

McNally Laboratory

Faculty Supervisor:

Richard J. McNally, Ph.D

Area of Psychology:

Clinical

Lab Meeting Time:

Mondays from 9 AM – 9:50 AM

Location:

William James Hall, 12th Floor

Research Opportunities:

Our group conducts research on emotional disorders. Recent and planned studies concern social anxiety disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and complicated grief in addition to basic research on emotional memory. Undergraduates can receive course credit by enrolling in Psychology 2410r (Laboratory in Research on Emotional Disorders).

We are currently seeking research assistants for two projects concerning Persistent Complex Bereavement Disorder (PCBD) and one project concerning Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD).

- PCBD Projects:
 - 3 research assistant positions available
 - We are currently conducting two studies designed to investigate the phenomenology of PCBD. One study entitled “Imagining the Future in Bereaved Adults with and without PCBD” aims to examine whether bereaved adults with PCBD exhibit impairments in the ability to imagine novel future events. Another study entitled “Physiological Reactivity in Bereaved Adults with and without PCBD” aims to examine whether bereaved adults with and without PCBD respond differently to laboratory stressors at the physiological level. Students who assist with the PCBD projects will work on both studies. Students will have the opportunity to gain experience administering and analyzing data from cognitive tasks, conducting phone screens with potential participants and serving as confederates during experimental sessions.
 - Graduate student supervisors: Don Robinaugh (robinaug@fas.harvard.edu) and Nicole LeBlanc (nleblanc@fas.harvard.edu).
- OCD Project:
 - 1 research assistant position available

- We are currently conducting one study designed to gain a better understanding of cognitive processes (e.g., intolerance of uncertainty, affective forecasting, theory of mind, etc.) associated with obsessive-compulsive disorder and social anxiety disorder. Students will have the opportunity to gain experience administering tasks with study subjects, analyzing data from experimental tasks, and conducting phone screens with potential participants.
- Graduate student supervisor: Dianne Hezel (dhezel@fas.harvard.edu)

How To Get Involved:

Contact Professor McNally at rjm@wjh.harvard.edu