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CURRENT POSITION

2020 — Present Graduate Student York University, Department of Psychology

EDUCATION

2022 — Present PhD York University, Department of Psychology

2020 — 2022 M.A York University, Department of Psychology

2020 H.B.A University of Waterloo, Department of Psychology

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

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
2024	Conference Travel Award \$500	Faculty of Health York 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

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., R. F. Lo, and R. A. Mar. 2025. "Judgements of Propaganda Near and Far: National Identity and Media Evaluations." *European Journal of Social Psychology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.70035>

Dunk, R. J., Quinlan, J. A., Padgett, J., & Mar, R. A (2026). *Parasocial Enemyship*. Under Review.

Dunk, R. J., & Mar, R. A. (2025). The morals of (and in) stories. In *Handbook of Ethics and Social Psychology* (pp. 256-267). Edward Elgar Publishing.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Dunk, R.J., (2025, May) *Encouraging autonomy in students who were pressured to attend university*. Talk and discussion lead at the Teaching in Focus Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Dunk, R.J., (2025, May) *Parasocial Enemyship*. Talk presented at the Psychology Graduate Student Association Symposium, Toronto, ON, 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 & the Dark Triad*. Talk presented at the Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Dunk, R. J., (2023, May) Mar, R., A., *Judgements of Foreign and Domestic Media*. Talk presented at the York/University of Toronto Social Personality Abnormal (YUTSPA) Conference, 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 at York University, Toronto, ON, Canada.

SERVICE

2023 — 2025	Graduate Student Representative	Social & Personality Area Psychology - York University
2022	Session Proposal Reviewer	International Communications Association Annual Conference
2022 — 2023	Vice President	Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program
2020 — 2023	Graduate Mentor	Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program

2021	Poster Reviewer	The Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention
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TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Instructed Courses

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

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

Honours Thesis Co-supervision

Acevedo Benitez, K. (2021). *Validation of a Food Motivation Measure: The Comfort Food Motivation scale (CFM)*

PROFESSIONAL ROLES

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

PRESS COVERAGE

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