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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (CANADA)

Master of Arts in Social Psychology - Department of Psychology 2026 –current

UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO (BRAZIL)

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology - Institute of Psychology 2018 – 2022

Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering - Polytechnic School 2012 – 2017

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (CANADA)

Sandwich Undergraduate Scholarship - Science without Borders 2015 - 2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

Elizabeth Young Lacey Scholarship in Psychology 2026

Scholarships endowed through a bequest by Elizabeth Young Lacey for students in experimental psychology.

- Total value: \$2,500.00 CAD

Undergraduate Student Award for Poster Presentation 2022

Best undergraduate poster presentation at the 4th Brazilian Meeting on Evolution of Human Behavior, an international conference hosted at the University of São Paulo.

Undergraduate Research Project Scholarship 2021 - 2022

Funded by the Sao Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

- Total value: R\$ 8,400.00

Sandwich Undergraduate Scholarship - Science Without Borders 2015 - 2016

University of Sao Paulo/ University of Toronto

Funded by the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education (CAPES), Brazil.

- Total value: \$20,000.00 CAD

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Coordinator for the Global Happiness Megastudy 2025 – 2026

Institution: University of Florida

Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas A. Coles, Dr. Barnabás Szász

Description: Research coordinator position for the Global Happiness Megastudy, a large collaboration among social psychologists led by a team of researchers from Hungary, Canada, the USA, and the UK.

Post-Baccalaureate Lab Manager 2024 – 2025

Institution: University of Florida

Supervisor: Dr. Nicholas A. Coles

Description: Lab manager position at the Social Science Collaboratory at the University of Florida.

Psychotherapist (Private practice) 2022 - 2023

Description: Licensed mental health professional in Brazil offering online cognitive behavioral therapy for treatment of mild anxiety and depression symptoms in young adults.

Undergraduate Research Project

2021 – 2022

Title: Attachment Styles and Partner Selection in Different Sexual Orientations

Institution: University of Sao Paulo - Institute of Psychology

Supervisor: Dr. Jaroslava Valentova.

Description: A funded undergraduate project in which I explored the variation in preferred romantic partner qualities in individuals across the sexual orientation spectrum.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2026

Course: PSYC 305 - Personality Psychology

Instructor: Dr. Jessica Tracy

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

2022

Course: 0420131- Neuroscience II

Instructors: Dr, Martin Metzger; Dr Clarice Gorenstein

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

2020 - 2021

Course: PSE1444 - Motivation and Emotion

Instructors: Dr. Nicholas Chaline; Dr. Briseida de Resende.

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

1. COLES, N. A., DANG, A., & **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.** (2026). Smiling your way to happiness or misery? Experimental tests of competing perspectives. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 125, 104895.
2. BEHNKE, M., KŁOSKOWSKI, M., KLICHOWSKI, M., KRZYŻANIAK, W., SZYMAŃSKI, K., MACIEJEWSKI, P., ... **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.**, ... & COLES, N. (2026). Using AI to Generate Affective Images: Methodology and Initial Library. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, 9(1), 25152459251415336.
3. COLES, N. A., **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.**, GRANT, G. L., & BASNIGHT-BROWN, D. M. (2025). The Rise, Impact, and Imbalances of Big-Team Psychology. *Psychological Science*, 09567976261433459.
4. **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.**; SIQUEIRA, J. O.; SILVEIRA, P. S. P.; VALENTOVA, J. V. (2024). What Do Different People Look for in a Partner? Effects of Sex, Sexual Orientation, and Mating Strategies on Partner Preferences. *Archives of sexual behavior*, 53(3), 981-1000.
5. PIRES, L.C., SANTANA, W.F., ROMANO, F.S., TAVARES, G., **TAKAYANAGI, J.F.G.B.**, LUSBY, C., OLIVEIRA, N.R.C., UVINHA, R.R. (2024) Mental Health, Resilient Coping Strategies and Hope of Sao Paulo City Residents During the Period of Social Detachment in the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Psicologia e Saúde em Debate*, 10(2), 308-329.

WORKING PAPERS

1. COLES, N. A., **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.**, FIORE, S. M., & WU, L. (2026). The Speed and Impact of Small vs. 'Big Team' Science During Urgent Societal Events. (In preparation)

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

Talks

1. **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.**; GRANT, G. L.; BASNIGHT-BROWN, D.; COLES, N. A. The Rise, Impact, and Imbalances of Big Team Psychology (Symposium). Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists Annual Conference. November 2025. (*Regional conference*)
2. **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.** The Effect of Context Appraisal on Emotion Intensity and Emotional Responses (Flash talk). 2nd Annual ABCT Student Symposium. May 2024. (*National student conference*)

Poster presentations

1. **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.** Cognitive Appraisals and Response Tendencies Differentiate Negative Emotions. Society for Affective Science Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, PA, United States, March 2026. (*National conference*)
2. **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.** Differentiating Negative Emotions using Response Tendencies and Molar Appraisals. Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists Annual Conference. Saint Petersburg, FL, United States, November 2025. (*Regional conference*)
3. **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.; SIQUEIRA, J. O.; SILVEIRA, P. S. P.; VALENTOVA, J. V.** Mate Qualities and Sexual Strategies in Heterosexual and Non-Heterosexual Individuals. 4th Brazilian Meeting on Evolution of Human Behavior. São Paulo, Brazil, October 2022. (*National conference*)
4. **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.; SIQUEIRA, J. O.; SILVEIRA, P. S. P.; VALENTOVA, J. V.** Sexo e Orientação Sexual Influenciam na Preferência por Características de Parceiros Sexuais (Sex and Sex Orientation Influence Preference for Sexual Partner's Traits). XVIII Congresso Brasileiro de Sexualidade Humana (XVIII Brazilian Congress of Human Sexuality). Curitiba, Brazil, September 2022. (*National conference*)
5. **TAKAYANAGI, J. F. G. B.; VALENTOVA, J. V.** Estilos de Apego e Preferências Sexuais em Diferentes Orientações Sexuais (Attachment Styles and Partner Preferences in Different Sexual Orientations). 29 Simpósio Internacional de Iniciação Científica da Universidade de São Paulo (29th University of São Paulo International Symposium of Undergraduate Research). São Paulo, Brazil, October 2021. (*Local conference*)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- **Society for Affective Sciences** 2025-2026
The Society for Affective Science is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering basic and applied research in the variety of fields that study affect broadly defined.
- **Society for Personality and Social Psychology** 2024-2025
The world's largest organization of personality and social psychologists, which organizes the SPSP annual conferences.
- **Regional Council of Psychology/São Paulo – Brazil** 2022-2024
Licensed Psychologist in Brazil registered under [CRP-SP 06/186190]. The Regional Council of Psychology is responsible for implementing ethical standards and regulations for professional psychologists in Brazil, equivalent to state licensing boards in the U.S.