

Jennifer A. Rinker, M.A.  
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

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- 2006 - present American University, Washington, DC  
*PhD Candidate, Psychology (Behavior, Cognition & Neuroscience Program)*
- 2007 American University, Washington, DC  
*M.A., Psychology (Experimental/Biopsychology Track)*  
*Thesis: The Effects of Nicotine on Ethanol-Induced Conditioned Taste Aversions*
- 2004 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI  
*Non-degree Graduate Student, Biology/Psychology*
- 1999-2003 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI  
*B.S., Psychology, Biology*

Publications

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Rinker, J.A., Busse, G.D., & Riley, A.L. An Assessment of sex differences in nicotine-induced conditioned taste aversions. *Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior, 2007; In Press.*

*Submitted for Publication*

Rinker, J.A., Busse, G.D., Roma, P.G., Chen, S.A., Barr, S.C., & Riley, A.L. The effect of nicotine on ethanol-induced conditioned taste aversions in Long Evans rats. *Psychopharmacology, Submitted June 2007.*

Conference Presentations

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*Poster Presentations*

College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June 2007, Quebec City, Canada  
*The effects of nicotine on ethanol-induced conditioned taste aversions.*  
*J.A. Rinker, G.D. Busse, & A.L. Riley.*

*Oral Communications*

Society for Neurosciences, October 2006, Atlanta, GA  
*Sex differences in the aversive properties of nicotine: assessment of nicotine-induced taste aversions. J.A. Rinker, G.D. Busse, & A.L. Riley.*

## Research Experience

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Research Associate, Psychopharmacology Lab, American University, 2005 to present

Advisor: Dr. Anthony L. Riley

Current Projects/Interests:

- *Strain differences and cross-fostering effects on ethanol self-administration*
- *Strain differences and cross-fostering effects on ethanol-induced CTA*
- *Nicotine and Ethanol co-use: pharmacological mediating factors*
- *Ethanol-induced place preferences*
- *The effects of nicotine and ethanol combinations on conditioned taste aversions.*
- *Sex differences in acquisition of nicotine-induced conditioned taste aversions.*
- *Low-dose cocaine drug discrimination between Lewis and Fischer 344*

Research Analyst (internship)

The Institute for Social Analysis, 2005

Supervisor: Dr. Royer Cook & Dr. Rebekah Hersch

Research Assistant (gratis)

Mood & Anxiety Disorders Program, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, 2005

Advisor: Dr. Kristine Erickson

Research Assistant

Behavioral Neuropharmacology Lab, Western Michigan University, 2002 to 2003

Advisor: Dr. Lisa Baker

## Teaching Experience

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Instructor, Quantitative GRE Prep Course

McNair Scholars Program, American University, Summer 2007

Lab Instructor, Psychology as a Natural Science (Lab)

Department of Psychology, American University, Summer 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2007

Teaching Assistant, Drugs and Behavior

Department of Psychology, American University, Spring 2006

Exam Proctor

Department of Psychology, American University, Fall & Spring 2005

Teaching Assistant, Abnormal Psychology

Department of Psychology, Western Michigan University, 2003

Teaching Assistant, Behavioral Statistics

Department of Psychology, Western Michigan University, 2002

## Honors and Awards

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Mellon Graduate Student Research Travel Award, *American University, Spring 2007*

Mellon Graduate Student Research Award, *American University, CAS, Fall 2005*

Awarded B.S. *Magna cum Laude*, *Western Michigan University, April 2003*

Presidential Scholar Nominee, *Western Michigan University, Dept. of Psychology, 2003*

Psi Chi Psychology Honors Fraternity, *Inducted Fall 2001*

Golden Key Honors Society, *Inducted Fall 2001*

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Fraternity, *Inducted Fall 2001*

## Academic Executive Positions

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Graduate Student Council for Psychology, GSC Senator, *American University*, 2007-2008  
Graduate Student Council for Psychology, Treasurer, *American University*, 2006-2007  
Graduate Student Council for Psychology, Representative to Library Committee, *American University*, 2005-2006  
Publicity Chair, Psi Chi Psychology Honors Fraternity, 2002

## Clinical Experience

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### Psychometrist

National Institute of Neurological Disorder & Stroke, NIH, 2005 to 2006  
Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Pirio-Richardson

### Rehabilitation Assistant (gratis)

Neuro-Rehab Unit, Borgess Hospital, 2004

## Professional Affiliations

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Society for Neurosciences

Society for the Stimulus Properties of Drugs

American Psychological Association

Div.6 Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology

Div. 28 Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse