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EDUCATION

Kent State University, Honors College
B.A., Psychology, Counseling Careers
Minor: Philosophy
Current GPA: 3.84

Kent, OH
Expected May 2027

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Biological & Environmental Risk for Affective Disorders Lab

Kent, OH

PI: Dr. Sarah Black, *Kent State University*

Project Coordinator

Jun 2026 – Present

- Coordinate participant recruitment and scheduling for ongoing research studies.
- Manage study documentation to ensure study compliance and accurate recordkeeping.
- Develop and implement study protocols and research materials, including transcription methods and **Qualtrics** surveys, to create standardized research procedures.
- Train and supervise undergraduate research assistants in lab procedures, participant interactions, and data collection protocols.

Research Assistant (Promoted to Project Coordinator)

Jan 2025 – Present

- Conduct study visits with participants and assist with research examining psychological and physiological processes in the parent-child relationship.
- Clean, organize, and analyze datasets using **SPSS** and **R**.
- Code participant behaviors using a standardized coding scheme with weekly consensus meetings to resolve discrepancies.

Tandem Engagement and Activity in Relationships Exploratory Study

Kent, OH

PI: Kaetlyn Conner Gottschalk, *Kent State University*

Research Assistant

Feb 2025 – May 2026

- Assisted with a study involving family triads, conducting lab visits where participants complete questionnaires and a behavioral task.
- Prepared **fNIRS** neuroimaging with participants, including cap fitting and signal optimization to ensure quality neural data collection.
- Administered experimental maze tasks and recorded neural activity during dyadic interactions.

SENIOR HONORS THESIS (IN PROGRESS)

Kent State University Honors College

Working Title: Children's Causal Explanations of Failure: Parental Involvement and the Child Stress Response – Dr. Sarah Black

Selected and accepted for Honors Thesis, integrating behavioral coding for attributions and child salivary cortisol. Thesis proposal accepted May 2026. Expected Completion: May 2027

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Peer to Peer Mentor Support Program

Kent, OH

Peer Support Mentor, Kent State University Honors College

Aug 2025 – May 2026

- Mentored first-year honors students throughout their first year, supporting academic adjustment, campus engagement, and navigation of university resources.
- Served as an accessible peer support contact, offering active listening and helping students navigate the transition into college to support student well-being.
- Assisted with running monthly Honors College events to promote student engagement and involvement.

Shine a Light Walk Cleveland

Aurora, OH

Sponsorship Liaison, Children's Tumor Foundation

2025, 2026

- Served as primary ambassador for event sponsors, ensuring quality experiences for participating organizations, including Cleveland Clinic, Akron Children's Hospital, nonprofit partners, and medical professionals.
- Maintained communication with and coordinated sponsor engagement during the event.
- Promoted awareness and supported fundraising for Neurofibromatosis research.

HONORS & AWARDS

Wesley C. Zaynor Honors Scholarship for Research in Psychology

Fall 2026, Spring 2027

Outstanding Junior in Psychology Award

Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Frederick E. Davidson Memorial Fund

Spring 2026

Academic Achievement Award

2024–2028

Honors Distinction Award

2024–2028

President's List

Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Dean's List

Spring 2025, Fall 2024

Dean's List (Part-Time Student)

2024–2025, 2023–2024

Psi Chi KSU – Executive Board Treasurer

Fall 2026, Spring 2027

Psi Chi KSU – Inducted Member

Fall 2024 – Present

SKILLS

SPSS

R (statistical modeling, tidyverse)

Qualtrics

Physiological data collection (salivary cortisol, RSA)

Ecological momentary assessment (ExpiWell, m-Path)

Behavioral coding

Transcription

Neuroimaging (fNIRS)