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Education

- 1996 Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota; B.A., English (Minor in Philosophy)
- 1997 University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, Wisconsin; graduate program in Library Science
- 2010 Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; Ph.D., Clinical Psychology; Adult Psychopathology Specialization
Dissertation: Attributional style in schizophrenia: Associations with suspiciousness and depressed mood
Mentor: Dr. Nancy Docherty (APA-accredited)

Post Graduate Education and Training

- 2010-present Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment; VISN 5 MIRECC; Baltimore, Maryland
Mentors: Dr. Alan Bellack, Dr. Clayton Brown, Dr. Marylene Cloitre, Dr. Kim Mueser, Dr. Rebecca Wald

Employment History

Academic Appointments

- 2002-2003 Research Assistant, Dept. of Psychology, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Shah Lab
- 2003 Research Assistant, Dept. of Psychology, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Shibley-Hyde Lab
- 2004-2009 Graduate Assistant, Dept. of Psychology, Kent State University, Kent, OH
- 2006 Instructor, Dept. of Psychology, Kent State University, Kent, OH

Clinical Experience

- 2005-2009 Student Clinician, Kent State University Psychological Clinic; Kent State University, Kent, OH
- 2008-2009 Psychology Clinician Trainee, Coleman Behavioral Health Services, Kent, OH
- 2009-2010 Psychology Intern, VA Maryland Health Care System/University of Maryland School of Medicine Psychology Internship Consortium; Baltimore, MD (APA-approved)
- 2010-present Psychologist (Postdoctoral Fellow), VA Maryland Health Care System, Outpatient Trauma Recovery Program, Baltimore, MD

Other Employment

- 2003 Parental Stress Center, Crisis Hotline Worker, Madison, WI

Professional Society Memberships

- 2004-Present American Psychological Association
- 2010-Present Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies

Honors and Awards

- 2005 Judie Fall Lasser Scholarship, Kent State University
- 2005-2009 Presentation Travel Funding Award, Kent State University
- 2009 The Lillian Friedman Fellowship for the Outstanding Graduate Student in Mental Health Research, Kent State University

Administrative Service

Institutional Service

- 2010-Present UMB/VA Psychology Internship Program, occasional lecturer / workshop leader
- 2010- Present UMB/VA Psychology Internship Program, UM Adult Track applications-review and interview

Editorial Activities: Ad Hoc Editorial Consultant

- Clinical Psychology Review
- Clinical Schizophrenia and Related Psychoses
- Comprehensive Psychiatry
- Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease
- Schizophrenia Bulletin

Schizophrenia Research

Teaching Service

2006 Kent State University, Department of Psychology, Instructional Positions
Instructor: Social Psychology, 90 students, 3 classroom hours per week + preparation
Instructor: Intensive Writing in Psychology, 5 students, 1 classroom hour per week + preparation

Grant Support: Active Grants

08/01/11-8/01/12 (Co-investigator, 25%) PI : A. Bellack
“Assessing Childhood Abuse and PTSD in Persons with Serious Mental Illness”
VA VISN-5 MIRECC Research Pilot
Total Direct Costs = \$16,883

Grants Currently under Review

01/01/12 – 12/31/16 PI: J. Aakre
“Treating PTSD in Veterans with Serious Mental Illness and Childhood Abuse History”
VA RRD # 1IK2RX000786-01
Annual Direct Costs \$155,643
Total Direct Costs \$840,536

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Cutting, L.P., **Aakre, J.M.**, & Docherty, N.M. (2006). Schizophrenic patients' perceptions of stress, expressed emotion, and sensitivity to criticism. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, *32*, 743-750.
2. Docherty, N.M., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, & Seghers, J.P. (2008). Life events and high-trait reactivity together predict psychotic symptoms increases in schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, *35*(3), 638-645.
3. Cohen, A., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, & Docherty, N.M. (2009). Understanding anhedonia in schizophrenia through lexical analysis of natural speech. *Cognition and Emotion*, *23*, 569 – 586.
4. **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., St-Hilaire, A., & Docherty, N.M. (2009). Attributional style in delusional patients: A comparison of remitted paranoid, remitted non-paranoid, and current paranoid patients with nonpsychiatric controls. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, *35*, 994 – 1002.
5. Divilbiss, M., McCleery, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., Schumann, E.B., & Docherty, N.M. (2010). Reality monitoring and its association with social functioning in schizophrenia. *Psychiatry Research*, *183* (1), 1-4.
6. Docherty, N.M., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., McCleery, A., Divilbiss, M. (2011). Anxiety interacts with expressed emotion in the prediction of psychotic symptom exacerbation. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, *37*, 611-618.

7. McCleery, A., Divilbiss, M., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.**, Seghers, J., Schumann, E.B., & Docherty, N.M. (in press). Predicting social functioning in schizotypy: An investigation of the relative contributions of theory of mind and mood. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*.

Other Proffered Communications / Presentations (all peer reviewed unless otherwise noted)

1. **Aakre, J.M.**, St-Hilaire, A., Hill, C., & Docherty, N.M. Working memory in individuals with schizophrenia: Associations between visuospatial and verbal task performance. Poster presented as part of the 2005 Virtual Conference for the Society for Research in Psychopathology.
2. **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J., St-Hilaire, A., & Docherty, N.M. Attributional style in delusional patients: A comparison of remitted paranoid, remitted non-paranoid, and current paranoid patients with healthy controls. Poster presented as part of the 2006 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, October, 2006.
3. Seghers, J.P., Docherty, N.M., **Aakre, J.M.**, & St-Hilaire, A. Cognitive impairments, emotion, and language in schizophrenia. Poster presented as part of the 2006 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, October, 2006.
4. St-Hilaire, A., Hill, C.L., **Aakre, J.M.**, Docherty, N.M. The use of emotional words in the conversational speech of schizophrenia patients. Poster presented as part of the 2006 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, October, 2006.
5. **Aakre, J.M.**, St-Hilaire, A., McCleery, A., Seghers, J.P., & Docherty, N.M. Attributional style in schizophrenia: Associations with grandiosity, suspiciousness, and depressed mood. Poster presented as part of the 2007 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Iowa City, IA, October, 2007.
6. Docherty, N., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, & Seghers, J. P. Life events and high trait reactivity together predict psychotic symptom increases in schizophrenia. Poster presented as part of the 2007 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Iowa City, IA, October, 2007.
7. McCleery, A., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., & Docherty, N.M. Dimensional assessment of schizotypy: The Oxford-Liverpool Inventory of Feelings and Experiences. Poster presented as part of the 2007 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Iowa City, IA, October, 2007.
8. St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, McCleery, A., Seghers, J.P., & Docherty, N.M. Recognition of posed and spontaneous facial expressions of emotion in paranoid, nonparanoid schizophrenia patients, and healthy controls. Poster presented as part of the 2007 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Iowa City, IA, October, 2007.
9. **Aakre, J.M.**, St-Hilaire, A., McCleery, A., Seghers, J.P., Divilbiss, M., & Docherty, N.M. Does symptomatology mediate the relationship between attributional style and social functioning in schizophrenia? Poster presented as part of the Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, September, 2008.
10. Divilbiss, M., McCleery, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J., & Docherty, N.M. Source-monitoring and its association with social functioning. Poster presented as part of the 2008 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, September, 2008.
11. Docherty, N., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., McCleery, A., & Divilbiss, M. Anxiety interacts with expressed emotion in the prediction of psychotic symptoms exacerbation. Poster presented as part of the 2008 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, September, 2008.
12. McCleery, A., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., Divilbiss, M., Schumann, E., & Docherty, N.M. Social perception, neurocognition, and conceptual disorganization in schizophrenia. Poster presented as part of the 2008 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, on September, 2008.

13. Seghers, J.P., McCleery, A., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Divilbiss, M., & Docherty, N.M. Alexithymia and schizotypal personality traits. Poster presented as part of the 2008 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, September, 2008.
14. St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, McCleery, A., Seghers, J.P., & Docherty, N.M. (2008). Theory of Mind in schizophrenia: Evidence of impairment in the ability to mentalize deception but not cooperation. Poster presented as part of the 2008 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, September, 2008.
15. **Aakre, J.M.**, Medoff, D., & Kreyenbuhl, J. A comparison of adherence to antipsychotic and hypoglycemic medications and beliefs about medications among individuals with co-occurring serious mental illness and type 2 diabetes. Poster presented as part of the 2009 University of Maryland School of Medicine – Department of Psychology Annual Research Day, Baltimore, MD, May, 2009.
16. **Aakre, J.M.**, St-Hilaire, A., Seghers, J.P., McCleery, A., Divilbiss, M., Schumann, E.B., & Docherty, N.M. Attributions for work disruption in schizophrenia: Associations with symptomatology and employment outcomes. Poster presented as part of the 2009 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, September, 2009.
17. Divilbiss, M., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., McCleery, A., Schumann, E.B., & Docherty, N.M. Schizotypy and social functioning: Implications for emotional distress. Poster presented as part of the 2009 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, on September, 2009.
18. Docherty, N.M., St-Hilaire, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., McCleery, A., Divilbiss, M., & Schumann, E.B. Trait affectivity and stress-vulnerability in schizophrenia. Poster presented as part of the 2009 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, September, 2009.
19. McCleery, A., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., Divilbiss, M., Schumann, E.B., St-Hilaire, & Docherty, N.M. The latent structure of schizotypy: A taxometric analysis using a dimensional schizotypy measure. Poster presented as part of the 2009 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, on September, 2009.
20. Schumann, E.B., Pochedly, J., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J.P., McCleery, A., Divilbiss, M., & Docherty, N.M. Reconsidering the status of social anhedonia as a primary negative symptom in schizophrenia. Poster presented as part of the 2009 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, September, 2009.
21. **Aakre, J.M.**, St-Hilaire, A., McCleery, A., & Docherty, N.M. Ethnic differences in the relationships among attributional style and symptoms in schizophrenia. Poster presented as part of the 2010 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, October, 2010.
22. McCleery, A., Divilbiss, M., **Aakre, J.M.**, Seghers, J., Schumann, E., Moe, A., Shakeel, M., & Docherty, N.M. Early visual processing and social cognition in schizotypy. Poster presented as part of the 2010 Society for Research in Psychopathology Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, October, 2010.