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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Social-Personality Psychology York University <i>An attributional model of police response to persons with ASD</i> Advisor: Dr. Regina Schuller	Expected June 2023
MA, Social-Personality Psychology York University <i>Police response to developmental disability project</i> Advisor: Dr. Regina Schuller	2017
BA (Honours), Psychology Ryerson University <i>The effects of computer animation on legal decision-making</i> Advisor: Dr. Tara Burke	2014

RESEARCH AWARDS

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship – 36 months (CAD\$60,000)	2019 - 2022
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (CAD\$15,000) (declined)	2019
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Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (CAD\$17,500)	2016
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (CAD\$15,000)	2015

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Nominated by the Social-Personality Area, Norm Endler Award, York University	2020
Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology Certificate of Teaching Excellence	2019
Ivana Guglietti Award for Qualitative Research (CAD\$1000)	2019
Volunteer of the year award, John Howard Society of Ontario	2019
York Graduate Scholarship (CAD\$6,000)	2015
Ryerson University 4 th year Psychology Award (CAD\$100)	2014
Commendation of Excellence, Canadian Psychological Association	2014
Procom Ability Scholarship (CAD\$1,000)	2014
Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association Bursary (CAD\$1,500)	2013
Procom Ability Scholarship (CAD\$1,000)	2012
Ryerson University 2 nd year Psychology Award (CAD\$100)	2011
Dean's list, Ryerson University	2010 - 2014

TRAVEL GRANTS

Graduate Student Conference Travel Fund (CAD\$1,000)	2023
Professional Development Fund (CAD\$600)	2020
Graduate Development Fund (CAD\$614.72)	2020

Student Travel Award, American Psychology-Law Society (USD\$500)	2020
Professional Development Fund (CAD\$474)	2019
Graduate Development Fund (CAD\$600)	2019
Professional Development Fund (CAD\$420)	2018
Graduate Development Fund (CAD\$300)	2018
Graduate Student Conference Travel Fund (CAD\$1,000)	2018
York University Graduate Students' Association Conference Fund (CAD\$100)	2018
Professional Development Fund (CAD\$200)	2017
Graduate Development Fund (CAD\$625)	2017
Professional Development Fund (CAD\$250)	2016
Graduate Development Fund (CAD\$600)	2016

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Instructor of Record

Winter 2023	PSYC 3310: Psychology and Law, York University
Winter 2022	PSYC 2030: Introduction to Research Methods, York University
Winter 2021	PSYC 2120: Social Psychology, York University

Community-Based Teaching

2011 to present	Lead Instructor, Reach Toronto, Centre for Youth & Adults with Autism
2010 to 2020	Instructor, New Opportunities Learning Centre

Guest Lectures

Nov. 2021	Conducting online research, and Communication, York University
Nov. 2021	Qualitative research methods, Introduction to Research Methods, York University
Nov 2021	Police interactions with Autistic people: a mixed-method approach, Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology, George Mason University
Dec. 2020	Police response to ASD, Autism and Developmental Disabilities, York University
Dec. 2020	Conducting online research & using the undergraduate research participant pool Professionalism and Communication, York University
Nov. 2020	Mentally ill offenders, Psychology of Criminal Behaviour, Ontario Tech University

Nov. 2020	Mental health and the justice system, Psychology and Law, York University
Nov. 2020	Autism & the criminal justice system, Criminal Behaviour, University of Saskatchewan
Sept. 2020	Conducting online research & utilizing the undergraduate research participant pool, Specialized Honours Thesis Program, York University
July 2020	Decision-making heuristics, Introduction to Psychology, Texas A&M University
June 2020	Mentally ill offenders, Psychology of Criminal Behaviour, Ryerson University
Nov. 2019	Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System, Psychology and Law, York University

Teaching Assistantships

2020 to present	Undergraduate Research Participant Pool Coordinator, York University
Fall 2022	Introduction to Research Methods, York University
2017 to 2022	Psychology and Law, York University
Winter 2019	Psychology of Women, York University
2017 to 2020	Undergraduate Research Participant Pool Administrator, York University
Winter 2016	Personality Psychology, York University
2015 to 2016	Introduction to Psychology, York University

Invited Talks

Oct. 2020	Facilitating the transition to online research: Qualtrics & the undergraduate research participant pool, Centre for Vision Research Data Café
Feb. 2020	Highlighting key issues and recommendations for supportive housing and justice involved clients, Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee Housing and Justice Forum, Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute
May 2019	A qualitative study of police experience of adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Canada, Adler School of Professional Psychology

May 2019 A qualitative study of police experience of adults with developmental disabilities in Canada, COTA Inspires

Webinars

Feb. 2021 Creating an interactive classroom in an online environment
Teaching Commons, York University

Oct. 2020 Improving interactions between Autistic people & the police:
Perspectives from the ASD Community, Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee

Sept. 2020 Facilitating the transition to online research, York University's Department of
Psychology Let's Chat Series

May 2019 Closed Quarters: Challenges and Opportunities in Stabilizing Housing and
Mental Health across the Justice Sector, CMHA

April 2018 Introduction to Qualitative Methods, SPSSI's Methodology Series

Co-Supervision (Undergraduate Honours Thesis)

2022 to 2023 Megan Weise: *The role of resistance and emotion in sexual assault trials*

2021 to 2022 Tali Kosenov: *Emotional demeanor, expectation violation and autism disclosure*

Mentorship

2021 to 2022 Sarah Martin: *The role of resistance in sexual assault trials*

2020 to 2021 Alvina Bryan: *Jury decision making in sexual assault cases: the impact of inconsistent victim emotionality and the presence of expert testimony*

2019 to 2020 Liam Prymak: *The impact of gender-role congruence: perceptions of expert testimony*

2017 to 2019 Cassandra Starosta: *Perceptions of sexual assault: effects of victim
Physiological arousal and victim gender on jurors' decisions*

PUBLICATIONS

Salerno-Ferraro, A.C., & Schuller, R.A. (Revise & Resubmit). Observer reactions to emotional demeanor in a preliminary investigation context: expectancy violations and gender. *Psychology, Crime & Law*.

Erentzen, C., **Salerno-Ferraro, A. C., & Schuller, R. A.** (2022). What guy wouldn't want it? Male victimization experiences with female-perpetrated stranger sexual harassment. *Journal of Social Issues*.

Salerno-Ferraro, A. C., & Jung, S. (2021). To charge or not to charge? Police decisions in Canadian sexual assault cases and the relevance of rape myths. *Police Practice and Research*, 1-14.

Salerno-Ferraro, A. C., Erentzen, C., & Schuller, R. A. (2021). Young Women's Experiences with Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence From Male Strangers. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 08862605211030018.

Salerno-Ferraro, A. C., & Schuller, R. A. (2020). Perspectives from the ASD community on police interactions: Challenges & recommendations. *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, 105, 103732.

Salerno, A., & Schuller, R. (2019). A Qualitative Study of Police Experiences of Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Canada. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, 64, 18-25.

Policy-related Publications

John Howard Society of Ontario*. (2021). *Broken record: The continued criminalization of mental health issues*.

John Howard Society of Ontario*. (2021). *Unequal justice: experiences and outcomes of young people in Ontario's youth bail system*. ∅

Salerno, A., Din, Z., Suttor, G., Shields, R., Dhillon, S., Stechyshyn, K., Rennie, T., & Murray, J. (2019). *Closed Quarters: Challenges and Opportunities in Stabilizing Housing and Mental Health Across the Justice Sector*. Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). Toronto, ON.

**Written on behalf of the John Howard Society of Ontario, received personal acknowledgments in report*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Salerno-Ferraro, A., Schuller, R. (2023, June). *Improving police response to Autistic persons: an empirical evaluation of a brief intervention*. Research talk to be given at the 5th North American Correctional Criminal Justice Psychology Conference (NACCJPC), Toronto.

Salerno-Ferraro, A., Schuller, R. (2023, June). *Exploring the role of emotional demeanour in a preliminary investigation context: expectation violations & gender*. Research talk to be given at the 5th North American Correctional Criminal Justice Psychology Conference (NACCJPC), Toronto.

Erentzen, C., **Salerno-Ferraro, A.C., & Schuller, R.A.** (2023, June). *Young men's experiences with female-perpetrated stranger sexual harassment*. Research talk to be given at the 5th North American Correctional Criminal Justice Psychology Conference (NACCJPC), Toronto.

Salerno-Ferraro, A., Schuller, R. (2023, March). *Observer reactions to emotional demeanour in a preliminary investigation: expectancy violations and gender*. Research talk to be given at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- Erentzen, C., **Salerno-Ferraro, A.C.**, & Schuller, R.A. (2023, March). *The prevalence and impact of stranger sexual harassment online across gender and age*. Data blitz to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Salerno-Ferraro, A.** (2022, May). *An Attributional Model of Police Response to Autistic Persons*. Research talk given at the York/University of Toronto Social, Personality, Abnormal Conference
- Erentzen, C., **Salerno-Ferraro, A.C.**, & Schuller, R.A. (2021). *“What’s wrong, sexy?” Men’s and women’s experiences with stranger sexual harassment*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, virtual conference.
- Salerno-Ferraro, A.**, & Schuller, R. (2020, June). *Improving interactions between the police and people with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Perspectives from the ASD community*. Research talk to be given at the Virtual Annual Meetings of the Canadian Psychology Association, Toronto.
- Salerno-Ferraro, A.**, & Jung, S. (2020, March). *To charge or not to charge? Police decisions in sexual assault cases and the relevance of rape myths*. Research talk given at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Salerno-Ferraro, A.**, & Schuller, R. (2020, March). *Perspectives from the ASD Community on Police Interactions: Challenges & Recommendations*. Research talk given at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Erentzen, C., **Salerno, A.**, & Schuller, R. (2019, June). *Street Harassment in the New Millennium: Women’s Experiences with Sexual Harassment Online*. Research talk given at the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Psychology Association, Halifax.
- Salerno, A.**, & Schuller, R. (2019, March). *A Qualitative Study of Police Experiences of Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Canada*. Research talk given at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, Oregon.
- Salerno, A.**, Erentzen, C., & Schuller, R. (2019, March). *Eggplants, nude pics and stalking, oh my! Women’s experiences with male predatory behaviour online*. Research talk given at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Salerno, A.**, & Schuller, R. (2018, June). *Surveying the Developmental Disability Community in Canada on their Experiences with the Police*. Research talk given at the International Congress of Applied Psychology, Montreal, Quebec.
- Salerno, A.**, & Schuller, R. (2018, March). *Police Response to Developmental Disability*. Research talk given at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Salerno, A.**, & Schuller, R. (2017, June). *Resistance and post-incident contact in sexual assault trials: familiarity with Ghomeshi trial as a moderator*. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Psychological Association, Toronto, Ontario.
- Schuller, R., **Salerno, A.**, Masser, B., & McKimmie. (2017, April). *Responding to sexual assault: the effects*

of resistance and post-incident contact in sexual assault trials. Research talk given at the annual meetings of the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists, Melbourne, Australia.

Salerno, A. & Schuller, R., McKimmie, B., Masser, B. (2017, March). *Breaking expectations: resistance and post-incident contact in sexual assault trials.* Research talk given at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, Washington.

Salerno, A. (2017, February). *Breaking expectations: resistance and post-incident contact in sexual assault trials.* Research talk given at York University's Social/Personality Colloquium Series, Toronto, Ontario.

Salerno, A., & Burke, T. (2016, March). *The effects of computer animation on legal decision-making.* Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, Georgia.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Spring 2023	Researcher, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Dr. Hilary Evans Cameron, Toronto Metropolitan University (6-week contract)
Summer 2022	Qualitative Researcher, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Dr. Hilary Evans Cameron, Toronto Metropolitan University (8-week contract)
2021 to present	Research Practicum, Consumer Behaviour Lab Dr. Peter Darke, Schulich School of Business
2015 to present	Research Associate, Psychology & Law Lab Dr. Regina Schuller, York University
2017 to 2019	Research Associate, Centre for Research, Policy, and Program Development, John Howard Society of Ontario
2011 to 2015	Research Assistant, Psychology & Law Lab Dr. Tara Burke, Ryerson University

PRESS COVERAGE

Feb. 2022	Legal reform is needed to protect young women from the growing threat of online sexual violence PolicingInsight
Aug. 2021	More than half of women sexually harassed by strangers online The Telegraph
Nov. 2019	Episode 26: Autism and the Police Mother Child, Gradlife Podcast

SERVICE

Profession

2017 to present Student Representative for the Criminal Justice Psychology Section of the Canadian Psychology Association

2018, 2022 AP-LS Proposal Reviewer

2018 Square 1 Assessor for CAN-SEBP (Autism Registries)

University

2019 to present Undergraduate Research Participant Pool Head Coordinator

Sept. 2020 Graduate Student Volunteer, Psychology Orientation Day

2017, 2018 Poster Judge at York University's Annual Undergraduate Poster Day

2012 to 2014 Student note-taker, Ryerson University

Community

2015 to 2017 Volunteer Researcher, Centre for Research, Policy and Program Development, John Howard Society of Ontario

2017 to 2021 Member and Subject-matter expert, Housing, Health, and Justice Community of Interest

2011 to present Co-founder of Reach Toronto, Centre for Youth and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching

2021 Senior Teaching Assistant (STA)
Program Accredited by Educational Developers Caucus
Teaching Commons, York University

2020 Remote Engagement Strategies, Teaching Commons, York University

2020 Teaching Assistant Certificate in Teaching (TACT)
Program Accredited by Educational Developers Caucus
Teaching Commons, York University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2017 to 2021	Community of Interest & Working Group on Housing, Health, and Justice
2017 to present	Canadian Psychological Association (Criminal Justice Psychology)
2017 to present	Canadian Society for Evidenced-Based Policing
2015 to present	Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
2014 to present	American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41, APA)