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## EDUCATION

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- 2022      **Doctor of Philosophy**, School/Applied Child Psychology, McGill University (Montreal)  
Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, Faculty of Education
- 2013      **Master of Arts**, Psychology, New York University  
Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Science
- 2011      **Honors Bachelor of Science**, Psychology Specialist Program, University of Toronto  
Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Science

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Academic Appointments

- July 2024 -    **Assistant Professor**, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts)  
Department of Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology  
Lynch School of Education and Human Development  
Director: Intersections Lab
- 2022-2024    **Postdoctoral Researcher**, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Psychiatry  
Regulation of Emotions in Autistic Adults, Children, and Teens (REAACT) Lab  
NIMH Autism Center of Excellence (Principal Investigator: Carla Mazefsky, PhD)
- 2019-2020    **Doctoral Intern in Health Service Psychology (Pediatrics)**, Emory University  
Clinical Internship Sites: Marcus Autism Center & Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

### Pre-Doctoral Research Positions

- 2020-2022    **Research Associate**, Emory University, Department of Pediatrics (Atlanta, Georgia)  
Marcus Autism Center, NIMH Autism Center of Excellence (PIs: Ami Klin, PhD, Warren  
Jones, PhD, Cheryl Klaiman, PhD)
- 2015-2022    **Doctoral Student**, McGill University, Department of Educational & Counseling  
Psychology Primary lab: Behavior, Autism & NeuroDevelopment (BAND) Lab (PI:  
Eve-Marie Quintin, PhD); Secondary lab: McGill Youth Study Team (PI: Jacob A.  
Burack, PhD)
- 2013-2015    **Research Coordinator**, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, University of Toronto

Division of Mood & Anxiety Disorders (PI: Arun Ravindran, MBBS, PhD)

2013-2014 **Research Assistant**, The Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto  
Anxiety Disorders Program (PIs: Katharina Manassis, MD) & Neuropsychiatry Program  
(PI: Jennifer Crosbie, PhD)

2012 **Research Assistant**, New York State Psychiatric Institute, Columbia University  
Pediatric Anxiety and Mood Research Center (PI: Anthony Puliafico, PhD)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Autism, neurodevelopmental differences, and neurodiversity; social-emotional, behavioral, and mental health; intersectional identities; disparities in accessible and affirming care; developmental and lifespan approaches

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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2020-2021 **COVID-19 Research Grant**, Autism Science Foundation  
Title: "Comparison of telehealth versus gold-standard/standard-of-care protocols for the diagnostic assessment of autism spectrum disorder"  
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor: Cheryl Klaiman, PhD)  
Amount: \$3500 USD

2017-2020 **Doctoral Research Fellowship**, Joseph-Armand Bombardier Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)  
Title: "Multimodal emotion recognition in autism spectrum disorder: The case of music, face, and voice"  
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor: Eve-Marie Quintin, PhD)  
Amount: \$116,667 CAD

2016-2017 **Graduate Research Grant**, Organization for Autism Research  
Title: "Multimodal emotion recognition in autism spectrum disorder: The case of music, face, and voice"  
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor: Eve-Marie Quintin, PhD)  
Amount: \$2000 USD

2015-2018 **Graduate Dean's Award in Education**, Faculty of Education, McGill University  
Amount: \$45,000 CAD

2015-2016 **Graduate Excellence Award in Educational and Counseling Psychology**  
Faculty of Education, McGill University  
Amount: \$10,000 CAD

## AWARDS & HONORS

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- 2024 **Postdoctoral Research Conference Poster Award**, University of Pittsburgh, \$500 in professional development funds
- 2021 **Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award**, McGill University, \$175 CAD
- 2017 **Best Poster–Honorable Mention**, Kids Brain Health Network (KBHN), Brain-Child-Partners Conference (Canada)
- 2017 **Travel Award**, KBHN Brain-Child-Partners Conference, \$600 CAD
- 2016-2018 **Canadian Autism Research Training Program**, Doctoral Research Trainee, approximately \$4000 CAD to cover summer school fees (x3)
- 2016 **Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award**, McGill University, \$460 CAD
- 2016 **Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Fellowship–McGill University Finalist**
- 2016 **PhD Research Proposal Award**, Education Graduate Students Society, McGill University, \$250 CAD
- 2013 **MA Scholar Award**, Department of Psychology, New York University

## **TEACHING & MENTORSHIP**

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### Courses/Curricula

- Fall 2024* **Multicultural Issues**, Masters in Mental Health Counseling Program, Boston College  
Instructor, graduate level course
- 2023 **Autism Center of Excellence Health Disparities Summer Internship Program**  
Center for Excellence in Autism Research, University of Pittsburgh  
*Co-Led with Kristen MacKenzie, PhD*
- 2018-2019 **Practicum: Clinical Supervision**, School/Applied Child Psychology, McGill University  
Student Clinical Supervisor for first-year assessment practicum (one full semester)
- Winter 2018 **Practicum 2: School/Applied Child Psychology**, McGill University  
Teaching Assistant, advanced graduate level assessment practicum
- Fall 2018 **Multiculturalism and Gender**, Counseling Psychology Program, McGill University  
Teaching Assistant, graduate level course
- Fall 2012 **Developmental Psychology**, Department of Psychology, New York University  
Adjunct Instructor for undergraduate level course

### Research Student/Assistant Supervision

- Aug 2024 – Samantha Martin, MA, Doctoral Student in Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology, Boston College
- 2024 Xiaoran Chen, Undergraduate Student, Boston College  
Elizabeth Rutenberg, Undergraduate Honors Student, University of Pittsburgh  
Sarah Brammell, BS, Research Specialist, University of Pittsburgh
- 2023-2024 Mario Crown, BA, Research Specialist, University of Pittsburgh  
Anabelle Theodat, BA, Research Specialist, University of Pittsburgh  
Autumn Parson, MA, Research Specialist, University of Pittsburgh
- 2020-2022 Hannah Tokish, BA, Research Specialist, Donald J. Cohen Fellowship, Emory University  
Emma McQueen, BA, Research Specialist, Donald J. Cohen Fellowship, Emory University  
Asha Rudrabhatla, BA, Research Specialist, Education Sciences Fellowship, Emory University

### Clinical Trainings & Invited Guest Lectures

- May 2024 “Autism assessment and interventions for co-occurring mental health challenges”  
Presentation for Bellefield Outpatient Program clinicians at their annual retreat  
Western Behavioral Health, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
- April 2024 “Differential diagnosis of irritability and mania among autistic people”  
University of Pittsburgh’s NIMH Autism Center of Excellence study clinicians
- Nov 2023 “Autism assessment and interventions for co-occurring mental health challenges”  
Lecture for PGY-5 psychiatry residents, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh
- Oct 2023 “Person perception and attributional styles: Mental health and clinical implications”  
Social Psychology, undergraduate course, Department of Psychology, Susquehanna University
- 2023 Clinical Training: MINI International Neuropsychiatric Interview  
University of Pittsburgh’s NIMH Autism Center of Excellence study clinicians
- 2021 Clinical Training: Cognitive Measures (DP-4, DAYC-2, ASQ-3)  
Training for clinical interns and research fellows at the Marcus Autism Center
- 2020 Clinical Training: Vineland-3  
Training for clinical interns and research fellows at the Marcus Autism Center

*Co-Led with Dr. Elizabeth Hunt, PhD and Dr. Kirsten Railey, PhD*

- 2017 “Multimodal emotion recognition in autism spectrum disorder: The case of music, face, and voice” School/Applied Psychology Program Brown Bag Lecture, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, McGill University
- 2016, 2017 “Use of the WISC-V in cognitive assessment of children”  
Guest lecture for Theories of Human Development, graduate level seminar  
Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, McGill University
- Fall 2012 “Childhood and adolescent depression”  
Guest Lecture for Developmental Psychology, undergraduate class  
Department of Psychology, New York University

## **FORMAL CLINICAL TRAINING**

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- 2022-2024 **Postdoctoral Psychology Fellow (Autism)**, University of Pittsburgh, Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders (Child autism assessment; Supervisors: Cathryn Lehman, PhD, Stephanie Fox, PhD); REAACT Lab (Psychiatric interview and suicide risk assessment for autistic adults in ACE Research Study; Supervisor: Holly Gastgeb, PhD)
- 2020-2022 **Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) Child Therapist**, Marcus Autism Center CBT Clinic, individual and group therapy (Supervisor: Christa Aoki, PhD)
- 2019-2020 **Doctoral Intern in Health Service Psychology**, Emory University School of Medicine  
Major Rotation: Clinical Assessment and Diagnostics, Marcus Autism Center (MAC)  
Minor Rotations: RUBI Parent Training, MAC, & Pediatric Neuropsychological Assessment, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (Internship Director: Laura Dilly, PhD)
- 2018-2019 **Clinical Extern – Adolescent CBT Therapist**, Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, QC  
Teenage Health Unit, Herzl Family Medicine Practice (Supervisor: Perry Adler, PhD)
- 2017-2018 **Assessment Practicum Student**, McGill University Psychoeducational and Counseling Clinic Child Assessment Practicum 2 (Supervisor: Eve-Marie Quintin, PhD)
- 2016-2017 **Assessment Practicum Student**, McGill University Psychoeducational and Counseling Clinic Psychoeducational & Psychodiagnostic Assessment Practicum 1 (Supervisor: Tina Montreuil, PhD)
- 2016-2017 **Psychometrist & Classroom Assistant**, Summit School (specialized elementary and high school campuses in Montreal for students with developmental disabilities or severe behavioral challenges) (Supervisor: Ed Cukier, MA, licensed psychologist in Quebec)

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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(\*asterisk denotes shared first authorship; underline denotes mentored student author)

### Published Manuscripts

1. **Sivathasan, S.\***, Eldeeb, S.\* , Northrup, J., Antezana, L., Ionadi, A. A., Wakschlag, L. S. & Mazefsky, C. A. (2023). Early childhood aggression in autistic and non-autistic preschoolers: Prevalence, topography, and relationship to emotional reactivity. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Open*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaacop.2023.12.003>
2. Kushner, E.\* , **Sivathasan, S.\***, McQueen, E., White, S., Berry, R., Sharp, W.C., & Klaiman, C. (2023). Prevalence of caregiver-reported feeding concerns in children with ASD in a tertiary-care clinic. *Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/DBP.0000000000001208>
3. **Sivathasan, S.**, Dahary, H., Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (2023). Basic emotion recognition of children on the autism spectrum is enhanced in music and typical for faces and voices. *PLOS ONE*. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0279002>
4. Dahary, H., **Sivathasan, S.**, Quintin, E. M. (2022). The processing of emotions in faces and music by adolescents with autism spectrum disorder with lower and higher verbal cognitive ability. *Journal on Developmental Disabilities*. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6603452>
5. **Sivathasan, S.**, Philibert-Lignières, G., Quintin, E. M. (2021). Individual differences in autistic traits, personality, and emotional responsiveness to music in the general population. *Musicae Scientiae*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1029864920988160>
6. **Sivathasan, S.**, Palma Fernandes, T., Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (2020). Emotion processing in autism spectrum disorder: A review of the relative contributions of alexithymia and verbal IQ. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 77, 101608. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rasd.2020.101608>
7. Yatham, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Yoon, R., da Silva, T. L., & Ravindran, A. V. (2018). Depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder among youth in low and middle-income countries: A review of prevalence and treatment interventions. *Asian Journal of Psychiatry*, 38, 78-91. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajp.2017.10.029>
8. Nowrouzi, B., Gohar, B., Smith, C., Nowrouzi-Kia, B., Khan, R., McDougall, A., Garbaczewska, M., **Sivathasan, S.**, Brewster, K., & Carter, L. (2015). An examination of health, medical, and nutritional information on the internet: A comparative study of Wikipedia, WebMD, and the Mayo Clinic websites. *International Journal of Communication and Health*, 6, 30-38.

### Manuscripts Submitted and Under Review

9. Northrup, J., Hartman, A., MacKenzie, K., **Sivathasan, S.**, Eldeeb, S., & Mazefsky, C. A. (under review). Emotion dysregulation in autism: Severity and predictors in early childhood.
10. Rea, H.\*, **Sivathasan, S.\***, Pulver White, S., Kurtz-Nelson, E., Klaiman, C., Webb, S. (under review). Validity and acceptability of an autism diagnostic confirmation assessment via telehealth.
11. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (under review). Brief Report: Examining the impact of alexithymia and autism traits on emotion recognition skills among children on the autism spectrum and neurotypical children.

#### Selected Manuscripts in Preparation

12. **Sivathasan, S.**, Crown, M. J., Rutenberg, E., Brammell, S., Thoma, B., Beck, K., Conner, C., Mazefsky, C. A., Rofey, D. (in prep). Mental health and quality of life of gender diverse autistic adults compared with cisgender autistic adults.
13. Antezana, L., Su, D. J., **Sivathasan, S.**, Eldeeb, S., Cremer, S., Northrup, J. B., Conner, C. M., & Mazefsky, C. A., Frances, F. L. (in prep). Associations between mental health with alcohol and substance use in autistic adults.
14. Graham Holmes, L., Thoma, B. C., Antezana, L. D., **Sivathasan, S.**, Choukas-Bradley, S., Salk, R. H. (in prep). Risk for suicidal behavior among autistic gender minority youth.
15. Antezana, L., Conner, C. M., Peven, J. C., **Sivathasan, S.**, Beck, K. B., White, S. W., & Mazefsky, C. A. (in prep). Links between executive functioning difficulties and emotion dysregulation, anxiety, and depressive symptoms in autistic adolescents and young adults.
16. **Sivathasan, S.**, Tokish, H., Klaiman, C. (in prep). Comparing telehealth and adapted autism assessments.
17. Fernandes, T. P., Sim, C., **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A. & Quintin, E.M. (in prep). Under which conditions do autistic people recognize basic emotions from speech?

#### **REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

*(total N = 68; n = 36 first or senior author)*

#### Oral Presentations & Symposia

1. \***Sivathasan, S.**, \*Beck, K., Conner, C., Crown, M. J., Brammell, S., Rutenberg, E., Mazefsky, C. A., & Rofey, D. (submitted). Neurodiversity-affirming approaches to mental health care among for autistic clients: Overview and tips for therapists. Oral presentation submitted to the annual TransPride YOUniting Health and Wellness Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. \*co-presenters
2. Su, D. J., **Sivathasan, S.**, Eldeeb, S., Cremer, S., Northrup, J. B., Conner, C. M., Mazefsky, C. A., & Antezana, L. (2024). Associations between mental health with alcohol and substance use in

autistic adults. Oral presentation at the 23rd annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research, Melbourne, Australia.

3. Northrup, J. B., Hartman, A. G., MacKenzie, K. T., **Sivathasan, S.**, Eldeeb, S., Mazefsky, C. A. (2024). Emotion dysregulation in autistic preschoolers: A missed opportunity for early screening and intervention. Oral presentation at the 23rd annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research, Melbourne, Australia.
4. Graham Holmes, L., Thoma, B.C., Rothman, E.F., Antezana, L., **Sivathasan, S.**, Choukas-Bradley, S., & Salk, R.H. (2024). Risk for suicidal behavior among autistic sexual and gender minority youth. In Maroney, M.R. (Chair), Exploring mental health and healthcare experiences of autistic gender minorities. Panel presented at the 23rd annual meeting for the International Society for Autism Research, Melbourne, Australia.
5. **Sivathasan, S.**, Crown, M. J., Beck, K., Conner, C. M., Rutenberg, E., Thoma, B. C., Mazefsky, C., A., Rofey, D. (2023). Mental health and quality of life among gender diverse autistic adults across the lifespan. Oral presentation at the annual TransPride YOUning Health and Wellness Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.
6. **Sivathasan, S.**, Northrup, J., Wakschlag, L. S., & Mazefsky, C. A. (2023). Aggression and its relation to emotional reactivity in preschoolers with and without neurodevelopmental delays. Presentation presented as part of the “Assessment, development, and intervention findings related to aggressive behavior in autistic youth with a range of cognitive functioning” symposium at the International Society for Autism Research annual meeting, Stockholm, Sweden.
7. **Sivathasan, S.**, Yu, L., Wakschlag, L. S., Mazefsky, C. A. (2023). The neglected frontier: The dimensional spectrum of irritability in young children with developmental disabilities. Flash talk presented as part of the “MAPping Emotional and Behavioral Dysregulation in Youth” symposium at the Society for Research on Child Development biennial meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
8. **Sivathasan, S.**, Dahary, H., Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (2021). Re-examining emotion recognition in children with autism spectrum disorder using dimensional perspectives. Flash talk presented as part of the “Social and emotional wellbeing for differently abled individuals and their families” symposium at the Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting (virtual).
9. **Sivathasan, S.**, Philibert-Lignièrès, G., & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Personality correlates of musical engagement and experience. Oral presentation at the International Conference on Music Perception and Cognition annual meeting. Montreal, QC.
10. **Sivathasan, S.**, Philibert-Lignièrès, G., Tillman, B., Bertone, A., & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Music and autism: An examination of the link between musical working memory and cognitive functioning. Presented as part of the “Music and autism: A strengths-based approach to studying cognition and emotion perception” symposium at the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities Research Special Interest Group Research Day annual meeting, Kingston, ON.



## Poster Presentations at International and National Conferences

11. Williams, E. G., **Sivathasan, S.**, Anthony, N., Eack, S. & Mazefsky, C. A. (submitted, 2024). Examining demographic differences between Black autistic adults with a depression diagnosis and without. Submitted to the 26th Annual International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities. Clearwater, FL.
12. Theodat, A., Parson, A. Williams, E-D., Northrup, J., Mazefsky, C., MacKenzie, K. T.\* & **Sivathasan, S.\*** (2024). Using the Social Communication Questionnaire to screen for autism in Black families: Item-level differences between autistic and non-autistic preschool children. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science. (*\*joint senior authors*)
13. Crown, M. J., **Sivathasan, S.**, Conner, C. M., Beck, K., Rutenberg, E., Thoma, B. C., Mazefsky, C. A., Rofey, D. (2023). Perceptions of decision-making autonomy among autistic gender minority adults. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Seattle, WA.
14. Graham Holmes, L., Thoma, B. C., Antezana, L. D., **Sivathasan, S.**, Choukas-Bradley, S., Salk, R. H. (2023). Risk for suicidal behavior among autistic gender minority youth. Poster presented to the International Summit on Suicide Research, Barcelona, Spain.
15. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., Quintin, E. M. (2023). Examining the impact of alexithymia and autism traits on emotion recognition skills among children on the autism spectrum and typically developing children. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research, Stockholm, Sweden.
16. Tokish, H., **Sivathasan, S.**, McQueen, E., Klaiman, C., Walum, H., Klin, A., & Jones, W. (2022). Investigating discrepancies between eye-tracking measures and expert clinician evaluation of ASD: Discrepancies reflect less diagnostically clear cases. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research. Austin, TX.
17. Binion, G., Tokish, H., McQueen, E., Rudrabhatla, A., Pincus, J., Ferguson, J., White, S. P., Klaiman, C., & **Sivathasan, S.** (2022). Comparison of telehealth & adapted protocols vs. standard-of-care evaluations for the diagnostic assessment of autism spectrum disorder due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research. Austin, TX.
18. Ferguson, J., McQueen, E., Binion, G., Tokish, H., Rudrabhatla, A., White, S. P., Klaiman, C., & **Sivathasan, S.** (2022). A phenomenological approach to understanding the experience of telehealth assessments. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research. Austin, TX.
19. Wong, S. T. S., Stanutz, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Stubbert, E., Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (2022). Short- and long-term melodic memory of children on the autism spectrum of varying mental ages. Poster presented at the annual meeting of International Society for Autism Research. Austin, TX.

20. Wong, S.T.S.\* , Stanutz, S.\* , **Sivathasan, S.**, Stubbert, E., Burack, J., & Quintin, E.M. (2022). Musical memory is associated with mental ages of children on the autism spectrum but not of typically developing children. Poster presented at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
21. **Sivathasan, S.**, Binion, G., Ferguson, J., White, S. P., McQueen, E., Tokish, H., & Klaiman, C. (2021). Comparison of COVID-19 adapted telehealth versus standard-of-care protocols for the diagnostic assessment of autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (virtual).
22. Binion, G., Ferguson, J., White, S. P., Klaiman, C., McQueen, E., Tokish, H., & **Sivathasan, S.** (2021). Comparison of Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2) standardized procedures to assessment with safety-related modifications due to COVID-19. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (virtual).
23. Kuschner, E., S., **Sivathasan, S.**, McQueen, E., White, S., Berry, R., Sharp, W., & Klaiman, C. (2021). Prevalence of parent-reported feeding concerns in children with autism spectrum disorder: A cross-sectional study of patients evaluated at a tertiary care center. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (virtual).
24. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (2021). Multimodal and dimensional emotion recognition among children with and without ASD: Examining the impact of ASD symptoms and alexithymia. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (virtual).
25. Wong, S., Stanutz, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Stubbert, E., Burack, J. A., Quintin, E. M. (2021). Long term melodic memory among children with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (virtual).
26. Dahary, H., Kaedbey, M., Rimmer, C., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E.M. (2021). Rhythm perception: A preserved musical ability of children with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (virtual).
27. **Sivathasan, S.**, Klaiman, C., Richardson, S., Lambha, M., Hendrix, N., Klin, A., & Jones, W. (2020). Signal or noise? Investigating discrepancies between eye-tracking- and clinician-based assessments of social function. Poster accepted to the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research (virtual).
28. **Sivathasan, S.**, Dahary, H., Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E.M. (2020). Children with autism spectrum disorder show typical levels of accuracy on a task of basic multimodal emotion recognition. Poster accepted to the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research. Seattle, WA. (*not presented due to COVID-19*)

29. Wong, S., Stanutz, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Stubbert, E., Burack, J. A., Quintin, E. M. (2020). Musical memory is associated with autism traits in the general population. Poster accepted to the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association. Montreal, Canada. (*not presented due to COVID-19*)
30. Dahary, H., Kaedbey, M., Rimmer, C., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E.M. (2020). Rhythm perception skills of younger and older children with autism spectrum disorder. Poster accepted to the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association. Montreal, Canada. (*not presented due to COVID-19*)
31. Wong, S., Stanutz, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Stubbert, E., Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (2019). Investigating the melodic pitch memory of children with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the Auditory Perception and Cognition Society. Montreal, QC.
32. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., Quintin, E. M. (2019). Multimodal emotion recognition in children with autism spectrum disorder: Vocalizations are more informative than faces or music. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research. Montreal, QC.
33. **Sivathasan, S.**, Philibert-Lignières, G., & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Individual differences in personality, social responsiveness, and emotional responsivity to music. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association. Montreal, QC.
34. Quintin, E. M., **Sivathasan, S.**, Dahary, H. (2018). Examining how varying levels of verbal and visual-spatial skills relate to emotional and cognitive aspects of music perception. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research. Rotterdam, NL.
35. Dahary, H., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Comparing intensity ratings of emotions in music and faces by adolescents with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research Conference. Rotterdam, NL.
36. Fernandes, T. P., Dahary, H., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Recognition of music-evoked emotions among adolescents with autism spectrum disorder: Examining the effect of musical excerpt duration and cognitive skills. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research Conference. Rotterdam, NL.
37. Rimmer, C., Dahary, H., Fernandes, T. P., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Rhythm perception in music by adolescents with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research Conference. Rotterdam, NL.
38. **Sivathasan, S.**, Dahary, H., Philibert-Lignières, G., Fernandes, T., & Quintin, E. M. (2017). Emotional and cognitive processing of music by adolescents with autism spectrum disorder and other neurodevelopmental disorders. Poster presented at the inaugural Brain-Child-Partners Conference. Toronto, ON. (*merit-based travel award & best poster-honorable mention awarded to first author*)

39. Dahary, H., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E. M. (2017). Comparing musical and facial emotion recognition of children with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the inaugural Brain-Child-Partners Conference. Toronto, ON. (*merit-based travel scholarship awarded to first author*)
40. Yatham, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Yoon, R., da Silva, T. L., & Ravindran, A. V. (2017). Depression and anxiety disorders in child and adolescent populations in low- and middle-income countries: A review. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health. Washington, DC.
41. **Sivathasan, S.**, Philibert-Lignièrès, G., & Quintin, E. M. (2017). An examination of the relationship between personality, musical sophistication, and training. Poster presented at the Neurosciences and Music-VI: Music, Sound, and Health Annual Meeting. Mariani Foundation for Pediatric Neurology. Boston, MA.
42. Philibert-Lignièrès, G., **Sivathasan, S.**, Poulton, V., & Quintin, E. M. (2017). Appreciation of music-evoked emotions and social traits of autism spectrum disorder in the general population. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association. Toronto, ON.
43. Yatham, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Yoon, R., da Silva, T., Ravindran, A. V., & Levitt, S. E. (2017). Depression and Anxiety Disorders in Child and Adolescent Populations in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Review. *Proceedings of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health, Annals of Global Health*, 83(1).
44. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (2016). Multimodal emotion recognition in autism spectrum disorder: The case of music, face, and voice. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Geneva Center for Autism International Symposium, Toronto, ON.
45. **Sivathasan, S.**, Stanutz, S., Quintin, E. M., & Burack, J. A. (2016). Musical development in individuals with Down Syndrome: A systematic review. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Victoria, BC.
46. Yatham, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Ravindran, A. V. (2015). Depression and anxiety disorders in child and adolescent populations in low- and middle-income countries: A review. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the World Congress of Biological Psychiatry, Athens, GRC.
47. **Sivathasan, S.**, da Silva, T. L., Ravindran, L., Fitzgerald, N., & Ravindran, A. V. (2015). My Mind My Wellness: A transdiagnostic internet-based CBT program for depression and anxiety in young adults. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, Miami, FL.
48. **Sivathasan, S.**, Chamorro, C., Puliafico, A., Fisher, P. W., Rynn, M. A., & Turner, J. B. (2014). The Columbia Symptom Scale: Psychometric properties of an efficient screening instrument for internalizing and externalizing disorders in youth. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, Chicago, IL.

49. **Sivathasan, S.**, Puliafico, A., Fisher, P. W., & Rynn, M. A. (2013). An examination of the clinical utility of the Columbia Symptom Scale as a screening instrument for youth. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Quebec City, QC.

#### Poster Presentations at Local Conferences

50. Su, D. J., Antezana, L., **Sivathasan, S.**, Eldeeb, S., Cremer, S., Northrup, J. B., Conner, C. M., Mazefsky, C. A., & Wang, F. L. (2024). Associations between mental health with alcohol and substance use in autistic adults. Poster presented at the annual Department of Psychiatry Research Day, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. (*'Best Poster Award-Research Staff' presented to the first author*)
51. Eldeeb, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Northrup, J. B., Antezana, L., Ionadi, A., Wakschlag, L. S., & Mazefsky, C. A. (2024). Exploring the link between emotional reactivity and early childhood aggression in autistic preschoolers: A machine learning perspective. Poster presented at the annual Department of Psychiatry Research Day, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. (*'Best Poster Award-Postdoctoral Fellow' presented to the first author*)
52. **Sivathasan, S.**,\* Brammell, S.,\* Crown, M. J., Rutenberg, E., Conner, C., Mazefsky, C. A., Rofey, D. (2024). Mental health among sexual and gender minority and cisgender heterosexual autistic young adults. Poster presented at the annual University of Pittsburgh Postdoctoral Research Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA. \*joint first authors (*'Best Poster Award' presented to the first [presenting] author*)
53. Crown, M. J., **Sivathasan, S.**, Conner, C. M., Beck, K., Rutenberg, E., Thoma, B. C., Mazefsky, C. A., Rofey, D. (2023). Perceptions of decision-making autonomy among autistic gender minority adults. Poster presented at the annual Department of Psychiatry Research Day, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
54. **Sivathasan, S.**, Crown, M. J., Beck, K., Conner, C. M., Rutenberg, E., Thoma, B. C., Mazefsky, C. A., Rofey, D. (2023). Mental health and quality of life among gender diverse and cisgender autistic adults across the lifespan. Poster presented at the annual Department of Psychiatry Research Day, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
55. Tokish, H., **Sivathasan, S.**, McQueen, E., Klaiman, C., Walum, H., Klin, A., & Jones, W. (2022). When eye-tracking measures differ from expert clinical assessment: Examining the clinical characteristics of less diagnostically clear cases of ASD. Poster presented at the Annual Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference, Atlanta, GA.
56. **Sivathasan, S.**, Binion, G., Ferguson, J., White, S. P., McQueen, E., Tokish, H., & Klaiman, C. (2021). Comparison of COVID-19 adapted telehealth versus standard-of-care protocols for the diagnostic assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference (virtual). Atlanta, GA.
57. Binion, G., Ferguson, J., White, S. P., Klaiman, C., McQueen, E., Tokish, H., & **Sivathasan, S.** (2021). Comparison of Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2) standardized

procedures to assessment with safety-related modifications due to COVID-19. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference (virtual). Atlanta, GA.

58. Ferguson, J., Binion, G., White, S. P., Klaiman, C., & **Sivathasan, S.** (2021). A phenomenological approach to understanding the experience of accessing telehealth assessments. Poster presented at annual meeting of the Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference (virtual). Atlanta, GA.
59. **Sivathasan, S.**, Klaiman, C., Richardson, S., Lambha, M., Hendrix, N., Klin, A., & Jones, W. (2020). Signal or noise? Investigating discrepancies between eye-tracking- and clinician-based assessments of social function. Poster accepted to the annual meeting of the Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference. Atlanta, GA. (*not presented due to COVID-19*)
60. Wong, S., Stanutz, S., **Sivathasan, S.**, Stubbert, E., Burack, J. A., Quintin, E. M. (2019). Investigating the melodic pitch memory of children with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the Summit Centre for Education, Research, and Training's Annual Conference on Neurodevelopmental Conditions. Montreal, QC.
61. Dahary, H., Kaedbey, M., Duplessis-Marcotte, F., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E.M. (2019). The processing of emotions in faces and music by adolescents with autism spectrum disorder with lower and higher verbal cognitive ability. Poster presented at the Summit Centre for Education, Research, and Training's Annual Conference on Neurodevelopmental Conditions. Montreal, QC.
62. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., Quintin, E. M. (2019). Multimodal emotion recognition in children with autism spectrum disorder: Vocalizations are more informative than faces or music. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music Scientific Day. Montreal, QC.
63. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., Quintin, E. M. (2018). Multimodal emotion recognition in autism spectrum disorder: Preliminary findings. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Ontario Psychological Association. Toronto, ON.
64. **Sivathasan, S.**, Dahary, H., Philibert-Lignières, G., & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Examining the relationship between verbal and visual-spatial skills and the cognitive and emotional processing of music by adolescents with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music Scientific Day. Montreal, QC.
65. Rimmer, C., Dahary, H., Palma Fernandes, T., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Rhythm perception in music by adolescents with autism spectrum disorder. Poster presented at the Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music Scientific Day. Montreal, QC.
66. Palma Fernandes, T., Dahary, H., **Sivathasan, S.**, & Quintin, E. M. (2018). Recognition of music-evoked emotions among adolescents with autism spectrum disorder: Examining the effect of musical excerpt duration and relationship with cognitive skills. Poster presented at Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music Scientific Day. Montreal, QC.

67. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., & Quintin, E. M. (2016). Multimodal emotion recognition in autism spectrum disorder: The case of music, face, and voice. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Education Graduate Students' Society's Conference, Faculty of Education, McGill University, Montreal, QC. (*'Best PhD Proposal' award presented to the first author*)
68. **Sivathasan, S.**, da Silva, T. L., Ravindran, L., Fitzgerald, N., & Ravindran, A. V. (2015). Preliminary findings of a pilot study of transdiagnostic internet-based cognitive behavioral therapy (iCBT) for anxiety and depressive disorders in young adults. Poster presented at the annual Harvey Stancer Research Day meeting of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
69. **Sivathasan, S.**, Gantman, A. P., & Van Bavel, J. J. (2012). Early visual processing of morally relevant stimuli: The moral pop-out effect. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the NYU Psychology Masters Research Conference, New York, NY.

#### **INVITED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS (non-refereed)**

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1. **Sivathasan, S.** (Oct 10, 2024). Invited talk [not yet titled] for the Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP) at the University of Connecticut, Lecture Series (World Mental Health Day).
2. **Sivathasan, S.** (2023). Emotion processing and mental health among autistic youth: Implications for strengths-based and justice-oriented research and clinical practice. Boston College Counseling Psychology Job Talk, Chestnut Hill, MA.
3. **Sivathasan, S.** (2022). Demystifying the APPIC application process: What every school psychology student should know. Contributing article to the Canadian Psychological Association's Educational and Counseling Psychology Section Newsletter (reprint of Spring 2019 contribution).
4. Lambha, M. & **Sivathasan, S.** (2020). Behavioral & mental health in childhood and adolescence. Presentation for community members attending the annual Hindu Women's Conference, hosted by the Hindu Women's Network, Atlanta, GA.
5. Quintin, E. M., Rimmer, C., & **Sivathasan, S.** (2021). SACP Comprehensive exam workshop. Presentation for the School/Applied Child Psychology Student Association at McGill University [virtual], Montreal, QC.
6. **Sivathasan, S.** (2019). Demystifying the APPIC application process: What every school psychology student should know. Contributing article to the Canadian Psychological Association's Educational and Counseling Psychology Section Newsletter (Spring 2019).
7. **Sivathasan, S.** (2019). APPIC Power Hour: Applying to clinical psychology internships. Presentation for graduate students in the School/Applied Child Psychology Program, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, McGill University, Montreal, QC.

8. **Sivathasan, S.** (2019). ABCs of the PhD Interview: Fellowships. Video interview for graduate students in the Faculty of Education, McGill University, Montreal, QC.
9. Quintin, E. M., & **Sivathasan, S.** (2018). How to improve your fellowship applications. Workshop for graduate students in the School/Applied Child Psychology Program, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, McGill University, Montreal, QC.
10. **Sivathasan, S.**, Burack, J. A., Quintin, E-M. (2017). Multimodal emotion recognition in autism spectrum disorder: The case of music, face, and voice. Trainee presentation at the annual Autism Research Training Summer Institute, London, ON.
11. Henderson, J. & Brownlie, E. (2013). Youth Services System Review. Center for Addiction and Mental Health: Toronto, ON (*acknowledged contributions as a project research analyst*).

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### Departmental & Program Service

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| 2024      | <b>Invited Panelist</b> , “Changemakers in Healthcare: Reimagining how we serve others”<br>University of Pittsburgh and the Conference of Allegheny Providers       |
| 2024      | <b>Research Review Committee Member</b> , Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh (review of undergraduate thesis proposal)                              |
| 2024      | <b>Health Disparities and Social Justice Poster Competition Judge</b> , Health Sciences Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Program, University of Pittsburgh    |
| 2023-2024 | <b>DEI Advocacy Workgroup Member</b> , Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh   |
| 2023-2024 | <b>Dissemination &amp; Partnership Core Member</b> , Autism Center of Excellence<br>Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh                              |
| 2018      | <b>Student Representative</b> , Internship Consortium Exploratory Committee, Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology, McGill University                   |
| 2017-2018 | <b>Co-VP Academic Affairs</b> , School Psychology Student Association, McGill University  |
| 2017-2018 | <b>VP External Affairs</b> , Education Graduate Student Society Conference Committee<br>McGill University   |
| 2016-2017 | <b>Peer Mentor</b> , School Psychology Student Association, McGill University   |
| 2016-2017 | <b>Conference Chair</b> , Education Graduate Students’ Society, McGill University<br><i>Conference Theme: “Culture and Community in Canada – Education for All”</i> |
| 2016      | <b>Conference Volunteer</b> , Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention  |
| 2015-2018 | <b>Co-Founder</b> , School/Applied Child Psychology Journal Club, McGill University   |



- 2015      **Organizing Committee Member**, Center for Addiction and Mental Health and University of Toronto Inaugural International Mental Health Conference  
*Conference Theme: “Go ‘Glo-cal’ for Mental Health”*
- 2011-2012      **General Member**, Graduate Psychology Association, New York University
- 2008-2011      **Undergraduate Class Representative**, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto
- 2007-2009      **Peer Mentor**, First Year Learning Communities, University of Toronto

Editorial & Reviewing Experience

- 2016-      **Ad Hoc Reviewer**: Development and Psychopathology, Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders, Autism Research, Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders, Cognition and Development, Child Development, Personality and Individual Differences, PLOS ONE, Research on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
- 2016-2019      **Abstract Reviewer & Student Representative**, Educational and School Psychology Executive Committee, Canadian Psychological Association
- 2016      **Abstract Reviewer**, Education Graduate Students Society Conference, McGill University
- 2010-2011      **Editorial Review Board Member**, Journal of Undergraduate Life Sciences, University of Toronto

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- 2023-      American Psychological Association, Division 17 (Counseling Psychology)
- 2021-      Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Autism Special Interest Group
- 2020-      Society for Research in Child Development, Asian & SOGIE SIGs
- 2016-      International Society for Autism Research
- 2017-2018      Association for Psychological Science
- 2015-2017      International School Psychology Association
- 2014-2015      Anxiety and Depression Association of America
- 2012-2020      American Psychological Association
- 2012-2019      Canadian Psychological Association

**CERTIFICATIONS**

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- 2024, Jun 8      *All of Us* Responsible Conduct of Research Training