

Rhea B. Pedler

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Current position: Graduate student, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

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EDUCATION

2019 B.S. in Psychology, Colorado State University GPA: 3.607
B.A. in Sociology, Colorado State University

AWARDS & HONORS

2017-2019 *Dean's List*, Colorado State University
2015 Merit Scholarship, University of San Diego

PUBLICATIONS

Blackburn, K., Wang, W., **Pedler, R.**, Thompson, R., & Gonzales, D. (September, 2020). Does Expectation Matter?: Exploring Women's Psychological Responses to Miscarriages and Abortions through their Natural Conversations. *Health Communication*.

Pikes Peak Region Brain Injury Directory, Rhea Pedler successfully rebuilds life template after brain injury 33-34 (2020). Pikes Peak Region, CO; Ager Publishing.

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Jordan, K.N., **Pedler, R.**, Tritschler, S., & Colon, T. (2019, February). The Secret Life of Gendered Pronouns: How Pronouns May Guide Attention and Perpetuate Gender Stereotypes. *Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Portland, OR.

Blackburn, K., **Pedler, R.**, & Wang, W. (2019, February). Language of Miscarriage and Abortion: Exploring Women's Online Conversations in a Community Support System. *Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Portland, OR.

Cain, M., & **Pedler, R.** (June, 2017). What It Means to Have a Traumatic Brain Injury: The Journey of SMILE #UWokeUp

Talk presented to Kiwanis to share the purpose and reason for SMILE #UWokeUp and to offer perspectives on Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI).

Pedler, R. (2017). Traumatic Brain Injury: From the Patient Side

Presented to graduate and clinical technicians on skills and good behavior to practice when engaging with someone who has recently sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cognitive neuroscience, linguistics, trauma, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), cognition, cognitive development, head injury, concussion, memory, motivation, choice, miscarriage, abortion,

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Blackburn Lab Research Assistant Austin, Tx
University of Texas at Austin May 2018 — Present

- Collected reddit posts from miscarriage and abortion pages
- Used RStudio and LIWC to calculate and find correlations between the language patterns on the miscarriage and abortion posts
- Crafted a paper evaluating language usage and key linguistic markers in miscarriage and abortion communities
- Evaluates the aspect of choice and its relationship to trauma and interpretations of trauma

Project 2021 Intern Austin, Tx
University of Texas at Austin May 2018 — August 2018

- Systematically identified political false positives from references pulled through LIWC
- Evaluated gendered pronoun usage by evaluating New York Times sports articles, New York Times art articles, and other substantive articles and transcriptions
- Helped construct a paper that evaluated and compared pronoun usage within and between genders in certain environments

Yeager Adolescent Development Lab Austin, Tx
University of Texas at Austin June 2018 — August 2018

- Coded survey responses from local high schools
- Evaluated positive and negative responses used in physiological correlational study

Canetto Lab Research Assistant Fort Collins, CO
Colorado State University May 2018 — August 2018

- Transcribed interviews that were evaluating the gender stigmas and typicality around STEM fields

Davalos Lab Research Assistant
Colorado State University

Fort Collins, CO
June 2016 — January 2017

- Edited paper on mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) detection using electroencephalogram (EEG) of the Event-related Potential (ERP) component Late Positive Potential (LPP)
- Worked as researcher in time management lab that evaluated middle schoolers time management habits

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brain Injury Advisor
Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado (BIAC)

Southern Colorado
February 2020 — Present

- Helped clients reacquire self-management skills they lost as a result of their brain injury
- Responsible for managing all clients in the southern region of Colorado and helping them sustain self-sufficiency

Facilitator for the Center of Public Deliberation (CPD)
Colorado State University

Fort Collins, CO
January 2019 — May 2019

- Led guided conversations over charged topics (environment, community funding and spending, etc.) between various members of the Fort Collins community
- Acquired notetaking and listening skills

Student Administrative Assistant Intern
Colorado State University

Fort Collins, CO
August 2015 — May 2019

- Categorize and organize various book holdings for the library
- Systematically organize book distribution for CSU

Student Peer Mentor
Colorado State University

Fort Collins, CO
August 2018 — May 2019

- Mentor students through the psychology department to help them through their human physiology course (BMS 300)
- Organize mentor sessions to help students be their most successful

Community Outreach Coordinator
SMILE #UWokeUp

Fort Collins, CO
June 2016 — Present

- SMILE #UWokeUp specializes in expanding TBI knowledge, awareness and outreach opportunities to the public.
- Lead weekly hospital support group meetings
- Constantly lead and organize fundraising opportunities
- Weekly participation in organized volunteer event

Senior Outreach Director
Colorado State University

Fort Collins, CO
May 2016 — May 2019

- CSU Brain Injury Community (CBIC) specializes in providing resources to students who have sustained a brain injury.
- Organizes opportunities for prospective students to become incorporated/understand the organization
- Lead outreach opportunities for students belonging to CBIC

Athletic Neurotherapist
University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Tx
June 2018 — August 2018

- Worked with athletic department to identify, gauge, and recover from cognitive deficits as the result of head injuries

SKILLS

RStudio proficiency
Microsoft Office proficiency
SalesForce proficiency
CIP (communication, integration, presentation)
Leadership

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-2019 *Peer Mentor*, Group Study: Special Topics in Psychology -- BMS300, Colorado State University

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)	2018-2019
Gamma Phi Beta	2015-2016
Neuroscience Student Organization (NSO)	2015

ACADEMIC REFERENCES (available upon request)
