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## Education

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- Ph.D. **University of Virginia** (Anticipated 2026)  
Social Psychology  
Quantitative Minor  
*Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Wood*
- M.A. **University of Virginia**, 2022  
Social Psychology  
Thesis: "Self-Disclosure or Small Talk? Unpacking the Social Explore-Exploit Tradeoff in an Online Chat Room" ([link](#))  
*Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Wood*
- B.A. **North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University**, 2020  
Psychology, General  
*Advisor: Dr. Adrienne Morgan*

## Publications

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- Jr, M. K. C., Kelly, S., Rocker, K., Goke, R., **Barrentine, K.**, & Dawkins, A. (2022). *Supervisor Communicative Behaviors as Influence of Subordinate Burnout: The Mediating Effects of Perceived Immediacy and Burnout*. 11(1).
- Tsang, S., **Barrentine, K. J.**, Chadha, S., Oishi, S., & Wood, A. (Manuscript Under Review). Social exploration: How and why people seek new connections. <https://psyarxiv.com/2wx9t/>
- Barrentine, K.J.**, Tsang, S., Wood, A. Having more social ties is good for well-being, but striving for quantity can backfire (in prep)
- Chadha., S., **Barrentine, K.J.**, Welker, C., Snyder, A., Uphadaya, S., Wood, A. Homophily facilitates differential wellbeing outcomes across social contexts (in prep)

## Grants and Funding

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- 2022 Double Hoo Award, [Office of Citizen Scholar Development](#), University of Virginia (\$6,000)
- 2022 Psi-Chi Spring Research Grant, The International Honor Society in Psychology, (\$3,435)
- 2022 GSASC Fall Research Grant, University of Virginia, (\$500)

## Honors and Awards

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- 2022 Travel Award to Black Doctoral Network Conference, Diversity Programs Office
- 2022 Society for Affective Science Trainee Diversity Award
- 2022 Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow Program
- 2019 Honorable Mention, Duke DataFest
- 2018 Chancellors nomination, Frederick Douglas Global Fellowship
- 2017 Fellowship, Sophomore Immersion Program in Research and Academics

## Conference Presentations

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- Barrentine, K. J.,** Wood., A. (2023, May) How Quality Versus Quantity of Relationships Affects Short- and Long-Term Well-Being. Association for Psychological Science. Washington, D.C.
- Barrentine, K. J.,** Wood., A. (2023, April) Connecting as a Political Minority. UVA Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Charlottesville, Virginia
- Barrentine, K. J.** Wood, A. (2022, March) The Costs and Benefits of Social Exploration. Society for Affective Science. Virtual

## Poster Presentations

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- Mixon, M., **Barrentine, K. J.** Wood, A. (2023, March) *Does willingness to talk to strangers predict well-being?* Poster presented at Society of Personality and Social Psychologists Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- Barrentine, K. J.** Wood, A. (2023, March) *Self-disclosure or small talk? Unpacking the social explore-exploit tradeoff in an online chat room.* San Francisco, CA.
- Barrentine, K. J.** Wood, A. (2022, March) *Manipulating social exploration and exploitation in interactions with strangers.* Presented at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychologists (SPSP). [Virtual Presentation]
- Barrentine, K. J.** Hachen, D. (2019, July) *The Adjustment of Network Size Among Depressed Persons with Too Large of a Social Network.* Presented at the Annual Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium. Notre Dame, IN
- Barrentine, K. J.** Hachen, D. (2018, October) *Can personality impact the management of a social network?* Presented at the National Research Experience for Undergraduate Symposium. Alexandria, VA.
- Barrentine, K. J.** Aiken-Morgan, A. T. (2018, March) Relationships between Socioeconomic Status, Education, and Depression in African American Adults. Presented at the Annual VSU Black Psychology Conference, Petersburg, VA.
- Barrentine, K. J.** Aiken-Morgan, A. T. (2017, November) The Association between Perceived Locus of Control and Self-Reported Depression in Older African American Men. Presented at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. Phoenix, AZ.

## Mentorship Experience

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- 2023 – Present *Danae Thomas*, Emotion Behavior Lab, University of Virginia
- 2022 – Present *Shirley Li*, Emotion Behavior Lab, University of Virginia
- 2022 – Present *Saga Bailey*, Office of African American Affairs Mentoring Program, Emotion Behavior Lab, University of Virginia
- 2022 – 2023 *Maddie Mixon*, Emotion Behavior Lab, University of Virginia. Worked for 1 year on the Double Grant. Project Title: “Examining Social Exploration Among College Students”
- 2021 – Present *Yanwei Chen*, Emotion Behavior Lab, University of Virginia
- 2021 – 2022 *LiChen Dong*, Emotion Behavior Lab, University of Virginia
- 2021 – 2022 *Adriana Gao*, Emotion Behavior Lab, University of Virginia
- 2021 *Isabelle Maule*, Emotion Behavior Lab, University of Virginia

## Teaching Experience

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### University of Virginia, Department of Psychology

- Summer 2023 R Bootcamp Instructor
- Spring 2023 Guest Lecturer: Social Psychology
- Summer 2021 Freedom School Instructor

### Bennett College, Department of Student Success

- Spring 2018 – Present Statistics Tutor

## Research Experience

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- 2020 – Present *Graduate Research Assistant, Emotion and Behavior Lab* (Advisor, Dr. Adrienne Wood)
- 2019– 2020 *Research Assistant, Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness* (Advisor, Dr. Muktha Jost)
- 2018 – 2019 *Research Assistant, Computational Social Science Research Experience for Undergraduates* (Advisor, Dr. David Hachen)
- 2017 – 2019 *Research Assistant, Behavioral Research on Aging Cognition and Health Lab* (Advisor, Dr. Adrienne Morgan)

## Professional Service

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- 2023 – Present *President*, Society for Affective Science Student Committee
- 2023 – Present *Member*, Executive Committee, Society for Affective Science
- 2023 – Present *Member*, Planning Committee, Society for Affective Science

- 2022                    *Graduate Student at-large*, Society for Affective Science Student Committee
- 2022                    *Member*, Membership and Outreach, Society for Affective Science

## Departmental and University Service

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### University of Virginia

- 2023- Present      Participant Pool Coordinator
- 2023 – Present    Rising Star Committee Representative (Social Area)
- 2022                    Diversity Retreat Volunteer
- 2022                    Brain Camp

### North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

- 2018 – 2020      President, Association of Black Psychologists  
Historian, Psychology Research Club  
Historian, Psi Chi International Honor Society
- 2018 – 2019      Co-Editor, Ayantee Yearbook
- 2017 – 2018      Vice-President, Association of Black Psychologists  
Copy Editor, Ayantee Yearbook
- 2016 – 2017      Parliamentarian, Association of Black Psychologists  
Copy Writer, Ayantee Yearbook

## Professional Affiliations

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Psi Chi International Honor Society  
Society for Affective Science (SAS)  
Society for Personality and Social Psychologists (SPSP)  
Association for Psychological Science (APS)