

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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HIGHER EDUCATION

- 09 2007 – present **Ph.D. (in progress), Clinical Psychology**, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby B.C.
Ph.D. Thesis Title: *Identity formation and psychosocial functioning in teens and young adults with and without high-functioning autism.*
Supervisor: Grace Iarocci, Ph.D., R. Psych. & Jeremy Carpendale, Ph.D.
- 09 2005 – 08 2007 **Post-Baccalaureate Diploma Program**,
Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.
- 10 2001 – 08 2005 **Diploma in Psychology (M.A. equivalent)**, Humboldt University at Berlin
Thesis Title: *Motivational orientations and their relations to identity status, epistemic cognition, and adolescents' perceptions of parenting.*
Supervisor: Tobias Krettenauer, Ph.D.
Diploma examinations completed March 2005.
- 09 2003 – 08 2004 **International Student Exchange Program** at University of British Columbia,
Research-project with Charlotte Johnston, Ph.D., at the University of British Columbia; Graduate Courses in Clinical Psychology and Family Studies
- 10 1998 – 09 2001 **Prediploma in Psychology (B.A. equivalent)**, Humboldt University at Berlin,
Germany. Prediploma examinations completed February 2001.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 09 2012 – 08 2013 **Marilyn Bowman Graduate Scholarship**
- 09 2011 – 12 2011 **SFU President's PhD Research Stipend**
- 08 2008 – 08 2011 **Autism Research Training Scholarship**
- 08 2008 – 08 2011 **Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)**
- 09 2008 – 08 2011 **Michael Smith Senior Graduate Studentship (MSFHR)**
- 09 2007 – 08 2008 **Pacific Century Graduate Scholarship**
awarded by the Province of BC through the Ministry of Advanced Education
- 09 2007 – 08 2008 **SFU Graduate Fellowship**
- 09 2003 – 08 2004 **International Student Exchange Program Scholarship**
awarded by Humboldt University at Berlin

BOOK CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS

Elfers, T., Martin, J., & Sokol, B. W. (2011). Perspective taking: A review of research and theory extending Selman's developmental perspective. In M.E. Weinstein (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology Research*, 237-270, Nova Science Publishers. (Original work published 2008)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Iarocci, G., Yager, J., & **Elfers, T.** (2007). What gene-environment interactions can tell us about social competence in typical and atypical populations, *Brain and Cognition*, 65(1), 112-127.
- Martin, J., Sokol, B. W., & **Elfers, T.** (2008). Taking and coordinating perspectives: From prereflective interactivity, through reflective intersubjectivity, to metareflective sociality, *Human Development*, 51, 294-317.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

- Rombough, A., Hurd, K., Pederson, C., **Elfers, T.**, Iarocci, G., & Yager, J. (2008, May). *Fear of negative close versus public social judgement in mothers of children with autism spectrum disorders*. Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research, London, UK.
- Hammond, S., **Elfers, T.**, Huerta, S., & Sokol, B.W. (2007, November). *Empathy, agency, and the „rules“ of inter-personal engagement*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Association for Moral Education, New York, N.Y.
- Elfers, T.**, Huerta, S., Hammond, S., McKenzie, S., Siddall, J., & Sokol, B.W. (2007, November). *Children's social cognition, moral emotion attribution, and prosocial behavior*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of Association for Moral Education, New York, N.Y.
- Hammond, S., **Elfers, T.**, Huerta-Kralj, S., & Sokol, B. W. (2007, June). *Social interaction, empathy and concern for others: Exploring contexts of care*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Amsterdam.
- Martin, J., Sokol, B. W., & **Elfers, T.** (2007, June). *From positions to persons through perspectives: Extending Selman's stage theory of perspective taking*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Amsterdam.
- Elfers, T.**, Seipp, C. M., & Krettenauer, T. (2007, March). *Adolescents' epistemic cognition and perceptions of parenting in relation to motivational orientations*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston.
- Huerta-Kralj, S., **Elfers, T.**, & Sokol, B. W. (2007, March). *Children's willingness to share: The role of interpretive understanding & attributions of moral emotions in prosocial behavior*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston.
- Elfers, T.**, & Krettenauer, T. (2006, June). *Motivational orientations and their relations to identity status in adolescence*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Baltimore, MD.
- Krettenauer, T., & **Elfers, T.** (2005, April). *On the objectivity of moral rules and the subjectivity of facts: Development of metaethical understanding in the adolescent years*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta.
- Elfers, T.**, Seipp, C. M., & Johnston, C. (2005, August). *Sons' perceptions of maternal responsiveness: Links to child behavior*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISING EXPERIENCE

- 07 2011 – present **Undergraduate supervision** provided to 4 volunteers for my dissertation project, including training on screening interviews and data preparation.
- 09 2008 – present **Clinical Supervision** of 4 junior clinical graduate students in intake shifts
- 09 2007 – 04 2008 **Tutorial Instructor** - PSYC250: Child Development (2 terms)
- 09 2001 – 04 2005 **Undergraduate supervision** provided to an undergraduate student at Humboldt University whose Honour's thesis was an add-on to my M.A. level thesis.

POSITIONS HELD

- 09 2012 – present **Teaching Assistant**
Clinical Psychology Centre at SFU
- 07 2005 – 05 2007 **Research Assistant**
Developmental Social Cognition Lab, SFU, Dr. B. Sokol
- 07 2005 – 09 2007 **Research Assistant**
Autism and Developmental Disorder Lab, SFU, Dr. G. Iarocci
- 09 2006 – 04 2007 **Research Assistant**
Perspective Taking Development Project, SFU, Dr. J. Martin