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## A. PERSONAL

### 1. CURRENT POSITION

2020 — Present	Graduate Student	York University, Department of Psychology
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### 2. EDUCATION

2022 — Present	PhD	York University, Department of Psychology
2020 — 2022	M.A	York University, Department of Psychology <i>Judgements of propaganda near and far: national identity media evaluations</i>
2020	H.B.A	University of Waterloo, Department of Psychology <i>The Devil is in the details: Uncovering asymmetrical assumptions about good and evil deities</i>

### 3. RESEARCH POSITIONS

2020 — Present	Graduate Student	The MAR Lab Dr. Raymond Mar
2020 — 2022	Affiliated Graduate Student	The Cultural Collective Lab Dr. Richard Lalonde
2020	Research Practicum	Wisdom and Culture Lab Dr. Igor Grossmann

2018 — 2020	Research Assistant	Language and Infant Development Lab Dr. Katherine White
2017 — 2018	Research Assistant	Psychological Intervention Research Team Dr. Walter Mittelstaedt

#### 4. PROFESSIONAL ROLES

2016 — 2020	Founder, Team Lead, Curricula Designer, Tutor	Reach Tutoring
2018   2019	Tutoring and Learning Centre Coordinator	George Brown College

#### 5. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2025	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (24 months) \$80,000	Social Science and Humanities Research Council
2025	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Declined) \$15,000	Ministry of Colleges and University
2025	Sandra Pyke Award for Graduate Student Excellence	York University - Social & Personality Area
2024	Ontario Graduate Scholarship \$15,000	Ministry of Colleges and University
2023	CPA Certificate of Academic Excellence	Canadian Psychological Association
2023	Ontario Graduate Scholarship \$15,000	Ministry of Colleges and Universities
2022	Thesis Prize Nomination	York University
2020	Silver Medal Undergraduate Essay Prize	Philosophy Department University of Waterloo
2016	President's Scholarship \$2000	University of Waterloo

## **B. SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **1. PUBLICATIONS**

**Dunk, R. J.**, Goulding, B. W., Fugelsang, J. A., & Friedman, O. (2021). Butt-dialing the devil: Evil agents are expected to disregard intentions behind requests. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 96, 104188.

**Dunk, R. J.** & Mar, R. A. (2022) Cognitive exploration drives engagement and re-engagement with imaginary worlds, but not spatial exploration as predicted by evolutionary theory. *Behavioral & Brain Sciences*, 45.

Quinlan, J. A., **Dunk, R. J.**, & Mar, R. A. (2023). Weird reactions to weird Twitter: How expectation and intention relate to appreciation for absurd humor. *Psychology of Popular Media*, 13(3), 303.

**Dunk, R. J.**, Quinlan, J. A., Padgett, J., & Mar, R. A. (2024) *Parasocial Enemyship*. Under review at Personal Relationships.

**Dunk R.J.**, Lo, R., & Mar, R., *Judgements of propaganda near and far: national identity and media evaluation*. Under review at the European Journal of Social Psychology

**Dunk, R. J.**, & Mar, R. A. (Forthcoming: 2025). The Morals of (and in) Stories., *Handbook of Ethics and Social Psychology*. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.

### **2. ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

**Dunk, R.J.**, (2025, May) *Parasocial Enemyship*. Invited talk at the Psychology Graduate Student Association Symposium, Toronto, Canada

**Dunk, R. J.**, (2024, February) & Mar, R., A., *Judgements of propaganda near and far National Identity and Media Evaluation*. Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, USA

**Dunk, R. J.**, (2023, June) Quinlan, J. A., Padgett, J., & Mar, R. A. *Parasocial Enemyship: Motivations behind the screen*. Talk presented at the Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, Canada.

**Dunk, R. J.** (2022, February). Quinlan, J. A., Padgett, J., & Mar, R. A. *Parasocial Enemyship: Construct and Scale Development*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2022 Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, USA.

**Dunk, R. J.** (2021 & 2022, March). *Morality, Religion, and Justice*. Invited lecture for Cultural Psychology PSYC 3350 at York University.

### **3. PRESS COVERAGE**

Fernandez, E. (2021, September 15). *Angels care about what you mean, while devils care about what you say*. Forbes.

### **4. SERVICE**

#### **Academic**

2023 — Present	Graduate Student Representative	York University
2022	Session Proposal Reviewer	International Communications Association Annual Conference
2021	Poster Reviewer	The Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention

#### **Volunteer Mentorship**

2022 — 2023	Vice President	Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program
2020 — 2023	Graduate Mentor	Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program

### **C. TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP**

#### **Instructed Courses**

2025	PSYC 2110 <i>Developmental Psychology</i>	York University
2025	PSYC 2130 <i>Personality Psychology</i>	

#### **Honours Thesis Co-supervision**

Acevedo Benitez, K. (in prep). *Validation of a Food Motivation Measure: The Comfort Food Motivation scale (CFM)*

## Teaching Assistantships

2020, 2021, 2022	PSYC 2240 <i>Cultural Psychology</i>	York University
2021, 2022, 2024	PSYC 2030 <i>Introduction to Research Methods</i>	York University
2023, 2023, 2024	PSYC 2130 <i>Personality</i>	York University