

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date of birth: August 9th,1970

Military service: 1988-1991.

Married + 2 children.

Education

Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Berkeley Psychophysiology Laboratory and the Institute of Personality and Social Research, University of California, Berkeley. 2001-2003.

Ph.D. in psychology with highest distinction: Bar-Ilan University. 1996-2001.

Dissertation: "Emotional reactions towards people with physical disabilities: A terror management perspective on pity."

Dissertation advisor: Prof. Victor Florian.

B.A. with major in psychology: University of California, Berkeley. 1992-1996.

Academic Positions

Instructor: Dept of Psychology and Cognitive Science program, University of California, Berkeley 2002.

Lecturer (Assistant Professor): Department of Psychology, Bar-Ilan University.
2003-

Grants and awards

Gonda Clinical Research Grant (\$9000). For a study on the psychoneuroendocrine and autonomic nervous system response to sexual stimuli: The moderating role of hyperactivating and deactivating strategies (co-PI with Gurit Birnbaum, Ohad Cohen, & Mario Mikulincer).

Yigal Alon Fellowship, Council for Higher Education, Israel for the years 2004-2007.

Rothschild Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Yad Hanadiv Foundation, Jerusalem for the years 2001-2002.

Israel Foundation Trustees (Ford Foundation) doctoral dissertation research grant for the years 1999-2001.

Dean's Honors list University of California, Berkeley 1995, 1996.

Membership in Professional Organizations

Society for Personality and Social Psychology – Member since 2001

American Psychological Society – Member since 2004

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (Journals)

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: ASC

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: PPID

Psychological Science

Basic and Applied Social Psychology

Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy

Megamot (Hebrew)

Reviewer (grants)

Israel Science Foundation

Research Interests

Emotion, interpersonal and intergroup relationships; psychophysiological and behavioral methods; terror management theory; reactions towards people with disabilities.

Refereed Journal Publications

1. Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (1999/2000). The anatomy of a problematic emotion: The conceptualization and measurement of the experience of pity. *Imagination, Cognition and Personality, 19*, 3-25.
2. Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2001). An existentialist view on mortality salience effects: Personal hardiness, death-thought accessibility, and cultural worldview defense. *British Journal of Social Psychology, 40*, 437-453.
3. Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2001). Validation of personal identity as a terror management mechanism: Evidence that sex-role identity moderates mortality salience effects. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 27*, 1011-1022.
4. Mikulincer, M., **Hirschberger, G.**, Nachmias, O., & Gillath, O. (2001). The affective component of the secure base schema: Affective priming with representations of proximity maintenance. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 81*, 305-321.
5. **Hirschberger, G.**, Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., Goldenberg, J., & Pyszczynski, T. (2002). Gender differences in the willingness to engage in risky behavior: A terror management perspective. *Death Studies, 26*, 117-142.
6. Drory, Y., Kravetz, S., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2002). Long-term mental health of men following a first acute myocardial infarction. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 83*, 352-359.
7. Florian, V., Mikulincer, M., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2002). The anxiety buffering function of close relationships: Evidence that relationship commitment acts as a

- terror management mechanism. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 82, 527-542.
8. Drory, Y., Kravetz, S., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2002). Sexual activity of women and men one year before a first acute myocardial infarction. *Cardiology*, 97, 127-132.
 9. **Hirschberger, G.**, Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. (2002). The anxiety buffering function of close relationships: Mortality salience effects on the willingness to compromise mate selection standards. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 32, 609-625.
 10. Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2003). The existential functions of close relationships: Introducing death in to the science of love. *Personality and Social Psychology Review*, 7, 20-40.
 11. **Hirschberger, G.**, Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. (2003). Strivings for romantic intimacy following partner complaint or partner criticism: A terror management perspective. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 20, 675-687.
 12. Drory, Y., Kravetz, S & **Hirschberger, G.** (2003). Long-term mental health of women after a first acute myocardial infarction. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 84, 1492-1498.
 13. **Hirschberger, G.**, Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. (in press). Fear and compassion: A terror management analysis of emotional reactions to physical disability. *Rehabilitation Psychology*.
 14. **Hirschberger, G.**, & Ein-Dor, T. (in press). Does a candy a day keep the death thoughts away? The terror management function of eating. *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*.

Chapters in Books

1. Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** (2004) The Terror of Death and the Quest for Love –An Existential Perspective on Close Relationships. (pp.

287-304). In J. Greenberg, K. Sander & T. Pyszczynski (Eds.). *Handbook of Experimental Existential Psychology*. New York: Guilford.

Manuscripts under review

1. **Hirschberger, G.** Death and defensive attribution: The terror management function of blaming the victim.

Manuscripts in preparation

2. **Hirschberger, G.,** Sarivastava, S., Marsh, P., Cowan, C., & Cowan, P. Married with children: a longitudinal analysis of attachment security, marital satisfaction and marital stability during the early years of parenthood.
3. Seider, B. H., **Hirschberger, G.,** Nelson, K. L., & Levenson, R. W. We can work it out: Relational pronouns, physiology and behavior in marital conflict.
4. **Hirschberger, G.,** Seider, B. H., Marsh, P., Nelson, K. L., & Levenson, R. W. Hotspots: Disagreement and consensus building and their relation to emotion during marital conflict.

Conference presentations

1. **Hirschberger, G.** *Why Are We Moved When The Other Suffers? A Terror Management Analysis of the Psychodynamics of the Pity Experience.* Paper presented at The First International Congress for Doctoral Research, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona Spain, February, 2000.
2. **Hirschberger, G.** *How Do We Feel When Another Person Suffers? The Conceptualization and Validation of the Multidimensional Pity Experience.* Paper presented at The First International Congress for Doctoral Research, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona Spain, February, 2000.
3. Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** *An Existentialist Perspective on Couple Relationships: Love, Courage and Tolerance.* Paper presented at the Third International Conference of the Peleg-Bilig Center for the Study of Family Well-

Being “Towards a Science of Couple Relationships.” Bar-Ilan University, Israel, April 2000.

4. Gilath, O., **Hirschberger, G.**, & Ben-Artzi, E. *False Memory in a Word-List Paradigm: The Impact of Learning Condition and Test Anxiety*. Paper presented at the International Conference “Psychology After the Year 2000”. University of Haifa, Israel, June 2000.
5. **Hirschberger, G.**, Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. *Does Mortality Salience Always Activate the Validation of Cultural Worldviews? Evidence on the Moderating Effects of Sex-Role Identity*. Paper presented at the International Conference “Psychology After the Year 2000”. University of Haifa, Israel, June 2000.
6. **Hirschberger, G.**, Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. *What Do We Feel When Another Person Suffers? The Conceptualization and Validation of the Multidimensional Pity Experience*. Paper presented at the XXVII International Congress of Psychology. Stockholm, Sweden, July 2000.
7. **Hirschberger, G.**, Florian, V., & Mikulincer, M. *Emotional Reactions to the Misfortune of Others: A Terror Management Analysis of the Multidimensional Pity Experience*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Existential Experimental Psychology. Amsterdam, The Netherlands, August 2001.
8. Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** *The dynamic interplay of global, relationship-specific, and contextual representation of attachment security*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Savannah, GA., January 2002.
9. Seider, B. H., **Hirschberger, G.**, Nelson, K. L., Chao, C., & Levenson, R. W. *We can work it out: Relational pronouns, physiology and behavior in marital conflict*. Poster presented at the 43rd annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research. Chicago, IL, October, 2003.
10. **Hirschberger, G.**, Seider, B. H., Marsh, P., Nelson, K. L., & Levenson, R. W. *Hotspots: Disagreement and consensus building and their relation to emotion during marital*

conflict. Poster presented at the 28th International Congress of Psychology. Beijing, China. August 2004.

11. Mikulincer, M., Florian, V., & **Hirschberger, G.** *An existential perspective on close relationships*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association. Honolulu, Hawaii. July, 2004.
12. **Hirschberger, G.**, Seider, B. H., Marsh, P., Nelson, K. L., & Levenson, R. W. *Hotspots: Disagreement and consensus building and their relation to emotion during marital conflict*. Poster presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research. Santa Fe, New Mexico. October, 2004.
13. Seider, B., Smith, V. E., Ascher, E., Nelson, K., Leavitt, J., **Hirschberger, G.**, & Levenson, R. W. *Lexical indicators of increased self-focus in frontotemporal lobar dementia*. Poster presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research. Santa Fe, New Mexico. October, 2004.

Invited lectures

1. *The multidimensional pity experience and fear of personal death – Implications for work with cancer patients*. Presented at Machon Sharet psycho-oncology unit, Hadassa Hospital Ein Karem, Jerusalem, May 1999.
2. *Emotional reactions to the misfortune of others – A terror management perspective on pity*. Presented at the Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of California, Davis, January 2002.
3. *Extreme opinions and complex cognitions: Does mortality salience influence pro- and anti-war reasoning?* Presented at the Berkeley-Stanford Talks, May 2002.
4. *The terror management function of close relationships: Introducing death into the science of love*. Presented at the UC Berkeley Institute of Personality and Social Research Colloquium, October 2002.
5. *The language of love: Physiological, behavioral and verbal indices of emotion during marital conflict*. Presented at the Bar-Ilan Psychology Department Colloquium, April 2004.

6. *The language of love: Physiological, behavioral and verbal indices of emotion during marital conflict.* Presented at the Bar-Ilan Brain Seminar, Gonda Brain Research Center, May 2004.
7. *The Multi-method approach to relationship research: Implications for work with cancer patients and their families.* Presented at Machon Sharet psycho-oncology unit, Hadassa Hospital Ein Karem, Jerusalem, June 2004.
8. *The psychophysiology of love.* Invited lecture presented at the 'Yad Lahachlama' foundation. Haifa, March 2005.
9. *The psychophysiology of love.* Lecture presented as part of 'Brain Awareness Week'. Kfar-Mrar, March 2005.
10. *The Language of Love: A multi-measure approach.* Lecture presented at the annual conference of the Israel Cancer Association. Givataim, April 2005.