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## Education

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- Exp. **Doctor of Philosophy** | Adult Development and Aging  
2022 The University of Akron | Akron, OH
- 2019 **Masters of Arts** | Adult Development and Aging  
The University of Akron | Akron, OH
- 2017 **Bachelor of Arts** | Psychology, *magna cum laude*  
The University of Akron | Akron, OH

## Publications

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- Villalba A. A.**, Stanley J. T., Turner J. R., Vale M. T., & Houston M. L. (2020) Age differences in preferences for fear-enhancing vs. fear-reducing news in a disease outbreak. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11(December), 1-15. [https://doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2020.589390](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.589390)
- Vale, M. T., Stanley, J. T., Houston, M. L., **Villalba, A. A.**, & Turner, J. R. (2020). Ageism and Behavior Change During a Health Pandemic: A Preregistered Study. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11(November), 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.587911>
- Jardin, E., Allen, P., Levant, R., Lien, M., McCurdy, E., **Villalba, A.**, Mallik, P., Houston, J., & Gerdes, Z. (2019) Event-related brain potentials reveal differences in emotional processing in alexithymia. *Journal of Cognitive Psychology*, 31:5-6, 619-633. <https://doi.org/10.1080/20445911.2019.1642898>

## Presentations

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- Villalba, A.**, Stanley, J., Turner, J., Vale, M., Houston, M. (2020, November 3-7<sup>th</sup>). *Age Differences in Preferences for Fear-Enhancing Versus Fear-Reducing News in a Global Pandemic* [Poster session]. GSA Conference, Online.
- Villalba, A.** & Stanley, J. (2020, April 23-25<sup>th</sup>). *Deliberation relates to emotion perception accuracy in young and older adults* [Poster session]. MPA Conference, Chicago, Illinois, United States. <http://midwesternpsych.org/> (Conference cancelled).

**Villalba, A.** & Stanley, J. (2019, May 23-26). *Are age differences in emotion perception due to processing differences?* [Poster presentation]. Association for Psychological Sciences Conference, Washington, D.C.

Vale, M., Richards, C., **Villalba, A.**, & Pasta, P. (2019, April 3-5). *New conceptual models to successful aging* [Symposium]. Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education Conference, Oxford, Ohio.

Stanley, J., Webster, B., & **Villalba, A.**, (2019, April 3-5). *Emotions across the lifespan*. [Symposium]. Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education Conference, Oxford, Ohio.

Stanley, J., Webster, B., Turner, J., Richards, C., & **Villalba, A.** (2018, March 22-24). *Socioemotional Aging* [Symposium]. Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education Conference, Akron, OH.

**Villalba, A.**, & Stanley, J., (2018, May 3-6). *A pilot study of age differences in fear-seeking vs. fear-avoiding behaviors in a naturally-occurring fear event* [Poster presentation]. Cognitive Aging Conference, Atlanta, GA.

**Villalba, A.**, Jardin, E., & Yaroslovsky, I., (2016, April 24). *Can emotional regulation be detected: An IAT validation* [Poster presentation]. Celebrating Undergraduate Excellence Conference, University of Akron, Akron, OH.

## **Research Experience**

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2020-2021     **Aging and Social Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
Researcher | Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Tehan Stanley

2019-2020     **Awareness of Emotion Perception Abilities Across the Lifespan: Are Adults Overconfident?**  
Researcher | Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Tehan Stanley

2017-2019     **Are Age Differences in Emotion Perception Due to Processing Differences?**  
Master's Thesis | Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Tehan Stanley

2014-2018     **Electrophysiological Evidence of Emotional Processing Deficits in Alexithymia**  
Research Assistant | Supervisor: Dr. Philip Allen

2016-2017     **Managing Difficult Customer Interactions: The Effects of Activated Self-Construal on Emotion Regulation**  
Research Assistant | Supervisor: Dr. James Deifendorff

2015-2016     **Can Emotional Regulation be Detected? An IAT Validation**

Research Assistant | Supervisor: Dr. Ilya Yaroslavsky

2014-2015     **Aging and Attention to Threat; an Electrophysiological Investigation**  
Research Assistant | Supervisor: Dr. Philip Allen

### **Teaching Experience**

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Spring 2021     **Developmental Psychology Instructor**  
The University of Akron | Graduate Assistantship

2019-2020     **Quantitative Methods Instructor**  
The University of Akron | Graduate Assistantship

Spring 2019     **Developmental Psychology Instructor**  
The University of Akron | Graduate Assistantship

2017-2018     **Introduction to Psychology Instructor**  
The University of Akron | Graduate Assistantship

2017-Present     **Undergraduate Research Assistant Mentor**  
The University of Akron | Emotions and Aging Lab

### **Professional Development**

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2020-Present     **Emotions and Aging Lab Manager**  
The University of Akron | Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Tehan Stanley

2019-Present     **Junior Reviewer**  
The University of Akron | Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Tehan Stanley

2019             **Applied Quantitative and Statistical Methods**  
The University of Akron | Instructor: Dr. Ingrid Weigold

2015-2016     **The Advanced Research Experience Program**  
The University of Akron | Instructors: Dr. Kaut & Dr. Snell

### **Grants, Honors, & Scholarships**

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2021             Graduate Researcher Grant | Psi Chi |

2019             Department Travel Grant | The University of Akron | \$150 (Maximum)

2018             Department Travel Grant | The University of Akron | \$150 (Maximum)

2018             Psi Chi Travel Grant | Psi Chi | Not Funded

2014-2017     Student Success Scholarships | The University of Akron | \$1500/semester  
2016             Bass Fishing Scholarship | University of Akron Bass Fishing Club | \$1000

### **Service**

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2018-2019     **Vice President | Gerontology Club**  
                    The University of Akron  
  
2018             **Guest Speaker | Professional Careers in Psychology**  
                    The University of Akron  
  
2016             **Psi Chi Member | Psi Chi Honor Society**  
                    The University of Akron

### **Professional Affiliations**

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2019-2021     Student Member of the Midwestern Psychological Association  
  
2018-2021     Student Member of the American Psychological Society  
  
2017-2021     Student Member of the Gerontological Society of America  
  
2016-Present   The National Honor Society in Psychology Psi Chi Lifetime Member

### **Certifications**

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2014-Present   CITI Human Subjects Certification

### **Programming Experience**

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Electroencephalogram (EEG) Scans  
Eye Tracking with MangoldVision | Mangold International  
IBM® SPSS Software  
SAS® | Analytical Software & Solutions  
Minitab Statistical Software  
Qualtrics Survey Software  
MatLab Toolboxes  
E-Prime® | Psychology Software Tools  
Code: Blocks (C++)  
Microsoft® Office