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Education University of Missouri Columbia, MO
Post-doctoral Fellowship in Borderline Personality Disorder and Alcoholism
National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
September 2005 – August 2007

Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO
Doctor of Philosophy, Psychology, July 2005

Western Washington University Bellingham, WA
Master of Science, Psychology (Experimental), June 2002

Western Washington University Bellingham, WA
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, June 2000
Anthropology minor

Publications (All Peer-Reviewed) **24.** Standish, A. J., Benfield, J. A., Bernstein, M. J., & Tragesser, S. L. (accepted)
Characteristics of borderline personality disorder and disgust sensitivity
Psychological Record.

23. Brown, W. C., Tragesser, S. L., Tomko, R. L., Mehl, M. R., & Trull, T. J. (accepted)
Recall of expressed affect during naturalistically observed interpersonal events in those with Borderline Personality Disorder or Depressive Disorder, *Assessment*.

22. Tragesser, S. L., Jones, R., Robinson, R. J., Stutler, A., & Stewart, A. (2013)
Borderline Personality Disorder features and risk for prescription opioid use disorders. *Journal of Personality Disorders*, 27(4), 427-441.

21. Tomko, R. S., Brown, W. C., Tragesser, S. L., Wood, P. K., Mehl, M. R., & Trull, T. J. (in press). Social context of anger in Borderline Personality Disorder and Depressive Disorders: Findings from a naturalistic observation study. *Journal of Personality Disorders*.

- 20.** Tragesser, S. L., & Benfield, J. (2012). Borderline Personality Disorder features and mate retention tactics. *Journal of Personality Disorders, 26*(3), 334-344.
- 19.** Jahng, S., Trull, T. J., Wood, P. K., Tragesser, S. L., Tomko, R., Grant, J. D., Bucholz, K. K., & Sher, K. J. (2011). Distinguishing general and specific personality disorder features and implications for substance dependence comorbidity. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology, 120*(3), 656-669.
- 18.** Tragesser, S. L., Bruns, D., & Disorbio, M. (2010). Borderline Personality Disorder features and pain: The mediating role of negative affect in a patient sample. *The Clinical Journal of Pain, 26*(4), 348-353.
*Also abstracted in *Pain Management News and Research*, May 2010.
- 17.** Tragesser, S. L., Beauvais, F., Jumper-Thurman, P., & Burnside, M. (2010). Differences in Illicit Drug Use Rates Among Oklahoma and Non-Oklahoma Indian Youth. *Substance Use & Misuse, 45*(13), 2323-2339.
- 16.** Bartholow, B. D., Lust, S. A., & Tragesser, S. L. (2010). Specificity of P3 event-related potential reactivity to alcohol cues in individuals low in alcohol sensitivity. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, 24*(2), 220-228.
- 15.** Tragesser, S. L., Solhan, M., Brown, W. C., Tomko, R. L., Bagge, C., & Trull, T. J. (2010). Longitudinal associations in Borderline Personality Disorder Features: Diagnostic Interview for Borderlines- Revised (DIB-R) scores over time. *Journal of Personality Disorders, 24*(3), 377-391.
- 14.** Tragesser, S. L., & Robinson, R. J. (2009). The role of affective instability and UPPS impulsivity in borderline personality disorder features. *Journal of Personality Disorders, 23*(4), 370-383.
- 13.** Tragesser, S. L., Lippman, L. G., Trull, T. J., & Barrett, K. C. (2008). Borderline personality disorder features and cognitive, emotional, and predicted behavioral reactions to teasing. *Journal of Research in Personality, 42*, 1512-1523.
- 12.** Trull, T.J., Solhan, M. B., Tragesser, S. L., Jahng, S., Wood, P. K., Piasecki, T. M., & Watson, D. (2008). Affective instability: Measuring a core feature of borderline personality disorder using ecological momentary assessment. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology, 117*, 647-661.
- 11.** Tragesser, S. L., Trull, T. J., Sher, K. J., & Park, A. (2008). Drinking motives as mediators in the relation between personality disorder symptoms and alcohol use disorder. *Journal of Personality Disorders, 22*(5), 525-537.
- 10.** Tragesser, S. L., Beauvais, F., Swaim, R. C., Edwards, R. W., & Oetting, E. R. (2007). Parental monitoring, peer drug involvement, and marijuana use across three ethnicities. *The Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology, 38*(6), 670-694.

9. Tragesser, S. L., Solhan, M., Schwartz-Mette, R., & Trull, T. J. (2007). The role of affective instability and impulsivity in predicting future BPD features. *Journal of Personality Disorders, 21*(6), 604-615.
8. Trull, T. J., Tragesser, S. L., Solhan, M., & Schwartz-Mette, R. (2007). Dimensional models of personality disorder: DSM-V and beyond. *Current Opinion in Psychiatry, 20*, 52-56.
7. Tragesser, S. L., Sher, K. J., Trull, T. J., & Park, A. (2007). Personality disorder symptoms, drinking motives, and alcohol use and consequences: Cross-sectional and prospective mediation. *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology, 15*, 282-292.
6. Tragesser, S. L., Aloise-Young, P. A., & Swaim, R. C. (2006). Peer influence, images of smokers, and beliefs about smoking among pre-adolescent nonsmokers. *Social Development, 15*(2), 311-325.
5. Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2005). Teasing: For superiority or solidarity? *Journal of General Psychology, 132*(3), 255-266.
4. Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2005). Puns and near puns in fables. *Journal of General Psychology, 132*(3), 243-254.
3. Lippman, L. G., & Tragesser, S. L. (2005). Constructing something funny. *Journal of General Psychology, 132*(3), 231-242.
2. Lippman, L. G., & Tragesser, S. L. (2003). Contingent magnitude of reward in a modified LH and a crf schedule. *Psychological Record, 53*(3), 429-442.
1. Cvetkovich, G., Siegrist, M., Murray, R., & Tragesser, S. (2002). New information and social trust: Asymmetry and perseverance of attributions about hazard managers. *Risk Analysis: An International Journal, 22*(2), 359-367.

Manuscripts Under Review Tragesser, S. L., Benfield, J., Bernstein, M. J., & Spradlin, A. (resubmitted for revise-and-resubmit). Borderline Personality Disorder Features and Humor Styles

Manuscripts In Preparation Tragesser, S. L., Robinson, R. J., Stutler, A., Stewart, A., & Jones, R. (in preparation). Associations between Borderline Personality Disorder features and pain in a non-clinical sample.

Spradlin, A., Tragesser, S. L., & Benfield, M. J. (submitted). Associations between Borderline Personality Disorder features and empathy.

Spradlin, A., Benfield, J., Tragesser, S. L., & Bernstein, M. J. (in preparation). Attachment style's role in the relationship between mate retention strategies and Borderline Personality Disorder.

Benfield, J., & Tragesser, S. L. (in preparation). Borderline Personality Disorder features and negative thinking: Associations between BPD features and time perspectives.

- Grants (Funded)** Tragesser, S. L. Borderline Personality Disorder features and risk for prescription opioid use disorders in a pain patient sample. ADA Pilot Grant Support Program, Washington State University, \$29,995 (Spring 2012). Funded.
- Effects of human-animal interactions on affect and empathy of adolescents in substance abuse treatment. ADA Graduate Student Grant, Washington State University, \$8997 (Spring 2012). Funded.
- College of Liberal Arts Travel Grant, \$1200 (Fall 2010). Funded.
- Trull, T. J. & Tragesser, S. L. Using the EAR: An ambulatory acoustic assessment of affective instability (co-Principal Investigator), Research Council Grant, University of Missouri, \$6,000 (June, 2007 to May, 2008). Funded.
- Grants (Not Funded)** Tragesser, S. L. Daily mood instability as a predictor of AUD relapse. R21 Epidemiology and Prevention in Alcohol Research, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, \$299,713 (Fall 2010). Not funded.
- Tragesser, S. L., Affective instability, drinking motives, and alcohol problems. Meyer Grant Development Award, Washington State University, \$5,000 (Fall, 2007). Not funded.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Barrett, K. C., Social exclusion: Affect, thought, and behavior. NIMH Ruth L. Kirschtein F31 Predoctoral Training Award (April, 2005). Not Funded.
- Grants (In Preparation)** Tragesser, S. L. Borderline Personality Disorder Features and Chronic Pain: The Role of Affective Instability and Impulsivity (in preparation). R03 Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (NINR, NIDA).
- Oral Paper Presentations** Tragesser, S. L., Robinson, R. J., Bruns, D., Disorbio, J. M., Stewart, A., & Jones, R. (2011). Associations between Borderline Personality Disorder Features and Pain Complaints, *XIIIth International Congress, International Society for the Study of Personality Disorders*, Melbourne, Australia, March 1-4.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Robinson, R. J. (2010). Borderline Personality Disorder Features, Drinking Motives and Alcohol Problems, *1st International Congress on Borderline Personality Disorder* in Berlin, Germany July 1-3.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Benfield, J. (2010). Associations Between Borderline Personality Disorder Features and Mate Retention Tactics, *1st International Congress on Borderline Personality Disorder* in Berlin, Germany July 1-3.
- Tragesser, S. L., Bruns, D., & Disorbio, J. M. (2010). Borderline Personality Disorder Features and Pain: The Mediating Role of Negative Affect in a Pain Patient Sample, *31st Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine* in Seattle, WA April 7-10.

- Tragesser, S. L., Lippman, L. G., & Trull, T. J. (2007). Topic, Acquaintanceship, and Individual Differences as Predictors of Reactions to Teasing, *19th International Society for Humor Studies Conference* in Newport, RI June 28-July 1.
- Tragesser, S. L., Lippman, L. G., & Trull, T. J. (2006). Borderline Personality Features, Rejection Sensitivity, Context, and Reactions to Teasing, *Rocky Mountain Psychological Association 76th Annual Convention* in Park City, UT April 20-22.
- Tragesser, S., & Beauvais, F. (2005) Relationships Between Alienation, Anger, Deviant Peer Associations, and Alcohol Use, *Western Psychological Association 85th Annual Convention* in Portland, OR April 14-17.
- Tragesser, S., and Beauvais, F. (2005). Cultural Equivalence and Item Bias in Marijuana Use Factors, *Western Psychological Association 85th Annual Convention* in Portland, OR April 14-17.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2005). Status of Audience and Superiority Dynamics in Knock-Knock Joke Interchanges, *Western Psychological Association 85th Annual Convention* in Portland, OR April 14-17.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2005). Effects of Message Content and Acquaintanceship on Perceptions of Teasing, *Western Psychological Association 85th Annual Convention* in Portland, OR April 14-17.
- Tragesser, S. L., Beauvais, F., & Swaim, R. C. (2004). Parental Monitoring, Peer Drug Involvement, and Drug Use Across Age Groups and Three Ethnicities, *Rocky Mountain Psychological Association 74th Annual Convention* in Reno, Nevada. April 15-17.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2003). Teasing Among Same-Sex Friends As Mate Competition, *83rd Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association* in Vancouver, B. C. May 1-4.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2003). Perceived Motivations and Effects of Violated Expectancies in Interactive Joking, *83rd Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association* in Vancouver, B. C. May 1-4.
- Lippman, L. G., & Tragesser, S. L. (2002). Contingent magnitude of reward in a human-operant cfr schedule, *Northwestern Association for Behavior Analysis* in Ellensburg, WA. October 11-12.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2002). Gender, Sociosexual Orientation, and Reactions to Flirtatious Joking Comments, *The Human Behavior and Evolution Society 14th Annual Meeting* in Rutgers, New Jersey. June 19-23.
- Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2001). Humor As Courtship Initiation Behavior, *20th Annual International Humor Conference & The 13th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies* in College Park, MD. July 6-9.

Murray, R., Cvetkovich, G., & Tragesser, S. (2000). The Effects of New Information on Trust in Food Suppliers, *Western Psychological Association 80th Annual Convention* in Portland, OR. April 13-16.

Poster Presentations

Tragesser, S. L., Barcom, J., Robinson, R. J., Stewart, A., & Stutler, A. (2011). Borderline Personality Disorder Features and Prescription Opioid Use, *XIIIth International Congress, International Society for the Study of Personality Disorders*, Melbourne, Australia, March 1-4.

Tragesser, S. L., & Robinson, R. J. (2009). The Role of Affective Lability and UPPS Impulsivity in Borderline Personality Disorder Features. *Washington State University Showcase*, Pullman, WA March 27.

Jahng, S., Trull, T., Tomko, R., Wood, P., Tragesser, S., Steinley, D., & Sher, K. J. (2009). Alcohol Use Disorder-Personality Disorder Comorbidity: Reanalysis of NESARC Data. *9th Annual Samuel B. Guze Symposium on Alcoholism*, St. Louis, MO February 21.

Tragesser, S. L., Littlefield, A. K., & Sher, K. J. (2008). Personality and drinking motives as mechanisms of familial transmission of alcohol use disorder in emerging and young adulthood. *8th Annual Samuel B. Guze Symposium on Alcoholism*, St. Louis, MO February 21.

Tragesser, S. L., Sher, K. J., & Trull, T. J. (2007). Distinguishing General and Specific Personality Disorder Features: Implications for Comorbidity with Alcohol Use Disorders, *30th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism*, Chicago, IL July 7-12.

Tragesser, S. L., Sher, K. J., & Trull, T. J. (2007). Distinguishing General and Specific Personality Disorder Features: Implications for Comorbidity with Alcohol Use Disorders, *7th Annual Samuel B. Guze Symposium on Alcoholism*, St. Louis, MO February 15.

Tragesser, S. L., Park, A., Sher, K. J., & Trull, T. J. (2006). Personality Disorder Symptoms and Drinking Motives Predicting Alcohol Consumption and Consequences, *2006 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism* in Baltimore, MD June 24-28.

Tragesser, S. L., Park, A., Sher, K. J., & Trull, T. J. (2006). Personality Disorder Symptoms and Drinking Motives Predicting Alcohol Consumption and Consequences, *6th Annual Samuel B. Guze Symposium on Alcoholism*, St. Louis, MO March 2.

Solhan, M., Schwartz, R. A., Tragesser, S. L., & Trull, T. J. (2006). PAI-BOR Scores Over Time: Which BPD Features are Predictors vs. Consequences? *Association for Psychological Science 18th Annual Convention* in New York, NY May 25-28.

Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2004). Perceptions of Teasing as a Function of Friendship and Tease Valence, *Rocky Mountain Psychological Association 74th Annual Convention* in Reno, Nevada. April 15-17.

Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2004). Telling Knock-Knock Jokes: Solidarity or Superiority? *Rocky Mountain Psychological Association 74th Annual Convention* in Reno, Nevada. April 15-17.

Tragesser, S. L., Swaim, R. C., & Aloise-Young, P. A. (2003). Peer Influence, Images of Smokers, and Beliefs About Smoking Among Pre-Adolescent Non-Smokers, *Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Annual Convention (23rd)* in Denver, CO. April 11-13.

Tragesser, S., Cvetkovich, G., Lemm, K., Dinnel, D., Symons, L., Mixon, L., & Dean, C. (2002). Eye Gazes as Courtship Signals in Mixed-Sex Dyadic Interactions, *The Human Behavior and Evolution Society 14th Annual Meeting* in Rutgers, New Jersey. June 19-23.

Dean, C., Tragesser, S., & Lippman, L. (2002). The Influence of Prestige and Prosocial Orientation on Females' Ratings of Male Desirability, *The Human Behavior and Evolution Society 14th Annual Meeting* in Rutgers, New Jersey. June 19-23.

Reis, E., Tragesser, S., & Lippman, L. (2002). Females' Preferences for Males who Differ in Physical Attractiveness and Socioeconomic Status, *The Human Behavior and Evolution Society 14th Annual Meeting* in Rutgers, New Jersey. June 19-23.

Lippman, L. G., & Tragesser, S. L. (2001). Contingent Magnitude of Reward in a Modified drl-10 sec, LH Schedule, *North West Association for Behavior Analysis Conference* in Victoria, BC. October 19-20.

Tragesser, S. L., & Lippman, L. G. (2001). How Common is Humor in Mixed-Sex Dyadic Interactions? *Washington State Psychological Association Conference* in Tacoma, WA. October 12.

Tragesser, S. L., Cvetkovich, G. T., Gjerde, D., & Dinnel, D. (2001). Courtship Initiation Behavior, *Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Convention* in Reno, NV. April 20-22.

Murray, R., Cvetkovich, G., & Tragesser, S. (2000). The Effects of New Information on Trust in Food Suppliers, *Northwest Cognition and Memory Conference* in Bellingham, WA. June 2 & 3.

Research Experience Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Missouri
Mentor/Supervisor: Kenneth Sher (September 2005-August 2007)

Research Assistantship, Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research, Colorado State University,
Mentor/Supervisor: Fred Beauvais (August 2002-August 2005)

Teaching Experience Historical Development of Psychology
Social Psychology
Introduction to Personality Psychology
Motivation
Experimental Approaches to Research (Teaching Assistant)
Overview of Research Methods (Teaching Assistant)
Correlational Approaches to Research (Teaching Assistant)

Professional Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Research in Personality* (2009 – present)

Activities

APA Division 28 Committee for Serving Early Career Psychologists

APA Division 28 Program Chair (2008-2009)

Reviewer: *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, & Treatment*
Psychology of Addictive Behaviors
Addiction
Journal of Research in Personality
Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica
Journal of Personality Disorders
Journal of Psychopathology & Behavioral Assessment
Psychiatry Research
Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs
Personality and Individual Differences
Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research
Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology
Psychiatric Times

Mentor for a McNair Scholar (Summer, 2004).

Assistant, Walter J. Lonner, ARTS Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden (Summer, 2000).

Assistant, George T. Cvetkovich, Forest Service Project, Colville National Forest, WA (July 1998)

Professional International Society for the Study of Personality Disorders

Memberships American Psychological Association

APA Division 28: Psychopharmacology & Substance Abuse

Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society

University WSU Pullman Undergraduate Assessment Committee (2010)

Service WSUTC Liberal Arts Planning Committee (2008-2010)

WSUTC Search Committee Member- Psychology (2010-2011)

Faculty Advisor: Psychology Club (2009-2010)

Faculty Advisor: Sustainability Club (2008-2010)

Speaker: "How To Get Into Graduate School" Workshop (2007-2010)

Advisor: Zayda Triana (2008-2009)

Advisor: Rachel Jones (2011-present)

Advisor: Alexander Spradlin (2011-present)

Thesis Committee Member: Dana Grip (2009-present)

Thesis Committee Member: Lindsay Madden (2011-present)

Awards & 2005 Western Psychological Foundation Student Scholarship, \$400 (Spring, 2005)

Recognition

Carol Lynne Baird Memorial Scholarship, \$4,000 (Spring, 2004)

Letter of commendation for teaching excellence from Frank Vattano (Spring, 2003)

Sigma Xi (Fall, 2001)

Funding for Attendance at the North West Association for Behavior Analysis Conference granted by Western Washington University Psychology Department (October, 2001)

Teaching Assistantship for Academic Year, 2001-2002, Western Washington University Department of Psychology

Teaching Assistantship for Winter Quarter 2001, Western Washington University Department of Psychology

Teaching Assistantship for Fall Quarter 2000 and Spring Quarter 2001, Western Washington University Department of Psychology

Offer of acceptance to Golden Key Honor Society (Spring, 2000) for GPA in top 15% of Senior class

Student Poster Award, WWU Sigma Xi (May, 2000)

Exceptional Student Award, Western Washington University Psychology Faculty (March, 2000)

Phi Kappa Phi (Winter, 1998)

President's List, Western Washington University (Winter, 1998 & 2000)

Dean's List, Whatcom Community College (Fall, 1996 & Winter, 1997)