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**Education**

**Degree** **Institution** **Year Granted**

Ph.D. Emory University 2013

Cognition and Development

Primary Advisor: Robyn Fivush Ph.D.

M.A. Emory University 2010

Cognition and Development

H. B.Sc. University of Toronto 2007

Psychology and Writing/Communication

**Positions/Employment**

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, New York University - Abu Dhabi (2016 - present)

Global Network Assistant Professor of Psychology, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, New York University (2016 – present)

Faculty Fellow, New York University (2015-2016)

University of Minnesota, Institute of Child Development (2013 – 2015)

Post-doctoral Research Fellow (NRSA; Sponsors: Profs. Glenn I. Roisman and Jeffry A. Simpson)

State University of New York at Stony Brook (2007 – 2008)

Research Technician (Supervisor: Prof. Judith Crowell, Child Psychiatry)

**AWARDS**

NYU University Research Challenge Fund (URCF; 2017-18; $13,000; PIs T.E.A. Waters & L. Cui)

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32; 2013-16; $148,518; PI: T. E. A. Waters)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship - honorable mention (2009)

James T. Laney Graduate Research Fellowship (2008-2012)

Student Travel Award, SRCD, 2009, Denver, Colorado.

Student Travel Award, Narrative Matters, 2008, Toronto, Ontario.

RESEARCH

# **Articles**

Waters, T. E. A. & Roisman, G. I. (accepted pending minor revision). The secure base script concept: An overview. *Current Opinion in Psychology*.

Waters, H. S., Corcoran, D. M., & Waters, T. E. A. (in press). Maternal secure base script knowledge and judgements of mother-child interactions. *Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development*.

Waters, T. E. A., Köber, C., Raby, K. L., Habermas, T., & Fivush, R. (in press). Consistency and stability of narrative coherence: An examination of personal narrative as a domain of adult personality. *Journal of Personality*.

Young, E. S., Griskevicius, V., Simpson, J. A., Waters, T. E. A., & Mittal, C. (in press). Can an unpredictable childhood environment enhance working memory? Testing the sensitized-specialization hypothesis. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: IRGP*.

Adler, J., Waters, T. E. A., Poh, J., & Seitz, S. (2018). The nature of narrative coherence: An empirical approach. *Journal of Research in Personality*.

De Winter, S., Waters, T. E. A., Braet, C., & Bosmans, G. (2018). Middle childhood problem behaviors: Testing the transaction between responsive parenting, temperament, and attachment-related processing biases. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, *27,* 916-927.

Facompré, C. R., Bernard, K., & Waters, T. E. A. (2018). Effectiveness of interventions in preventing disorganized attachment: A meta-analysis. *Development and Psychopathology, 1,* 1-11.

Quevedo, K., Waters, T. E. A., Scott, H., Roisman, G. I., Shaw, D. S., & Forbes, E. E. (2017). Infant attachment history and brain activity in young men during loss and reward processing. *Development and Psychopathology*, *29,* 465-476.

Waters, T. E. A., Ruiz, S. K., & Roisman, G. I. (2017). Origins of secure base script knowledge and the developmental construction of attachment representations. *Child Development*, *88,* 198-209.

Vaughn. B. E., Waters, T. E. A., Steele, R. D., Roisman, G. I., Bost, K. K., Truitt, W., Waters, H. S., & Booth-LaForce, C. (2016). Multiple domains of parental secure base support during childhood and adolescence contribute to adolescents’ representations of attachment as a secure base script. *Attachment and Human Development*, *18,* 317-336.

Merrill, N., Waters, T. E. A., & Fivush, R. (2016). Connecting the self to traumatic and positive events: Links to identity and well-being. *Memory, 24,* 1321-1328.

Waters, T. E. A., Steele, R. D., Roisman, G. I., Haydon, K. C., & Booth-LaForce, C (2016). A linguistic inquiry and word count analysis of the adult attachment interview in two large corpora. *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science, 48,* 78-88.

De Winter, S., Vandevivere, E., Waters, T. E. A., Braet, C. & Bosmans, G (2016). Lack of trust in maternal support is related to negative interpretations of ambiguous maternal behavior. *Journal of Child and Family Studies, 25,* 146-151.

Waters, T. E. A., Bosmans, G., Vandevivere, E., Dujardin, A., & Waters, H. S. (2015). Secure base representations in middle childhood across two western cultures: Associations with parental attachment representations and maternal reports of behavior problems. *Developmental Psychology, 51,* 1013-1025.

Waters, T. E. A., Fraley, R. C., Groh, A. M., Steele, R. D., Vaughn, B. E., Bost, K. K., Verissimo, M., Coppola, G. & Roisman, G. I. (2015). The latent structure of secure base script knowledge. *Developmental Psychology, 51,* 823-830.

Waters, T. E. A. & Fivush, R. (2015). Relations between narrative coherence, identity and psychological well-being in emerging adulthood. *Journal of Personality, 83,* 441-451.

Steele, R. D., Waters, T. E. A., Bost, K. K., Vaughn, B. E., Truitt, W., Waters, H. S., Booth-LaForce, C., & Roisman, G. I. (2014). Caregiving antecedents of secure base script knowledge: A comparative analysis of young adult attachment representations. *Developmental Psychology*, *50,* 2526-2538.

Waters, T. E. A, Bauer, P. J, & Fivush, R. (2014). Autobiographical memory functions for single, recurring, and extended events. *Journal of Applied Cognitive Psychology, 28,* 185-195.

Waters, T. E. A. (2014). Relations between the functions of autobiographical memory and psychological well-being. *Memory, 22*(3), 265-275*.*

Waters, T. E. A, Brockmeyer, S., & Crowell, J.A. (2013). AAI coherence predicts caregiving and care seeking behavior in couple problem solving interactions: Secure base script knowledge helps explain why. *Attachment and Human Development, 15*(3), 316-331.

Waters, T. E. A., Bohanek, J. G., Marin, K., & Fivush, R. (2013). Nulls the word: A comparison of memory quality for intensely negative and intensely positive events. *Memory, 21*(6), 633-645.

Waters, T. E. A., Shallcross, J. F., & Fivush, R. (2013). The many facets of meaning-making: Comparing multiple measures of meaning-making and their relations to psychological distress. *Memory, 21*(1), 111-124.

Fivush, R., Habermas, T, Waters, T. E. A., & Zaman, W. (2011). The making of autobiographical memory: Intersections of culture, narratives and identity. *International Journal of Psychology, 46*(5), 321-345.

Fivush, R. & Waters, T. E. A. (2010). Re-presenting the presentational self. *Human Development, 53* (4), 229-234.

Books and Chapters

Waters, T. E. A. & Köber, C (in press). Individual differences in personal narrative: Coherence, autobiographical reasoning, and meaning making. To appear in V. Zeigler-Hill and T. Schackelford (Eds.) *The SAGE Handbook of Personality and Individual Differences.* Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Bosmans, G. & Waters, T. E. A. (in press). Cognitive Schemas. To appear in M. H. Bornstein (Ed.) *The Sage Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development*. Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Waters, T. E. A. (in press). Scripts. To appear in M. H. Bornstein (Ed.) *The Sage Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development*. Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Waters, T. E. A. & Facompré, C. R. (in press). Measuring secure base content in the Adult Attachment Interview. To appear in E. Waters, B. E. Vaughn, & H. S. Waters (Eds.) *Measuring Attachment.* Guilford Press.

Bauer, P. J., Stevens, J. S., Stenson, A. F., Waters, T. E. A., & Jackson, F. L. (2017). Brain activity during autobiographical retrieval is modulated by emotion and vividness: informing the role of the amygdala. In: Ferry, B. (Ed.), *The Amygdala – Where Emotions Shape Perception, Learning and Memories.* InTech. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5772/67583>.

Fivush, R. & Waters, T. E. A. (2015). Patterns of Attachments across the Lifespan. R. A. Scott and S. M. Kosslyn (Eds.) *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences: An Interdisciplinary, Searchable, and Linkable Resource*. 1–10. Wiley.

Fivush, R. & Waters, T. E. A. (2013). Sociocultural and functional approaches to autobiographical memory. In T. J. Perfect & D. S. Lindsay, *The Handbook of Applied Memory,* pp 221-238. Sage Publications: London.

Waters, H. S., & Waters, T. E. A. (2009). Bird experts: A study of child and adult knowledge utilization. H.S. Waters & W. Schneider (Eds.) *Metacognition, Strategy Use, and Instruction.* Guilford Press.

Waters, T. E. A. (2007). *Always There For Me: Early Experience, Personal Narrative, and Identity*. Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Life Rattle Press.

Waters, T. (2003). “Early attachment experiences affect later relationships: The link between your mother’s arms and your lover’s.” Article published in *The Medium* - University of Toronto campus newspaper. **Reprinted** (2011) in R. Cohen (Ed.) *Intimate Relationships.* McGraw Hill: DeBuque, IA.

**Under Review/In Prep**

Waters, T. E. A., Raby, K. L., Ruiz, S. K., Martin, J., & Roisman, G. I. (under review). The impact of secure base script knowledge on infant attachment, parenting quality, and romantic relationships.

Fivush, R. & Waters, T. E. A. (under review). Development and organization of autobiographical memory form and function.

Waters, T. E. A., Facompré, C. R., Van de Walle, M., Dujardin, A., De Winter, S., Heylen, J., Santens, T., Verhees, M., & Bosmans, G. (under review). Stability and change in secure base script development during middle childhood and early adolescence: A three-year longitudinal study.

Boldt, L. J., Waters, T. E. A., & Kochanska, G. (under review). The convergence of attachment representations of mother and father: Evidence from an 11-year longitudinal study.

Waters, T. E. A., Facompré, C. R., Dujardin, A., Van de Walle, M., Boldt, L., Kochanska, G., & Bosmans, G. (in prep). Discontinuity in the latent structure of the secure base script: Taxometrics reveal a representational shift in middle childhood.

**Conference Presentations**

Waters, T. E. A., Martin, J., Johnson, W., Young, E. S., Shankman, J., Facompré, C. R., Lee, Y, Roisman, G. I., & Simpson, J. A. (2018, March). *Stability of attachment across early adulthood.* Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Köber, C.**,** Waters, T. E. A., & Simpson, J. E. (June, 2017). How stable are attachment narratives? Paper presented in K. C. McLean & J. M. Adler (Chairs), *Repeated narration as a context for examining personality development in emerging adulthood*. Association for Research in Personality Conference, Sacramento, USA.

Ruiz, S., Waters, T. E. A., & Yates, T. M. (2017, April). *Secure base script knowledge as a mediator between early life stress and later maladaptation in a high-risk sample*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Waters, T. E. A. (2017). The Secure Base Script in Middle Childhood and Early Adolescence: Construction, Organization, and Impacts on Psychopathology (Chair). Symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Boldt, L. J., Waters, T. E. A., & Grazyna, K. (2017, April). Generalization of Attachment across Mother- and Father-Child Relationships: A Longitudinal Study from 15 Months to 12 Years. In T. E. A. Waters (Chair), *The Secure Base Script in Middle Childhood and Early Adolescence: Construction, Organization, and Impacts on Psychopathology.* Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Waters, T. E. A., Facompré, C. R., Dujardin, A., Van de Walle, M., Boldt, L. J., Kochanska, G., & Bosmans, G. (2017, April). Discontinuity in the Latent Structure of the Secure Base Script: Taxometrics Reveal a Representational Shift in Middle Childhood. In T. E. A. Waters (Chair), *The Secure Base Script in Middle Childhood and Early Adolescence: Construction, Organization, and Impacts on Psychopathology.* Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Facompré, C. R., Bernard, K., & Waters, T. E. A. (2017, April). Child Maltreatment History Moderates the Effectiveness of Interventions in Preventing Disorganized Attachment: A Meta-Analysis. In K. Valentino (Chair), *New Evidence from Relational Interventions for Maltreated Children.* Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Waters, T. E. A. & Lee, Y. (January, 2017). Relations between attachment security and life story themes. Paper presented inC. Köber (Chair), *Parents’ contribution to constructing narrative identity*. 12th biennial meeting of the SARMAC – Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Sydney, Australia.

Waters, T. E. A. & Adler, J. A. (January, 2017). Autobiographical narrative coherence: Structure, style, and association with well-being (Chair). Symposium presented at 12th biennial meeting of the SARMAC – Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Sydney, Australia.

Waters, T. E. A. & Adler, J. A. (January, 2017). The component structure of life story coherence. Paper presented in T.E.A. Waters (Chair), *Autobiographical Narrative Coherence: Structure, style, and associations with well-being*. 12th biennial meeting of the SARMAC – Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Sydney, Australia.

Waters, T. E. A., Köber, C., Raby, K. L., & Fivush, R. (January, 2017). Is there a trait-like personal narrative style? Paper presented in T.E.A. Waters (Chair), *Autobiographical Narrative Coherence: Structure, style, and associations with well-being*. 12th biennial meeting of the SARMAC – Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Sydney, Australia.

Waters, T. E. A. & Fivush, R. (2016). The content and organization of specific, recurring, and temporally extended autobiographical event narratives. Paper presented at the 6th International Conference on Memory, Budapest, Hungary.

Waters, T. E. A., Ruiz, S. K., Steele, R. D., & Roisman, G. I. (2015). The development of the secure base script and its implications for the coherence of adult attachment representations. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.

Steele, R. D., Waters, T. E. A., Bost, K. K., Vaughn, B. E., Truitt, W., Waters, H. S., Booth-LaForce, C., & Roisman, G. I. (2015). The developmental antecedents of secure base script knowledge: Evidence from the 18 year follow-up of the NICHD SECCYD. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.

Waters, T. E. A. (2015). The Developmental Origins of Script-like Attachment Representations (Chair). Symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.

Young, E. S., Griskevicius, V., Simpson, J. A., Waters, T. E. A., & Mittal, C. (2015). Early life stress enhances working memory in the face of economic uncertainty. Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Waters, T. E. A. & Steele, R. D. (2014). Building and using script-like representations of attachment. Paper presented as part of symposium “Trust in caregiver’s support: Towards the operationalization of attachment in CBT” at the European Association for Research on Cognitive and Behavioral Therapies, The Hague, NED.

Steele, R. D., Bost, K. K., Vaughn, B. E., Truitt, W., Waters, H. S., Booth-LaForce, C., Roisman, G. I., Waters, T. E. A. (2014). Caregiving antecedents of secure base script knowledge in adolescents from the NICHD study of early child care and youth development. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Adolescence, Austin, TX.

Waters, T. E. A. & Fivush, R (2013). Relations Between Narrative Coherence and Psychological Well-being: Moderation by Function Served. Paper presented at the Society of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Rotterdam, NED.

Waters, T. E. A., Jackson, F., & Bauer, P. J. (2012). Investigating the circumplex model of emotion: Event related potentials (ERPs) for high and low arousal negative autobiographical memories. Poster presented at Cognitive Neuro-Science, Chicago, Illinois.

Fivush, R., Zaman, W., Waters, T. E. A., & Merrill, N. A. (2012). Individual Identity Constructed Through Intergenerational Narratives. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Adolescence, Vancouver, British Columbia, CAN.

Waters, T. E. A., & Fivush, R. (2011). Comparing single, recurring, and extended event memories: Differences in narrative structure. Poster presented at Emory Cognition Project, Atlanta, GA.

Waters, T. E. A. & Fivush, R. (2011). Comparing positive and negative autobiographical memories. Paper presented at Society for Applied Research on Memory and Cognition, New York, NY.

Merrill, N. A., Waters, T. E. A., Zaman, W. & Fivush, R. (2011). Personal and intergenerational narrative coherence and adolescent well-being. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, New York, New York.

Fivush, R., Zaman, W., Merrill, N.A., & Waters, T. E. A. (2011). Adolescent identity in relation to family stories. Paper presented at a Symposium “Family stories and the adaptation and development of adolescents and emerging adults” at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Montreal, Canada.

Waters, H.S., Scandariato, I., Waters, T. E. A., Bianchini, A., Horan, E., & Bosmans, G. (2011). Middle childhood attachment narratives: Organized around a secure base script? Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Montreal, Canada.

Waters, T. E. A., Fivush, R., & Bauer, P.J. (2010). Autobiographical memory functions of single, recurring, and extended events. Poster presented at 1st meeting of the conference on Theoretical Perspectives on Autobiographical Memory, Aarhus, Denmark.

Fivush, R., Zaman, W., Merrill, N., & Waters, T. E. A. (2010). Situating self in family stories. Paper presented at Adolescent Narrative Workshop, Frankfurt, Germany.

Waters, T. E. A. & Austin, A. (2009). Relations between life story episodes and attachment security. Poster presented at the 6th Biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, San Antonio, Texas.

Zaman, W., Waters, T. E. A., & Fivush, R. (2009). Similarities in mother and adolescent intergenerational narratives. Poster presented at the 6th Biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, San Antonio, Texas.

Waters, T. E. A., Cizmeli, C., & Turan, B. (2009). Secure base script knowledge and the ability to identify secure base content and structure in social interactions. Poster presented at a Poster Symposium “Attachment representations and the mechanisms that link them to behavior” at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Denver, Colorado.

Waters, E., Waters, T. E. A., & Crowell, J.A. (2009). Script-like representations of early secure base experience in the AAI and in brief structured narratives. Poster presented at a Poster Symposium “Attachment representations and the mechanisms that link them to behavior” at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Denver, Colorado.

Waters, T. E. A. (2008). Narrative assessments of attachment: From child to adulthood. Paper presented at the *Storying Our World*, 2008 Narrative Matters conference. Toronto, Canada.

Waters, T. E. A., & Allen, G. (2007). Personal narratives and attachment script representations. Poster presented at the 5th biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society. Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Invited Talks**

Waters, T. E. A. (2017). The development of autobiographical narrative and associations to well-being. University of Bergamo, Bergamo, Italy.

Waters, T. E. A. (2017). The development of autobiographical memory. University of Bergamo, Bergamo, Italy.

Waters, T. E. A. (2015). The development and influence of script-like attachment representations. University of Delaware.

Waters, T. E. A. (2011). Scoring secure base content in the adult attachment interview. University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium.

Waters, T. E. A. (2011). Does valence matter? Comparing memory quality for negative and positive events. J.W. Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.

Waters, T. E. A. & Fivush, R. (2010). Autobiographical memory functions of single, recurring, and extended events. J. W. Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Lecturer and Teaching Assistantships**

Instructor; Developmental Psychology (Spring 2017; Fall 2017), NYU Abu Dhabi

Instructor; Introduction to Psychology (Fall 2016; Fall 2017), NYU Abu Dhabi

Instructor; Child Development (Spring 2013), Emory University

Instructor; Cognition (Summer 2012), Emory University

Instructor; Child Development (Summer 2011), Emory University

Co-Instructor; Introduction to Psychology (Fall, 2011 – 8 Lectures).

TA; Statistics (Spring 2010; 2011), Emory University.

TA; Research Methods (Fall, 2010), Emory University.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, TRAINING, AND AFFILIATIONS**

Ad Hoc Reviewer

*Advances in Life Course Research; Assessment; Child Development; Clinical Psychological Science; Cognitive Development; Developmental Psychology; Emerging Adulthood; Infant Mental Health Journal; Journal of Adolescence; Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition; Journal of Child and Family Studies; Journal of Cognition and Development; Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology; Journal of Family Psychology; Journal of Personality; Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: PPID, Journal of Research in Personality; Memory; Psychologia;*

**Editorial Board Memberships**

*Revista PSYCHOLOGIA* 2017- present

Professional Affiliations

American Psychological Association (Division 7) 2008 – present

Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition 2010 - present

Society for Research in Adolescence 2013 – present

Society for Research in Child Development 2008 - present

**Workshops Delivered**

Coding the Attachment Script Assessment. Held at York University, CAN, fall 2017

Coding the Attachment Script Assessment. Held at University of Windsor, CAN, summer 2017

Introduction to the AAI Secure Base Script Scale. Hosted at New York University, spring,2016.