolescence. (Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Early Adolescence*).

**PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Leclerc Bédard, L.**, Leggett-James, M.P., Žukauskienė, R., Kaniušonytė, G., & Laursen, B. (2024, April 18-20). *The correlates and consequences of friendship change and friendlessness during late child and early adolescence.* [Poster Presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

**Leclerc Bédard, L.,** Yoho, M., Leggett-James, M.P., Faur, S., & Laursen, B. (2024, April 18-20). *Perceptions of parenting and parent-child relationship quality as predictors of friendship dissolution across the transition into adolescence.* [Poster Presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Leggett-James, M.P., Selover, M., **Leclerc Bédard, L.,** & Laursen, B. (2024, April 18-20). *More about being fun: Making friends to maximize social status.* [Poster Presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

**OTHER CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Leclerc Bedard, L.**, Selover, M., Guillont, M., Kaniušonytė, G., Zukauskiene, R., & Laursen, B. (2024, October 25). *Age-group differences in friend influence over academic achievement*. Poster presentation at the 14th Annual FAU Broward Student Research Showcase, Florida Atlantic University.

**Leclerc Bedard, L.**, Leggett-James, M.P., Žukauskienė, R., Kaniušonytė, G., & Laursen, B. (2023, November 17). *The longitudinal examination of friendship stability patterns and their impact on adjustment*. Poster presentation at the 13th Annual FAU Broward Student Research Symposium, Florida Atlantic University.

**Leclerc Bedard, L.**, Scholes, S., Tullo, D., & Bertone, A. (2023, April 13). *Using the Social Responsiveness Scale to differentiate between autism spectrum disorders and other neurodevelopmental disorders*. Poster presentation at the 2023 Annual Undergraduate Student Poster Session, Department of Psychology, McGill University.

**Leclerc Bedard, L.**, Procyshyn, T., & Bartz, J. (2022, April 12). *Oxytocin, CD38, and emotional reactivity*. Poster presentation at the 2022 Annual Undergraduate Student Poster Session, Department of Psychology, McGill University.

**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

**Teaching Assistant, Florida Atlantic University**

PSY 6206 Experimental Design 1 Fall 2024

SOP 3004 Social Psychology Summer 2024

SOP 4230 Social Behavior Laboratory Spring 2024

SOP 3742 Psychology of Women Fall 2023

**AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

Graduate & Professional Student Association Travel Award, Florida Atlantic University Spring 2024

Maurice Massé Scholarship in Environment, McGill University Fall 2022

Boris Muskatov Prize in Psychology, McGill University Fall 2022

Dean’s Honour List, McGill University Fall 2021-2022

Faculty of Science Scholarship, McGill University Fall 2021

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCES**

**Perceptual Neuroscience Laboratory for Autism and Development**

*Volunteer*  2022-2023

Armando Bertone, Ph.D., Supervising Professor

Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, McGill University

Performed EEG testing and administered reading interventions to children with dyslexia. Administered the WASI-II, WIAT-III, and a visual perception task to youth with ASD. Supervised training of other volunteers. Recruited and scheduled participants. Completed data entry and literature searches. Filed, printed, and translated documents. Participated in lab meetings.

**Science and Practice in Psychology Research Lab**

*Volunteer*  summer 2022

Martin Drapeau, Ph.D., Supervising Professor

Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology, McGill University

Wrote a scoping review (PSY492): *A scoping review of deliberate practice in psychotherapy*

Participated in lab meetings.

**McGill Laboratory of Affiliation and Prosociality**

*Volunteer*  2021-2022

Jennifer Bartz, Ph.D., Supervising Professor

Department of Psychology, McGill University

Participated in lab meetings.

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES**

**Peer Support Centre (PSC)**

*Mental Health Ambassador* 2022-2023

Provided one-on-one, confidential, and non-judgemental support to students within the McGill community.

**Beyond Me**

*Mentor* 2020-2023

Provided one-to-one mentoring to a child with Prader-Willi syndrome, verbal dyspraxia, and ADHD.

**Homework Zone**

*Tutor*  2020-2021

Provided mentoring and homework help for indigenous youth in Kahnawake.

**STATISTICAL SOFTWARE SKILLS**

Advanced in Excel and SPSS. Proficient in Mplus.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for Research on Adolescence, Student Member

American Psychological Association Division 7, Student Member

**PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT TRAINING**

Castles & Coltheart Test 2 (CC2)

Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing (CTOPP-2)

Conners Continuous Performance Test Third Edition™ (Conners CPT 3™)

Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence 2nd Ed. (WASI-II)

Wechsler Individual Achievement Test 3rd Ed. (WIAT-III)

Wisconsin Card Sorting Task (WCST)

**REFERENCES**

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