

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Atypical sexual interests; sexual attraction to children; sexual offending; online solicitation/luring

EDUCATION

2025-2027 (expected)	Carleton University, Ottawa, ON Degree: Master of Arts, Psychology
2021- 2025	University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON Degree: Bachelor of Science (Hons.), Psychology Graduated with: Summa cum laude

THESIS & TITLE

BA: PSY4276	Variations in strength of minority identity in people who self-report a sexual attraction to children, University of Ottawa
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AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Internal Awards:

2025-2027	Admissions Scholarship, Carleton University, \$2500/year
2025-2026	Admissions Scholarship, Carleton University, \$1500/year
2024	Faculty of Social Sciences Student Support Fund, University of Ottawa, \$500
2023-2025	Dean's Honour List, University of Ottawa, \$1000/term
2021-2022	Admissions Scholarship, University of Ottawa, \$3000/year

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024-Present	Research volunteer for Dr. Michael Seto, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group
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Projects:

- Group-based child sexual exploitation/abuse (Roles: literature gathering, data screening and coding)

2023-2025	Research volunteer in Dr. Martin Lalumière's lab, University of Ottawa
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Projects:

- Systematic review on the recruitment of child-attracted persons from online forums (Roles: data screening, coding, and extraction, manuscript preparation)

- Public perceptions of child-attracted persons (Roles: qualitative coding, manuscript preparation)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Oct 2023-May 2024

Student Representative; Faculty of Social Sciences'
Undergraduate Studies Committee; University of Ottawa

PUBLICATIONS

Roche, K., **Pagacz, J.**, Lalumière, M., & Seto, M. C. (2024). Public perceptions of individuals attracted to children: The impact of the person's gender, child gender, and preferentiality on stigma and perceived risk to offend. *Sexual Abuse*, 37(6), 723-755. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10790632241297270>

Roche, K., **Pagacz, J.**, Lalumière, M. L., & Seto, M. C. (2025). Recruitment issues in research with people who are attracted to children: A systematic review. *Journal of Sex Research*.

Manuscripts Under Review

Pagacz, J., Roche, K., Lalumière, M. L., & Seto, M. C. (2025). *Minority identity in people who self-report a sexual attraction to children*. [Manuscript submitted for publication]. School of Psychology, University of Ottawa; Forensic Research Unit, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*Indicates presenter

Roche, K., ***Pagacz, J.**, Lalumière, M. L., & Seto, M. C. (2024, October 24 - 26) *Recruitment and methodological issues in research with people who are sexually attracted to children* [Poster Presentation]. Canadian Sex Research Forum, Halifax, NS, Canada.

***Pagacz, J.**, Roche, K., & Lalumière, M. L. (2025, March 14). *Variations in minority identity in people who self-report a sexual attraction to children* [Poster Presentation]. The Murray Brown Honours Thesis Conference, Ottawa, ON, Canada.

EDITORIAL/REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Ad Hoc Reviews:

Archives of Sexual Behaviour – Peer-reviews with senior graduate student

TRAININGS

2025

STABLE-2007/ACUTE-2007

2023

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