

# Madison Vigdor

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## EDUCATION

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B.A. **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 2024 (Expected)**  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ  
Minor in Statistics  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

## AWARDS & HONORS

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Fall 2020 – Spring 2023  
2023 **Rutgers University Dean's List**  
**The Dorothy and David Cooper Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$4000)**  
Department of Psychology  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

2022 **The Rutgers College Scholarship (\$1000)**  
School of Arts and Sciences  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

**The Rutgers College Scholarship (\$500)**  
School of Arts and Sciences  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Vigdor, M. P.**, Chinn, C., Hussain-Abidi, H., Ajmal, S., DeGregorio, G. (2022, April). *Learning to Think: Through Direct Instruction or Inquiry?* Poster presented at the Annual Aresty Undergraduate Research Symposium at Rutgers University, online.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Sept. 2022 – Present **Close Relationships, Identity, and Stigma Laboratory**  
Department of Psychology  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick  
PI: Dr. Diana Sanchez

- Assess the public's perception of potential drives of and solutions to the orgasm gap in heterosexual relationships by coding qualitative data
- Examine the malleability of prejudice by reviewing correlation coefficients calculated by SPSS

May 2022 – Aug. 2023 **Cooper Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship**  
Department of Psychology  
Rutgers University – New Brunswick  
Advisor: Dr. Diana Sanchez

- Examined the effects of race processing (i.e., thinking deeply about one's conceptualization of race) on essentialist beliefs to explain why increased interaction with ambiguous faces leads to decreased racial essentialism

- Conducted an independent research project by gaining IRB approval, creating a survey in Qualtrics, recruiting participants on ResearchMatch, analyzing data in SPSS, and writing a final research article

Jan. 2023 – May 2023

**Visual Cognition Laboratory**

Center for Cognitive Science

Rutgers University – New Brunswick

PI: Serena DeStefani, advised by Dr. Jacob Feldman

- Employed virtual reality (VR) technology to study the effects of virtual agents' distance and direction on social wayfinding, or the way in which we navigate our environment in the presence of others
- Ran participants by obtaining informed consent, setting up the VR headset, conducting verbal and written surveys, and debriefing them on the study
- Utilized R to filter and display participants' walking trajectories

June 2022 – Aug. 2022

**Global Psychiatric Epidemiology Group**

Columbia University/New York State Psychiatric Institute

New York, NY

PI: Dr. Christina Hoven

- Recruited participants, obtained informed consent, conducted structured in-person and remote clinical interviews, and reviewed data for a longitudinal research project about the effects of stress on well-being

Sep. 2021 – May 2022

**Aresty Research Assistant Program**

Aresty Research Center

Rutgers University – New Brunswick

PI: Dr. Clark Chinn

- Investigated the impact of multiple teaching approaches on student learning
- Analyzed empirical literature, coded qualitative data, and presented research for the Annual Aresty Undergraduate Research Symposium

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Sep. 2021 – Present

**Learning Assistant Program**

Rutgers Learning Center

Rutgers University – New Brunswick

- Apply pedagogical concepts to facilitate weekly, 80-minute review sessions, respond swiftly to confusion during lectures, and encourage effective studying techniques for Abnormal Psychology sections of 250+ students

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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May 2021 – Aug. 2021

### **Office for Diversity and Academic Success in the Sciences**

Rutgers University – New Brunswick

- Applied for grants, wrote articles, analyzed data, and transcribed educational videos for organization initiatives

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2022

### **Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology**

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

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Aug. 2022

### **CITI Certification (Human Research – Basic Course)**

Rutgers University

- Course Learner Group: Social/Behavioral/Epidemiologic Research Investigators

Apr. 2022

### **CITI Certification (Human Research – Basic Course)**

New York State Psychiatric Institute

- Course Learner Group: Social and Behavioral Researchers and Key Personnel

### **CITI Certification (Good Clinical Practice – Basic Course)**

New York State Psychiatric Institute

- Course Learner Group: GCP for Clinical Trials with Investigational Drugs and Medical Devices (U.S. FDA Focus)

## **SKILLS**

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R, Qualtrics, SPSS, Microsoft Applications, Google Applications