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***EDUCATION***

**Ph.D.**  **Pennsylvania State University, anticipated 2024**

Social Psychology & Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

**M.S.** **Pennsylvania State University, 2020**

Social Psychology & Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Thesis: *Examining responses to women’s same-sex performativity: Perceptions of sexual orientation and implications for bisexual prejudice*

**B.A. (Hons).**  **University of the Fraser Valley, 2018**

Psychology Honours, Minor in Sociology

***REFEREED PUBLICATIONS***

***Scholarly Articles***

**Oswald, F**., Champion, A., & Pedersen, C.L. (In press). The influence of body shape on impressions of sexual traits. *The Journal of Sex Research.* https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2020.1841723

**Oswald, F**., & Matsick, J.L. (In press). Examining responses to women’s same-sex performativity: Perceptions of sexual orientation and implications for bisexual prejudice. *Journal of Bisexuality.* https://doi.org/10.1080/15299716.2020.1820420

Skoda, K., **Oswald, F**., Shorter, L., & Pedersen, C.L. (In press). Perceptions of variation in female genitalia following labiaplasty. *The Journal of Sex Research.* https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2020.1808563

**Oswald, F**.,Champion, A., Hughes, S., & Pedersen, C.L. (In press). In search of the appeal of the DILF*.* *Psychology & Sexuality.* https://doi.org/10.1080/19419899.2020.1769164

Skoda, K., **Oswald, F**., Brown, K., Hesse, C., & Pedersen, C.L. (In press). Showing skin: Tattoo visibility status, personality, sensation-seeking, and egalitarianism as predictors of sexual openness among women. *Sexuality & Culture.* https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-020-09729-1

Matsick, J. L., Wardecker, B. M., & **Oswald, F**. (2020). Treat sexual stigma to heal health disparities: Improving sexual minorities’ health outcomes. *Policy Insights from the Behavioral and Brain* *Sciences*, *7*(2), 205-213. [Invited submission to special issue on Social Psychology and Social Issues]. https://doi.org/10.1177/2372732220942250

**Oswald, F**., Lopes, A., Hesse, C., Skoda, K., & Pedersen, C.L. (2020). I’ll show you mine so you’ll show me yours: Motivations for photographic exhibitionism. *The Journal of Sex Research, 57*(5), 597-609*.* https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2019.1639036

***Consortium Authorship***

Tierney, W., Hardy, J., Ebersole, C.R., Viganola, D., Clemente, E., Gordon, M., Hoogeven, S., Haaf, J., Dreber, A., Johannesson, M., Pfeiffer, T., Vaughn, L.A., DeMarree, K., Igou, E., Chapman, H., Gantman, A., Vanaman, M., Wylie, J., Storbeck, J., Andreychik, M.R., McPhetres, J., **Culture & Work Morality Forecasting Collaboration** [**Oswald, F**., & 212 others], & Uhlmann, E.L. (Accepted). A creative destruction approach to replication: Implicit work and sex morality across cultures. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

Tierney, W., Hardy, J., Ebersole, C.R., Leavitt, K., Viganola, D., Clemente, E., Gordon, M., Dreber, A., Johannesson, M., Pfeiffer, T., **Hiring Decisions Forecasting Collaboration** [**Oswald, F**., & 193 others], & Uhlmann, E.L. (In press). Creative destruction in science. *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.obhdp.2020.07.002

***Book Reviews***

**Oswald, F**. (Accepted).Book Review:Esther D. Rothblum (Ed.), The Oxford handbook of sexual and gender minority mental health. Oxford University Press, 2020, 448 pp. *Feminism & Psychology.*

***MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW***

Champion, A., **Oswald, F**., & Pedersen, C.L. (Revised and resubmitted). Forcible, drug-facilitated, and incapacitated sexual assault among university women: A Canadian sample. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence.*

Champion, A., **Oswald, F**., & Pedersen, C.L. (Revised and resubmitted). Examining technology-facilitated sexual violence and the interpersonal theory of suicide: A serial mediation model. *The Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality.*

**Oswald, F**., Champion, A., Brown, K., Walton, K., & Pedersen, C.L. (Under review). Revealing more than gender: Ideological underpinnings of fetal sex celebrations. *Gender & Society.*

**Oswald, F**., Khera, D., Walton, K., & Pedersen, C.L. (Under review). Blatant lying in sexual deception. *Archives of Sexual Behavior.*

Clark, J., [[1]](#footnote-1)**Oswald, F**., & Pedersen, C.L. (Under review). Flirting with gender: The complexities of gender in flirting behavior. *Sexuality & Culture*.

Champion, A., **Oswald, F**., & Khera, D., Pedersen, C.L. (Under review). The impact of technology-facilitated sexual violence: A mixed methods approach. *Archives of Sexual Behavior.*

Matsick, J.L., 1Kruk, M., 1**Oswald, F**., & 1Palmer, L. (Under review). Bridging feminist psychology with open science: Feminist tools and shared values inform best practices for science reform. *Psychology of Women Quarterly* [accepted proposal to special issue on Feminist Psychology and Open Science: Challenges and Opportunities].

***GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS***

2020 **Carolyn Wood Sherif Memorial Research Fund,** Pennsylvania State University.

Total Costs: $500

2019 **Miller Centennial Graduate Endowment,** Pennsylvania State University.

Total Costs: $500

2019  **University Graduate Fellowship,** Pennsylvania State University.

Total Costs: $150,000

2018 **Student Led Research Grant,** Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Total Costs: $1500

2018  **Student Educational Enhancement Fund,** Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Total Costs: $500

2015 **Alexander Rutherford Scholarship,** Government of Alberta.

Total Costs: $2500

***HONORS & AWARDS***

2020 **2021 Diversity Graduate Registration Award**, Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

2020 **2021 Graduate Registration Award**, Society for Personality and Social Psychology. (Declined)

2020 **Dr. Susan R. Rankin Award for LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Activism**, Pennsylvania State University.

2018  **Governor General’s Silver Medal**,Government of Canada.

2018 **Psychology Department Outstanding Graduate Award**,University of the Fraser Valley.

2018 **Social, Cultural, and Media Studies Outstanding Achievement Award**, University of the Fraser Valley.

2015-2018 **Dean’s Honor Roll**,University of the Fraser Valley.

***CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS***

*\* indicates undergraduate coauthor*

***Papers, Talks, & Symposia***

**Oswald, F**., & Matsick, J.L. (2021, March). Perceptions of feminist research methods: Implications for systematic publication bias. In N.J. Sabik (Chair), Feminist research methods and open science. Submitted to present at the annual meeting of the Association for Women in Psychology. Online conference during COVID-19 pandemic.

Matsick, J.L., Kruk, M., **Oswald, F**., & Palmer, L. (2021, March). *Bridging feminist psychology with open science: Shared values inform best practices*. In N.J. Sabik (Chair), Feminist research methods and open science. Submitted to present at the annual meeting of the Association for Women in Psychology. Online conference during COVID-19 pandemic.

**Oswald, F**., Palmer, L., & Matsick, J.L. (2021, March). *Experiences of prejudice among bisexual women: The role of gender expression*. In J.L. Matsick (Chair), Studying sexual stigma with a feminist lens: Subtlety, multidimensionality, and intersectionality. Submitted to present at the annual meeting of the Association for Women in Psychology. Online conference during COVID-19 pandemic.

Palmer, L., Kruk, M., **Oswald, F**., & Matsick, J.L. (2021, March). *Contemporary experiences of heterosexism: Building a benevolence and hostility framework*. In J.L. Matsick (Chair), Studying sexual stigma with a feminist lens: Subtlety, multidimensionality, and intersectionality. Submitted to present at the annual meeting of the Association for Women in Psychology. Online conference during COVID-19 pandemic.

**Oswald, F**., Champion, A.,\*Walton, K., Shorter, L., Khera, D., & Pedersen, C.L. (2020, November).*Blatant lying as sexual deception: Prevalence, correlates, and implications for contemporary consent discourses.*Virtual Brief Communication presented at 2020 Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

**Oswald, F**., Champion, A.,\*Walton, K., Brown, K., & Pedersen, C.L. (2020, November).*Revealing more than gender: Ideological and attitudinal underpinnings of fetal sex celebrations.*Virtual Brief Communication presented at 2020 Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

Champion, A., **Oswald, F**., Hughes, S., & Pedersen, C.L. (2020, November).*Women's experiences and outcomes associated with the receipt of unsolicited genital imagery.*Virtual Brief Communication presented at 2020 Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

Khera, D., **Oswald, F.,** \*Hattie, D., & Pedersen, C. (2020, November). *Precarious manhood and masculinity ideology in predicting displays of physical aggression.* Virtual Brief Communication presented at 2020 Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

**Oswald, F**.,Brown, K., \*Mavritsakis, C., & Pedersen, C.L. (2019, November). *The influence of irregular menstrual status on negative attitudes towards sexuality.* Paper presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Denver, Colorado.

Skoda, K., **Oswald, F**.,Shorter, L.,& Pedersen, C.L. (2019, November). *Perceptions of variation in female genitalia following labiaplasty.* Paper presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Denver, Colorado.

**Oswald, F**., \*Bates, M., \*de Winter, K., Janzen, J., & van de Wetering, S. (2019, May). *Hypothesis generation and confirmation bias in social interaction*. Paper presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of Northwest Cognition and Memory, Victoria, Canada.

**Oswald, F**.,Champion, A., Henry, J., Hughes, S., & Pedersen, C.L. (2018, November). *In search of the appeal of the DILF.* Paper presented at 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montreal, Canada.

Champion, A.**, Oswald., F**., Hesse, C., & Hughes, S., Brown, K., Pedersen, C.L. (2018, November). *The influence of relationship status and sexual orientation on reputational punishment of other women’s behaviour.* Paper presented at 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montreal, Canada.

Clark, J., **Oswald, F**., Brown, K., Henry, J., Hesse, C., Jacobs, H., & Pedersen, C.L. (2018, November). *Flirting with gender: Is gender-role ideology a predictor of flirting techniques?* Paper presented at 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montreal, Canada.

Janzen, J., **Oswald, F**., Acreman, R., McCarthy, M., & van de Wetering, S. (2018, May). *Positive test strategies and confirmation bias in social assessment*. Paper presented at Connecting Minds, Richmond, Canada.

***Posters***

**Oswald, F**., & Matsick, J.L. (2021, February). *"It’s damaging to queer people, but everyone is permitted the freedom to express sexuality": Bisexual women’s perceptions of same-sex performativity.* Virtual Poster accepted to present at 2021 Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

**Oswald, F**., & Pedersen, C.L. (2020, February).*Size matters: Sexual trait attributions from body shape.*Poster presented at 2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Sexuality Preconference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Oswald, F**., & Matsick, J.L. (2020, February). *Gay, straight, or lying: Do heterosexual women’s same-sex performances influence the perceived authenticity of bisexuality?* Poster presented at 2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Oswald, F**., Morrison, K.E., Brown, K., & Pedersen, C.L. (2019, November). *The influence of body shape on impressions of sexual traits.* Poster presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Denver, Colorado.

**Oswald, F**.,Morrison, K.E., Clark, J., & Pedersen, C.L. (2019, November). *Breeding, female entrepreneurs: Exploring #bossbabe and the targeted demographics of multi-level marketing.* Poster presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Denver, Colorado.

Morrison, K.E., **Oswald, F**.,& Pedersen, C.L. (2019, November). *Dam it! The sexual health behaviors of WSW and WSWM.* Poster presented at 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Denver, Colorado.

Lopes, A., **Oswald, F**., Hesse, C., Jacobs, H., Clark, J., Skoda, K., & Pedersen, C.L. (2018, November). *I’ll show you mine so you’ll show me yours: Motivations for Photographic Exhibitionism.* Poster presented at 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montreal, Canada.

McCarthy, M., Acreman, R., Janzen, J., **Oswald, F**., & van de Wetering, S. (2018, May). *What they say is all I need: The role of narratives in confirmation bias.* Poster presented at Connecting Minds, Richmond, Canada.

***LABORATORY AFFILIATIONS***

Underrepresented Perspectives Lab, *Pennsylvania State University*.

Graduate Fellow

Director: Jes L. Matsick, Ph.D.

Social Vision and Interpersonal Perception Lab, *Pennsylvania State University*.

Graduate Affiliate

Director: Reginald B. Adams, Jr., PhD.

Observations and Research in Gender And Sexuality Matters Lab, *Kwantlen Polytechnic University*.

Senior Research Assistant

Director: Cory L. Pedersen, Ph.D.

Bias Investigations and Applied Science Lab, *University of the Fraser Valley.*

Lab Coordinator/Researcher

Director: Sven van de Wetering, Ph.D.

***ADDITIONAL TALKS & OUTREACH***

***Invited Talks***

2020 [[2]](#footnote-2)*Panelist*, Triota Sex and Relationships Panel. The Pennsylvania State University.

2020 *Guest Lecture*, “Birth control and the politics of choics: What’s in a choice?”. The Pennsylvania State University, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, Women’s Studies/Biobehavioral Health 458: Critical Feminist Issues in Reproduction.

2019 *Guest Lecture*, “Gender and empowerment in multi-level marketing”. University of the Fraser Valley Sociology Department, Soc 355: Gender Relations and Social Issues.

2019 *Symposium Panelist and Speaker*, **“**Student Leadership: Building Resilience for Leadership”. University of the Fraser Valley.

2017 *Symposium Panelist and Speaker*, “Does the Current Information Environment Contribute to Political Polarization?”. University of the Fraser Valley.

***Internal Talks & Presentations***

2019 *Presenter*, “Teaching, Learning, Scholarship, & Research Symposium 2019”. Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

2018 *Presenter*, Student Research Day, University of the Fraser Valley.

2018 *Panelist and Speaker*, UFV Psychology Honours Talk*,* University of the Fraser Valley.

2018 *Speaker*, Scholarly Sharing Initiative*,* University of the Fraser Valley.

***Public Outreach***

# “Men and women have skewed ideas about what a ‘normal’ vulva looks like”.

# Flora Oswald & Cory L. Pedersen

# *Sex & Psychology*

“Confirmation bias, naïve realism, and political tribalism”.

Flora Oswald & Sven van de Wetering

*TEDx Abbotsford*

***TEACHING & SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE***

***Instructor of Record Positions***

**Pennsylvania State University,** *Department of Psychology*

Spring 2021 -Introductory Psychology (PSYCH 100) - World Campus Online

***Teaching Assistantship Positions***

**Pennsylvania State University,** *Department of Psychology*

Fall 2020 - Basic Research Methods in Psychology (PSYCH 301) – Lab Instructor

**Pennsylvania State University,** *Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*

Spring 2020 - Critical Feminist Issues in Reproduction (BBH/WMST 458)

***Course Development***

**University of the Fraser Valley,** *Department of Psychology*

Heuristics, Biases, and Critical Thinking – Developed with Sven van de Wetering, Ph.D.

This course takes an unusual perspective on critical thinking. While traditional critical thinking courses focus on the analysis of evidence and arguments, this course focuses on the person doing the evaluation of evidence and arguments. There is a huge literature pointing to biases in the way we interpret ambiguous information, and a smaller but still fairly convincing body of literature pointing to the tendency for people highly trained in conventional critical thinking skills to use those skills selectively to reinforce their own prejudices. This course acquaints students with this literature and points the way toward a new set of critical thinking skills based on overcoming these biases.

***Students Supervised***

*Kwantlen Polytechnic University – Undergraduate Honors Thesis Students*

David Hattie (2020-21)

Cydney Cocking (2020-21)

***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS ATTENDED***

2020 **Building Trans Inclusive Digital Spaces for College Students** | Pennsylvania State University.

2020 **Assessing the Built Environment for Physical Activity Course** |University of Pennsylvania Built Environment Assessment Training Institute.

2020 **COVID-19 Contact Tracing Certificate** | Johns Hopkins University.

2020 **Peer Review Training** | American Psychological Association of Graduate Students.

2019 **Transgender & Gender Inclusion Workshop** | Pennsylvania State University.

2019 **Fundamentals of Grant Writing Workshop** |Pennsylvania State University.

2019 **Safer Spaces LGBTQA+ Inclusion Workshop** | Pennsylvania State University.

2019 **Essentials of Online Teaching Course** | Pennsylvania State University.

2019  **R Bootcamp** | Pennsylvania State University.

2019  **R for Data Science Certificate** | Microsoft.

***SERVICE***

***Service to Profession***

*Ad Hoc Reviewer*

The Journal of Sex Research

Gender and Violence

Journal of Homosexuality

Archives of Sexual Behavior

Psychology & Sexuality

*Grant Reviewer*

Association for Psychological Science Student Grant Competition

*Award Reviewer*

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Student Awards

***University & Departmental Service***

*Pennsylvania State University,**Department of Psychology*

2020 Psychology Area Peer Mentor

2020 Undergraduate Research Exhibition Judge

2020 Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator

*Kwantlen Polytechnic University,**Department of Psychology*

2018 Connecting Minds Conference Organizing Committee Member

***Volunteer Service***

2020 **Digital Transcriber** | Smithsonian Museum.

2019-20 **Peer Educator** | Penn State Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity.

2019-20 **Graduate Mentor** | Penn State Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity.

2019 **Discussion Group Facilitator** | Penn State Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity.

***SELECTED PRINT COVERAGE***

# “The appeal of the DILF: Why men who have children are sexy”. *Sex & Psychology.*

# “People think surgically altered labia look more ‘normal’ than natural labia”. *Business Insider*.

# “Why do so many men send unsolicited dick pics?”. *Men’s Health.* “The war on (unwanted) dick pics has begun”. *The Guardian.* “This study reveals some embarrassing truths about dick pic senders”. *VICE Media.* “Men who send unsolicited dick pics are bigger narcissists, study finds”. *VICE Media.* “Why women are attracted to DILFs”. *VICE Media*. “The science behind the thirst for DILFs”. *MEL Magazine*.

***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS***

Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

American Psychological Association.

Association for Psychological Science.

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

Obesity Action Coalition.

Psychologists Affirming their Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Family (AFFIRM).

Pennsylvania State University Special Interest Group – Sexual and Gender Minorities.

1. Equal authorship contribution [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Invited; event was cancelled due to COVID- [↑](#footnote-ref-2)