2021-2022

Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

Behavioral Medicine Track

APA Accredited

Research Placement: Weight Control and Diabetes Research Center

Research Mentor: J. Graham Thomas, PhD

Doctor of Philosophy, Clinical Psychology

2015-2022

University of South Florida

Doctoral Dissertation Emotional Eating in Response to Boredom:

The Moderating Role of Interoceptive Ability

APA and PCSAS Accredited

Research Mentor: Diana Rancourt, PhD

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

2007-2011

Albion College Minor: Philosophy

Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0, summa cum laude

Class of 2011 Valedictorian; Phi Beta Kappa; Psi Chi Co-President

Research Mentor: Jacque Carlson, PhD

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, University of South Alabama

2022-Present

College of Arts and Sciences

Core Faculty in APA Accredited Combined Clinical-Counseling

PhD Program

Research Interventionist, Moffitt Cancer Center

2020-2021

Bright IDEAS Clinical Trial NCT04585269 Research Supervisor: Kristine Donovan, PhD

Graduate Teaching Associate, University of South Florida

2017-2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida

2016- 2017

Journal of Abnormal Psychology

Editorial Assistant, Emory University

2013-2015

Editor in Chief. Showed Condense

Editor in Chief: Sherryl Goodman, PhD

GRANT FUNDING AND HONORS

Scholarships and Grant Funding

Brown UniversityPredoctoral Seed Money Research Grant (\$2215)

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- 8. Palermo, M., Choquette, E. M., **Ahlich**, E., & Rancourt, D. (2020). Food and alcohol disturbance by athlete status: The roles of drive for thinness, drive for muscularity, and sex. **Journal of American** College Health 1-8. doi:10.1080/07448481.2020.1713791
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- 10. Lang, B., **Ahlich**, E., Verzijl, C., Thompson, J.K., Rancourt, D. (2019). The role of drive for thinness in the association between weight status misperception and disordered eating. **Eating Behaviors35** doi:10.1016/j.eatbeh.2019.101319
- 11. Rancourt, D., **Ahlich**, E., Levine, J., Lee, M., & Schlauch, R. (2019) Applying a multidimensional model of craving to disordered eating behaviors: Development of the Food Approach and Avoidance Questionnaire. Psychological Assessme8t(6), 751-764. doi: 10.1037/pas0000697.
- 12. Levine, J. A., Noyes, E. T., Gius, B. K., **Ahlich**, E., Rancourt, D., Houston, R. J., & Schlauch, R. C. (2018). Development and psychometric evaluation of a brief approach and avoidance of alcohol questionnaire. Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Rearch, 43(2)353-366. doi: 10.1111/acer.13939.
- 13. **Ahlich**, E., Lang, B., Choquette, E., & Rancourt, D. (2018). Body talk, athletic identity, and eating disorder symptoms in men. Psychology of Men and Masculinita (3), 347-355. doi: 10.1037/men0000168.
- 14. Verzijl, C. L., **Ahlich**, E., Lang, B., & Rancourt, D. (2018). Body mass index as a moderator of the association between weight Status misperception and disordered eating behaviors. Eating Behaviors, 30, 98-103. doi:10.1016/j.eatbeh.2018.06.008.
- 15. Verzijl, C. L., **Ahlich**, E., Schlauch, R. C., & Rancourt, D. (2017). The role of craving in emotional and uncontrolled eating. Appetite, 123146-151. doi: 10.1016/j.appet.2017.12.014.

Book Chapters

1. Prinstein, M., Rancourt, D., Adelman, C., **Ahlich**, E., Smith, J., & Guerry, J. D., (2018). Peer status and psychopathology. In K. H. Rubin, W. Bukowski, & B. Laursen (Eds.), Handbook of peer interactions, relationships, and groups, Second Edition York: Guilford.

Published Abstracts (reverse chronological order)

1. Verzijl, C., **Ahlich**, E., Rancourt, D., Hagerman, J. R., & Weiss, A. (2019). 143. Medical and mental health predictors of pre-operative BMI in an adolescent sample seeking bariatric surgery. Journal of Adolescent Healt**6**4(2), S74.

Manuscripts in Progress

- 1. **Ahlich, E.**, Wooten, M., Thomas, J.G. (Under Review). The relation of emotion regulation and impulsivity to weight loss and weight loss maintenance. Obesity Science & Practice.
- 2. **Ahlich, E.**, Poovey, K., & Rancourt, D. (Writing in Progress). Examination of the Water Load Task as a Measure of Gastric Interoception and Associations with Disordered Eating.

PRESENTATIONS

Symposia

1. Ahlich, E., Beekman, M., & Rancourt, D. (2019, November). The Impact of Idealized Media Images on Body Checking: An Examination Utilizing Behavioral Observation. In L. D. Sarfan (Chair), Am I good enough? The role of selfaluation in the context of body image and disordered eating Symposium presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA. Sponsored by Eating Disorder and Obesity Special Interest Group.

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- 2. Verzijl, C.L., **Ahlich**, E., Lang, B., Choquette, E.M., & Rancourt, D. (2018, November). Psychiatric symptom contributors to weight loss after bariatric surgesymposium presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Washington, DC.
- 3. Ahlich, E., & Carlson, J. (2009, March). Shyness and feelings of inadequallymposium presented at the Michigan Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference, Hillsdale College MI.

Posters

- 1. **Ahlich**, E. & Rancourt, D. (2022, November). Boredom and Interoceptive Ability as Predictors of Emotional EatingPoster accepted for presentation at The Obesity Society Annual Meeting.
- 2. Verzijl, C., **Ahlich**, E., Staples, C., Cunning, A., Weiss, A., Chermak, R., & Rancourt, D. (2020, November). Disorderedeating behaviorvariability and weight bias of adolescent seeking bariatric surgery. Poster presented at The Obesity Society Annual Meeting.
- 3. Verzijl, C., Ahlich, E., Nadeau, J., Farrell, N., Cook, J., & Rancourt, D. (2020, November). Avoidance food craving: How does the dimension of craving relate to mealtime anxiety in an eating disorder treatment sample better presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.
- 4. **Ahlich**, E., Attaway, S., & Rancourt, D. (2020, November). General versus hunger/satiespecific interoceptive awareness in predicting disordered eathogram accepted for presentation at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.
- 5. **Ahlich**, E., Verzijl, C.L., & Rancourt, D. (2020, June). Boredomproneness an@bodcraving: The moderatingrole of r

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- Consumption Scale (CEBRAC**B**)ster presented at the International Conference on Eating Disorders, Chicago, IL.
- 15. Choquette, E.M., Verzijl, C.L., **Ahlich**, E., Lang, B., Thompson, J.K., & Rodgers., R. F. (2018, April). *Could pressure from medical professionals to maintain a "healthy weight" increase eating* disorder symptoms? oster presented at the International Conference on Eating Disorders, Chicago, II..
- 16. **Ahlich**, E., Levine, J., Schlauch, R. C, & Rancourt, D. (2017, November). A multidimensional model of craving: Development and psychometric evaluation of the Approach and Avoidance of Food QuestionnairePoster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Diego, CA.
- 17. Verzijl, C.L., **Ahlich**, E., Lang, B., Schlauch, R., & Rancourt, D. (2017, November). Inaccurate weight perception and the role of directionality: Does this prote**ttive** seen in adolescents translate to young adult**?**oster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Diego, CA.
- 18. Ahlich, E., Verzijl, C.L., Lang, B., & Rancourt, D. (2017, October). Inaccurate weight perception and disorderd eating behavior in adults of overweight or obese statuser presented at The Obesity Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 19. Verzijl, C.L., Lang, B., Ahlich, E., Schlauch, R., & Rancourt, D. (2017, May). The role of craving in emotional and uncontribed eating: A test and extension of cognitive processing model of alcohol craving. Poster presented at the International Conference on Eating Disorders, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 20. Ahlich, E., Lang, B, & Rancourt, D. (2017, May). Drives for muscularity and thiness: Associations with age and gendePoster presented at the International Conference on Eating Disorders, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 21. Rancourt, D., Lee, M., **Ahlich**, E., & Schlauch, R. C. (2016, November). Applying a multidimensional model of craving tosdirdered eating behaviorBoster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York NY.
- 22. Lang, B., Ahlich, E., Choquette, E., & Rancourt, D. (2016, May). Possible mechanisms of the association between men's sadirveillance and ody talk. Poster presented at the International Conference on Eating Disorders, San Francisco CA.
- 23. Ahlich, E., Lang, B., Choquette, E., & Rancourt, D. (2016, May). Body talk, sport participation, and dating disorder symptoms in metaster presented at the International Conference on Eating Disorders, San Francisco CA.
- 24. **Ahlich**, E., Carlson, J., Christopher, A., & Keyes, B. (2011, May). Emotional intelligence as a moderator of the relationship between shyness and feelings of inade posacy presented at the Association for Psychological Science, Washington DC.

Invited Presentations & Community Outreach

- 1. Ahlich, E. & Rancourt, D. (2022, March). Boredom, Interoceptive Ability, and Emotional Eating Presented at the Carney Institute for Brain Science and the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior 24th Annual Mind Brain Research Day (Virtual).
- 2. Ahlich, E., Verzijl, C., & Rancourt, D. (2019). Foodcraving: Theoretical underpinnings, measurement, and elation tedisordered among those with pe 1 diabetes Present 1 TJt ,0912 0 Clinical Psychology Department Colloquium.

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