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09/2010 – 04/2014	UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Vancouver, BC Bachelor of Arts , Psychology, Honours Program
WORK	
09/2014 — 12/2017	UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Vancouver, BC Teaching Assistant, Teaching Fellow* PSYC 335 – Gambling and Decision-Making (2016, 2017) PSYC 218 – Analysis of Behavioural Data* (2015, 2016, 2017) PSYC 309 – Cognitive Processes (2015) PSYC 208 – Special Topics in Social, Developmental, Personality and Clinical Psychology (2014)
09/2013 - 05/2014	UBC ATTENTIONAL NEUROSCIENCE LAB, Vancouver, BC Volunteer Research Assistant, Senior Honours Thesis
09/2012 - 08/2013	UBC VISION LAB, Vancouver, BC Research Assistant, Junior Honours Thesis

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

09/2018 – Present	UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Vancouver, BC Graduate Ombudsperson, Liaison to the Graduate Coordinator
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PUBLICATIONS

- **Murch, W. S.**, & Clark, L. (2019). Commentary on Graydon et al. (2018): Realistic simulations and nudging gambling policy. *Addiction*. 114(1), 125-126. doi: 10.1111/add.14493
- Kennedy, D., Goshko, C., **Murch, W. S.**, Limbrick-Oldfield, E. H., Dunn, B. D., Clark, L. (2019). Interoception and respiratory sinus arrhythmia in gambling disorder. *Psychophysiology*. [ePub ahead of print]. doi: 10.1111/psyp.13333
- **Murch, W. S.**, & Clark, L. (2019). Effects of bet size and multi-line play on immersion and respiratory sinus arrhythmia during electronic gaming machine use. *Addictive Behaviors*. 88, 67-72. doi: 10.1016/j.addbeh.2018.08.014
- Ferland, J.N., Adams, W.K., **Murch, S.**, Wei, L., Clark, L., Winstanley, C.A. (2018). Investigating the influence of 'losses disguised as wins' on decision making and motivation in rats. *Behavioral Pharmacology*. 29(8), 732-744. doi: 10.1097/FBP.0000000000000455
- Chu, S., Limbrick-Oldfield, E. H., **Murch, W. S.**, & Clark, L. (2017). Why do slot machine gamblers use stopping devices? Findings from a "Casino Lab" experiment. *International Gambling Studies*. http://doi.org/10.1080/14459795.2017.1413125
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PRESENTATIONS

05/2018	BC SCIENCE AND POLICY CONFERENCE, Vancouver, British Columbia "Your Attention Please: Eye tracking slot machine play to inform gambling policy." (Symposium talk)
02/2018	NEW HORIZONS IN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING, Vancouver, British Columbia "Eyes on the Prize: Predicting player immersion using a mobile eye tracker during slot machine play." (Symposium talk)
07/2017	NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, Portland, Oregon "Subjective, Behavioural and Physiological Correlates of Social Slot Machine Gambling." (Poster)
02/2017	NEW HORIZONS IN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING, Vancouver, British Columbia "Solitary Play leads to greater Immersion in Slot Machine Gambling." (Poster)
06/2016	16 th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GAMBLING AND RISK TAKING, Las Vegas, Nevada "The Cost of Getting Lost: Measuring the slot machine zone with attentional dual tasks." (Symposium talk)
02/2016	NEW HORIZONS IN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING, Vancouver, British Columbia "The Cost of Getting Lost: Measuring the slot machine zone with attentional dual tasks." (Poster)
03/2015	ALBERTA GAMBLING RESEARCH INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CRITICAL ISSUES IN GAMBLING RESEARCH, Banff, Alberta "Physiological Arousal and Behavioural Measures of Immersion during Slot Machine Gambling." (Poster)
02/2015	NEW HORIZONS IN RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING, Vancouver, British Columbia "Measuring Player Immersion in a Hybrid Casino Laboratory." (Poster)

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

05/2017	UBC Psychology Coren Prize for Overall Best MA Thesis
03/2017	NSERC Doctoral Scholarship (PGS-D)
07/2016	UBC Department of Psychology Graduate Scholarship
02/2016	First-place Poster Prize, New Horizons in Responsible Gambling
07/2015	UBC Department of Psychology Graduate Scholarship
05/2014	Canadian Psychological Association Certificate of Academic Excellence

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

10/2017	"Rick at UBC," CBC Rick Mercer Report. (Television)
02/2017	"Slot machines really do lull gambling addicts into a trance, researchers find," The Daily Mail. (Online)
02/2017	"Redesign slot machines to be less attractive to problem gamblers, UBC researcher says," CBC. (Online, Radio)
02/2017	"Problem gamblers enter a trancelike 'zone' when they play slots, UBC study finds," The Province. (Print news)
02/2017	"UBC study connects slot machines to addictions," Global News. (Television, Online).
11/2014	"Tackling problem gambling," CBC News Vancouver. (Television)
11/2014	"New research centre tackling gambling opens at UBC," Global News. (Television, Online)

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