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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

2026 — Present Graduate Student Psychological Philosophy Lab
Dr. Laura Soter & Dr. Johannes Mahr

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

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

Dunk, R. J., Lo, R. F., & Mar, R. A. (2026). Judgements of Propaganda Near and Far: National Identity and Media Evaluations. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 56(1), 147-159.

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

Dunk, R.J. & Barranti, M. (2026). *Examining undergraduate skepticism towards university*. Under Review.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Dunk, R.J., White, C., & Mar, R. A. (2026). *Parents' beliefs in free will are associated with how consistently they discipline their children*. Canadian Psychological Association Convention, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Dunk, R.J. & Barranti, M. (2025). *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., Quinlan, J. A., Padgett, J., & Mar, R. A. (2025). *Parasocial Enemyship*. Talk presented at the Psychology Graduate Student Association Symposium, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Dunk, R. J., & Mar, R., A., (2024). *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., Quinlan, J. A., Padgett, J., & Mar, R. A. (2023). *Parasocial Enemyship: Motivations & the Dark Triad*. Talk presented at the Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Dunk, R. J. & Mar, R., A. (2023). *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., Quinlan, J. A., Padgett, J., & Mar, R. A. (2022). *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). *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

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Course Development and Instruction:

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)*

The Cultural Collective Lab

Vuong, J. (2026). *Nostalgia and Future Goal Planning*

The Mar Lab

PROFESSIONAL ROLES

2016 — 2022	Founder, Team Lead, Curricula Designer	Reach Tutoring
2018 — 2019	Tutoring and Learning Centre Coordinator	George Brown College
2026 — Present	Early Literacy Tutor	