

# ERIK L. KNIGHT

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## EDUCATION

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**The University of Oregon**, Eugene, Oregon  
Doctoral Student, Department of Psychology

*Present*

**The Ohio State University**, Columbus, Ohio  
Bachelor of Science, with Research Distinction in Psychology; Bachelor of Arts, Chemistry  
Graduated Magna Cum Laude, with Honors in the Arts and Sciences

*June 2008*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Research Project Manager

*Dec. 2008–June 2011*

Social Neuroscience Laboratory, University of Chicago, Principle Investigators: Drs. John Cacioppo & Louise Hawkley

- Execute protocol of structured interviews, surveys, and physiological data collection as part of longitudinal study on social relationships, health, and aging.
- Manage wet lab operations including the collection and processing of human saliva, urine, and intravenous blood for genetic, immunological, and neurohormonal study.
- Train and manage research assistants in collection and scoring of physiological and psychometric data.
- Supervise verification and reduction of datasets from multiple ongoing studies involving over one hundred-sixty surveys.
- Design electronic and paper-based questionnaires; test and analyze functionality and quality of data collection system.

### Principal Investigator, Senior Honors Thesis

*Sept. 2007–June 2008*

Emotions and Quantitative Psychophysiology Laboratory, Ohio State University, Advisor: Dr. Julian F. Thayer

- Successfully designed and implemented psychophysiological research project investigating the effects of affective films and acute social exclusion on heart rate variability and hemodynamic impedance.
- Developed and completed effective IRB application; earned approval for use of deception in study.
- Wrote and defended thesis, which included comprehensive literature review, methods, and analysis of results.

### Research Assistant

*Sept. 2006–Aug. 2007*

Emotions and Quantitative Psychophysiology Laboratory, Ohio State University, Advisor: Dr. Julian F. Thayer

- Employed cognitive and neuropsychological tests in concert with physiological data collection to study affective and cultural influences on cardiovascular response to rumination.
- Manually scored over four hundred paper-based questionnaires, with completion several weeks ahead of schedule.

### Research Assistant

*Jan. –Aug. 2006*

Mood and Cognition Laboratory, Ohio State University, Advisor: Dr. Michael Vasey

- Recruited one hundred participants based on entry and analysis of prescreening surveys; met advisor's strict deadline.
- Led team in audit of several hundred subject files for completion, ensuring federal privacy regulations were met.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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**Graduate Teaching Fellow**, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

*Sept. 2011-present*

**Research Project Manager**, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

*Dec. 2008–June 2011*

**Data Entry Operator**, Chicago Hire Company, Chicago, Illinois

*Sept. – Dec. 2008*

**Quality Control Chemist**, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Roxane Laboratories, Inc., Columbus, Ohio

*May – Aug. 2008*

**Mailroom Clerk**, Ohio State University Libraries, Columbus, Ohio

*Jan. 2007–June 2008*

## HONORS

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**Phi Beta Kappa**, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

*May 2008*

**Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship**, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

*Jan. – June 2008*

**Honors College Scholarship**, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

*Sept. 2003– June 2007*

**Wolfe Foundation Scholarship**, Bellevue, Ohio

*Sept. 2003– June 2007*

## SKILLS

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Proficient in intravenous blood collection, flow cytometric processing and assay methods, EEG, facial EMG, EDA, and cardiovascular psychophysiology techniques; trained in HIPAA and IRB privacy regulations; experience with Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, and SPSS software; adept data collection and management; excellent written and verbal communication skills;