

Curriculum vitae

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PhD candidate

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Work experience

Since 01/2023 PhD candidate at the University Hospital of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Research Department, Bern (CH)
PhD project: "Dimensional conceptualisations of personality pathology in adolescence: structure, correlates, and psychopathological significance."

09/2022-12/2022 Research assistant at the University Hospital of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Research Department, Bern (CH)

12/2020-08/2022 Intern at the University Hospital of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Research Department, Bern (CH)

09/2019-09/2020 Research assistant at the Unit for Social and Community Psychiatry, ELFT NHS London, Queen Mary University, England (UK)
Research project: 'SCENE' – A multi-site randomised controlled trial evaluating the effectiveness of a psychosocial intervention designed to expand social networks in patients with psychosis to improve quality of life and health outcomes.

12/2019-09/2020 Honorary assistant psychologist at the male inpatient unit at Newham Centre for Mental Health (Newham Hospital), ELFT NHS East London, England, (UK)
Facilitated group Cognitive Behavioural Therapy to patients on the ward

08/2018-06/2019 Research assistant at Orygen Youth Health, Melbourne University (AU)
Research project: 'Verbtain' – a clinical randomised controlled trial evaluating the effectiveness of Aripiprazole (antipsychotic medication) for the reduction of auditory verbal hallucinations in adolescents also diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder.

Education

09/2020-07/2022 Master of Science in Clinical Applications of Psychology, Newman University Birmingham (UK) (Master thesis: *Exploring the relationship between dimensionally conceptualised personality pathology and problematic social media use in adolescents*); Distinction.

03/2010-12/2016 Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) at Griffith University, Gold Coast Campus (AU)
Honours thesis: Associations between components of flow and positive experiences within meditation

Publications

Thomson, M., Cavelti, M., Lerch, S., Reichl, C., Mürner-Lavanchy, I., Koenig, J., Moran, P., & Kaess, M. (2023). Is a brief screen for personality disorder clinically useful for the detection of impairment in personality functioning in adolescents? *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research and Treatment*. 14(3), 300–308. <https://doi.org/10.1037/per0000583>

Thomson, M., Kaess, M. The Search for Disorder-Specific Neural Characteristics in Borderline Personality Disorder-Beyond Generalized Emotion Dysregulation. *Biol Psychiatry Cogn Neurosci Neuroimaging*. 2022 Nov;7(11):1051-1052. doi: [10.1016/j.bpsc.2022.09.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bpsc.2022.09.010) PMID: 36344037

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