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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**
Social/Personality Psychology, expected 2011

Areas of specialty: Stress, Coping, Health, and Resilience; Prosociality; Well-being

M.S. **Vanderbilt University**
Teaching and Learning, Spring 2004

B.A. **Princeton University**
Psychology, *Cum Laude*, Spring 2000

PUBLISHED PAPERS (**= co-first author; *= undergraduate student supervisee)

Rodrigues, S. M., ****Saslow, L. R.**, *Garcia, N., John, O.P., & Keltner, D. (2009). An oxytocin receptor genetic variation relates to empathy and stress reactivity in humans. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 106*, 21437–21441.

Cosley, B. J., McCoy, S. K., **Saslow, L. R.**, & Epel, E. S. (2010). Is compassion for others stress buffering? Consequences of compassion and social support for physiological reactivity to stress. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Saslow, L. R., Piff, P., *Wong, E., Kogan, A., Impett, E., Antonenko, O., Clark, K., Oveis, C., Willer, R., Keltner, D., & Rodrigues, S. M. A Phenomenological, Behavioral, and Genetic Examination of Spirituality and Religiosity.

Saslow, L. R., John, O.P., Impett, E., Kogan, A., Clark, K., Oveis, C., Willer, R., Keltner, D., & Rodrigues, S. M. An oxytocin receptor genetic variation relates to Openness to experience.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

Dacher Keltner's Laboratory

2005-Present

Oliver John's Laboratory

2007-Present

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University of California, San Francisco

Elissa Epel's Laboratory

2005-Present

Harvard University

Daniel Gilbert's Laboratory

2004-2005

Wendy Mendes's Laboratory

2005

Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine

2005

HONORS AND AWARDS

UC Berkeley Psychology Department Summer Research Fellowship, \$3,500	2010
Summer Institute of Social Psychology Scholarship	2009
Greater Good Science Center Hornaday Graduate Fellowship, \$5,000	2009-2010
UC Research Bridging Grant with Dacher Keltner and Sarina Rodrigues, \$8,000	2008-2010
UC Berkeley Psychology Department Block Grant, \$9,500	2008
International Positive Psychology Fellow, \$700	2006
UC Berkeley Deibold Fellowship, \$9,000	2005
Vanderbilt University Graduate Honor Scholarship, \$14,000	2002-2004
Vanderbilt University Peabody Dean Fellowship, \$10,000	2002-2004

PRESENTATIONS

Saslow, L., Neal, M., Keltner, D., & Rodrigues, S. M. (2010, January). Compassionate Liberalism?: Social Dominance Orientation Mediates the Relationship Between Political Orientation and Prosociality. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Las Vegas, NV.

Willman, J. D., McCoy, S. K., Newell, E. E., Cosley, B., & **Saslow, L.** (2010, January). Is Meritocracy Beneficial for Low Status Groups? Evidence that meritocracy protects self-esteem by increasing perceived control. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Las Vegas, NV.

Saslow, L., *Chen, D., *LaBouff, C., Keltner, D., & John, O. (2009, May). Loving behaviors in dating relationships: Associations with satisfaction, commitment, and individual differences. Lecture presented at the *Berkeley-Stanford Social Psychology Conference*, Berkeley, CA.

Cosley, B., McCoy, S., **Saslow, L.,** & Epel, E. (2009, May). You get what you give: Examining how giving support affects receiving. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

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Saslow, L., *Vartan, A., *Purnell, D., *Van Der Löwe, I., Oveis, C., Keltner, D., McCoy, S., & Epel, E. (2008, October). Thinking under pressure: Linguistic cognitive complexity and stress. Poster presented at the *45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research*, Austin, TX.

Saslow, L., *Morganstern, A., *Van der Löwe, I., Oveis, C., McCoy, S., Epel, E. & Keltner, D. (2008, February). Facial morphology, self-esteem, and stress: How does it feel to look babyfaced? Poster presented at the *9th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Albuquerque, NM.

Saslow, L., *Morganstern, A., & Keltner, D. (2007, May). Can you predict later personal and marital satisfaction from wedding photos? Lecture presented at the *Berkeley-Stanford Social Psychology Conference*, Berkeley, CA.

Saslow, L., *Morganstern, A., & Keltner, D. (2007, April). Reading couples' faces: The impact of perceived positive affect and masculinity/femininity on self-reported well-being. Poster presented at the *Institute of Personality & Social Research Poster Presentations*, Berkeley, CA.

Cosley, B., McCoy, S., **Saslow, L.**, Ehle, M., & Epel, E. (2007, February). Does stress make you fat? A psychophysiological study of stress and eating. Poster presented at the *8th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Memphis, TN.

*Kotaja, I., **Saslow, L.**, Oveis, C. (2006, October). Locating goodness in the heart: Vagal tone and reactivity in emotional interaction. Poster presented at the *46th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research*, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Saslow, L., Epel, E.S., Foltz, C., Gray, H.L., & Gallagher-Thompson, D. (2006). Life satisfaction and depression in caregivers. Poster presented at the *5th International Positive Psychology Summit*, Washington, DC.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor, University of California, Berkeley

David Chen: *Coping with Stress: Stress Reappraisal and Suppression* 2009-2010

Co-mentored with Sarina Rodrigues and Dacher Keltner: 2008-2009

Natalia Garcia: *Biological Correlates of Empathic Accuracy: What Makes for a Good Mind Reader?*

Esther Wong: *Religion, Spirituality, and Pro-Sociality*

Megan Neal: *The Physiological, Emotional, Cognitive, and Behavioral Correlates of Social Dominance Orientation and Compassion*

Trishna Subas: *Understanding Stress through the Startle Response and Life Experiences*

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Julia Park: *The Association of Early Trauma and Depressive States on Reward Systems*
 Alexandra Apple: *The Effects of Sleep and Genetics on Emotional Reactivity*
 Joy Suzanne Grazer: *Affection a fortiori: Occasion Compassion in a Modern World*
 Arbi Vartan: *The Relationship between Linguistic Cognitive Complexity and Stress*
 Brianna Melville: *Individual Differences in Cognitive Reappraisal Strategies and Regulating Negative Emotion*
 Karen Wu: *The Influence of Physical Attractiveness Similarity and Disparity of Partners on Dating Satisfaction*. Currently: Ph.D. Student in Psychology, UC Irvine

Co-mentored with Dacher Keltner: 2005-2008

Cassandra LaBouff: *Maintenance Behaviors and Relationship Satisfaction: Testing Preference, Equity, and Frequency*
 Arielle Morganstern: *Reading Couples' Faces: Relations Between Positive Affect, Power, and Masculinity/Femininity on Well-Being*. Currently: Ph.D. Student in Psychology, University of Oregon
 Ilmo Van Der Löwe (also mentored by Chris Oveis): *Other-Oriented Prosocial Emotions and Vagal Response*. Currently: Ph.D. Student in Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford (UK)

Supervised more than fifty undergraduate research assistants 2005-Present
 University of California, Berkeley

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Psychology
Introduction to Psychology Summer 2007
 Teaching effectiveness rating: 5.9/7, very good

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Psychology
 Average teaching effectiveness rating: 5.9/7, very good

<i>Research Methods for Honors Students</i>	Fall 2009 & Spring 2010
<i>Personality Psychology</i>	Fall 2008 & Spring 2006
<i>Psychology of Sleep</i>	Spring 2008
<i>Social Psychology</i>	Fall 2007 & Spring 2007
<i>Emotions</i>	Fall 2006
<i>Research and Data Analysis</i>	Summer 2006

OTHER TRAINING

Biological Basis of Social Behavior and Personality Summer 2009
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology's Summer Institute in Social Psychology
 Iris Mauss and Oliver Schultheiss

Psycho-biological Pathways Workshop, UCSF Spring 2009
Steve Cole, Margaret Kemeny, Judy Moskowitz, Rick Hecht, Elissa Epel, Owen Wolkowitz
Topics included immunology and neuro-endocrine measurement

Predoctoral Training Consortium in Affective Science, UC Berkeley Fall 2005, Spring 2007
Bob Levenson and Dacher Keltner

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE SERVICE

Facilities Committee, Institute of Personality and Social Research, UC Berkeley 2008-Present
Graduate Admissions Committee, UC Berkeley 2009
Co-President, Gordon Allport Society, UC Berkeley 2008
Councilmember and Webmaster, Graduate Student Council, Vanderbilt University 2003-2004

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Society for Psychophysiological Research
Society for Personality and Social Psychology

SELECTED MEDIA MENTIONS

New York Times, November 23, 2009. "The biology behind the milk of human kindness."
US News & World Report, November 18, 2009 "Empathy and stress levels may be coded into our genes."
Times Online, November 17, 2009 "Scientists identify gene that influences quality of person's empathy."
ScienceNOW, November 16, 2009 "Socially awkward? Check your genes."
Los Angeles Times, November 16, 2009 "Do these genes make my heart seem big? Study finds a gene for empathy."