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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Nevada, Reno

2016 – 2021 Graduate Researcher, Perception & Cognitive Neuroscience Lab: Lars Strother, Ph. D

2015 – 2016 Graduate Researcher, Caplovitz Vision Lab: Gideon Caplovitz, Ph. D

California State University, Los Angeles

2013 – 2015 Graduate Researcher, Human Psychophysiology Lab: Joel Ellwanger, Ph. D

EDUCATION

2021 **PhD, Psychology**

University of Nevada, Reno

Thesis: *On the insufficiency of laterality-based accounts of face perception and corresponding visual field asymmetries*

Thesis supervisor: Dr. Lars Strother

2015 **Master of Arts, Psychology**

California State University, Los Angeles

Thesis: *The effect of cognitive load on agency judgments for novel stimuli*

Thesis supervisor: Professor Joel Ellwanger

2012 **Postgraduate Diploma, Psychology**

Monash University, Australia

Honors Thesis: *Model Form and Attending to Live and Video Modeling for a Child with Asperger Syndrome*

Thesis supervisor: Dr. Angelika Anderson

2011 **Graduate Diploma, Psychology**

University of Melbourne, Australia

2004 **Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy**

University of California, Santa Barbara

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Primary Instructor

2023 Evolutionary Psychology (PSYC 4310) University of North Texas at Dallas

Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Guided students through contemporary theories of evolutionary psychology, led students in development of student-led discussion presentations of theories and concepts central to the evolutionary context of human behaviors.

- 2023 Learning and Memory (PSYC 4690) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Guided students through contemporary theories of evolutionary psychology, mentored students in development of student-led discussion presentations of theories and concepts central to the evolutionary context of human behaviors.
- 2022 Advanced Seminar in Psychology (PSYC 4040) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Provided guidance to students as they research a topic in psychology, formulate a research question, and design an experiment to address it. Instructed students through collection and analysis of data, and presentation of their results in an original research paper, and a scientific poster.
- 2022 Introduction to Perception & Cognition (PSYC 4040) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Provided students with a foundation for understanding the perceptual and cognitive mechanisms that enable humans to behave in and act upon the world. Instructed students in researching their own perceptual abilities, according to the latest theoretical understanding of the mechanisms at work.
- 2022 Personality Psychology (PSYC 4520) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Guided students through survey of contemporary psychological research on social behavior, theories of personality, personality analysis, and applied social psychology.
- 2022 Positive Psychology (PSYC 3000) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Provided students with an overview of the history of Psychology with a focus on humanistic psychology, the development of strengths and virtues, prosocial behavior, and positive interventions. Guided students through selection of relevant topics to research and present to the class.
- 2021 Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 1100) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Introduced students to broad overview of the history and branches of psychology, as well as the utility of the scientific method in researching and understanding human development, behavior, personality, and learning. Guided students through in-class demonstrations of personally relevant psychological principles.
- 2021 Advanced Seminar in Psychology (PSYC 4040) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: As above.
- 2021 Introduction to Perception & Cognition (PSYC 4040) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: As above.
- 2021 Positive Psychology (PSYC 3000) University of North Texas at Dallas
Responsibilities: As above
- 2021 Physiological Psychology (PSY 403) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Provided students with a foundation for understanding the physiological/neural basis for behavior, thoughts, perception, and action.

- 2019 Experimental Psychology (PSY 301) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Provided guidance to students through conception, execution, analysis, and presentation of an original psychology experiment in a mock symposium, and in manuscript form.
- 2018 Experimental Psychology (PSY 301) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: As above.
- 2017 Experimental Psychology (PSY 301) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: As above.
- 2017 Research Methods (PSY 240) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Instructed students in fundamental methodologies and issues in psychological research, including research design, quantitative and qualitative forms of analysis, and ethical issues.
- 2016 Cognitive Psychology (PSY 416) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Instructed students in how the mind and brain enable us to perceive and act in the world, including major theories, recent discoveries, and experimental methods.
- 2016 Statistical Methods (PSY 210) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Design of curriculum, materials, and assessments. Conducted online instruction in basic statistical principles and techniques employed in the study of human behavior, including use of SPSS statistical analysis software.

As Teaching Assistant

- 2020 Introductory Psychology (PSY 101) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Led online discussion group sections, introduced students to broad overview of the branches, major theories, methodologies, and relatable implications of the study of psychology.
- 2020 Cyberpsychology (PSY 499) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Led in-person and online discussion group, introduced research and conceptual framework for studying the impact of the internet and other information technology on human social and cognitive psychology. Provided guest lecture on the impact of social media on cultural and personal conceptions of self-identity.
- 2019 Experimental Psychology (PSY 301) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Led laboratory sections guiding students in research, conceptualization, and execution of a behavioral psychology experiment. Instructed students in experimental design, statistical analysis, and APA format manuscript writing.
- 2018 Statistical Methods (PSY 210) University of Nevada, Reno
Responsibilities: Assisted with instruction in basic principles of statistical analysis for the study of human behavior. Graded and provided feedback on statistical methods assignments and SPSS assignments.

PUBLICATIONS

- Harrison, M. T., & Strother, L. (2021). Does face-selective cortex show a left visual field bias for centrally-viewed faces?. *Neuropsychologia*, 159, 107956.
- Harrison, M. T., & Strother, L. (2019). Does right hemisphere superiority sufficiently explain the left visual field advantage in face recognition? *Attention, Perception & Psychophysics*, 1-16.
- Harrison, M. T., & Strother, L. (2018). Visual recognition of mirrored letters and the right hemisphere advantage for mirror-invariant object recognition. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 25(4), 1494–1499. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13423-018-1472-3>

CONFERENCE POSTERS

- Harrison, M.H.**, Strother, L. (2020) Serial processing of multiple identities in single faces, *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*
- Chkhaidze, A., **Harrison, M.H.**, Lee, S., Strother, L. (2020) Opposite lateralization for face recognition and gender perception, *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*
- Lee, S., **Harrison, M.H.**, Strother, L. (2020) Does serial processing of words and faces happen in parallel? *Vision Sciences Society*
- Harrison, M.H.**, Strother, L. (2018) Visually split identities in face recognition, *OSA Fall Vision Meeting*, Reno, NV.
- Harrison, M.H.**, Strother, L. (2018) Holistic face processing and hemispheric competition during face recognition, *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Strother, L., **Harrison, M.H.** (2018) Left-lateralized interference of letter recognition on mirror-invariant object recognition, *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Harrison, M.H.**, Zhou Z., Strother, L. (2017) An fMRI half-field repetition suppression study of chimeric faces, *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Harrison, M.H.**, Zhou Z., Strother, L. (2017) Hemifield-split fMRI repetition effects using chimeric faces, *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, CA.
- Harrison, M.H.**, Claiborne, N., & Strother, L. What do visual half-field studies tell us about gender perception? *OPAM 2016*
- Harrison, M.H.**, Erlikhman, G., & Caplovitz, G. (2015) Rotating squares made out of drifting Gabors, *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Petersburg, FL.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2013 | CSULA Psychology department scholarship |
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AWARDS

2019	G.S.A. Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award
2019	Robert L. Solso Award for Outstanding Scientific Achievement
2016	Neural Correlate Society, Best Illusion of the Year, 1 st Place Harrison, M.H., Caplovitz, G., Motion Integration Unleashed: New Tricks for an Old Dog

SERVICE

Designed two courses for recently approved Psychology B.Sc. program at the University of North Texas at Dallas (2022): Behavioral Neuroscience, and Social and Affective Neuroscience

Created draft of the SLO Assessment Plan for the proposed Psychology B.Sc. program, modified and finalized with Dr. Park and the Neuroscience committee (2022)

Served as Psychology Club Faculty Advisor at the University of North Texas at Dallas (2021-2022)

Served on Charter and Bylaws Committee at the University of North Texas at Dallas (2021-2022)

Tutored undergraduate researchers in brain imaging techniques in weekly fMRI Processing Tutorial Series (2020).

Provided manuscript review input for the following journals:

Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics (ID# PP-ORIG-19-214)

Journal of Neuropsychology (ID# JNP.18.0073)

Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology (ID# QJE-STD-19-207)

Vision Research (ID# VR-17-307R2, ID# VR-18-116)

Brain Awareness week, Sierra Nevada Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience:

Outreach volunteer, led presentations in Reno area elementary schools and high schools, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Designed department website for the Cognitive and Brain Sciences graduate program in Psychology at UNR: http://groups.unr.edu/unr_psych_cbs/CBS_grad_program/

SKILLS

- Curriculum design and instruction
- Proficient in use & instruction of MATLAB, PsyToolkit, PSYLAB/PsychLab, and E-Prime
- Proficient in use & instruction of statistical software: SPSS and R
- Proficient in use & instruction of fMRI analysis software: BrainVoyager, NeuroElf, and SPM
- Experienced with Adobe Creative Suite, including Photoshop, Illustrator, and Dreamweaver
- Experienced in psychophysical and psychophysiological experimental design
- Experienced in physiological data collection, including fMRI, EEG, startle eyeblink electromyography, skin conductance measures, and heart-rate measures.