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EDUCATION

- Tufts University**, Medford, MA Sept. 2013 – May 2017
- B.S. Cognitive & Brain Sciences
 - Minor in English; Certificate in Ethics, Law, & Society
 - GPA: 3.93, Summa Cum Laude, Highest Thesis Honors
- Boston University Public Health Study Abroad Program**, Geneva, Switzerland Jan. 2016 – Apr. 2016
- Interned at Alliance for Health Promotion; attended workshops & meetings at the WHO and UN

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Stanford Social Neuroscience Lab**, Stanford University, Dr. Jamil Zaki, PhD Sept. 2017 – present
- Work on the design, data-collection, and analyses for a large, R01-funded project on the neural and computational bases of naturalistic emotion inference
 - Study the impact of empathy for both the victim and the defendant on prison sentence recommendation
- Ressler Neurobiology of Fear Lab**, McLean Hospital, Dr. Kerry Ressler, MD PhD Jun. 2016 – May 2017
- Administered fear conditioning paradigm and fMRI scans to patients who had experienced childhood trauma
 - Senior thesis: The fear response in dissociative identity disorder: an acoustic startle response study.
- PTSD Neuroimaging Lab**, Tufts University, Dr. Lisa Shin, PhD Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2015
- Ran statistical comparisons on Diffusion Tensor Imaging data
 - Assisted with U.S. Army-funded research on the therapeutic utility of Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation
- Early Childhood Cognition Lab**, MIT, Dr. Laura Schultz, PhD May 2015 – Aug. 2015
- Collected and coded video data from children at the Boston Children's Museum
 - Used R to test relationship between syntactic changes and rational imitation in children

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Wendell Phillips Senior Commencement Speaker Award** Apr. 2017
- Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honors Society** Apr. 2017
- Tufts Career Center Summer Internship Grant** May 2016
- The Class of 1921 Leonard Carmichael Prize for Excellence in Psychology** May 2016
- Psi Chi International Honors Society in Psychology** May 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- Seligowski, A. V., Lebois, L. A. M., Hill, S. B., **Kahhale, I.**, Wolff, J. D., Jovanovic, T., Winternitz, S. R., Kaufman, M. L., & Ressler, K. J., (under review). Autonomic responses to fear conditioning among women with PTSD and dissociation. *Depression and Anxiety*.
- Nook, E., Chwyl, C., **Kahhale, I.**, Wu, Z., & Zaki, J., (in prep). Interpersonal emotion differentiation.
- Mattek, A. M., **Kahhale, I.**, & Zaki, J. (in prep). Temporal duration predicts bipolarity of valence.
- Mattek, A. M., Smith, M. L., Wu, Z., **Kahhale, I.**, Reddan, M., Ong, D., & Zaki, J. (in prep). Modeling facial movements that track emotion inference.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Kahhale, I.,** , Hackel, L., & Zaki, J. (2019). Mock juror exposure to two sides in a criminal case. Poster presented at the Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Portland, OR.
- Kahhale, I.,** Lebois, L., Bigony, C., Wolff, J., Winternitz, S., Ressler, K., Kaufman, M. (2017). The fear response in dissociative identity disorder: An acoustic startle response study. Poster presented at the Tufts Undergraduate Research Symposium, Medford, MA.
- Kahhale, I.,** Lebois, L., Bigony, C., Wolff, J., Winternitz, S., Ressler, K., Kaufman, M. (2017). The fear response in dissociative identity disorder: An acoustic startle response study. Poster presented at the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation Conference, Arlington, VA.

CLINICAL & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Instructor** Dec. 2018 – present
- Teach weekly class (12-week curriculum) to at-risk youth on relevant laws and legal policies
- Each One Reach One, Tutor** Jan. 2018 – present
- Serve as a weekly GED tutor to incarcerated juvenile males in San Mateo Juvenile Justice Center
- Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Center, Hotline Counselor** Jan. 2018 -- present
- Volunteer weekly as a suicide and drug & alcohol abuse phone counselor for San Mateo county
- Ears for Peers, Hotline Counselor** Aug. 2015 – May 2017
- Volunteered as a phone counselor for Tufts students to anonymously discuss personal concerns
- Tufts Psychology Department, Intro to Psychology, Teacher's Assistant** Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2016
- Held weekly office hours to support students, grade exams & papers, and provide feedback

WORKSHOPS AND POST-BACCALAUREATE CLASSES

- Race and Crime, Stanford Psychology Department Class** Spring 2018
- Wrongful Convictions: Causes, Preventions, and Remedies, Stanford Law School Class** Winter 2018
- Data Wrangling in R, Stanford Workshop** Feb. 2018
- Intro to Python, Stanford Workshop** Jan. 2018

CERTIFICATIONS

- MRI Scanner Operator Certification, Stanford Center for Neurobiological Imaging** Summer 2018
- Mental Health First Aid Certification (8 hrs.), Mental Health First Aid USA** Summer 2018
- Hotline Counselor Certification (48 hrs.), Crisis Intervention & Suicide Prevention Center** Winter 2018
- MRI Scanner Safety Certification, Stanford Center for Neurobiological Imaging** Fall 2017

SKILLS

Data Collection: BioPac collection of Electrodermal Activity (EDA), Electromyography data (EMG), and Electrocardiogram data (ECG); SCID-IV interviewing; REDCap data tracking; fMRI scanning.

Data Analysis: R, SPSS, MindWare.