

Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 -** **Assistant Professor**, Vanderbilt University
Department of Psychology, Nashville, TN
- 2021 - 2023** **Assistant Research Professor**, University of Missouri
Department of Psychological Sciences, Columbia, MO
- 2018 - 2021** **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, University of Missouri
Department of Psychological Sciences, Columbia, MO

EDUCATION

2014 - 2018

- 2013 Distinguished Contribution, *Society for the Science of Clinical Psychology*
2011 Judge Horace B. Russell Prize, *University of Georgia*

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2023-2026 R00AA028306
Resolving Sources of Heterogeneity and Comorbidity in Alcohol Use Disorder (R00)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
Role: Principal Investigator, Effort: 75%
Proposed Project Dates: 05/01/23–04/30/26
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76. Waldman, I.D., King, C., Poore, H.E., Luningham, J., ... **Watts, A.L.**, ... & Zald, D. (*in press*). Recommendations for adjudicating among alternative structural models of psychopathology. *Clinical Psychological Science*. Citations: 3

75. Lenzenweger, M.F., Patrick, C.J., **Watts, A.L.**, Litzman, R.D., & Depue, R.A. (*in press*). Reflections on the personality and psychopathology interface in honor of Scott O. Lilienfeld: Toward illuminating the nature of the processes underlying personality disturbances. *Clinical Psychological Science*. [PDF] Citations: 0

74. Brusco, M., Steinley, D.L., & **Watts, A.L.** (*in press*). A comparison of spectral clustering and the walktrap algorithm for community detection in network psychometrics. *Psychological Methods*. [PREPRINT] [PDF] Citations: 3

2023 73. **Watts, A.L.**, Ringwald, W.*, Greene, A.L.*, Forbes, M.K.*, Brandes, C.M.*, Levin-Aspenson, H.*, & Delawalla, C.* (2023). Factor analysis in personality disorders research: Modern issues and illustrations of practical recommendations. *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*, 14, 105-117. [PREPRINT] Citations: 5

* equal contribution



72. De Los Reyes, A., Epkins, C.C., Asmundson, G.J.G., Augenstein, T.M., Becker, K.D., Becker, S.P., ... & Youngstrom, E.A. (2023). Editorial statement about JCCAP's 2023 special issue on informant discrepancies in youth mental health assessments: Observations, guidelines, and future directions grounded in 60 years of research. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, 52, 147-158. [PDF] Citations: 3

71. Murphy, B.A., **Watts, A.L.**, Baker, Z.G., Don, B.P., Jolink, T.A., & Algoe, S.B. (2023). The Basic Psychological Need Satisfaction and Frustration Scales probably do not validly measure

58. Greene, A.L., **Watts, A.L.**, Forbes, M.K., Kotov, R., Krueger, R.F., & Eaton, N.R. (2022). Misbegotten methodologies and forgotten lessons from Tom Swift's electric factor analysis machine: A demonstration with competing structural models of psychopathology. *Psychological Methods*. [PREPRINT] [PDF] Citations:121
57. **Watts, A.L.**, Makol, B.A., Palumbo, I.M., De Los Reyes, A., Olin, T.M., Latzman, R.D., DeYoung, C.G., Wood, P.K., & Sher, K.J. (2022). How robust is the p factor? Using multitrait-multimethod modeling to inform the meaning of general factors of youth psychopathology. *Clinical Psychological Science*, 10, 640–661. [OSF] [PDF] Citations:12
56. Mullins-Sweatt, S.N., Bornovalova, M.A., Carragher, N., Clark, L.A., Espinosa, A.C., ... &

49. Dick, A.S., Lopez, D.A., **Watts, A.L.**, Heeringa, S., ... & Thompson, W.K. (2021). Meaningful effects in the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study. *Neuroimage*, 118262. [PREPRINT] [PDF] 2021 IF: 7.024 Citations:117
48. Forbes, M.K., Greene, A.L., Levin-Aspenson, H.F., **Watts, A.L.**, Hallquist, M., ... & Krueger, R.F. (2021). Three recommendations based on a comparison of the reliability and validity of the predominant models used in research on the empirical structure of psychopathology. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 130, 297-317. [PREPRINT] [PDF] 2021 IF: 6.542 Citations:53
47. Littlefield, A.K., Lane, S.P., Gette, J.A., **Watts, A.L.**, & Sher, K.J. (2021). The “Big Everything”: Integrating and investigating dimensional models of psychopathology, personality, and intelligence. *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, & Treatment*, 12, 103–114. [PDF] 2021 IF: 3.721 Citations:13
46. Patrick, C.J., Joyner, K.J., **Watts, A.L.**, [...] & Krueger, R.F. (2021). Latent variable modeling of item-based factor scales: Comment on triarchic or septarchic? Uncovering the Triarchic Psychopathy Measure (TriPM) structure by Roy et al. *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, & Treatment*, 12, 16-23. [PDF] 2021 IF: 3.721 Citations:13
- 2020 45. **Watts, A.L.**, Lane, S.P., Bonifay, W., Steinley, D., & Meyer, F.A.C. (2020). Building theories on top of, and not independent of, statistical models: The case of the p -factor. *Psychological Inquiry*, 31, 310-320. [PREPRINT] [PDF] 2020 IF:

32. Bowes, S.M. ¹, **Watts, A.L.**, Lilienfeld, S.O., & Thompson, W.W. (2019). Clarifying the association between psychopathy dimensions and internalizing symptoms in two community samples: The role of general personality. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 47, 144-155. [PDF] 2019 IF: 2.624 Citations: 10
31. Marcus, D.K., Eichenbaum, A.E., Anderson, A.E., Zimmerman, J.A., Nagel, M.G., Ziegler-Hill, V., **Watts, A.L.**, & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2019). Construction and ~~pre~~3-1 -

23. Costello, T.H., Unterberger, A. , **Watts, A.L.**, & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2018). Psychopathy and pride: Testing Lykken's hypothesis regarding the implications of fearlessness for prosocial and antisocial behavior. *Frontiers in Psychology, 9*, 185. [\[PDF\]](#) 2018 IF: 2.16 Citations: 40
22. Nagel, M.G. , **Watts, A.L.**, Murphy, B.A., & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2018). Psychopathy and interests: Implications of psychopathic personality traits for vocational and avocational preferences. *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, & Treatment, 9*, 484-489. [\[PDF\]](#) 2018 IF: 4.517 Citations: 9
21. Verschuere, B., van Ghesel Grothe, S., Waldorp, L.,

Misconceptions regarding psychopathic personality: Implications for clinical practice and research. *Neuropsychiatry*, 3

mentees are underlined, with ^a denoting graduate and ^b denoting undergraduate.

Watts, A.L., Greene, A.L., Bonifay, W., & Fried, E. (*revise & resubmit*). A critical evaluation of the *p*-factor literature. *Nature Reviews Psychology*.

Watts, A.L., Brusco, M., Steinley, D.L., Heath, A.C., & Sher, K.J. (*under review*). **Including abstainers** conflates drug consumption and addiction and produces

psychopathology's basic building blocks. Department of Psychology, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

Watts, A.L. (January, 2022). Embracing the complexity: A data-driven approach to reveal psychopathology's basic building blocks. Department of Psychology, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

Watts, A.L. (November, 2021). Personality as risk for psychopathology across the lifespan. Department of Psychology, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA.

Watts, A.L. (March, 2021). Measurement & other factors that influence multidimensionality: An example with alcohol use disorder. Community for Advanced Methodological Learning in the Department of Psychology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Watts, A.L. (February, 2020). Refining psychiatric classification through the study of quantitative structural models of psychopathology across the lifespan. Department of Psychology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

Watts, A.L. (October, 2019). Structural models of psychopathology and its relation to personality across the lifespan. Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Watts, A.L., Heath, A.C., & Sher, K.J. (October, 2019). Overcontrolling researchers: Careful covariate selection and its implications for causal inference. Annual meeting of the Adolescent Brain and Cognitive Development Study, La Jolla, CA.

structure and etiology of the Big 5 personality dimensions in youth. Paper presented at the

Watts, A.L., Miller, J. D., & Jones, S. (2010, November). Psychopathy and gender: A test of Whether gender moderates the relations between psychopathy and components of its nomological network. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies in San Francisco, CA.

MENTORED PRESENTATIONS

underlined indicates mentee, with ^a denoting undergraduate and ^g denoting graduate.

Conlin, W. ^a, Megahan, J.F. ^g, Sher, K.J., & **Watts, A.L.** (2022, June). Sociodemographic differences

Unterberger, A., **Watts, A.L.**, & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2016, April). Psychopathy and pride: Implications for antisocial and prosocial behavior. Poster presented at Emory's Annual Undergraduate Research Conference.

BOOK CHAPTERS & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES_____

Watts, A.L., Helle, A.C., & Trull, T.J. (forthcoming). Personality Disorder Comorbidity. In Widiger, T. (Ed.) Oxford Handbo(o)nd

Controversies. In Craighead, E. W., Miklowitz, D. J., & Craighead, L. W. (Eds.)
Psychopathology: History, Diagnosis, and Empirical Foundations.

POPULAR PRESS PIECES

Lilienfeld, S.O., & **Watts, A.L.** (2015). Not all psychopaths are criminals- some psychopathic traits are actually linked to success. *The Conversation*. 26 January 2016.

Lilienfeld, S.O., & **Watts, A.L.** (2015). Why would anyone want to be president? *Psychological Science Weighs In*. *Politico Magazine*. 31 October 2015.

Lilienfeld, S. O., & **Watts, A. L.**

Research Assistants: JaiAnna Megahan, B.S. (2021)
Mark Doss, B.S. (2020-2022)
Kayla Osman, B.S., M.A. (2020)

Emory University

2021 - present	<i>Journal of Emotion and Psychopathology</i> , Consulting Editor
2021 - present	<i>Assessment</i> , Consulting Editor
2021 - present	<i>Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, Treatment</i> , Consulting Editor
2021 - present	<i>Clinical Psychological Science</i> , Consulting Editor
2020 - present	<i>Journal of Research in Personality</i> , Consulting Editor
2020 - present	<i>Psychology of Addictive Behaviors</i> , Principal Reviewer
2020 - 2023	<i>Journal of Personality Assessment</i> , Consulting Editor

Ad hoc Reviewing

Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science; Addictive Behaviors; Assessment; British Journal of Guidance and Counseling; Child Development; Clinical Psychological Science; Collabra: Psychology; Current Psychology; Depression and Anxiety; Drug and Alcohol Dependence; European Journal of Psychological Assessment; Identity; International Journal of Mental and Forensic Health; International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology; Journal of Abnormal Psychology; Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology; Journal of Personality; Journal of Personality Assessment; Journal of Personality Disorders; Journal of Personality and Social Psychology (Personality and Individual Differences); Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment; Journal of Research in Personality; Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; Nature Human Behavior; Neuropsychopharmacology; Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment; Personality and Individual Differences; Personality and Mental Health; Political Psychology; Psychiatry Research; Psychological Assessment; Psychological Bulletin; Psychological Medicine;

Teaching Assistant, Regression Analysis & the General Linear Model

2015 **Lab Instructor**, Regression Analysis

Lab Instructor, Intro to Research Methods

2014 **Lab Instructor**, Intro to Statistical Inference

2013 **Teaching Assistant**, Intro to Psychology

Graduate Courses

2020 **Instructor**, Philosophy of Social Science Methods

2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Regression Analysis & the General Linear Model

2016 **Teaching Assistant**, Regression Analysis & the General Linear Model

2014 **Teaching Assistant**, Psychiatric Interviewing