

## **Gabrielle Drong**

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### **Education**

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- 2020-present      **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL**  
Counseling Psychology Doctoral Student  
Mentor: Chris Napolitano, PhD
- 2018-2020      **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL**  
Master of Science in Psychological Science  
Mentor: Chris Fraley, PhD
- 2014-2018      **University of Dallas, TX**  
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
Bachelor of Arts, English

### **Awards and Honors**

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- 2018      Cum Laude Distinction for Bachelor of Arts, University of Dallas
- 2016-2017      Dean's Honors, University of Dallas
- 2014-2018      Presidential Scholarship, University of Dallas

### **Research Experience**

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- Aug 2020 – present      **NRL Lab, University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign**  
**Mentor: Chris Napolitano, PhD**  
Currently collaborating on multiple projects with Dr. Napolitano and other lab members investigating the experience of losing an imagined future. Responsibilities include attending weekly lab meetings, submitting IRB proposals and amendments, grant writing, and data analysis.
- May 2019–July 2020      **Heller Lab, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**  
**Mentor: Wendy Heller, PhD**  
Collaborated with Dr. Heller on a virtual reality project (TAVERN) that investigated how virtual nature scenes can reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression in undergraduates. Responsibilities included attending weekly lab meetings, creating protocols, running participants, leading RA discussion sections, and analyzing data.
- 2018- May 2020      **Fraley Lab, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**  
**Mentor: R. Chris Fraley, PhD**  
Investigated avoidant attachment in relation to loss. Specifically focused on understanding how loss can affect stress levels, well-being, and potentially

increase avoidant behavior. Responsibilities included attending weekly lab meetings, writing code in R, analyzing the data with multilevel modeling, and co-authoring a paper.

August-May 2018

**Senior Honors Thesis, University of Dallas**

**Mentor: Gilbert Garza, PhD**

Qualitatively investigated how people are affected socially by the loss of their spouse, as well as how they coped with this loss overtime. Responsibilities included recruiting subjects, analyzing qualitative data, writing a paper in APA format, and presenting the research at the senior honors seminar.

Nov-May 2018

**Human Sciences Research Assistant  
UT Southwestern and the University of Dallas**

**Mentor: Carla Pezzia, PhD**

Collaborated with UT Southwestern to investigate the seasonality of suicide overdoses, specifically regarding acetaminophen. Responsibilities included data entry and analysis of data through SPSS.

## **Presentations**

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Drong, G. (February 2021). *What Have I Got to Lose? Investigating Loss of an Imagined Future*. Presented before faculty and students at a Brown Bag in the Department of Education at the University of Illinois.

Drong, G. (December 2020). Guest Lecturer for ESPY 430: Adolescent Development.

Drong, G. (April 2018). *A Phenomenological Analysis of World Reconfiguration After Spousal Bereavement*. Presented before Psychology faculty and students at the Thesis Assembly at the University of Dallas.

Drong, G. (April 2017). *Understanding if Beauty is Commonly Perceived as 'Good': How Morality Impacts Attractiveness Ratings*. Presented at the Quantitative Research Design Project Seminar at the University of Dallas.

## **Grants**

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October 2019

**VR @ Illinois Grant** with additional funding for especially meritorious research, Co-investigator (\$11,586)

Project title: Treatment for Anxiety/depression in Virtual Environment Reality and Nature (TAVERN)

## **Clinical Experience**

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Aug 2019-May 2020

**Neuropsychology Practicum, University of Illinois**

**Dr. Wendy Heller**

Participated in case conference, assessed participant scores and data, observed administration of psychological testing.

## Teaching Experience

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Aug – Dec 2020      **Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois**  
EPSY 420: Theories of Psychotherapy  
EPSY 430: Adolescent Development

## Work Experience

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June 2020- present      **Community Partner Liaison, We CU and Community Learning Lab  
School of Social Work at the University of Illinois**  
Responsibilities include maintaining relationships and offering support to  
community partners, leading a team of student workers, presenting on We  
CU, updating a community resource guide, and conducting satisfaction  
surveys.

## Professional Associations

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2019                      Midwestern Psychological Association  
2019                      International Association for Relationship Research  
2019- Present           Association for Psychological Science  
2018- Present           American Psychological Association  
2018- Present           Psi Chi  
2017-Present           Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor Society

## Professional Skills

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Software: Excel, Qualtrics, SPSS, R  
Methodology: Multilevel modeling