

# Sonja D. Winter

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### INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Doctoral (Ph.D.) Student, Psychological Sciences, 2016-present

- Advisor: Associate Professor Sarah Depaoli
- Area of Study: Quantitative Psychology

### UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS

M.Sc. (Cum Laude), Psychology, 2013

- Thesis Topic: *What matters? The role of cognitive competence and affective beliefs in educational achievement during adolescence.*
- Advisor: Professor Jan Boom
- Area of Study: Developmental Psychology

B.Sc. (with honours), Psychology, 2011

- Thesis Topic: *Differential susceptibility? Interaction of the DRD4-7R polymorphism and parenting practices on aggressive and prosocial behaviour.*
- Advisor: Professor Geertjan Overbeek
- Area of Study: Developmental Psychology

## AWARDS

### Journals:

- Article of the Year Award from the Communication Methods and Measures Journal, 2015
  - Title of article: *Possible solution to publication bias through bayesian statistics, including proper null hypothesis testing.*

### University of California, Merced:

- Psychological Sciences Graduate Group Recruitment Fellowship, 2016
- Psychological Sciences Summer Support Fellowship, 2017, 2018
- Psychological Sciences Publication Award, 2018
- Psychological Sciences Jennifer Mendiola Travel Award, 2018
- Graduate Student Association Travel Award, 2018

- PUBLICATIONS
- Winter, S. D.**, & Depaoli, S. (submitted). Bayesian Approximate Measurement Invariance for Second-Order Latent Growth Models: Assessing Continuous and Dichotomous Indicators.
- Depaoli, S., **Winter, S. D.**, Lai, K., & Guerra-Peña, K. (under review). Implementing continuous non-normal skewed distributions in latent growth mixture modeling: An assessment of specification errors and class enumeration.
- Tiemensma, J., Depaoli, S., **Winter, S. D.**, Felt, J. M., Rus, H., & Arroyo, A. C. (2018). The Performance of the IES-R for Latinos and non-Latinos: Assessing Measurement Invariance. *PLoS ONE*, *13*(4), e0195229.
- van de Schoot, R., Sijbrandij, M., Depaoli, S., **Winter, S. D.**, & van Loey, N. (2018). Bayesian PTSD-Trajectory Analysis with Informed Priors Based on a Systematic Literature Search and Expert Elicitation. *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, *53*(2), 267-291.
- Winter, S. D.**, Depaoli, S., & Tiemensma, J. (2018). Assessing differences in how the CushingQoL is interpreted across countries: Comparing patients from the U.S. and the Netherlands. *Frontiers in Endocrinology*.
- Hoorn, J. F., & **Winter, S. D.** (2017). Here comes the bad news: Doctor robot taking over. *International Journal of Social Robotics*.
- van de Schoot, R., Sijbrandij, M., **Winter, S. D.**, Depaoli, S., & Vermunt, J. K. (2017). The GRoLTS-Checklist: Guidelines for reporting on latent trajectory studies. *Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal*, *24*(3), 451-467.
- van de Schoot, R., **Winter, S. D.**, Ryan, O., Zondervan-Zwijnenburg, M. & Depaoli, S. (2017). A systematic review of Bayesian papers in psychology: The last 25 years. *Psychological Methods*, *22*(2), 217-239.
- Konijn, E. A., van der Schoot, R., **Winter, S. D.**, & Ferguson, C. J. (2015). Possible solution to publication bias through Bayesian statistics, including proper null hypothesis testing. *Communication Methods and Measures*, *9*(4), 280-302.
- REVIEW  
EXPERIENCE
- JOURNAL REVIEWS (Ad hoc or under Advisor supervision), *2016-present*
- Psychological Methods
  - Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal
  - The European Journal of Psychotraumatology (special issue on Bayesian Statistics)

PRESENTATION  
OF RESEARCH

\* denotes presenter

1. **Winter, S. D.\*** and Lek, K. M. (2018, July). *Bayesian Approximate Measurement Invariance: For Those Times When You Have Too Little or Too Much Data*. Talk presented at VIII European Congress of Methodology, Jena, Germany.
2. **Winter, S. D.\*** and Depaoli S. (2018, May). *Measurement Invariance for Second-Order Latent Growth Models: Frequentist and Bayesian Approaches*. Poster presented at the 30th APS Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
3. **Winter, S. D.\*** (2017, April). *Bayesian Approximate Measurement Invariance for Second-Order Latent Growth Models*. Talk presented at The University of California, Merced as Invited Department Talk, Merced, CA.
4. **Winter, S. D.\*** and Depaoli S. (2017, March). *Bayesian Approximate Measurement Invariance As A Viable Alternative to Frequentist Methods*. Poster presented at The University of California, Merced Psychology Symposium, Merced, CA.
5. Depaoli, S.\*, and **Winter, S. D.\*** (2016, November). *A Systematic Review of Bayesian Papers in Psychology: The Last 25 Years*. Talk presented at The University of California, Merced Quantitative Psychology Colloquium, Merced, CA.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

*Guest Lecturing Experience*

- Undergraduate Level
  - PSY 010: Analysis of Psychological Data (Fall 2017) - "Independent Samples  $z$ -test"

*Graduate Teaching Assistant, various courses* Fall 2016-present

- Graduate Teaching Assistant for PSY 010: Statistics in Psychology, lower-division undergraduate Psychology course
  - Terms: *Fall 2017, 2018*
  - Created material for and taught two lab sections, held office hours, created lab assessments, graded assignments
  - This course provided a general introduction to basic descriptive and inferential statistics in the psychological sciences

- Graduate Teaching Assistant for PSY 105: Advanced Research Methods in Psychology, upper-division undergraduate Psychology course
  - Terms: *Spring 2017*
  - Held office hours and created grading rubrics and graded assignments
  - This course provided an advanced overview of methodological approaches in psychological research
  
- Graduate Teaching Assistant for PSY 015: Research Methods in Psychology, lower-division undergraduate Psychology course
  - Terms: *Fall 2016, Spring 2018*
  - Held office hours, supported IOR during lectures (flipped classroom), and graded assignments
  - This course provided a general introduction to research methodology in psychology

PREVIOUS  
POSITIONS HELD  
(PRIOR TO START  
PH.D. STUDIES)

WINTER STATISTICS

*Founder*

Jan 2014-June 2016

- Statistical consultancy and support with executing research and analyses
  - *Duties:* Collaborated with researchers and companies to answer their research questions with the data available; Gave introduction to Statistics workshops at conferences or within companies; Clients included: Free University Amsterdam, Elastic (USA), Lund University (Sweden), Rutgers Foundation.

UTRECHT UNIVERSITY

*Researcher*

Jan 2014-June 2016

- Department of Methodology and Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences
  - *Lab Coordinator:* Rens van de Schoot, Ph.D.
  - *Duties:* Gave support at each step of the research cycle (literature review, data collection and management, analysis, writing final article or report); Organized meetings, events, and conferences. Communicated with guests and speakers; Put forth new ideas for future research.

*Research Assistant*

Dec 2012-July 2013

- Department of Pedagogics
  - *Lab Coordinator:* Paul Leseman, Ph.D.
  - *Duties:* Assisted team with data management and preliminary analysis of the data of longitudinal PRE-COOL study.

STATISTICAL  
PROGRAMS

The various programs I am skilled with are:

- Editing/Professional Writing
  - Microsoft Word
  - $\LaTeX$
  - Markdown
  - HTML, css, PHP
  - knitr (R package)
- Statistical Modeling
  - *Mplus*
  - HLM
  - Numerous R packages
- Statistical: General Purpose
  - R/RStudio for website and package development,
- Statistical: Bayesian Methods
  - database management, data manipulation, etc.
  - SPSS
  - Python
  - SAS (ltd. knowledge)
  - Matlab (ltd. knowledge)
  - *Mplus*
  - OpenBUGS
  - WinBUGS
  - JAGS
  - Stan
  - Base R
  - Numerous R packages

PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS

Professional Organizations:

- Association for Psychological Science (APS)
- The International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA)

SERVICE  
(UC MERCED)

Department service:

- Member, Graduate Student Survey Committee for UC Merced Psychological Sciences Graduate Program Review (2018)

## SERVICE

To the field:

- Organizer, Symposium: Estimating PTSD Trajectories (2015)
  - Organized a symposium on the application of Bayesian Latent Growth Mixture Modeling to uncover PTSD trajectories (50+ attendees), followed by an expert meeting of experts in the field of PTSD to discuss a large scale Bayesian re-analysis of longitudinal data on PTSD trajectories (20+ experts).

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

- Women in Analytics Conference, Facebook HQ, one of 300 attendees out of 1500 applicants (2018)

REFERENCES

SARAH DEPAOLI, Ph.D. *academic advisor*  
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