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## Education

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AUG 2018 - Present	Psychology Ph.D, <b>Michigan State University</b> Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience Program Advisor: M. Karl Healey
AUG 2015 - MAY 2018	<b>Indiana University Southeast</b> Bachelor of Science, Psychology <i>with highest distinction</i> Bachelor of Arts, Spanish <i>with highest distinction</i>

## Research Positions

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AUG 2016 - AUG 2017	<b>Research assistant</b>   Indiana University Southeast Integrative Behavioral Neural Science Laboratory Research Advisor: Rodney Roosevelt
AUG 2017 - MAY 2018	<b>Lab manager</b>   Indiana University Southeast Integrative Behavioral Neural Science Laboratory Research Advisors: Rodney Roosevelt and Megan Kahn

## Publications and Presentations

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### WORKING MANUSCRIPTS

- **Dester, A. M.**, Lazarus, L. T. T., Uitvlugt, M. G., and Healey, M. K. (Under revision after invited revision). Can retrieved context models explain temporal contiguity in incidentally encoded memories? *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*.
- Lazarus, L. T. T., **Dester, A. M.**, Uitvlugt, M. G., and Healey, M. K. (In preparation). An item-order model of reduced temporal contiguity for distinct items.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Dester, A. M.**, Lazarus, L. T. T., Uitvlugt, M. G., and Healey, M. K. (2020). Can retrieved context models explain temporal contiguity in incidentally encoded memories? *Poster to be presented at Context & Episodic Memory Symposium, Philadelphia, PA*.
- Lazarus, L. T. T., **Dester, A. M.**, Uitvlugt, M. G., and Healey, M. K. (2019). Computational modeling of variations in the Temporal Contiguity Effect. *Poster presented at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Montreal, Quebec*.
- **Dester, A. M.**, Lazarus, L. T. T., and Healey, M. K. (2019). Modeling temporal contiguity in incidentally encoded memories. *Poster presented at Psychonomic Society 60th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec*.
- **Dester, A. M.**, Lazarus, L. T. T., and Healey, M. K. (2019). Modeling temporal contiguity in explicit and incidentally encoded memories. *Poster presented at Context & Episodic Memory Symposium, Philadelphia, PA*.
- Lazarus, L. T. T., **Dester, A. M.**, and Healey, M. K. (2019). Computational modeling of variations in the Temporal Contiguity Effect. *Poster presented at Context & Episodic Memory Symposium, Philadelphia, PA*.

- **Dester, A. M.,** Lazarus, L. T. T., and Healey, M. K. (2019). Temporal contiguity in incidentally encoded memories. *Poster presented at Midwestern Psychological Association 91st Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.*
- **Dester, A.,** Blair, C., Kahn, M., and Wille, D. (2018). Your brain feels it too! Brain activity and cortisol levels reflect pain of exclusion. *Presented at 14th Annual Indiana University Southeast Student Conference, New Albany, IN.*
- **Dester, A.,** Blair, C., Dudas, M., and Kahn, M. (2018). Brain activity and cortisol levels reflect the pain of exclusion. *Talk presented at Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference, Indianapolis, IN.*
- **Dester, A.,** Blair, C., Dudas, M., and Kahn, M. (2018). Your brain feels it too: Social exclusion's effect on neural activity and mood. *Poster presented at Mid-East Honors Association, Columbus, OH.*
- Blair, C., **Dester, A.,** Dudas, M., and Kahn, M. (2017). Your brain feels it too: Exclusion leads to shifts in brain activity. *Poster presented at Indiana University Undergraduate Research Conference, Indianapolis, IN.*
- **Dester, A.** (2017). The academic effects of math anxiety on elementary school students. *Poster presented at Mid-East Honors Association, Ypsilanti, MI.*
- **Dester, A.** (2016). New Daily Persistent Headache: The little-known syndrome. *Talk presented at Mid-East Honors Association, Gary, IN.*

## Teaching Experience

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### **Guest Lecturer** | Cognitive Psychology

Department of Psychology | Michigan State University

- Invited to co-teach one lecture related to my graduate work on long term memory.
- Delivered a 30-minute lecture to two sections.

### **Teaching Assistant** | Cognitive Psychology

Department of Psychology | Michigan State University

- Held office hours and tutored struggling students.
- Led exam review sessions.

### **Teaching Assistant** | Society and the Individual

Department of Psychology | Michigan State University

- Graded homework, final projects, essays.
- Held office hours and assisted in-class discussions.

### **Spanish Tutor**

Student Development Center | Indiana University Southeast

JAN 2016 - MAY 2018

- Assisted Spanish Department in supporting students with acquisition of Spanish language principles

## Honors and Awards

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Phi Beta Kappa Scholastic Award

Outstanding Psychology Student

Outstanding Spanish Student

Undergraduate Research Fellowship Recipient

Best Poster Award

Outstanding Poster Presentation in Psychology

University Honors Scholar Distinction

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society | 2018

Indiana University SE | 2018

Indiana University SE | 2018

Indiana University SE | 2018

Mid-East Honors Association | 2017

Indiana University SE Student Conference | 2018

Indiana University SE | 2015