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Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Training

University of North Carolina Wilmington	B.A., Psychology, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	2012-2014
University of North Carolina Wilmington Thesis: Blurring the line: Race and social class interact to predict dehumanization and prosocial behavior	M.A., Psychology	2015-2017
Virginia Commonwealth University Dissertation: Efficient vengeance: The role of processing fluency in making decisions about retaliation	Ph.D., Psychology	2017-2021

Academic Employment

Assistant Professor	Virginia State University	August, 2022 - Present
Post-doctoral Fellow	Virginia Commonwealth University	May, 2021 – August, 2022
Adjunct Faculty	University of Richmond	January, 2021 – May, 2021
Adjunct Faculty	Brightpoint Community College	August, 2019 – May, 2021
Statistics Lab Instructor	Virginia Commonwealth University	June, 2018 – May, 2021
IT Support Technician	University of North Carolina Wilmington	August, 2013 – June, 2017

Publications

*Undergraduate mentee; **Graduate mentee

-----2023-----

West, S. J., & Thomson, N. D. (2023). Exploring personal crises observed in mass shooters as targets for detection and intervention using psychometric network analysis. *Psychology of Violence*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/vio0000464>

West, S. J., Wood, A. M., Aboutanos, M. B., & Thomson, N. D. (2023). Exploring changes in violence across two waves of the COVID-19 pandemic in Richmond, VA. *Aggressive Behavior*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ab.22094>

Hyatt, C. S., Lynam, D. R., West, S. J., Chester, D. S., Carter, N. T., & Miller, J. D. (in

press). Development of a measure of aggressive behavior expectancies in adults: The Aggression Expectancy Questionnaire. *Aggressive Behavior*, 49, 521-535. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ab.22088>

West, S. J., Psederska, E., Bozgunov, K., Nedelchev, D., Vasilev, G., Thomson, N. D., & Vassileva, J. (2023). Identifying distinct profiles of impulsivity for the four facets of psychopathy. *PLoS one*, 18(4), e0283866. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0283866>

West, S. J., & Thomson, N. D. (2023). Identifying the emotions behind apologies for severe transgressions. *Motivation and Emotion*, 47, 257-269. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11031-022-09993-8>

-----2022-----

West, S. J., Klyce, D. W., Perrin, P. B., Juengst, S. B., Dams-O'Connor, K., Vargas, T. A., Grover, R...Campbell, T. A. (2022). A network analysis of the PART-O at 1 and 2 years after TBI: A Veteran's Affairs model systems study. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/HTR.0000000000000820>

West, S. J., Bishop, D., Chapman, D. A., & Thomson, N. D. (2022). Comparing forms of neighborhood instability as predictors of violence in Richmond, VA. *PLoS one*, 17(9), e0273718. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0273718>

West, S. J., Psederska, E., Vasilev, G., Stefanova, S., Bozgunov, K., Nedelchev, D., Vassileva, J., Thomson, N. D. (2022). Comparing Psychopathy Across Measurement Modalities. *in press at Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/per0000565>

West, S. J., & Chester, D. S. (2021). The tangled webs we wreak: Examining the structure of aggressive personality using psychometric networks. *Journal of Personality*, 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jopy.12695>

Lasko, E. N., Dagher, A. C., **West, S. J.**, & Chester, D. S. (2022). Neural mechanisms of intergroup exclusion and retaliatory aggression. *Social Neuroscience*, 17(4), 339-351. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17470919.2022.2086617>

-----2021-----

West, S. J., Lasko, E. N., Hall, C.J., *Khan, N.G., & Chester, D. S. (2021). Some revenge now or more later? Applying an intertemporal framework to retaliatory aggression. *Motivation Science*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/mot0000248>

Klyce, D. W., **West, S. J.**, Perrin, P. B., Agtarap, S. D., Finn, J. A., Juengst, S. B., Dams-O'Connor, K., Eagye, C. B., Vargas, T. A., Chung, J. S., & Bombardier, C. H. (2021). Network analysis of neurobehavioral and posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms one year after traumatic brain injury: A veteran's affairs TBI model systems study. *Journal of Neurotrauma*, 38(23), 3332-3340. <https://doi.org/10.1089/neu.2021.0200>

Hyatt, C. S., Crowe, M. L., **West, S. J.**, Vize, C. E., Carter, N. T., Chester, D. S., & Miller, J. D. (2021). An empirically based power primer for laboratory aggression research. *Aggressive Behavior*, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ab.21996>

Chester, D. S., Martelli, A. M., **West, S. J.**, Lasko, E. N., *Brosnan, P. G., Makhanova, A., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (2021). Neural mechanisms of intimate partner aggression. *Biological Psychology*, 165, 108195. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biopsycho.2021.108195>

Thomson, N. D., Kevorkian, S., Blair, J., Farrell, A., **West S. J.**, & Bjork, J. M. (2021). Psychophysiological underpinnings of proactive and reactive aggression in young men and women. *Physiology and Behavior*, 242(1), 113601. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physbeh.2021.113601>

-----2020-----

West, S. J., Hyatt, C., Miller, J. D., & Chester, D. S. (2020). *p*-Curve analysis of the Taylor Aggression Paradigm: Estimating evidentiary value and statistical power across 50 years of research. *Aggressive Behavior*, 47(2), 183-193. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ab.21937>

Chester, D. S., & **West, S. J.** (2020). Trait aggression is primarily a facet of antagonism: Evidence from dominance, latent correlational, and item-level analyses. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 104042. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrp.2020.104042>

-----2019-----

Lasko, E. N., Chester, D. S., Martelli, A. M., **West, S. J.**, & DeWall, N. C. (2019). An investigation of the relationship between psychopathy and greater gray matter density in lateral prefrontal cortex, *Personality Neuroscience*, 2, 1-10.

Chester, D.S., Bell, S. B., DeWall, N.C., **West, S. J.**, Romero-Lopez, M., & Craig, A. (2019). Neural correlates of intertemporal choice in aggressive behavior. *Aggressive Behavior*, 45(5), 507-516. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ab.21838>

Conference Presentations

-----Individual Talks & Symposia-----

West, S. J., Bishop, D., Chapman, D. A., & Thomson N. D. (2022, July). *The source of disorder: comparing forms of neighborhood instability as predictors of violence in Richmond, VA* [Paper presentation]. 24th meeting of the International Society for Research on Aggression, Ottawa, Canada.

Perrin, B. P., Ramos-Usuga, D., Olabarrieta-Landa, L., Alzueta, E., **West, S. J.**, Lequerica, A, Klyce, D. W., ...Arango-Lasprilla, J. C. (2022, February). *An international study of the prevalence and structure of neurobehavioral symptoms in individuals with long COVID*. Presented to the 24th Annual Rehabilitation Psychology Conference.

Agtarap, S., & Finn, J., Klyce, D., **West, S. J.** (2021, September). *Measurement and approaches to understanding the associations between post-concussive and posttraumatic stress/psychological distress symptomology*. Presented to the 98th Annual Conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitative Medicine Online Conference.

West, S. J., Lasko, E. N., Hall, C. J., & Chester, D. S (2019, October). *Worth the wait: Applying an intertemporal framework to retaliatory aggression*. Presented at the 40th annual

meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Johnson City, Tennessee.

West, S. J., & Chester, D. S. (2018, October). *The big payback: Introducing the intertemporal aggression paradigm (ITAP)*. Presented at the 39th annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Raleigh, North Carolina.

West, S. J., Pond, R. S., Jr., Taggart, R. S., & Terrizzi, J. A., Jr. (2016, November). *Grossed out: Disgust promotes behavioral avoidance tendencies in the presence of aggressive stimuli*. Study presented at the 38th annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Asheville, North Carolina.

-----Posters-----

*Undergraduate mentee; **Graduate mentee

*House, J. D. & **West, S. J.** (2023, April). Exploring the relationship between the five factor model traits and alexithymia. 2023 meeting of the Virginia Association for Psychological Science in Alexandria, VA.

*Williams, T. L. & **West, S. J.** (2023, April). Reminiscing for revenge: The links between angry rumination and sadism. 2023 meeting of the Virginia Association for Psychological Science in Alexandria, VA.

*Hackett, J. S. & **West, S. J.** (2023, April). Psychopathy interacts with alexithymia to predict negative affect following social rejection. 2023 meeting of the Virginia Association for Psychological Science in Alexandria, VA.

West, S. J., & Thomson, N. D. (2022, December). Exploring personal crises observed in mass shooters as targets for detection and intervention using psychometric network analysis. Presented to the 2nd annual meeting of the National Research Conference on Firearm Injury Prevention (Washington, D.C).

West, S. J., Thomson, N. D., & Vassileva, J. (2022, February). *Eye of the Beholder: Interview-based and Self-report Measures of Psychopathy Yield Different Dynamic Systems*. Presented at the 23rd annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Online).

*Vargas, T. A., *Vriesman, M., **West, S. J.,** Klyce, D. W., Perrin, P. B. (2022, February). *Veteran and Service Member Participation 1 and 2 Years after TBI: A Psychometric Network Analysis*. Poster Session at the annual meeting of the Division of Rehabilitation Psychology (APA Division 22), Louisville, Kentucky

*Khan, N. G., *Irwin, M., *Russel, N., **West, S. J., & Chester, D. S.** (2021, July). *Psychopathy and status: Examining distinct patterns of associations among the factors of psychopathy and facets of conscientiousness*. Presented at the 7th biennial meeting of the Association for Research in Personality (Online).

West, S. J. & Chester, D. S. (2021, February). *Finding the rotten core: A network analysis of antagonistic traits and the big five*. 22nd annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference Online.

West, S. J., Lasko, E. N., Hall, C. J., & Chester, D. S. (2020, April). *Worth the wait: Validation of*

the Aggression Choice Questionnaire. 23rd Annual Research Symposium and Exhibit, Virginia Commonwealth University.

West, S. J., Lasko, E. N., Hall, C. J., & Chester, D. S. (2020, February). *Worth the wait: Validation of the Aggression Choice Questionnaire*. 21st annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in New Orleans, LA.

West, S. J., Lasko, E. N., & Chester, D. S. (2019, April). *Irritated and impatient: Further evidence for the Intertemporal Aggression Paradigm*. 22nd Annual Research Symposium and Exhibit, Virginia Commonwealth University.

*Agrawal, A., **West, S. J.**, & Chester, D. S. (2019, April). *How I See It: Perceptions of One's Own Status Demonstrates Greater Predictive Validity Over Objective SES Regarding Aggression*. 22nd Annual Research Symposium and Exhibit, Virginia Commonwealth University.

*Hawa, N., **West, S. J.**, & Chester, D. S. (2019, April). *Who Do You Think You Are? Self-Perceptions of Status Moderates the Relationship Between Intergroup Rejection and Aggressive Behavior*. 22nd Annual Research Symposium and Exhibit, Virginia Commonwealth University.

*Mitchell, A., **West, S. J.**, & Chester, D. S. (2019, April). *Cold As Ice: Dehumanization Promotes the Relationship between Rejection and Vengeful Pleasure*. 22nd Annual Research Symposium and Exhibit, Virginia Commonwealth University.

*Strohman, V., **West, S. J.**, & Chester, D. S. (2018, October). *The Dark Spiral: Sensation-Seeking Moderates the Relationship Between Angry Rumination and Sadism*. 39th annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Raleigh, NC.

*Manglona, A.V., **West, S. J.**, & Chester, D. S. (2018, April), *Trait Aggression Mediates Gender Differences in Machiavellianism*. 21st Annual Research Symposium and Exhibit, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

*Torrico-Achaval, C. M., **West, S. J.**, & Chester, D. S. (2018, April), *Playing Dirty: Sadism Moderates the Relationship Between Status Consciousness and Machiavellianism*. 21st Annual Research Symposium and Exhibit, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

West, S. J., Chester, D. S., DeWall, N. C., Bell, S. B., Romero-Lopez, M., & Craig, A. (2018, March). *Just you wait: Validation of the intertemporal aggression paradigm (ITAP)*. 19th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in Atlanta, GA.

West, S. J., Chester, D. S., DeWall, N. C., Bell, S. B., Romero-Lopez, M., Craig, A. (2018, April). *Just You Wait: Validation of the Intertemporal Aggression Paradigm (ITAP)*. 21st Annual Research Symposium and Exhibit, Virginia Commonwealth University.

West, S. J., Pond, R. S., Jr., Taggart, R. S., & Terrizzi, J. A., Jr. (2017, January). *Totally disgusted: Evoking disgust encourages behavioral avoidance in the presence of aggressive stimuli*. 18th annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, Texas.

- West, S. J.,** Pond, R. S., Jr., Taggart, R. S., & Terrizzi, J. A., Jr. (2016, July). *Grossed out: Disgust promotes behavioral avoidance tendencies in the presence of aggressive stimuli*. XXIIInd World Meeting of the International Society for Research on Aggression, Sydney, Australia.
- West, S. J.,** Pond, R. S., Jr., & Dark-Freudman, A. (2015, October). *Contemplating exclusion: Rumination mediates the influence of ostracism on depression and self-concept in the elderly*. 37th annual Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists (SSSP) Conference, Winston-Salem, NC.
- West, S. J.,** Leschak, C., McPherson, J., & Tindal P. (2014, October). *Knock it off! Effects of gender on perceptions of sexual harassment*. 36th Annual Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists (SSSP) Conference, Athens, GA.
- West, S. J.,** Fanous, M., Garand, R., & Pond, R.S., Jr. (2014, April). *Control yourself: Self-control mediates the relationship between alexithymia and trait aggression*. 2014 Spring North Carolina Psychological Foundation (NCPF) Conference, Charlotte, NC.

I have served as an ad-hoc peer reviewer for the following journals:

Aggressive Behavior	Journal of Adolescent Clinical Psychology
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin	Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma
BMC Psychology	Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience
Journal of Criminal Justice	Social Neuroscience

Grants and Awards

NIH LRP Grant (NICHD) Role: PI	Project Title: Determining the Risks of Retaliatory Violence among violence-injured adolescents	August, 2022
International Society for Research on Aggression (ISRA)	Young Investigator Award	April, 2022
VCU Department of Psychology	Graduate Travel Award \$600.00	Feb, 2020
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)	Graduate Travel Award \$500.00	Feb, 2019
VCU Department of Psychology	Graduate Travel Award \$600.00	Feb, 2019
VCU Department of Psychology	Graduate Travel Award \$600.00	Mar, 2018

UNCW Graduate School

Graduate Travel Award
\$600.00

Jul, 2016

Society Memberships

Southeastern Society for Social Psychology (SSSP) - Member since 2014

Society for Personality and Social Psychologists (SPSP) - Member since 2016

Virginia Association for Psychological Science (VAPS) – Member since 2023