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RELEVANT WORK & PROJECTS

VP of Research

Hinge

Jan 2023 – Present

New York, New York

- I own strategic research planning and resourcing across all product groups and socialize research to build cross-functional consensus, directly contributing to product and company strategy.

Director of Research

Hinge

Jan 2020 – Dec 2022

New York, New York

- I established a UX discipline and hired a team of UX researchers to understand the science behind how daters connect.
- My team adapts novel quantitative and qualitative approaches including survey, behavioral, experimental, and dyadic methods to generative and evaluative questions.

Graduate Student Researcher

Northwestern University

Sep 2015 – Jan 2020

Evanston, IL

Communicated complex research designs and impact to broad audiences (e.g., featured on *Bustle*), delivered >20 conference talks, published 13 manuscripts in prestigious psychology journals (e.g., *Psychological Science*) and co-authored 2 book chapters.

Emotions in Close Relationships

- Led laboratory-based study on emotion in a diverse sample of 100 couples, collaborating with cross-functional research teams.
- Established contextual contributors of empathy by implementing novel quantitative methods showing that empathy in relationships matters most for well-being when money is tight.

Daily Emotion and Interpersonal Stress

- Showed how daily emotions are a mechanism by which interpersonal stress has long-term impacts on health.

Research Fellow

Institute of Education Sciences

Mar 2016 – Mar 2018

Chicago, IL

Research Advisor

Office of the Provost, Northwestern University

Aug 2013 – Aug 2015

Evanston, IL

- Launched a new program geared to recruit, mentor, and expand undergraduate research. My work expedited growth of grant-allocated funding by 44% across two years.

SELECT PAPERS

- Hittner EF, Stephens JE, Turiano NA, Gerstorf D, Lachman ME, Haase CM. (2020). Positive affect is associated with less memory decline: Evidence from a 9-Year longitudinal study. *Psychological Science*.
- Hittner EF, Rim KL, Haase CM. (2019) Socioeconomic status as a moderator of the link between reappraisal and anxiety: Laboratory-based and longitudinal evidence. *Emotion*.

EDUCATION

PhD, Human Development & Social Policy

Northwestern University

2020

Evanston, IL

- Dissertation: The Role of Emotional Functioning in the Embodiment of Social Adversity
- Kellogg School of Management Certificate in Management for Scientists
- Certificate in Society, Biology, and Health
- Certificate in Teaching Excellence

MS, Statistics

Northwestern University

2019

Evanston, IL

BA, Biological Sciences

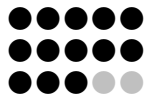
Northwestern University

2013

Evanston, IL

RESEARCH SKILLS

Team building, Strategic insights
R, Qualtrics, HLM, UserTesting
SQL, AMOS, NVivo, Looker



survey design

experimental design

user interviews

regression

moderation

meditation

multilevel models

psychometrics

diaries

remote research

xfn workshops

coaching

storytelling

strategic planning

LEADERSHIP & TEACHING

UXR Mentor

Self led

Sep 2021 – Present

New York, New York

- Lead sessions for early career UXRs.

Board of Directors

Bike & Build

Jun 2016 – Jul 2022

Philadelphia, PA

- Manage priorities for youth non-profit.

Teaching Assistant

School of Education & Social Policy, Northwestern University

Apr 2016 – Jun 2020

Evanston, IL

- 4 research psych seminars (rated 5.8/6).