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Personal Information

born: 15/02/1989 in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
German citizenship since 2012

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Child & Adolescent Clinical Psychology April 2021 – present
Witten/Herdecke University, Germany
Department of Psychology and Psychotherapy

Postdoctoral Scholar Jun 2020 – Dec 2020
University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Personality Processes and Outcomes Laboratory

Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar Aug 2019 – May 2020
University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Personality Processes and Outcomes Laboratory

Postdoctoral Scholar Jun 2019 – April 2021
Leibniz Institute for Resilience Research Mainz, Germany

Postdoctoral Scholar Feb 2019 – April 2021
Department of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany

Education

PhD Feb 2019
Department of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany
summa cum laude, highest distinction

Additional Training in Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy since Apr 2019
Central Institute of Mental Health
CPP Mannheim

License for Cognitive Behavioral Psychotherapy Mar 2019
Center for Psychological Psychotherapy
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany
highest distinction

Master of Science Mar 2015
Clinical and Health Psychology
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany

Bachelor of Science Dec 2012
Psychology
Minor: Cultural Anthropology
Trier University, Germany

Research Experience

Visiting Graduate Student Jan – Apr 2017
University of California, Riverside, USA
Kids Interaction and Neurodevelopment Lab, Kalina Michalska
Riverside Accuracy Project, David Funder

Visiting Graduate Student Apr 2017
National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, USA
Mood Brain and Development Unit, Argyris Stringaris

Visiting Graduate Student (part time) May 2016 – May 2017
Central Institute for Mental Health, Germany
Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Tobias Banaschewski

Visiting Graduate Student Sep 2014 – Feb 2015
Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neurosciences, King's College London, UK
Mood and Development Lab, Argyris Stringaris and Emily Simonoff

Research Assistant Oct 2013 – Nov 2014
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany
Department of Department of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology, Michèle Wessa

Student Research Assistant Jun 2010 – Jun 2012
Trier University, Germany
Department of Giftedness Research and Education, Franzis Preckel

Clinical Experience

Licensed Clinical Psychologist Mar 2021 – present
Outpatient Clinic for Children and Adolescents
Center for Psychotherapy
DGVT (German Association for CBT), Münster, Germany

Clinical Internship Oct 2016 – Feb 2019
Outpatient Clinic
Johannes Gutenberg University, Germany

Clinical Internship Apr 2015 – Apr 2016
General Psychiatry
University Medical Center Mainz, Germany

Grants, Honours and Scholarships

Best Dissertation Award 2020
Friends of the University Mainz

Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh 2019
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
(DAAD; German Academic Exchange Service)

Rosenthal Nonverbal Preconference Poster Award 2018
Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Foreign travel award 19th annual SPSP Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, USA Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD; German Academic Exchange Service)	2018
Fulbright Commission Visiting Scholars Program	2017
Graduate Student Travel Award 18th Annual Meeting of The Society for Personality and Social Psychology San Antonio, Texas, USA	2017
Gutenberg Academy for Young Researchers Junior Member	2016 – 2018
Heinrich Böll-Foundation (Green Political Foundation) Student Scholarship Research Fellowship at King's College London, United Kingdom	2010 – 2015

Editorial Board

Clinical Psychological Science Consulting Editor	Jan 2021 – present
European Journal of Personality Consulting Editor	Jan 2021 – present
Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment Consulting Editor	Jan 2021 – present

Teaching

University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Honors Thesis Quantitative Workshop/Consulting	Winter 2020
M. Sc. Psychology, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Mechanisms of Psychological Disorders, Seminar Clinical Personality Psychology, Seminar Neuropsychology, Lecture <i>one lecture given on behalf of Prof Wessa</i>	Summer 2019 Winter 2018/19 Winter 2018/19
B. Sc. Psychology, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Biology of developmental Psychopathology, Seminar A developmental perspective on our social brain, Seminar How to Design, Conduct and Report Experiments, Seminar How to Design, Conduct and Report Experiments, Seminar	Summer 2018 Winter 2017/18 Winter 2016/17 Summer 2015
Supervised Theses Marion Schmale, Sina Hoffmann, Fabrice Kleber, Alisa Düben, Victoria Ehl Anja Würth, Lara Inga Benson, Johannes Wiesner, Marie Mosebach, Lutz Felix Heil, Alexander Lucas Mancini, Annika Welchar, Mira Gollwitzer	Master Thesis Bachelor Thesis

Selected Volunteer Work

Coordinator promotion of Psychology in gymnasial curricula M-PIRIE – Mechanismen Psychischer Resilienz supported by the Robert Bosch-Foundation (35.830 Euro)	Oct 2015 – Oct 2018
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Editor

Book project in Bosnia and Herzegovina: To Je Moj Dan supported by the Friends of the Heinrich Böll-Foundation

Oct 2010 – Oct 2012

Freelance filmmaker

Media Project e.V., Wuppertal, Germany
Friends of the Heinrich Böll-Foundation
Kulturfonds Wuppertal e. V.
Fonds Soziokultur e. V.
ZDF Kleines Fernsehspiel

Feb 2006 – present

Skills

Languages

German (native), Serbo-Croatian (native), English (fluent, providing therapy sessions in English), French (conversation), Involved in the translation of the Development and Wellbeing Assessment (DAWBA) with Prof Robert Goodman (King's College London) into German

IT

R, STATA, SPSS, MPlus, AMOS, SPM 12, Excel, Inquisit, Presentation, L^AT_EX

Peer-reviewed publications

1. **Kaurin, A.**, Dombrowski, A.Y., Hallquist, M., & Wright, A.G.C. (in press). Momentary Interpersonal Processes of Suicidal Surges in Borderline Personality Disorder. *Psychological Medicine*.
<https://psyarxiv.com/es35w/>
2. **Kaurin, A.**, Wright, A.G.C., Cohen, S. & Kamarck, T. (in press). Daily Stress Reactivity: The Unique Roles of Personality and Social Context. *Journal of Personality*. <https://osf.io/74u36>
3. **Kaurin, A.**, Sequeira, S. L., Ladouceur, C.D., McKone, K.M.P., Rosen, D., Jones, N., Wright, A.G.C., & Jennifer S. Silk. (in press). Modeling Sensitivity to Social Threat in Adolescent Girls: A Psychoneurometric Approach. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.
Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/489k3/>
4. Lois, G., Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa, M. (2020). Altered Neural Responses to Social Fairness in Bipolar Disorder. *Neuroimage: Clinical*. 28, 102487.
5. Michel-Kröhler, A., **Kaurin, A.**, Heil, L., & Berti, S. (in press). Self-Distancing as a Strategy to Regulate Affect and Aggressive Behavior in Athletes: An Experimental Approach to Explore Emotion Regulation in the Laboratory. *Frontiers*.
6. **Kaurin, A.**, Joseph E. Beeney, Stephanie D. Stepp, Lori N. Scott, William C. Woods, Paul A. Pilkonis & Aidan G. Wright, & (2020). Attachment and Borderline Personality Disorder: Differential Effects on Daily Socio-Affective Processes. *Affective Science*. 117-127. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42761-020-00017-7>
Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/fncjg/>
7. Wright, G. C. & **Kaurin, A.**(2020). Integrating Structure and Function in Conceptualizing and Assessing Pathological Traits. *Psychopathology*. 53:189–197. <https://doi.org/10.1159/000507590>
Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/6fe9d/>
8. **Kaurin, A.**, & Funder, D. (2018). From situational perceptions to interpersonal dynamics. *European Journal of Personality*. 32 (5), 554-556. <https://doi.org/10.1002/per.2155>

9. **Kaurin, A.**, Heil, L., Wessa, M., Egloff, B., & Hirschmüller, S. (2018). Selfies reflect actual personality – just like portraits, full-body images and videos in standardized in-lab conditions. *Journal of Research in Personality*. 76, 154-164. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrp.2018.08.007>
10. **Kaurin, A.**, Sauerberger, K., & Funder, D. (2018). Associations between Informant Ratings of Personality Disorder Traits, Self-reports of Personality and Directly Observed Behavior. *Journal of Personality*. 86, 1078-1101. [10.1111/jopy.12376](https://doi.org/10.1111/jopy.12376)
11. **Kaurin, A.**, Schönfelder, S. & Wessa, M. (2018). Self-compassion buffers the link between self-criticism and depression in trauma-exposed firefighters. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*. 65, 453-462. [10.1037/cou0000275](https://doi.org/10.1037/cou0000275)
12. **Kaurin, A.**, Egloff, B., Stringaris, A. & Wessa, M. (2016). Only complementary voices tell the truth: A reevaluation of validity in multi-informant approaches. *Journal of Neural Transmission*, 123, 981–990. [10.1007/s00702-016-1543-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00702-016-1543-4)
13. Bossert, M., **Kaurin, A.**, Preckel, F. & Frings, C. (2014). Response-compatibility effects in children. *European Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 11(1), 90-101. [10.1080/17405629.2013.819286](https://doi.org/10.1080/17405629.2013.819286)

Manuscripts Currently Under Review

14. **Kaurin, A.**, Dombrowski, A.Y., Hallquist, M., & Wright, A.G.C. (Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Abnormal Psychology). Daily Suicidal Surge and Attempted Suicide in Borderline Personality Disorder. <https://psyarxiv.com/hswea/>
15. Woody, M. L., **Kaurin, A.**, McKone, K.M.P., Ladouceur, C.D. & Silk, J.S. (revise and resubmit at the Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry). Displays of Negative Facial Affect during Parent-Adolescent Conflict and the Bidirectional Transmission of Social Anxiety.
16. **Kaurin, A.**, Dombrowski, A.Y., Hallquist, M., & Wright, A.G.C. (invited paper at Behavior Research and Therapy). Integrating a Functional View on Suicide Risk into Idiographic Statistical Models.
17. **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa, M. (under review). Children’s emotional and peer problems are perceived accurately at zero-acquaintance. <https://osf.io/uqvwz/>
18. Jungmann, S. M., Wagner, L., Klein, M., & **Kaurin, A.** (Revise and Resubmit at Clinical Psychology in Europe). Functional Somatic Symptoms and Emotion Regulation in Children and Adolescents.

Conference contributions

1. **Kaurin, A.**, Dombrowski, A.Y., Hallquist, M. N., & Wright, A.G.C. (Oct 2020). Modelling Suicidality in response to Daily Interpersonal Stress using Real-Time Micro-Trajectories. In Kaurin, A. & Coppersmith, D. (Chairs), Nock, M. K. (Discussant): Real-Time Monitoring of Suicide Risk To Understand, Predict, and Prevent Suicide. 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
2. **Kaurin, A.**, Pilkonis, P. A., & Wright, A.G.C. (cancelled due to COVID-19). Attachment and Borderline Personality Disorder: Differential Effects on Daily Socio-Affective Processes. In Kaurin, A. & Edershire. E. A.(Chairs), Pincus, A. L. (Discussant): Momentary interpersonal processes of antagonism and related personality disorders. Annual Meeting of the North American Society for the Study of Personality Disorders, Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
3. Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, Witthöft, M., Bräscher, A., & Wessa (2019). Latent change trajectories of subjective stress throughout cognitive-behavioral therapy: Evidence for a transdiagnostic construct. 9th World Congress of Behavioural and Cognitive Therapies.

4. Lois, G., Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa (2019). Neural basis of ambiguous unfairness in Bipolar Disorder: an fMRI study using the Ultimatum Game. 45th Annual Meeting “Psychologie und Gehirn”.
5. **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa (2019). Endokrinologische und subjektive Stressreaktionen zur Erfassung der Effektivität von Emotionsregulation bei Kindern. Talk at the 11. Workshopkongress für Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie und 37. Symposium der Fachgruppe Klinische Psychologie der DGPs.
6. **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa (2019). Wie wir klinisch relevante Merkmale von Kindern und Jugendlichen wahrnehmen. Poster at the 11. Workshopkongress für Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie und 37. Symposium der Fachgruppe Klinische Psychologie der DGPs.
7. Lois, G., Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa (2019). Neural basis of ambiguous unfairness in Bipolar Disorder: an fMRI study using the Ultimatum Game. 45th Annual Meeting “Psychologie und Gehirn”.
8. **Kaurin, A.**, Wessa, M., Egloff, B., & Hirschmüller, S. (2018, September). Individual differences in the expression of stress: A time-series analysis. Poster at the 51st DGPs-Kongress, Frankfurt.
9. Heil, L., **Kaurin, A.**, Wessa, M., Egloff, B., & Hirschmüller, S. (2018, September). Was uns Selfies über Persönlichkeit verraten. Poster at the 51st DGPs-Kongress, Frankfurt.
10. **Kaurin, A.**, Sauerberger, K., & Funder, D. (2018). Associations between Informant Ratings of Personality Disorder Traits, Self-reports of Personality and Directly Observed Behavior. Poster at the 19th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, USA.
11. **Kaurin, A.**, Heil, L., Egloff, B., Wessa, M., & Hirschmüller, S. (2018, March). Selfies reflect actual personality – just like photos or short videos in standardized lab conditions. Poster. Non-Verbal Preconference of the 19th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, USA.
12. Lois, G., Schneider, E. E., **Kaurin, A.**, & Wessa, M. (2017, October). Neural basis of perceived unfairness in Bipolar Disorder: an fMRI study using the Ultimatum Game. Poster at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroeconomics, Toronto, Canada.
13. **Kaurin, A.**, Müller, H., Schunk, D., Dziobek, I., & Wessa, M. (2017, January). To perceive is to suffer? Associations of empathy and negative affectivity. Poster at the 18th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX, USA.
14. **Kaurin, A.**, Mikita, N., Hollocks, M., Carter Leno, V., Aslani, A., Papadopoulos, A. S., Harrison, S., Vidal-Ribas Belil, P., Mc Duff, D., Simonoff, E. & Stringaris, A. (2016, May).
15. **Kaurin, A.**, Mikita, N., Hollocks, M., Carter Leno, V., Aslani, A., Papadopoulos, A. S., Harrison, S., Vidal-Ribas Belil, P., Mc Duff, D., Simonoff, E. & Stringaris, A. (2016, March/April). A human and machine based observational approach in ASD. Talk at the 2nd World Conference on Personality Psychology, Búzios, Brazil. Verhaltensbeobachtung und computerbasierte Affekterkennung im Rahmen der Angstdiagnostik bei Kindern und Jugendlichen mit Autismus-Spektrum-Störungen. Poster beim 34. Symposium der Fachgruppe Klinische Psychologie und Psychotherapie der DGPs, Bielefeld.
16. **Kaurin, A.**, Mikita, N., Hollocks, M., Carter Leno, V., Aslani, A., Papadopoulos, A. S., Harrison, S., Vidal-Ribas Belil, P., Mc Duff, D., Simonoff, E. & Stringaris, A. (2016, January). Unlocking anxiety expressions in Autism Spectrum Disorders: combining human and computer-based approaches for the assessment of anxiety and biological stress responses. Poster at the 17th Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, USA.

Reviewer for _____

Psychological Medicine
 Clinical Psychological Science
 Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry
 Behaviour Research and Therapy
 Addictive Behaviors

Biological Psychology
Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders
European Journal of Psychological Assessment
Frontiers Psychology
Journal of Personality Assessment
Journal of Research in Personality

References

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