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# EDUCATION Kanpur University, Kanpur, India

Expected May 2017

Master of Arts in Psychology Honors: Ranked 2nd in First Year

### Kanpur University, Kanpur, India

June 2014

Bachelor of Arts, Major: Psychology and Sociology Minor: English

Graduated with Distinction Honors: Ranked 2nd

# Courses taken

#### Graduate Level

Personality Theories, Psychopathology, Clinical and Community Intervention, Philosophy of Psychology, Contemporary Perspectives on Cognitive Psychology, Research Methodology and Social Psychology

## Undergraduate Level

Basic Psychological Processes, Psychopathology, Social Psychology, Psychological Assessment and Statistics, Personality, Social Change and Social Control, Foundations of Sociological Thought, Social Research Methods and Human Development

#### **PROJECTS**

#### Research Assistantship

# o A.N.D. College, Kanpur

August 2016-Present

Mentor: Asst. Prof. Sangita Srivastava

- o Research topic, "Extraversion, introversion and depression as a function of gender."
- o Tools used, "Extraversion and introversion inventory" by Dr. S.P. Kulshestra and "Beck's depression inventory"
- o Studied the development of depression in extrovert and introvert personalities; 80 males and females; Indian; 20-28 years old.
- o Work in progress on a research paper for submission in a conference.

#### Internships

# o Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig, Germany

May-Dec 2014

Guest researcher under Dr. Daniel S. Margulies (Group leader, Neuroanatomy and Connectivity).

- o The research involved usage of citation practices across a body of literature to quantitatively investigate the clustering of topics, divergence of subfields and moments of change.
- o Explored the emergence of resting state fMRI.
- o Accumulated data from various scientific citations indexing services. (Web Of Science, PubMed)
- o Mapped and analysed resting state and mind wandering literature using the bibliometric software.
- o Met weekly and held Journal Club meetings with other group members.

# o Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India

Apr-Jun 2013

Internship under Dr. Satyaki Roy (Head and National Coordinator)

- o Interacted with people living in rural areas about various psychological diseases like obsessive compulsive disorder, panic attack and psychosis by the means of a radio broadcast with the help of a psychiatrist.
- o Studied the level of acceptance and knowledge of diseases in the people living in rural areas.
- o Helped in organising radio workshop at state level.

### o Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur India

Jan-Jun 2012

Mentor: Prof. Neeraj Gupta (Professor and Head)

- o Interacted with first year students to understand their expectations from IIT, Jodhpur and counseled them accordingly.
- o Out of the counseled students, 60 percent could perform exceptionally good, both in studies and in extracurricular activities.

### Course Projects

Survey of Psychological and Sociological concepts in relation to complex systems

- o Formulated a dataset and prepared a report which included fields like geographical region, religion and family income.
- o Analyzed and provided visual representation of dataset based on the fields mentioned above.
- o The programming environment was Python.

### Lab Experiments(On going coursework)

Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS)

- o An IQ test to measure the intelligence and cognitive ability of a subject.
- o It included five tests on Digit symbol, picture completion, block design, picture arrangement and object assembly.
- o Prepared a research report of the WAIS test.

Picture Frustration (PF)

- o It is a controlled projective technique used with children
- o Intended to measure reactions to frustrating situations with the help of 24 cartoon like pictures describing something that causes frustration to the other person.
- o Prepared a research report of the PF study.

Thematic Apperception Test (TAT)

- o It is a projective test which studies the 16 personality traits.
- o Narratives the subject made up revealed their motives, concerns and the way they saw the social world.
- o Prepared a research report on the basis of theme, need, press, outcome, major conflict, interest conflict and feelings.

#### **External Collaborative Projects**

# o Lund University, Sweden

July 2016-Present

Mentor: Prof. Sverker Sikstrom

- o Analysis of evolution of emotional states using different stimuli material such as faces, voices, body postures, video clips and texts.
- o Validation of semantic questions with the goal of showing that they have good/better validity than rating scales.

#### o University College Dublin

August 2016-Present

Mentor: Dr. Louise Mchugh

- o Systematic review on third wave interventions with children.
- o Categorised the interventions based on typical versus atypical development.
- o Study of mindfulness based interventions with children to improve their psychological and emotional states .

#### o Diego Portales University, Chile

September 2016-Present

Mentor: Prof Cristian Santibanez Yanez

- o Studying the acquisition and development of argumentative competence in kids.
- o Study is being done on Argentinean and Indian Kids (3-5 years old).

#### Other than Course-work Training

o Attended International Max Planck Research Schools(IMPRS) Lecture Series.

- o Max Planck Institute Seminars:
  - o The Thalamus and the Neurobiological Infrastructure of Language ready Brain by Prof. Cedric Boeckx from University of Barcelona.

June 2014

o Spontaneous Activity in Development of Brain and Behavior in Young Infants by Prof. Gentaro Taga from University of Tokyo.

July 2014

#### **Online Courses**

#### o Current

- o Visual Perception and Brain, Medical Neuroscience and the Brain and Space by Duke University
- o Understanding Memory: Explaining the Psychology of Memory through Movies by Wesleyan University
- o Introduction to Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis by Johns Hopkins University
- o Buddhism and Modern Psychology by Princeton University
- o AP Psychology (How behavior works, how the mind works and how the brain works) by *University* of British Columbia
- o Trends in e-Psychology by KULeuven

#### o Past

- o Introduction to Complexity by SantaFe Institute
- o Introduction to Biology by MIT
- o Competitive Strategy by Munich School of Management
- o Introduction to Game Theory by Stanford University
- o Introduction to Philosophy by MIT

# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- o Member of Soka Gakkai International (SGI)
- o Trained Pranic Healer with The Inner Sciences India Trust
- o Second Prize in Essay Competition at College level organized by Shri Ram Chandra Mission in collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan.
- o Taught French at Delhi Public School, Kalyanpur, Kanpur
- o Taught French at GD Goenka Public School, Kanpur
- o Volunteer at Indian Cancer Society.

#### OTHER SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, Visual Basic, HTML5, Netlogos, MATLAB.

Applications: CiteSpace, LATEX, GingerALE, Scribe Sleuth, MS Office, Adobe Photoshop CS6.

Operating Systems: OS X, Windows7

Hobbies: Painting, Dance (Kathak), Guitar and Piano

Languages: Hindi, English, French, German and Japanese (Beginners)