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Education

2019-current University of California, Berkeley
PhD Student, Psychology

2014-2018 Michigan State University
BA, Anthropology (*high honor*)
BS, Psychology (*high honor*), Minors: Cognitive Science, Philosophy

Publications

Confer, J.A., & Chopik, W.J. (2019). Behavioral explanations reduce retributive punishment but not reward: The mediating role of conscious will. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 75, 102808.

In Preparation

Confer, J.A., & Chopik, W.J. (in prep: writing). Age differences in free will belief across the lifespan and the world.

Presentations

Confer, J. A., & Chopik, W. J., (2019, July). Behavioral explanations reduce retributive punishment but not reward: The mediating role of conscious agency. Poster accepted at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Confer, J. A., & Chopik, W. J., (2019, February). Behavioral explanations reduce retributive punishment but not reward: The mediating role of conscious agency. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Confer, J. A., & Chopik, W. J., (2018, July). Behavioral explanations reduce retributive punishment but not reward: The mediating role of conscious agency. Poster presented at the annual Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences, East Lansing, MI.

Confer, J. A., & Chopik, W. J., (2018, April). Biological and environmental considerations on judgments of agency and punishment. Poster presented at the 20th annual University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF), East Lansing, MI. *1st place award for best poster

Confer, J. A., & Chopik, W. J., (2018, April). Biological and environmental considerations on judgments of agency and punishment. Poster presented at the Michigan State Psychology Honors Fair, East Lansing, MI.

Undergraduate Awards

- 2018 Michigan State College of Social Science and Department of Psychology
Graduation Sole Representative (selected by faculty and chairperson)
- 2018 Provost Research Initiative summer grant (\$1,500)
- 2018 UURAF 1st place award for best poster (\$100)
- 2018 Honors Thesis: Biological and environmental
considerations on judgements of punishment and agency
(Advisors: Drs. William Chopik & Joseph Cesario)
- 2014-2018 Michigan State Dean's List every semester
- 2014-2018 Michigan State Honors College

Undergraduate Positions

- 2018 *Research Assistant*, Michigan State Department of Psychology, Morality and
Intergroup Conflict Lab (PI: Dr. C. David Navarrete)
- 2017-2018 *Research Assistant*, Michigan State Department of Psychology, Social Cognition
Lab (PI: Dr. Joseph Cesario)
- 2016-2018 *Research Assistant*, Michigan State Department of Psychology, Close
Relationships Lab (PI: Dr. William Chopik)
- 2016 *Teacher's Assistant*, Michigan State Department of Psychology, Social
Psychology