

# MACKENZIE RAE ZISSER

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## EDUCATION

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- 2019 - Present      **The University of Texas at Austin**  
Doctoral Student, Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Christopher G. Beevers, Ph.D.
- 2017                      **The University of California – Berkeley**  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Highest Distinction  
Minor: Gender and Women’s Studies  
Honors Thesis: *The personal is political: Gender, depression, and the social dominance system*  
Supervisor: Sheri L. Johnson, Ph.D.

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

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- 2020                      Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2020                      Rick & Paula Short Research Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2019                      Graduate School Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2019-2024              Provost’s Recruiting Scholarship, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2017                      Psychology Departmental Honors, University of California – Berkeley
- 2017                      Highest Distinction, University of California – Berkeley
- 2014-2017              Dean’s List, University of California – Berkeley
- 2013                      Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara Honors Scholarship

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Johnson, S. L., **Zisser, M. R.**, Sandel, D. B., Swerdlow, B. A., Carver, C. S., Sanchez, A. H., & Fernandez, E. (2020). Development of a brief online intervention to address aggression in the context of emotion-related impulsivity: Evidence from a wait-list controlled trial. *Behaviour Research and Therapy*, *134*, 103708.

Johnson, S.L., Sandel, D.B., **Zisser, M.R.**, Pearlstein, J., Swerdlow, B., Sanchez, A., Fernandez, E., & Carver, C.S. (2020). A brief online intervention to address aggression in the context of emotion-related impulsivity for those treated for bipolar disorder: Feasibility, acceptability and pilot outcome data. *Journal of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbct.2020.03.005>

Johnson, S. L., **Zisser, M. R.**, Sandel, D. B., Fernandez, E., & Carver, C. S. (2019, February). Tendencies to respond to emotion states in an impulsive manner: What tools might work? *Advances in Cognitive Therapy Newsletter*. 20(1), 6-7.

**Zisser, M. R.**, Johnson, S. L., Freeman, M. A., & Staudenmaier, P. J. (2019). The relationship between entrepreneurial intent, gender and personality. *Gender in Management*, 34(8), 665–684.

Freeman, M.A., Staudenmaier, P.J., **Zisser, M.R.**, & Andresen, L.A. (2019). The prevalence and co-occurrence of psychiatric conditions among entrepreneurs and their families. *Journal of Small Business Economics*, 53(2), 323–342.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Zisser, M.R.**, Johnson, S.L., Freeman, M.A., Staudenmaier, P.J. (2018) *Gender and entrepreneurial intention are related to communal tendency*. Poster session presented at Association for Psychological Sciences convention.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2020 | Teaching Assistant, Abnormal Psychology, University of Texas at Austin |
| 2020 | Teaching Assistant, Human Sexuality, University of Texas at Austin     |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2017-2019

### **Cal Mania Laboratory Project Coordinator**

University of California – Berkeley

Dr. Sheri L. Johnson, Principle Investigator. Managed online intervention study for participants with anger and aggression problems. Directed participant recruitment, retention, and management. Compiled and analyzed large datasets. Conducted clinical interviews with participants suffering from mental health symptoms.

2017-2019

### **Berkeley Psychophysiology Laboratory Research Associate**

University of California – Berkeley

Dr. Robert W. Levenson, Principle Investigator. Conducted psychophysiological data collection with patients with dementia and their caregivers. Monitored, collected, and cleaned psychophysiological data. Produced online structure for positive affect intervention with elderly couples. Assisted with behavioral coding team management.

2014-2017

### **Cal Mania Laboratory Research Assistant**

University of California – Berkeley

Dr. Sheri L. Johnson, Principle Investigator. Conducted literature reviews, data analysis, data representation, draft editing, formatting, and production. Developed new directions for research. Published first-author manuscript. Screened study participants seeking treatment for mental illness.

Summer 2016

### **Research Assistant**

Department of Counseling, Clinical, and School Psychology

University of California – Santa Barbara

Dr. Tania Israel, Principle Investigator. Completed Qualitative Content Analysis on stigma narratives of bisexual participants. Facilitated consensus discussions when supervisor absent.

Summer 2014

**Research Assistant**

Sage Center for the Study of the Mind  
University of California – Santa Barbara

Dr. Corina Logan, Principle Investigator. Assisted with avian cognition study and field research outings. Trained in animal research protocols. Sourced and coded videos of bird mating behavior.

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**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

2020-Present

**Psychology Graduate Diversity Committee Faculty Liaison,**

The University of Texas at Austin

2019-2020

**Psychology Graduate Diversity Committee Social Media Coordinator,**

The University of Texas at Austin

2019-2020

**Psychology Graduate Student Association Social Media Coordinator,**

The University of Texas at Austin

2015-2017

**You Mean More Club Social Coordinator**

Created safe space for discussions of issues of mental health and student-to-student support. Developed and implemented a “family” system to ensure members were integrated into the club community. Facilitated educational seminars for club and community members.

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2018-Present

Member of Association for Psychological Sciences

2016-Present

Member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

2013-2017

Member of Association of Psychology Undergraduates

## SKILLS

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Software: R, Python, SPSS