

JUSTIN DAINER-BEST

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EDUCATION

- **Haverford College** Haverford, PA, 2009
Bachelors in Arts
Majors in Psychology (Conc. in Neural and Behavioral Science) and English (Creative Writing)
Senior Thesis: Attachment style as a predictor of positive event-related brain potentials in a social-stimulation task.
Advisor: Professor Rebecca Compton.
- **Coral Reef Senior High School** Miami, FL, 2005
International Baccalaureate Diploma.
- **Languages:** Fluent in Spanish. Able to comprehend French.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **English-language Teacher for Middle and High School** Madrid, Spain
FERE-ECM Madrid, Colegio Patrocinio de María
(October 2009-June 2010.)
Teaching basic and advanced English, including grammar, culture, and vocabulary.
- **Research Assistant in Human Emotional Neurocognition** Haverford, PA
Haverford College Department of Psychology
(September 2007–2009.)
Ran subjects for research in the relationship between emotion and EEG directed by Rebecca Compton, Ph.D. Responsibilities included protocol administration of an EEG capping procedure, and EEG & archive analysis, as well as implementation of a computer-based study design using E-Prime and imaging software.
- **Research Assistant in Neurodevelopmental Disorders** Miami, FL
R01 MH071273-01A1, 05/01/05–04/30/10, "Motivation, Self-Monitoring & Family Process in Autism".
University of Miami Department of Psychology
(Full-time summer position: 2006, 2007, & 2008.)
Ran subjects for NIMH-funded study on autism directed by Peter Mundy, Ph.D. and Heather Henderson, Ph.D. Responsibilities included protocol administration, data management in Microsoft Access, scoring measures, and creating new methods of scoring using Excel and Visual Basic.
- **Intern in Autism Therapy** Buenos Aires, AR
FLENI: Foundation for the Fight Against Childhood Neurological Diseases
(May–July 2008.)
Trained to participate in floortime therapy with Prof. Maria Aggio, working with low-functioning autistic children. Responsibilities included observation and direct therapy.
- **Lead Student Assistant at Computing Helpdesk** Haverford, PA
Haverford College Information Resources
(September 2005–2009.)
Helped end-users with computing difficulties for both Macintosh and PCs, installed wireless access points, and created web-pages. Gained broad computer knowledge.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Haverford College

- Compton, R.J., Dainer-Best, J., Fineman, S.L., Freedman, G., Mutso, A., & Rohwer, J. (in press). Anxiety and expectancy violations: Neural response to false feedback is exaggerated in worriers. *Cognition and Emotion*.

University of Miami

- Inge, A.P., Mundy, P.C., Henderson, H.A., Kojkowski, N.M., Schwartz, C.B., Zahka, N.E., Hileman, C.M., Coman, D.C., & Dainer-Best, J. (May, 2007). Anterior EEG asymmetry and social symptoms in HFA children. Poster Session at the International Meeting for Autism Research [IMFAR].
- Zahka, N. E., Coman, D. C., Inge, A. P., Kojkowski, N. M., Hileman, C., Schwartz, C. B., Dainer-Best, J., Weisman de Mamani, A., Henderson, H., & Mundy, P. C. (May, 2007). Parental attitudes, family factors, and the role of attribution in the emotional and social development of higher functioning children with autism. Poster Session at the International Meeting for Autism Research [IMFAR].
- Zahka, N. E., Coman, D. C., Inge, A. P., Kojkowski, N. M., Hileman, C., Schwartz, C. B., Dainer-Best, J., Weisman de Mamani, A., Henderson, H., & Mundy, P. C. (March-April, 2007). Parental attitudes, family factors, and the role of attribution in the emotional and social development of higher functioning children with autism. Poster Session at the Society for Research in Child Development [SRCD] Biennial meeting.

ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS, & APTITUDES

- Proficient with NeuroScan, E-Prime, and EEG software
- Proficient with Adobe software, Microsoft Excel & Access, and web development tools
- Editor-in-Chief of the Haverford Review, Literary Magazine, 2006–2009
- Arts Section Editor, Bi-College News, newspaper of Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges, 2006–2007
- Helped create Haverpedia, an online student guide and resource tool, 2007-2009