Macy M. Hicks

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# Education

**Master of Arts, Business Administration (MBA)** May 2025

Texas State University; San Marcos, TX

**Master of Arts, Psychological Research** May 2021

Texas State University; San Marcos, TX

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**  May 2019

Texas State University; San Marcos, TX

Magna Cum Laude

Minor in Criminal Justice

# Professional Experience

**Assistant Professor,** Department of Psychology 2024-present

**Lecturer,** Department of Psychology 2021-2024

**Graduate Instructional Assistant**, Department of Psychology 2020-2021

**Graduate Research Assistant,** Department of Psychology 2019-2020

**Learning Community for Cognitive Disabilities**, Intern 2018

# Courses Taught

Introduction to Psychology

Experimental and Research Methods

Professional Seminar

# Publications

Hicks, M., De Nadai, A., Mouton-Odum, S., Patyk, K., & Zamora, R. (2023). Latent Class

Analysis of Emotions Experienced During Compulsive Hair-Pulling Episodes. *Experimental Psychiatry and Behavioral Therapy*.

# Research Experience

**Master’s Thesis** 2020-2021

Texas State University

Advisor: Dr. Alessandro De Nadai

My master’s thesis examined trichotillomania (hair-pulling disorder)

via latent class analysis. We aimed to identify classes of people with

the disorder so that future research can further identify best practice and

treatment for each, unique class of puller.

**Graduate Research Assistant** 2019-2020

Texas State University

Advisor: Dr. Alessandro De Nadai

Supervised lab operations, assisted with grant management, and

contributed to several research projects, including those

addressing body-focused repetitive behaviors and mental health issues.

**Undergraduate Thesis** 2019

Texas State University

Advisor: Dr. Ollie Seay

# Publications

Hicks, M., Mouton-Odum, S., Patyk, K., Zamora, R., & De Nadai, A. Latent class analysis of

emotions experienced during compulsive hair-pulling episodes. *Journal of Behavioral Therapy and Experimental Psychiatry*. (2023). https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbtep.2023.101882

# Media Coverage

Ferrara, D. (2022, January 3). *Emotional Experiences During Hair Pulling: New Research*

*Insights.* TrichStop. https://www.trichstop.com/emotional-experiences-during-pulling

# Committee Service

**Undergraduate Committee,** Texas State University

**Sponsor, Living Learning Community**, Texas State University 2023

**Chair, Psychology Day Committee**, Texas State University 2023

**Psychology Day Committee**,Texas State University2022

# Additional Leadership

**Faculty Advisor, Texas State Sand Volleyball Club** 2024

Texas State University

# Clinical Experience

**Learning Community for Cognitive Disabilities** 2018

Program Director: Dr. Ollie Seay

# Professional Presentations

Hicks, M., De Nadai, A., Mouton-Odum, S., & Patyk, K. *Latent Class Analysis of Emotions*

*Experienced During Compulsive Hair-Pulling Episodes* [conference session]. International Conference on Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviors, Chicago, IL, United States (conference cancelled).

# Grant Involvement

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| K01MH122804 (PI De Nadai) |
| NIH/NIMH |
| Data Pollution in Mental Health Research |
| This project plans to develop new quantitative methods to resolve problems that are caused by measurement error and other problems with mental health data |

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| NIFA2020-01986 (MPIs De Nadai, Nason, Blankenship) | 7/1/20-5/31/24 |
| United States Department of Agriculture | $995,854 |
| Agile Interdisciplinary Mentorship in Data Science (AIM-DS): Training and Leadership Opportunities for FANH Science Students |  |
| This project seeks to provide experiential training in data science and career development support for undergraduate and graduate students |