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**EDUCATION**

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Stanford University	Ph.D.	Psychology	Expected 2009
Tufts University	B.A.	Psychology English Magna Cum Laude	2001
Oxford University	Study Abroad Program	English	2000

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS**

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Bio-X Travel Award, Stanford University	2008
Albert H. and Barbara Hastorf Award for Teaching	2008
Center on Advancing Decision Making in Aging, Seed Grant with Christopher Bryan and Lee Ross: "Exploring the effectiveness of duty-based arguments for retirement saving", \$38,000	2008
Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference Travel Award	2008
Center on Advancing Decision Making in Aging, Seed Grant with Jeremy Bailenson: "The vividness of your future self: Using immersive virtual reality to increase retirement saving", \$37,500	2007
Center on Advancing Decision Making in Aging, Seed Grant with Brian	2007

Knutson and Kacey Ballard: "Investing in the future you: Delay discounting in younger and older adults", \$40,000	
Stanford University Centennial Teaching Assistant Award	2006
Bay Area Affective Science Training Program Fellowship	2004-2007
American Psychological Association Travel Award	2004
Norman H. Anderson Research Grant	2004
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (Honorable Mention)	2004
Highest Thesis Honors	2001
Joanne Mary Sullivan Award for Psychology	2001
Order of Omega National Honor Society	2001
Psi Chi Psychology National Honor Society	2001
Golden Key National Honor Society	2001

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Psychological Association  
American Psychological Society  
Gerontological Society of America  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant, Psychology 196, Psychology Co-Terminal Master's Program, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Academic Year 2008-2009.

Head Teaching Assistant, Psychology 102, Longevity, Department of Psychology and Neurobiology, Stanford University, Winter 2008.

Teaching Assistant, Psychology 196, Psychology Co-Terminal Master's Program, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Academic Year 2007-2008.

Teaching Assistant, Psychology 253, Advanced Statistical Techniques and Theory, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Spring 2007.

Head Teaching Assistant, Psychology 102, Longevity, Department of Psychology and Neurobiology, Stanford University, Winter 2007.

Teaching Assistant, Psychology 198, Psychology Honors Thesis Program, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Academic Year 2006-2007.

Teaching Assistant, Psychology 10, Introduction to Statistical Methods, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Winter 2006. Section 1 Evaluation 4.90/5.00; Section 2 Evaluation: 4.90/5.00

Teaching Assistant, Psychology 252, Statistical Methods for Behavioral and Social Sciences, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Fall 2005. Section Evaluation: 4.67/5.00.

Co-Instructor, Psychology 114S, Personality and Individual Differences, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Summer 2005. Course Evaluation: 4.20/5.00. Instructor Evaluation: 4.45/5.00.

Teaching Assistant, Psychology 70, Introduction to Social Psychology, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Spring 2005. Section Evaluation: 4.90/5.00.

Co-Head Teaching Assistant, Psychology 10, Introduction to Statistical Methods, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Winter 2005. Section 1 Evaluation: 4.90/5.00; Section 2 Evaluation: 4.80/5.00

## RESEARCH ADVISING EXPERIENCE

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At Stanford University I have assisted as thesis advisor for the following students:

Margaret Tess Garton	M.A., 2008
Alyssa Robinson	B.A., 2007
Drew Jacoby-Senghor, Firestone Thesis Award Winner	B.A., 2007
Daniel McLennan	B.A., 2007
Sam Maglio	B.A., 2005

## OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

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Colloquium Committee, Department of Psychology, Stanford University	2007-2008
Search Committee for the Dean of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University	2006
Colloquium Committee, Department of Psychology, Stanford University	2005-2006
Admissions Committee, Department of Psychology, Stanford University	2005
Personality Area Space Committee, Co-Chair	2005-2008

## PUBLICATIONS

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Ersner-Hershfield, H., Wimmer, G.E., & Knutson, B. (In Press). Neural evidence for self-continuity in temporal discounting. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Carvel, D.S., & Isaacowitz, D.M. (Under Review). Feeling happy and sad, but only seeing the positive: Poignancy and the positivity effect in attention.

Fuchs, V. & Ersner-Hershfield, H. (2008). Inequality in length of life. *Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Policy Brief*. Stanford, CA.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Mikels, J. A., Sullivan, S., & Carstensen, L. L. (2008). Poignancy: Mixed emotional experience in the face of a meaningful ending. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 94, 158-67.

Kuroki, N., Shenton, M.E., Salisbury, D.F., Hirayasu, Y., Onitsuka, T., Ersner-Hershfield, H., Yurgelun-Todd, D., Kikinis, R., Jolesz, F.A., & McCarley, R.W. (2006). Middle and inferior

temporal gyrus matter volume abnormalities in first-episode schizophrenia: An MRI study. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 163, 2103-2110.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Rice, C., Lindberg, C. & Carstensen, L.L. (2005). The good, the bad and the poignant. *Aging Today*, XXVI, 7-8.

Kubicki, M., Maier, S.E., Westin, C.F., Mamata, H., Ersner-Hershfield, H., Estepar, R., Kikinis, R., Jolesz, F.A., McCarley, R.W., Shenton, M.E. (2004). Comparison of single-shot echo planar and line scan protocols for diffusion tensor imaging. *Academic Radiology*, 11(2):224-232.

Kubicki, M., Westin, C.F., Maier, S.E., Mamata, H., Frumin, M., Ersner-Hershfield, H., Kikinis, R., Jolesz, F.A., McCarley, R.W., Shenton, M.E. (2002). Diffusion tensor imaging and its application to neuropsychiatric disorders. *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*, 10, p.324-336.

### Abstracts

Kubicki, M., Westin, C.F., Frumin, M., Ersner-Hershfield, H., Jolesz, F., McCarley, R.W., Shenton, M.E. (2003). DTI and MTR abnormalities in schizophrenia: Voxel wise analysis of white matter integrity. *Schizophrenia Research*, 60,199S.

Dickey, C., McCarley, R.W., Voglmaier, M., Niznikiewicz, M., Seidman, L.J., Demeo, S.S., Ersner-Hershfield, H., Schwartz, D.P., Frumin, M., Shenton, M.E. (2003). Odd speech and the superior temporal gyrus in females with schizotypal personality disorder: A MRI study. *Schizophrenia Research*, 60,193S.

Kubicki, M., Fitchorov, T., Westin, C.F., Frumin, M., Ersner-Hershfield, H., Jolesz, F.A., McCarley, R.W., Shenton, M.E. (2002). White matter abnormalities in schizophrenia: Evidence from diffusion tensor and myelin saturation techniques. *Biological Psychiatry*, 51,169S.

Levitt, J.J., McCarley, R.W., Ersner-Hershfield, H., Salisbury, D.F., Kikinis, R., Jolesz, F.A., Shenton, M.E. (2002). An MRI study of the caudate nucleus and lateral ventricle volume in first episode schizophrenia and affective psychosis. *Biological Psychiatry*, 51, 59S.

### INVITED ADDRESSES AND SYMPOSIA

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Ersner-Hershfield, H. & Blanchard-Fields, F. The experience of mixed emotions. Symposium at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, 2008.

Ersner-Hershfield, H. Is my future self really me?: An fMRI study. Talk given at the Annual Stanford-Berkeley Talks, Berkeley, CA, 2007.

Ersner-Hershfield, H. Poignancy: The effect of endings on emotion and attention. Talk given at the Bay Area Predoctoral Affective Science Training Program Annual Summer Workshop, Berkeley, CA, 2007.

Ersner-Hershfield, H. Poignancy: Examining a mixed emotional experience. Talk given at the Bay Area Predoctoral Affective Science Training Program Annual Summer Workshop, Berkeley, CA, 2006.

Ersner-Hershfield, H. & Mikels, J. A. Emotional Complexity across the Lifespan. Symposium at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2005.

Ersner-Hershfield H. Poignancy: Mixed emotions in the face of a meaningful ending. Talk given at the Bay Area Predoctoral Affective Science Training Program Annual Summer Workshop, Berkeley, CA, 2005.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Ersner-Hershfield, H., Wimmer, G.E., Knutson, B. Neural evidence for self-continuity in temporal discounting. Paper to be presented at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 2008.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Bailenson, J., Carstensen, L.L. Feeling more connected to your future self: Using immersive virtual reality to enhance retirement saving. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2008.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Mikels, J.A., Carstensen, L.L. Poignancy: Mixed emotional experience in the face of meaningful endings. Paper in "The experience of mixed emotions" symposium at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, 2008.

Zhang, Xin, Ersner-Hershfield, H., Fung, H.H. Poignancy study in Hong Kong. Paper presented in "American – Chinese differences in socioemotional aspects of aging" symposium at the American Psychological Association's Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2007.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Cooper, J., Ghahremani, D.G., Aron, A., Aron, E. N., Lichty, W., Mazaika, P. K., Gabrieli, S., Gabrieli, J.D.E. Do highly sensitive people have different brains?. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association's Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2007.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Wimmer, G.E., Knutson, B. Is my future self really me?: An fMRI study. Poster presented at the Neural Systems of Social Behavior Conference, Austin, TX, 2007.

Ersner-Hershfield, H. Cooper, J., Ghahremani, D.G., Aron, A., Aron, E. N., Lichty, W., Mazaika, P. K., Gabrieli, S., Gabrieli, J.D.E. Do highly sensitive people have different brains?: A VBM study. Poster presented at the Neural Systems of Social Behavior Conference, Austin, TX, 2007.

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Ersner-Hershfield, H. & Carstensen, L.L. Emotional complexity in everyday life across the course of the lifespan. Paper presented in "Feeling it All: Emotional Complexity Across the Lifespan," Symposium at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Dallas, TX, 2006.

Maglio, S. J., Mikels, J. A., Ersner-Hershfield, H., & Carstensen, L. L. Time perspective drives attentional biases: The positivity effect and meditation. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2005.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Ghahremani, D.G., Aron, A., Aron, E. N., Lichty, W., Mazaika, P. K., Gabrieli, S., Gabrieli, J.D.E. Using voxel-based morphometry to compare brain anatomy of adult humans across levels of the normal temperament trait of sensory-processing sensitivity. Poster presented at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2005.

Ersner-Hershfield H., Mikels, J. A., Sullivan, S. J., & Carstensen, L. L. Poignancy: Mixed emotions in the face of a meaningful ending. Paper presented in "Emotional Complexity Across the Lifespan," Symposium at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2005.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Mikels, J.A., & Carstensen, L.L. Time perspective influences the experience of poignancy. Paper presented in "Evidence for the Prioritization of Emotional Well-being in Old Age," Symposium at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC, 2004.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Mikels, J.A., Carstensen, L.L. A limited time perspective produces the experience of poignancy. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Positive Psychology Summit, Washington, D.C., 2004.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Mikels, J.A., & Carstensen, L.L. Time perspective influences the experience of poignancy. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI, 2004.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Levitt, J.J, McCarley, R.W., Kubicki, M., Westin, C.F., Kikinis, R., Jolesz, F., Shenton, M.E. (2003). An MRI diffusion tensor imaging study of the anterior limb of the internal capsule. Eleventh Annual Research Day, Harvard Medical School. Sponsored by the Mysell Committee, Consolidated Department of Psychiatry, March 19, 2003.

Ersner-Hershfield, H., Frumin, M., Westin, C.F., Maier, S., Kubicki, M., Kikinis, R., Jolesz, F., McCarley, R.W., Shenton, M.E. (2002). A diffusion tensor imaging study of the corpus callosum in schizophrenia. Tenth Annual Research Day, Harvard Medical School. Sponsored by the Mysell Committee, Consolidated Department of Psychiatry, April 3, 2002.

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