# CURRICULUM VITA

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# Education

2012 – on-going PhD student, Human Development, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

2006 – 2010 BA in Psychology and Neuroscience, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.

**Awards and Fellowships**

2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Recipient, Cornell University

2013 Kinsey Institute Grant Award Recipient, Cornell University

2013 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention, Cornell University

2012-2013 University Fellowship, Cornell University

2010 Cum Laude Latin Honors, Wellesley College

2009 Psi Chi Honors Society Membership, Wellesley College

**Ongoing Projects**

Merrill, S.M. & Savin-Williams, R. (In Preparation). As you like it: A theory on the evolutionary significance of female sexual fluidity.

Merrill, S.M. & Hazan, C. (In Preparation). What’s your type?: Development of idiosyncratic differences in evaluations of attraction.

Merrill, S.M., Hazan, C., Depue, R., & Zayas, V. (In Preparation). Neurochemical processes underlying the role of sex in infatuation and attachment.

**Research Experience**

Graduate Student, Adult Attachment Lab, Cornell University

August 2013 - Present

Graduate Student, Sex and Gender Lab, Cornell University

August 2012 - Present

Research Coordinator, Wellesley College Psychology Department

August 2010-July 2012

Research Assistant, Wellesley College Psychology Department, Dr. Jonathan Cheek

May 2011- July 2012

Assistant, Wellesley College Child Study Center

September 2009-May 2010

Research Assistant, Harvard University Psychology Department, Implicit Social Cognition Laboratory

October 2011-July 2012

**Conference Presentations**

Merrill, S. M., Hazan, C., Laurita, A. C., Surenkok, G., Fletcher, K., Zayas, V. (May, 2014). Sex is good: Sexual behavior as a marker of adult attachment. Presented at the Association for Psychological Science Conference Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Laurita, A. C., Hazan, C., Merrill, S. M., Surenkok, G., Zayas, V. (May, 2014). Feels like home to me: Behavioral and emotional markers of attachment. Presented at the Association for Psychological Science Conference Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Surenkok, G., Hazan, C., Merrill, S. M., Laurita, A. C., Massaro, D., Zayas, V. (May, 2014). We’re better together: How long-versus-short term couples respond to separation. Presented at the Association for Psychological Science Conference Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Merrill, S. M., Staffaroni, L. M., & Cheek, J. M. (March, 2011). In Your Wildest Dreams: The Effect of Sexual Orientation on Women’s Sexual Fantasies. Poster session presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference. Cambridge, MA.

Cheek, J. M., McCracken, C., Merrill, S. M., & Norem, J. K. (January, 2012). Personality and Female Sexuality: Maslow‘s Research on Dominance-Feeling Revisited. Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference. San Diego, CA.

**Journal Reviews**

2014 Student Reviewer for Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

2013 Student Reviewer for Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

**Professional Memberships**

American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (student member)

Association for Psychological Science (student member)

International Academy of Sex Research (student member)

Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality (student member)

**Teaching Experience**

Guest Lecturer, Human Bonding, Cornell University

Guest Lecturer, Adolescence, Cornell University

Guest Lecturer, Adolescent Sexuality, Cornell University

Guest Lecturer, Racial and Ethnic Identity Development, Cornell University

Teaching Assistant, Racial and Ethnic Identity Development, Cornell University

Teaching Assistant, Human Bonding, Cornell University

Teaching Assistant, Human Sexuality, Wellesley College

Guest Lecturer, Behavioral Genetics, Wellesley College

Guest Lecturer, Research Methods, Wellesley College