# Andrew Neff

#### PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

| Visiting Assistant Professor (Full-time)<br>Emory University (Oxford College) - Atlanta, GA | 2020-present |
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| Adjunct Faculty (Part-time) Rochester University - Rochester Hills, MI                      | 2019-2020    |
| EDUCATION   |              |
| Ph.D. Translational Neuroscience<br>Wayne State University - Detroit, MI                    | 2014 - 2019  |
| Post Baccalaureate<br>Wayne State University - Detroit, MI                                  | 2013 - 2014  |
| <b>B.A. Political Science</b> Michigan State University - East Lansing, MI                  | 2007 - 2011  |

### TEACHING

**Prepared Courses:** Introduction to Psychobiology and Cognition (5 semesters, 28 students/class), Clinical Neuroscience (5 semesters, 25 students/class), Research Methods (1 semester, 10 students), Psychology Seminar (1 semester, 10 students), and Cognitive Psychology (1 semester, 15 students).

**Course Development Interests:** Clinical Psychology, Drugs and Behavior, Contemplative Science, and cross-departmental courses with a focus on philosophical, religious, and literary perspectives on mental health.

#### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- **Neff, A. S.**, Mischel J., \*Yang, E. (2022) Comparing Undergraduate Student Participation in Online Discussion Boards Hosted on Reddit and Canvas. *Teaching of Psychology*. https://doi.org/10.1177/00986283211056074
- \*Yang, E., **Neff**, **A. S.** (2021) The Prospect of Extracting Brain-Region-Specific Exosomes in the Human Bloodstream. Seeds of Science. https://doi.org/10.53975/nmw0-4iq9
- **Neff, A. S.** (2020) Technical And Theoretical Limitations Of The Experimental Evidence Supporting A Gut Bacterial Etiology For Mental Illness. *Clinical Therapeutics*. 42(4), E74–E81. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.clinthera.2020.02.002
- **Neff, A. S.**, Theis, K. R., & Burghardt, P. R. (2019). Development and Preliminary Validation of a Feasible Procedure for Isolating RNA from Fiber-Adherent Bacteria in Human Stool. *Medical Science Monitor Basic Research*, 25, 238. https://doi.org/10.12659/MSMBR.918316

#### Mentored Student Publications

\*Tsai, D., \*Lindley, A., \*Rubio, S., \*Bianco, C., (2021). Color Manipulation and Emotional Perception. Emory Undergraduate Research Journal, 18, 15-20.

\*Student

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

#### **Invited Talks**

**Neff, A.S.** (2022, January 3-6) *Group Presentation Assignments and Rapport Building* [Teaching Slam]. National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, St. Pete Beach, FL, United States <a href="https://nitop.org/event-3797822">https://nitop.org/event-3797822</a>

#### Poster Presentations

- Mischel J, **Neff, A.S.**, Li, J., \*Nithiyakumar, M., Tackey, F., Patel, N. (2022, August 4-6) Relationships Between FoMO and Specific Reasons for Engagement on Social Media Platforms [Poster Session]. American Psychological Association, Minneapolis, MN, United States. https://convention.apa.org/
- \*Yang, E., Neff, A.S. (2022, May 26-29) The Prospect of Extracting Brain-Region-Specific Exosomes in the Human Bloodstream. [Poster Session]. Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL, United States.
  - https://www.psychologicalscience.org/conventions/2022-aps-annual-convention/
- **Neff, A.S.**, Mischel J., \*Yang, E. (2022, January 3-6) Comparing Undergraduate Student Participation in Online Discussion Boards Hosted on Reddit and Canvas [Poster Session]. National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, St. Pete Beach, FL, United States https://nitop.org/event-3797822
- Burghardt, P.R., Khatib, D., **Neff, A.**, Nowak, K.A., Chappelle, K.E., Stanley, J. (2019, May 11-16) Excitability of Glutamatergic Neurotransmission in the Anterior Cingulate During Appraisal of Emotional Stimuli [Poster Session]. International Society Of Magnetic Resonance In Medicine, Montreal, QC, Canada. https://www.ismrm.org/19m/

- **Neff, A.**, Nowak, K.A., Chappelle, K., Burghardt, P.R. (2018, November 3-7) *Trait* Conscientiousness Correlates With The Abundance Of Major Bacterial Phyla In The Human Gut [Poster Session]. Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA, United States. https://www.sfn.org/meetings/neuroscience-2018
- Burghardt, P.R., **Neff, A.**, Nowak, K.A., Chappelle, K.E., Stanley, J. (2018, May 10–12) Evidence of a Shift in the Excitability of Glutamatergic Neurotransmission in the Anterior Cingulate During Appraisal of Emotional Stimuli That is Influenced by Aerobic Fitness [Poster Session]. Society of Biological Psychiatry, New York, NY. https://sobp.org/meetings/2018-annual-meeting/
- **Neff, A.**, Nowak, K.A., Chappelle, K., Burghardt, P.R. (2018, May 10-12) Relationship Between Tryptophan, the Gut Microbiome, and Emotional Response to Long Term Resistant Starch Consumption [Poster Session]. Society of Biological Psychiatry, New York, NY, United States. https://sobp.org/meetings/2018-annual-meeting/
- **Neff, A.**, Nowak, K.A., Chappelle, K., Burghardt, P.R. (2017, November 11-15) *Tryptophan* Related Genes In The Gut Microbiome Are Associated With Hunger And Are Modified By Long Term Resistant Starch Supplementation [Poster Session]. Society for Neuroscience, Washington D.C., United States. https://www.sfn.org/meetings/neuroscience-2017
- Burghardt, P.R., Chappelle, K.E., Nowak, K.A., **Neff, A.**, Bahadori, A., Schwartz, C., Saha, J., Khatib, D. Stanley, J.A. (2017, November 11-15) Anterior Cingulate Cortex Glutamate Response to Emotional Stimuli is Influenced by Aerobic Fitness [Poster Session]. Society for Neuroscience, Washington D.C., United States.
  - https://www.sfn.org/meetings/neuroscience-2017
- Nowak, K.A., **Neff, A.**, Chappelle, K.E., Bahadori, A., Schwartz, C., Saha, J., Stanley, J.A., Burghardt, P.R. (2017, November 11-15) Personality Traits, Fitness, and Sex Impact Psychobiological Response to Exhaustive Aerobic Exercise in Adults [Poster Session]. Society for Neuroscience, Washington D.C., United States. https://www.sfn.org/meetings/neuroscience-2017

#### PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Mischel, J., Neff, A. (January 2022). Fostering Motivation and Self-efficacy Beliefs in College Students. SSRL SIG Times Magazine, 5(1), 6.
- Neff, A. (November 21, 2019). Turning To Turkeys Tryptophan To Boost Mood? Not So Fast. *The Conversation.*
- Neff, A. (November 20, 2019). How to Love Bad Kids: Unconditional Positive Regard. PsychCentral.
- Neff, A. (October 20, 2019). Enduring Lessons from Early 20th Century Neuroscience. *Merion West.*
- Neff, A. (August 21, 2019). Six Treatments For Depression Based on Biology: A Look at the Science for Laypersons. Resources to Recover.
- Neff, A. (July 4, 2019). Do Mantras Work? J.D. Salinger and the Science of Mantra Meditation. *Interfaith* Now.
- Neff, A. (July 1, 2019). Is Human Psychology Driven by Gut Microbes? Cogbites.
- Neff, A. (February 12, 2019). Why Psychiatry Needs Art. Healers Magazine.

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

| Professional Affiliate  |              |
|---|--------------|
| Association for Psychological Science                                     | 2021-present |
| American Psychological Association  | 2020-present |
| National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP)                  | 2021-2022    |
| Society for the Teaching of Psychology (APA Division 2)                   | 2020-2022    |
| Society of Humanistic Psychology (APA Division 32)                        | 2019-2022    |
| Student Member  |              |
| Society for Neuroscience  | 2017-2018    |
| Society of Biological Psychiatry  | 2017         |
| HONORS & AWARDS   |              |
| Presenting  |              |
| Wayne State University  |              |
| Runner-up in graduate program's 3-minute thesis competition               | 2017         |
| 1st Place in graduate program's 3-minute thesis competition               | 2016         |
| Scholarships  |              |
| Wayne State University  |              |
| Thomas C. Rumble Fellow   | 2016-2017    |
| Graduate Research Assistantship   | 2014-2016    |
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| DEPARTAMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE  |              |
| <b>Student Club Advisor: Children's Literacy Society</b> Emory University | 2022-present |
| Student Club Advisor: Oxford Neuroscience Student Association             | 2021-present |
| Emory University  |              |
| Student Club Advisor: Contemplative Science                               | 2021-2022    |
| Emory University  |              |
| High School Student Mentoring   | Summer 2017  |
| Wayne State University - Biomedical Career Advancement Program            |              |

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer 2021-Present

Seeds of Science (Publication)

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

# Career Counseling & Mental Health Education 2021-present

Oxford College (Oxford Studies)

# K-12 STEAM Enrichment Instructor 2019-2020

Snapology

**Writer & Editor** 2018-2020

Neuroscience from Underground (Blog)

# STEM Day Activity Supervisor 2017

Wayne State University

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## **Teaching Workshops**

2020-Present

- Science of learning (3 sessions: 2022)
- Exam review games workshop (1 session: 2021)
- Class engagement in-person & online (1 session: 2021)
- Canvas course & Zoom course review (multiple interactions: 2020, 2021)
- Online teaching workshop (~2 Months: Summer 2020)
- Zoom class engagement workshop (1 session: 2020)

#### **Miscellaneous Programs**

2020-Present

- Society for the Teaching of Psychology mentoring program mentee (2021-present)
- Oxford College History and Social Sciences Writing Group (Fall 2020)

#### REFERENCES

Kenneth Carter - Division Chair & Dean Interim Dean of Oxford College and Charles Howard Candler Professor of Psychology Oxford College of Emory University (770) 784-8439, kenneth.carter@emorv.edu

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