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EDUCATION

- Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.),** Experimental Psychology Expected Aug. 2017
- The University of Texas at Arlington
 - Major Area(s): Social Psychology, Statistics
- Master of Science (M.S.),** Experimental Psychology Dec. 2015
- The University of Texas at Arlington
 - Major Area(s): Social Psychology, Statistics
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.),** Psychology May 2012
- Texas Christian University
 - *Summa Cum Laude*, GPA: 3.9, Major GPA: 4.0
 - Honors Degree with Thesis

PUBLICATIONS

- Rosenbaum, M., **Russell, E. M.**, & Russell-Bennett, R. (2017). "I'll wait for him": Understanding when female shoppers prefer working with gay male sales associates. *Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services*, *36*, 172-179.
- Russell, E. M.**, Babcock, M. J., Lewis, D. M. G., Ta, V. P., & Ickes, W. (2016). Why attractive women want gay male friends: A previously undiscovered strategy to prevent mating deception and sexual exploitation. *Personality and Individual Differences*. doi:10.1016/j.paid.2016.11.020
- Russell, E. M.**, Ta, V. P., Lewis, D. M. G., Babcock, M. J., & Ickes, W. (2015). Why (and when) straight women trust gay men: Ulterior mating motives and female competition. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. doi:10.1007/s10508-015-0648-4
- Lewis, D. M. G., **Russell, E. M.**, Al-Shawaf, L., & Buss, D. M. (2015). Lumbar curvature: A previously undiscovered standard of attractiveness. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *36*, 345-350.
- Lewis, D. M. G., Al-Shawaf, L., **Russell, E. M.**, & Buss, D. M. (2015). Friends and happiness: An evolutionary perspective on friendship. In M. Demir (Ed.), *Friendship and Happiness* (pp. 37-57). Netherlands: Springer.
- Russell, E. M.**, DelPriore, D. J., Butterfield, M. E., & Hill, S. E. (2013). Friends with benefits, but without the sex: Straight women and gay men exchange trustworthy mating advice. *Evolutionary Psychology*, *11*, 132-147.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/IN PREPARATION

- Russell, E. M.** (under review). Going beyond 'Will and Grace': Examining the straight female-gay male friendship from a functional psychological perspective.
- Lewis, D. M. G., **Russell, E. M.**, Al-Shawaf, L., Ta, V., Senveli, Z., Ickes, W., & Buss, D. M. (under review). Why women wear high heels: Lumbar curvature and physical attractiveness.
- Russell, E. M.**, & Ickes, W. (in prep). "You're gay? Well, why didn't you say so?!": Straight women's initial interactions with gay (vs. straight) men.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS/COLLABORATIONS

Project 1: “This would look great on you...trust me.” Examining women’s tendency to purchase appearance-enhancing products from gay male sales associates. (Dissertation)

Project 2: “The art of (sneaky) seduction: Straight men’s mating strategies predict whether they view gay men as friends or foes.” In collaboration with Prokosch, M., McKie, R., & Kilimnik, C.

Project 3: “Don’t trust the competition: Women’s responses to mating relevant feedback from same-sex others” In collaboration with Bradshaw, H., & Hill, S. E.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Graduate Researcher – Social & Personality Psychology Aug 2013 - Present
The Social Interaction Lab (<http://www.uta.edu/psychology/>)
The University of Texas at Arlington

User Experience (UX) Researcher, Intern May 2016 – Aug 2016
Facebook, Inc.

Visiting Researcher – Evolutionary Psychology May 2012 – May 2013
The Buss Lab (<https://labs.la.utexas.edu/buss/>)
The University of Texas at Austin

Research Assistant – Social & Evolutionary Psychology Aug 2010 – May 2012
The Hill Lab (<http://personal.tcu.edu/schill/>)
Texas Christian University

AWARDS & HONORS

SPSP Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award 2017

SPSP Graduate Student Travel Award 2017

Outstanding Reviewer Award: *Personality and Individual Differences* 2016

SPSP Graduate Student Poster Award 2015

UTA Graduate Assistantship & Research Fellowship 2013 - Present

Boller Award Finalist for Best Honors Thesis Presentation 2012

Psi Chi Honor Society Outstanding Graduate Award 2012

SPSP Diversity Fund Undergraduate Registration Award 2011

Kathryne McDorman Honors Award 2011

Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology 2010 - 2012

Texas Christian University Scholar 2010 - 2011

Texas Christian University Dean’s List 2009 - 2012

TCU Academic Achievement Scholarship 2008 - 2012

Honors Program Member: Texas Christian University 2008 – 2012

- Russell, E. M.**, Ta, V. P., Lewis, D. M. G., & Babcock, M. J., & Ickes, W. (January 2016). *Attractive women just want a 'Gay Best Friend': A novel strategy to prevent competitive deception and sexual exploitation*. Talk presented as a Data Blitz at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the 17th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in San Diego, CA.
- Russell, E. M.**, & Ickes, W. (January 2016). *How quick do they click? Initial dyadic interactions between straight women and gay men*. Poster presented at the 17th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in San Diego, CA.
- Lewis, D. M. G., Al-Shawaf, L. & **Russell, E. M.** (January 2016) The lumbar curvature hypothesis: Discriminative tests. Poster presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the 17th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in San Diego, CA.
- Thurrow, M.*, **Russell, E. M.**, & Ickes, W. (March 2015). *How quick do they click? Initial dyadic interactions between straight women and gay men*. Poster presented at University of Texas at Arlington's Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES) in Arlington, TX.
- Russell, E. M.**, Ta, V. P., Lewis, D. M. G., Ickes, W. (March 2015). *Why (and when) straight women trust gay men*. Talk presented at University of Texas at Arlington's Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES) in Arlington, TX.
- Russell, E. M.**, Ta, V. P., Lewis, D. M. G., Ickes, W. (February 2015). *Why (and when) straight women trust gay men*. Poster presented at the poster award finalist competition at the 16th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in Long Beach, CA.
***Received SPSP Graduate Student Poster Award ***
- Russell, E. M.**, Babcock, M. J., Ickes, W. (February 2015). *Attractive women just want a 'Gay Best Friend'*. Poster presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the 16th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in Long Beach, CA.
- Russell, E. M.** (February 2014). *Friends with benefits, but without the sex: Straight women and gay men exchange trustworthy mating advice*. Poster presented at the 15th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in Austin, TX.
- Lewis, D. M. G., **Russell, E. M.**, Al-Shawaf, L. & Buss, D. M. (February 2014) *Lumbar curvature: A novel evolved attractiveness cue*. Talk presented as a Data Blitz at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the 15th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in Austin, TX.
- Russell, E. M.** (October 2013). *Beyond Will and Grace: A relationship that unites gay and straight*. Invited talk given at Texas Christian University's Intercultural and Inclusiveness Services Faculty and Staff Luncheon in Fort Worth, TX.
- Lewis, D. M. G., **Russell, E. M.**, Al-Shawaf, L. & Buss, D. M. (January 2013) *Pregnancy, lumbar lordosis, and evolved standards of beauty*. Poster presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the 14th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in New Orleans, LA.
- Russell, E. M.** (April 2012). *Friends with benefits but without the sex: Straight women and gay men exchange trustworthy mating advice*. Invited talk given at Texas Christian University's Honors College during Honors Week in Fort Worth, TX.
- Russell, E. M.** (April 2012). *Friends with benefits but without the sex: Straight women and gay men exchange trustworthy mating advice*. Poster presented at the Student Research Symposium at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX.
- Russell, E. M.** (January 2012). *You look great in that dress! No, really! Gay men offer women trustworthy mating advice*.

Poster presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the 13th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in San Diego, CA.

Russell, E. M. (April 2011). *When a car is just a car: Debt salience decreases the diagnostic value of costly signaling.*
Poster presented at the Student Research Symposium at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught:

Research Design & Statistics II Lab – Spring 2017
Introduction to Psychology – Fall 2016
Advanced Graduate Statistics I Lab – Fall 2015
Research Design & Statistics I Lab – Summer 2015
Research Design & Statistics II Lab – Spring 2015
Research Design & Statistics II Lab – Fall 2014
Research Design & Statistics I Lab – Summer 2014

Courses Assisted:

Advanced Graduate Statistics I
Foundations of Psychology
Psychology of Personality
Human Relations
Introduction to Psychology
Social Psychology

SERVICE

Vice-Chair of Graduate Student Committee 2016 – Present

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), spsp.org

- Managing various graduate student programming and events for the annual SPSP convention
- Acting as a liaison between more than 2,000 graduate student members and the conference directors

Chapter President 2011 – 2012

Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology, psichi.org

- Served as the official spokesperson of the society, consisted of 75 active chapter members
- Coordinated the duties of the executive board and delegated appropriate tasks
- Initiated planning and programming for 'Psychology Week' and enhanced student participation in all events

PEER REVIEWER

Journals:

Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice (1 reviewed)
Personality and Individual Differences (8 reviewed)
Social Science Journal (1 reviewed)
The Journal of Social Media in Society (1 reviewed)

Conferences:

SPSP 2016 – Poster Award Reviewer & Judge

PRESS COVERAGE

- **NBC News:** http://www.nbcnews.com/id/50981531/ns/health-mens_health/t/why-straight-women-gay-men-are-often-so-close/
- **The Atlantic:** <http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2013/02/study-why-straight-women-are-often-close-with-gay-men/273353/>

- **New York Daily News:** <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/gay-man-straight-woman-friendships-based-trustworthy-advice-study-article-1.1271229>
- **KPCC Los Angeles:** <http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2015/12/07/45477/the-unique-bond-of-friendship-between-gay-men-and/>
- **Psychology Today:**
 - <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/head-games/201302/why-straight-women-and-gay-men-make-the-best-friends>
 - <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/meet-catch-and-keep/201611/hey-straight-women-need-dating-advice-ask-gay-man>
- **Daily Mail:**
 - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3342982/Why-girl-needs-gay-best-friend-Women-place-far-trust-relationship-advice-gay-men-girlfriends.html>
 - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3964516/Rise-gay-best-friend-Scientists-reveal-attractive-women-mat-prefer-spend-time-homosexual-men.html>
- **Pacific Standard Magazine:** <https://psmag.com/gay-men-straight-women-what-s-the-attraction-de184062382#.3i8n1hr27>
- **Salon:** http://www.salon.com/2016/12/17/bromosexual-friendships_partner/
- **Scientific American:** <http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/bering-in-mind/are-straight-women-and-gay-men-e2809cnatural-alliese2809d-an-evolutionary-account/>
- **Science Daily:** <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/02/130220113235.htm>
- **The Huffington Post:** http://www.huffingtonpost.com/the-conversation-us/the-science-behind-why-so_b_9160668.html
- **The Conversation:**
 - <https://theconversation.com/the-science-behind-why-so-many-women-want-to-befriend-gay-men-51965>
 - <https://theconversation.com/the-emerging-science-of-bromosexual-friendships-67220>

SKILLS

Research Expertise: Experimental design, Stimuli/product generation and design, Survey implementation, Behavioral coding and analysis, Project management, Data screening, Data analysis, Item analysis, Presentation and communication of statistical output

Software Experience: SPSS, R, SQL, Mplus, Qualtrics, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Photoshop

Statistical Analyses: Hypothesis testing, correlation, t-tests, chi-square, analysis of variance, multivariate analysis, multiple regression, logistic regression, mediation analysis, factor analysis, ratings-based conjoint, choice-based conjoint, cluster analysis, discriminant analysis, structural equation modeling, hierarchical linear modeling (HLM), multidimensional scaling, correspondence analysis, perceptual mapping, time series analysis

REFERENCES

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