

Curriculum Vitae

Michael T. Bixter

Department of Psychology
Stony Brook University
Stony Brook, NY 11794-2500
Office: B-255
michael.bixter@stonybrook.edu

(Updated 11/05/2014)

EDUCATION:

- 2015 (Expected) Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology, Stony Brook University
 Minor: Quantitative Methods
 Advisor: Christian Luhmann
- 2012 M.A. in Cognitive Psychology, Stony Brook University
 Thesis: *Shared Losses Lead to Riskier Choices: A Laboratory Study of Moral Hazard*
 Advisor: Christian Luhmann
- 2010 B.A. in Psychology and Philosophy, Elmhurst College
 Honors thesis: *Individual Differences in Older Adults' Response to a Theatrical Intervention Designed to Enhance Cognitive Abilities*
 Advisor: Helga Noice

PUBLICATIONS:

- Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C.** (in press). Evidence for implicit risk: Delay facilitates the processing of uncertainty. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*.
- Bixter, M.T.** (2015). Happiness, political orientation, and religiosity. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 72, 7-11.
- Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C.** (2014). Shared losses reduce sensitivity to risk: A laboratory study of moral hazard. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 42, 63-73.
- Bixter, M.T., & Daniel, F.** (2013). Working memory differences in illusory recollection of critical lures. *Memory & Cognition*, 41(5), 716-725.
- Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C.** (2013). Adaptive intertemporal preferences in foraging-style environments. *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, 7: 93.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

Bixter, M. T., Trimber, E. M., & Luhmann, C. C. (2014). Contagion effects in intertemporal decision making. In P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, & B. Scassellati (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1929-1934). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Luhmann, C. C., & **Bixter, M. T.** (2014). Subjective hazard rates rationalize "irrational" temporal preferences. In P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, & B. Scassellati (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 904-909). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW:

Bixter, M.T., Safin, V., & Luhmann, C.C. (under review). Increased deliberation time reduces delay discounting.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION:

Bixter, M.T., Trimber, E.M., & Luhmann, C.C. (in prep). Are intertemporal preferences contagious? Evidence from collaborative decision making.

Arfer, K.B., **Bixter, M.T.,** & Luhmann, C.C. (in prep). Reputational concerns, not altruism, motivate restraint when gambling with other people's money.

Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C. (in prep). Judgment in the presence of multiple anchors.

Bixter, M.T., Altman, E.M., & Luhmann, C.C. (in prep). Forest for the trees: Abstract mindsets encourage optimal choices in a dynamic decision-making task.

Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C. (in prep). Perceived risk for deferred versus expedited rewards: An explanation for the delay-speedup asymmetry.

PRESENTATIONS:

Bixter, M.T. (September, 2014). *Contagion effects in intertemporal decision making.* Presentation at the Cognitive/Experimental Brown Bag at Stony Brook University: Stony Brook, NY.

Luhmann, C. C., & **Bixter, M. T.** (July, 2014). *Subjective hazard rates rationalize "irrational" temporal preferences.* Presentation at the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society: Quebec City, Quebec.

Luhmann, C. C., & **Bixter, M. T.** (July, 2014). *Subjective hazard rates imply non-stationary intertemporal preferences*. Presentation at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Mathematical Psychology: Quebec City, Quebec.

Bixter, M.T. (May, 2014). *Adjusting, but from where? Judgment in the presence of multiple anchors*. Presentation at the Annual Cognitive/Experimental Symposium at Stony Brook University: Stony Brook, NY.

Bixter, M.T. (October, 2013). *Are intertemporal preferences contagious? The case of collaborative decision making*. Presentation at the Cognitive/Experimental Brown Bag at Stony Brook University: Stony Brook, NY.

Bixter, M.T. (February, 2013). *Shared losses reduce sensitivity to risk: A laboratory study of moral hazard*. Presentation at the Cognitive/Experimental Brown Bag at Stony Brook University: Stony Brook, NY.

Bixter, M.T. (April, 2012). *Adjusting from multiple anchors*. Presentation at the Annual Cognitive/Experimental Symposium at Stony Brook University: Stony Brook, NY.

Bixter, M.T. (February, 2012). *Construal level and decision making in both stationary and non-stationary environments*. Presentation at the Cognitive/Experimental Brown Bag at Stony Brook University: Stony Brook, NY.

Bixter, M.T. (April, 2011). *Order effects in decisions involving delay and uncertainty*. Presentation at the Cognitive/Experimental Brown Bag at Stony Brook University: Stony Brook, NY.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

Bixter, M.T., Trimber, E.M., & Luhmann, C.C. (July, 2014). *Contagion effects in intertemporal decision making*. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society: Quebec City, Quebec.

Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2013). *Adjusting, but from where? Judgment in the presence of multiple anchors*. Poster presented at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making: Toronto, Ontario.

Bixter, M.T., Trimber, E.M., & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2013). *Social transmission of intertemporal preferences during collaborative decision making*. Poster presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society: Toronto, Ontario.

Bixter, M.T., & Luhmann, C.C. (November, 2011). *Evidence for implicit risk: Delay information primes the processing of uncertainty information*. Poster presented at the 32nd Annual Conference of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making: Seattle, WA.

Skoczelas, K., & **Bixter, M.** (May, 2011). *Differential responses to a theatrical intervention designed to enhance cognitive functioning and life satisfaction: Evidence from older adults living in subsidized retirement communities*. Poster presented at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association: Chicago, IL.

Bixter, M., Kritikos, N., Peterson, N., Daniel, F., & Noice, H. (November, 2010). *Working memory differences in remember/know judgments for falsely recognized words*. Poster presented at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society: St. Louis, MO.

Bixter, M., Kritikos, N., Peterson, N., & Daniel, F. (August, 2010). *Working memory differences in remember/know judgments for falsely recognized words*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Text and Discourse: Chicago, IL.

Bixter, M., Kritikos, N., & Peterson, N. (May, 2010). *The effect of working memory differences on remember/know judgments for falsely recognized words*. Poster presented at the 8th Annual Research and Performance Showcase. Elmhurst College. Elmhurst, IL.

Bixter, M., & Hartley, A. (April, 2010). *The association of social engagement and quality-of-life assessments with cognitive functioning in older adults*. Poster presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association: Chicago, IL.

Bixter, M., & Peterson, N. (May, 2009). *Transient affective influences on moral judgments of self and others*. Poster presented at the 7th Annual Research and Performance Showcase. Elmhurst College. Elmhurst, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Teaching Assistant, "Statistical Methods in Psychology", fall 2014

Teaching Assistant, "Survey in Developmental Psychology", spring 2014

Teaching Assistant, "Statistical Methods in Psychology", fall 2013

Teaching Assistant/Guest Lecturer, "Advanced Statistics", spring 2013

Teaching Assistant, "Survey in Social Psychology", fall 2012

Recitation Instructor, "Research and Writing in Psychology", spring 2012

Teaching Assistant, "Survey in Cognition/Perception", fall 2011

Teaching Assistant, "Statistical Methods in Psychology", spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, "Research and Writing in Psychology", fall 2010

GRANTS AND FUNDING:

2014 \$1000 American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Award

2009-2010 \$4000 National Institutes of Health Administrative Supplement Providing Summer Research Experiences for Students (Included in Grant 3R15AG032120-01S2; PI: Helga Noice)

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2014 Stony Brook University Department of Psychology Award for Excellence
in Research (Advanced)
2010 Elmhurst College Psychology Department Senior Recognition Award
2009-2010 Elmhurst College Honors Program
2009 Elmhurst College Psychology Department Junior Recognition Award

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

American Psychological Association
Cognitive Science Society
Society for Judgment and Decision Making

AD HOC REVIEWER:

Journal of Economic Psychology, Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

SERVICE:

2011 Co-led psychology department orientation for incoming graduate students
2009 Gave an invited talk titled “How to successfully prepare for the Graduate
Record Examination (GRE)” at the Department of Psychology Graduate
School Information Session. Elmhurst College. Elmhurst, IL.