

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

- June 2014 (expected) Ph.D Social, Personality, & Abnormal Psychology  
University of Toronto  
Dissertation: "preliminary evidence in support of an arousal model of political orientation," co-supervised by Drs. Michael Inzlicht & Jordan B. Peterson.
- June 2010 MSc (*with distinction*) Psychodynamic Developmental Neuroscience  
University College London (Post-graduate fellowship, Yale University)  
MSc thesis: "An event-related potential study of emotional processing in patients with generalized anxiety disorder," co-supervised by Drs. Linda C. Mayes and Douglas S. Mennin at Yale University.
- June 2008 B.A. Honours, Psychology  
Concordia University, Montréal.  
Honours thesis: "The role of intolerance of uncertainty and frequency of automatic positive thoughts in depressive personality and generalized anxiety disorders," co-supervised by Drs. Michel J. Dugas and Andrew Ryder

### Scholarships and Awards

- 2014-2016 Social Sciences and Humanities Counsel of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship, \$81,000
- 2013-2014 Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award, \$15,000
- 2012-2013 Social Sciences and Humanities Counsel of Canada Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement award, \$6000. (accepted at New York University under the co-supervision of Drs. John Jost & Jay Van Bavel for a 4 month long stay)
- 2010-2013 Social Sciences and Humanities Counsel of Canada CGS doctoral scholarship, \$105 000.
- 2010-2013 Fonds de recherche société et culture doctoral scholarship, \$60 000 (declined).
- 2010 Essay Prize for Integration of Psychoanalytic Thought and Contemporary Neuroscience, awarded by Yale University and University College London (\$300.).

- 2009-2010 National Sciences and Engineering Counsel of Canada Masters scholarship, \$17,300.
- 2008-2009 Social Sciences and Humanities Counsel of Canada Masters scholarship \$17,300 (declined).
- 2007-2008 Association of Alumni of Sir George Williams University Inc. Scholarship, Concordia University, Montréal. \$1500
- 2006-2007 Concordia Scholars Award (top 1% GPA, Arts and Sciences) Concordia University, Montréal.
- 2005-2008 Dean's List, Concordia University, Montréal.

## **Publications**

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles, *Published or in Press*

- Tritt, S. M., Page-Gould, E., Peterson, J.B., & Inzlicht, M. (in press). System justification and psychophysiological responses to feedback. *Journal of Experimental Psychology-General*.
- Tritt, S. M., Inzlicht, M., & Peterson, J. B. (2013). Preliminary support for an arousal model of political conservatism. *PLOS ONE*, 8, e83333.
- Tritt, S. M., Inzlicht, M., & Peterson, J. B. (in press). Confounding valence and arousal: What really underlies political orientation? *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- Tritt, S. M., Harmon-Jones, E., & Inzlicht, M. (2012). Toward a Biological Understanding of Mortality Salience (and Other Threat Compensation Processes). *Social Cognition*, 30, 715-733.
- Tritt, S. M., Ryder, A. G., Ring, A. J. & Pincus, A. J. (2010). Pathological narcissism in the depressive personality. *Journal of Affective Disorders*. 122, 280-284.
- Tritt, S. M. (2009). Stereotyping and society: A barrier to achieving social equality. *Opticon* 1826, Issue 5, Spring.
- Tritt, S. M. & Tritt, M. L. (2008). Chasing Perfection: Death Denial in Nathaniel Hawthorne's the Birthmark. *PsyArt: An Online Journal for the Psychological Study of the Arts*  
[http://www.clas.ufl.edu/ipasa/journal/2008\\_tritt01.shtml](http://www.clas.ufl.edu/ipasa/journal/2008_tritt01.shtml)

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles, *Under Review*

- Tritt, S. M., Peterson, J.B., & Inzlicht, M. Does valence or arousal produce the cognitive correlates of conservatism? Support for an arousal model of political orientation
- Tritt, S. M., Page-Gould, E., Peterson, J.B., & Inzlicht, M. What really underlies emotional bias among conservatives? Negative valence or arousal?: An event related potentials study.

Tritt, S. M., Page-Gould, E., Peterson, J.B., & Dawes, C.T. Political orientation and stress: A neuroendocrinological investigation.

Inzlicht, M., Tritt, S. M., & Harmon-Jones, E. The end of social cognitive imperialism: A social affective call to arms.

#### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles, In Preparation

Tritt, S. M., Rutherford, H., Mennin, D. S., Crowley, M. J. & Mayes, L. C. Political ideology and neural processing of emotional stimuli in patients with generalized anxiety disorder.

Tritt, S. M., Peterson, J. B., Fournier, M., & Inzlicht, M. Intellectualization: A concept with rich history and promising future in social psychology.

Tritt, S. M., Dugas, M. J., Sexton, K. A., & Ryder, A. G. Depressive personality disorder and generalized anxiety disorder: How different are they?

#### **Conference Presentations**

Tritt, S. M., Page-Gould, E., Peterson, J.B., & Inzlicht, M. (2014). What really underlies emotional bias among conservatives? Negative valence or arousal?: Event related potentials studies. *Presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the European Association for Social Psychology, Amsterdam.*

Inzlicht, M., & Tritt, S. M. (2014). Where's the passion? Contemporary social psychology ignores and discounts emotion process variables. *Talk held at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, T.X.*

Tritt, S. M., Page-Gould, E., Peterson, J.B., & Inzlicht, M. (2014). What really underlies emotional bias among conservatives? Negative valence or arousal?: An event related potentials study. *Presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, T.X.*

Tritt, S. M., Page-Gould, E., Peterson, J. B., & Inzlicht, M. (2013). System justification and psychophysiological responses to feedback. *Presented at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Society for Psychophysiology Research Annual Convention, Florence, Italy.*

Tritt, S. M., Peterson, J. B., & Inzlicht, M. (2013). System justification and psychophysiological responses to feedback. *Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Social & Affective Neuroscience Society, San Diego, C.A.*

Tritt, S. M., Peterson, J. B., & Inzlicht, M. (2013). Social dominance orientation: An anxiety-buffer?. *Presented at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, L.A.*

- Inzlicht, M., Tritt, S. M., & Harmon-Jones, E. (2013). The end to social cognitive imperialism: A social affective call to arms. *Talk held at the Motivation and Emotion Science Society meeting held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.*
- Tritt, S. M., Peterson, J. B., & Inzlicht, M. (2012). Extreme liberalism and the late positive potential. *Presented at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Society for Psychophysiology Research Annual Convention, New Orleans, L.A.*
- Tritt, S. M., Inzlicht, M., Burton, C.M., & Peterson, J. B. (2012). Conservative political belief: a resilience factor among individuals high in trait-neuroticism. *Presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention, Chicago, I.L.*
- Burton, C., Tritt, S. M., & Peterson, J. B. (2012). Conservatives are not happier than liberals: They are more conscientious. *Presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention, Chicago, I.L.*
- Tritt, S. M., Peterson, J. B., & Inzlicht, M. (2012). The uncertainty bias: Brain Evidence that Ambiguity is More Captivating than Threat or Reward. *Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Social & Affective Neuroscience Society, New York, NY.*
- Tritt, S. M., Peterson, J. B., & Inzlicht, M. (2012). Extreme Liberalism and Reactivity to Arousing Stimuli: A Neurophysiological Investigation. *Presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, C.A.*
- Tritt, S. M., Peterson, J. B., & Inzlicht, M. (2011). Preliminary Support For an Emotional Avoidance Model of Political Conservatism. *Empirical paper presented at the Social Psychology Section Annual Conference of the British Psychological Society, Cambridge, U.K.*
- Tritt, S. M., Inzlicht, M. & Peterson, J. B. (2011). Preliminary Support For an Emotional Avoidance Model of Political Conservatism. *Presented at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canadian Psychological Association convention Social Psychology Preconference, Toronto, Canada.*
- Tritt, S. M., Amaral, A. L. Inzlicht, M. & Peterson, J. B. (2011). Emotional Arousal Enhances Support for Political Conservatism: An Emotional Avoidance Model. *Presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention, Washington, D.C.*
- Burton, C. M., Tritt, S. M., Xu, X. & Peterson, J. B. (2011). The Big 5 traits predict severity ratings of 5 factors of crimes. *Presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention, Washington, D.C.*
- Tritt, S. M., Rutherford, H., Mennin, D. S., Crowley, M. J. & Mayes, L. C. (2011). An Event-Related Potential Study of Emotional Processing in Patients with Generalized Anxiety Disorder. *Presented at the Inaugural Conference of the Rotman Research Institute and the Kunin-Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit: Neuroscience of Emotion and Emotion Related disorders, Toronto, Canada.*

- Tritt, S. M., Rutherford, H., Mennin, D. S., Crowley, M. J. & Mayes, L. C. (2011). Political ideology and neural processing of emotional stimuli in patients with generalized anxiety disorder and healthy individuals: An event related potentials study. *Presented at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, T.X.*
- Tritt, S. M., Sexton, K. A. & Dugas, M. J. (2009). The Relationship Between Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Depressive Personality Disorder, Intolerance of Uncertainty, and Automatic Positive Thoughts. *Presented at the 37th Annual Convention of the British Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Psychotherapies, Exeter, U.K.*
- Tritt, S. M., Ryder, A. G. & Ring, A. J. (2009). Are Narcissistic and Depressive Personalities Two Sides of the Same Coin?: Perspectives from Neuropsychanalysis. *Presented at the 10th Annual Neuropsychanalysis Congress, Paris, France.*
- McCrory, E., Tritt, S. M., Henry, L. A. & Happé, F. (2009). Interrogative Suggestibility in Children with Asperger Syndrome. *Presented at the 4th International Conference on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, London, U.K.*
- Tritt, S. M., Sexton, K. A. & Dugas, M. J. (2008). Generalized Anxiety Disorder and the Distinctiveness of Depressive Personality. *Presented at the 42nd Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Orlando, F.L.*
- Tritt, S. M., Ryder, A. G. & Ring, A. J., Pincus, A. & Bagby, M. (2008). "Pathological narcissism and the depressive personality." Poster presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Psychological Association Conference, Halifax, N.S.

## **Workshops**

Attendee of the Summer Institute in Social & Personality Psychology at University of California Davis, CA, July 15-26, 2013.

Attendee of the Biology of Social Cognition Workshop at the Cold Springs Harbour Laboratory, NY, July 12-18, 2012.

## **Service**

Coordinator, social psychology departmental weekly colloquium, Sept 2012-June 2013, University of Toronto.

Reviewer of poster abstracts at the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention for the Association for Psychological Science.

Ad hoc reviewer: Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience; Social Cognition; Emotion.

## **Teaching**

Course Instructor, Incentives and Motivation—A 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate course in the department of Management at the Rotman School of Business, University of Toronto. Spring Semester 2014.

Guest Lecturer, Health Psychology—Sept. 2013

Teaching assistant, Psychology of Prejudice—September-January, 2010.

Teaching assistant, Intro to Psychology--September-January, 2010.