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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES , Los Angeles, CA	Expected 2021
Ph.D. Student in Clinical Psychology, APA-Accredited Program	
Minor: Quantitative Psychology	
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES , Los Angeles, CA	Dec 2016
M.A. Student in Clinical Psychology, APA-Accredited Program	
<u>Thesis</u> : Effects of Alcohol Dependence Severity on Neural Correlates of Delay Discounting	
<u>Advisor</u> : Lara Ray, Ph.D.	
WILLIAMS COLLEGE , Williamstown, MA	June 2012
B.A. in Psychology with Highest Honors	
<u>Thesis</u> : Chin Up! Effects of a Self-Esteem Intervention on Social Conformity	
<u>Advisor</u> : Marlene Sandstrom, Ph.D.	

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018	Nancy M. Biram Research Fund in Life Sciences Award - \$6,000
2018	Enoch Gordis Award Finalist, Research Society on Alcoholism
2017-2018	UCLA Letter of Clinical Excellence
2016-2018	Student Merit Award, Research Society on Alcoholism
2016-2017	UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship - \$20,000
2016	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship - \$6,000
2016	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention
2015-2016	UCLA Distinguished University Fellowship - \$21,000
2012	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> , Williams College, Williamstown, MA
2011-2012	William Orr Dingwall Award - \$20,000
2011-2012	James Jenkin Lowe 1937 Scholarship - \$45,518
2011	Kraft Research Award - \$3,200
2008-2011	Williams College Merit Scholarship - \$136,554
2008-2012	Dean's List, Williams College

GRANTS

10/2018-Present	Translational Neuroscience of Drug Abuse Program - Agency: National Institute on Drug Abuse Grant No.: T32 DA02463-10 (PI: Edythe London)
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10/2016-10/2018 Integrated Programs of Substance Abuse - \$65,756
Agency: National Institute on Drug Abuse
Grant No.: 4T32 DA007272-25 (PI: Christine Grella)

PUBLICATIONS

1. Ray, L.A., **Lim, A.C.**, & Shoptaw, S. (in press). Commentary: What defines a clinically meaningful outcome in the treatment of substance use disorders: "Getting your life back". *Addiction*.
2. Ray, L.A., Green, R., Grodin, E., **Lim, A.C.**, Venegas, A., Bujarski, S. (revise and resubmit). The interplay between subjective response to alcohol, craving, and alcohol self-administration in the human laboratory.
3. **Lim, A.C.**, Ghahremani, D.G., Grodin, E.N., Green, R., Bujarski, S., Hartwell, E.E., Courtney, K.E., Hutchison, K.E., Miotto, K., & Ray, L.A. (under review). Neuroimaging findings from an experimental pharmacology trial of naltrexone in heavy drinkers of East Asian descent.
4. Green, R., Bujarski, S., **Lim, A.C.**, Venegas, A., & Ray, L.A. (under review). Effects of naltrexone and alcohol on craving for cigarettes in heavy drinking smokers.
5. Grodin, E., Ray, L.A., MacKillop, J., **Lim, A.C.**, & Karno, K.M., (in preparation). Elucidating the effect of a brief motivational drinking intervention using neuroimaging: A preliminary study.
6. **Lim, A.C.** & Thames, A.D. (in press). Interactive relationship of HIV status and sleep quality on marijuana consumption. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.
7. Ray, L.A., Bujarski, S., Hartwell, E., Green, R., Venegas, A., Grodin, E., **Lim, A.C.**, Gillis, A., & Miotto, K. (in press). State-of-the-art treatment of alcohol use disorder. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*.
8. **Lim, A.C.**, Roche, D.J.O., & Ray, L.A. (in press). Distress tolerance and craving for cigarettes among heavy drinking smokers. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*.
9. **Lim, A.C.**, Moallem, N.R., Courtney, K.E., Allen, V.C., Leventhal, A.M., & Ray, L.A. (2018). A brief smoking cessation intervention for heavy drinking smokers: Treatment development, feasibility, and preliminary results. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 9, 362.
10. Bujarski, S., **Lim, A.C.**, & Ray, L.A. (2018). Prevalence, Causes, and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders: A Primer. *The Judge's Journal; American Bar Association*, 57, 19-26.
11. Ray, L.A., Green, R., Roche, D.J., Bujarski, S., Hartwell, E.E., **Lim, A.C.**, Rohrbaugh, R., Ghahremani, D., Hutchison, K.E., & Miotto, K. (2018). Pharmacogenetic effects of naltrexone in individuals of East Asian descent: Human laboratory findings. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 42, 613-623.

12. Shadur, J., Ninneman, A., **Lim, A.C.**, Lejuez, C., & MacPherson, L. (2017). The prospective relationship between distress tolerance and cigarette expectancies in adolescence. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, 31*, 625-635.
13. Dahne, J., **Lim, A.C.**, Borges, A., & MacPherson, L. (2017). Risk taking propensity in older adolescents: Internalizing symptoms, gender, and negative reinforcement. *Psychiatry: Interpersonal and Biological Processes, 80*, 252-264.
14. **Lim, A.C.**, Cservenka, A., & Ray, L. (2017). Effects of alcohol dependence severity and *OPRM1* on neural correlates of delay discounting. *Alcohol and Alcoholism, 52*, 506-515.
15. Borges, A., Dahne, J., **Lim, A.C.**, & MacPherson, L. (2017). Negative affect mediates the relation between trait urgency and behavioral distress tolerance. *Emotion, 17*, 707-716.
16. Collado, L., **Lim, A.C.**, & MacPherson, L. (2016). A systematic review of depression psychotherapies among Latinos. *Clinical Psychology Review, 45*, 193-209.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Lim, A.C.**, Ghahremani, D., Hutchison, K.E., & Ray, L.A. (2018). Pharmacogenetic effects of naltrexone in individuals of East Asian descent: Neuroimaging findings. Oral presentation given at the 40th annual convention of the Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, CA.
2. **Lim, A.C.**, Mozersky, J., Hise, L., Dahne, J., & MacPherson, L. (2015). Additive effects of risk-taking and distress tolerance in differentiating cigarette smokers and nonsmokers. Oral presentation given at the 20th annual convention of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Philadelphia, P.A.
3. Sandstrom, M., & **Lim, A.C.** (2013). Fitting in to feel good: Can an experimental boost in self-esteem reduce pressure to conform? Paper symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Grodin, E.N., MacKillop, J., **Lim, A.C.**, Karno, M., Ray, L.A. (under review). Elucidating the effect of a brief motivational drinking intervention using neuroimaging: A preliminary study.
2. **Lim, A.C.**, Ghahremani, D., Hutchison, K.E., & Ray, L.A. (2018). Pharmacogenetic effects of naltrexone in individuals of East Asian descent: Neuroimaging findings. Poster presented at the 40th annual convention of the Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, CA.
3. Green, R., **Lim, A.C.**, & Ray, L.A. (2018). Sex differences in delay discounting across heavy drinking smokers. Poster presented at the 40th annual convention of the Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, CA.

4. Venegas, A., Bujarski, S., **Lim, A.C.**, Roche, D.J.O., & Ray, L.A. (2018). Examining subjective response to and craving for alcohol among cannabis and non-cannabis users in human laboratory paradigms. Poster presented at the 40th annual convention of the Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, CA.
5. **Lim, A.C.**, Tully, L., Cservenka, A., & Ray, L.A. (2017). *Effects of alcohol dependence severity on neural correlates of delay discounting*. Poster presented at the 40th annual convention of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Denver, CO.
6. Ghazarian, S., Nguyen, X-T., **Lim, A.C.**, & Ray, L.A. (2017). The relationship between impulsivity and anticipated subjective response to alcohol. Poster presented at the 40th annual convention of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Denver, CO.
7. **Lim, A.C.** & Ray, L. (2017). *The relationship between distress tolerance and craving among heavy drinking smokers*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of CALDAR Summer Institute and International Global Health Conference, Universal City, CA.
8. **Lim, A.C.**, & Ray, L. (2016). *Interactive effects of loss aversion and risk taking propensity on alcohol dependence severity*. Poster presented at the 39th annual convention of the Research Society on Alcoholism, New Orleans, LA.
9. Ninnemann, A., **Lim, A.C.**, Hamilton, E., Mitchell, A., Houston-Ludlam, A., & MacPherson, L. (2015). *Avoidance/rumination mediates the relationship between behavioral inhibition and secondary dependence motives in treatment-seeking smokers*. Poster presented at the 20th annual convention of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Philadelphia, P.A.
10. Morse, M., DeGeorge, D., **Lim, A.C.**, Blevins, E., & Lejuez, C. (2014). *Factors affecting treatment dropout among inpatient substance users*. Poster presented at the 48th annual convention of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
11. **Lim, A.C.**, & MacPherson, L. (2014). *Reward responsiveness mediates the relationship between anhedonia and reinforcement-based nicotine dependence motives*. Poster presented at the 48th annual convention of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
12. Bounoua, N., Ali, B., **Lim, A.C.**, Lechner, W., Felton, J., Shadur, J., MacPherson, L., & Lejuez, C.W. (2014). *Early initiation of alcohol and illicit drug use: Associations with psychopathology among inpatient substance users*. Poster presented at the 76th annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
13. Oliveira, F., **Lim, A.C.**, Loya, J., Chen, S., Collado, A., & MacPherson, L. (2014). *Low distress tolerance predicts positive smoking outcome expectancies among younger adolescents*. Poster presented at the 19th annual convention of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Seattle, WA.

14. **Lim, A.C.**, Oliveira, F., Houston-Ludlam, A., Hamilton, E., Harrell, N., Mitchell, A., & MacPherson, L. (2014). *Avoidance/rumination mediates the relationship between depressive symptomatology and nicotine dependence motives*. Poster presented at the 34th annual convention of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, Chicago, IL.
15. **Lim, A.C.**, Houston-Ludlam, A., Harrell, N., Oliveira, F., & MacPherson, L. (2014). *Dependence motives are related to environmental reward and to avoidance in low-income adult treatment seeking smokers*. Poster presented at the 19th annual convention of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Seattle, WA.
16. **Lim, A.C.**, Harrell, N., Castillo, S., Keyte, L., Lejuez, C.W., & MacPherson, L. (2013). *Predictors of attrition from a behavioral intervention for smokers with depressive symptoms*. Poster presented at the 18th annual convention of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Boston, MA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, CA

UCLA Addictions Lab

8/2015 - Present

Graduate Student Researcher, PI: Lara Ray, Ph.D

- Responsibilities: (1) Conducting functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) scans and analyzing data with FSL, including preprocessing, transformation to MNI space, and group-level analysis; (2) Application of fMRI to behavioral data assessing delay discounting; (3) structured assessments, including the Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV-TR, UCLA Life Stress Interview, Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, and neuropsychological testing; (4) administering motivational interviews for heavy smoking and drinking community populations.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, College Park, MD

Center for Addictions, Personality, and Emotion Research

6/2012 - 6/2015

Project Coordinator, PIs: Laura MacPherson and Carl Lejuez, Ph.D

- Responsibilities: (1) supervising a team of 16 research assistants; (2) recruitment, tracking, and administering 15 appointments per participant across four clinical trials for smoking cessation among adolescent and adult populations; (3) data cleaning and analysis; (4) serving as the Institutional Board (IRB) coordinator; (5) utilizing field locator techniques to complete assessments in community settings;

HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL, Medford, MA

Division on Addiction

6/2010 - 7/2011

Research Assistant, PI: Sarah Nelson, Ph.D.

- Responsibilities: (1) maintaining multiple national datasets; (2) literature review for a meta-analysis of gambling epidemiology; (3) creating and managing an email database to coordinate with international gambling researchers; (4) verifying national CORI registries for DUI offenders; (5) weekly lab presentations.
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TEACHING/EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, CA

Teaching Assistant, Prof. Steve Lee – PSYCH 271F (Clinical Research Lab) 4/2018 – 6/2018

- Taught section on structured diagnostic interviews, conducted and reviewed patient interviews with graduate students.

Teaching Assistant, Prof. Julie Smurda – PSYCH 10 (Intro Psych) 4/2017 - 6/2017

- Provided 110-minute lecture on epidemiology, diagnosis, and neurobiology of substance use and substance use disorders.
- Conducted three review sessions and held office hours weekly.
- Created questions for and proctored three multiple choice exams.

Guest Lecturer/Research Mentor, PI: Lara Ray 9/2015 - Present

- Provided 3 lectures on outcomes of U.S.-based substance use prevention programs and addiction neurobiology.
- Mentoring four post-baccalaureate research assistants in poster preparation/presentations.
- Training four research assistants in administration of structured interview-based assessments, including the Structured Clinical Interview for the DSM-IV-TR.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, College Park, MD

Teaching Assistant, Professor Laura MacPherson 9/2014 - 12/2014

- PSYC 437: The Assessment and Treatment of Addictive Behaviors
- Responsibilities: (1) preparing and presenting a 75-minute lecture on diagnostic interviews and clinical skills; (2) creating and grading assignments; (3) implementing clicker-based quizzes; (4) maintaining class evaluation website; and (5) creating and providing feedback on course content.

First-Year Innovation and Research Experience (FIRE) Mentor, Supervisors Carl Lejuez, Ph.D., Cristina Risco, Ph.D., & Julia Shadur, Ph.D. 9/2014 - 5/2015

- Responsibilities: (1) preparing and presenting a 120-minute lecture on empirically supported treatments and behavioral activation; (2) creating and grading assignments; (3) introducing students to IRB and shadowing participant appointments; (4) creating datasets for student projects; (5) producing and providing feedback on course content; (6) attending weekly FIRE supervision meetings.

ASSESSMENT EXPERIENCE

ADVANCED NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSOR, 7/2018 - Present

UCLA Dementia Screener Clinic

Supervisor: Philip Sayegh, Ph.D., MPH

- Conduct brief dementia screener assessments for adults.

- Write comprehensive assessment reports, provide feedback and treatment recommendations to clients and families.

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY EXTERN, Medical Psychology Assessment Center, Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, UCLA 1/2018 – 6/2018

Supervisor: Kathleen Tingus, Ph.D.

- Conduct neuropsychological assessments for aging adults with major neurocognitive disorders, including Alzheimer's disease variants, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, prion disease, Dementia with Lewy Bodies, normal pressure hydrocephalus, head trauma
- Write comprehensive neuropsychology reports

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY EXTERN, Social Neuroscience in Health Psychology Lab, Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, UCLA 7/2017 – 1/2018

Supervisor: April Thames, Ph.D.

- Conduct neuropsychological assessments for HIV-positive and HIV-negative adults
- Write comprehensive neuropsychology reports

LIFE STRESS INTERVIEWER, Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, UCLA 1/2016 – 3/2018

Supervisor: Dara Ghahremani, Ph.D.

- Conduct Life Stress Interviews with adolescents and adults participating in a mindfulness-based cannabis cessation study.
- Interviews assess for episodic and chronic strain in close friendships, social life, romantic, family, neighborhood, school, work, finances, and health.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSESSOR, UCLA Addictions Lab 8/2015 – Present

Supervisor: Lara Ray, Ph.D.

- Conduct assessments for heavy drinking-smokers, including Timeline Follow-Back, SCID-IV-TR and SCID-5, Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment for Alcohol, and Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale.

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSOR, UCLA Psychology Clinic 1/2016 - Present

Supervisors: Philip Sayegh, Ph.D. and Shannon Daley, Ph.D.

- Conducted psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological assessment with adults and children to assess learning disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Wrote comprehensive psychoeducational assessment reports.
- Provided feedback and treatment recommendations to clients and families.

CLINICAL ASSESSOR, University of Maryland College Park 6/2012 - 6/2015

Supervisor: Laura MacPherson, Ph.D.

- Administering the SCID-IV-TR for inpatient substance use treatment and community smokers with elevated depressive symptoms. Supervisor: Laura MacPherson, Ph.D.

CLINICAL ASSESSOR, Salvation Army Harbor Light**6/2012 - 6/2015**

Supervisor: Carl Lejuez, Ph.D.

- Administered SCID-IV to patients at a residential substance abuse treatment center.
- Provided written reports regarding diagnoses and treatment recommendations to substance abuse counselors.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE STUDENT THERAPIST, UCLA Alcohol Use Disorders Clinic **2/2018 - Present**

- Conduct counseling sessions to provide psychoeducation, and utilize motivational interview and contingency management to encourage quitting smoking and drinking.

GRADUATE STUDENT THERAPIST, UCLA Addictions Lab**Varenicline and Naltrexone Combination for Heavy Drinking Smokers****8/2016 - Present**

- Conduct counseling sessions to provide psychoeducation, and utilize motivational interview and contingency management to encourage quitting smoking and drinking.

Perceived Alcohol Rewards and Risk Study**9/2016 – 5/2017**

Supervisors: Mitchell Karno, Ph.D. and Lara Ray, Ph.D.

- Conduct motivational interviews with adults with alcohol use disorders to examine intervention effects on neural correlates of a fMRI alcohol rewards task.

GRADUATE STUDENT THERAPIST, UCLA Psychology Clinic**7/2016 – 7/2017**

Supervisors: Bruce Chorpita, Ph.D., Donald Hiroto, Ph.D., Phil Sayegh, M.P.H., Ph.D., and Trevor Schraufnagel, Ph.D.

- Conduct weekly individual therapy sessions with adult and child clients using cognitive behavioral therapy, Managing and Adapting Practices, and psychodynamic orientations.

INTAKE INTERVIEWER, UCLA Psychology Clinic**7/2016 – 12/2016**

Supervisor: Danielle Keenan-Miller, Ph.D.

- Conduct clinical intake interviews with adults.
- Write intake reports detailing client presentation, case conceptualization, and diagnoses.