

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION

2025-2027 (expected)	Carleton University, Ottawa, ON Degree: Master of Arts, Psychology Supervised by Dr. Michael Seto and Dr. Kelly Babchishin
2021- 2025	University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON Degree: Bachelor of Science (Hons.), Psychology Supervised by Dr. Martin Lalumière

THESIS & TITLE

MA: PSYC5909	Sextortion victimization and perpetration: A systematic review and meta-analyses of prevalence rates, Carleton University
BA: PSY4276	Variations in strength of minority identity in people who self-report a sexual attraction to children, University of Ottawa

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

External Awards:

2026-2027	Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, \$27,000/year
2026-2027	Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Ministry of Colleges and Universities and Carleton University, \$15,000/year (Declined)

Internal Awards:

2025-2027	Teaching Assistantship, Carleton University, \$12,085/year
2025-2027	Admissions Scholarship, Carleton University, \$2,500/year
2025-2026	Admissions Scholarship, Carleton University, \$1,500/year
2024	Faculty of Social Sciences Student Support Fund, University of Ottawa, \$500
2023-2025	Dean’s Honour List, University of Ottawa, \$1,000/term
2021-2022	Admissions Scholarship, University of Ottawa, \$3,000/year

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025-Present Teaching Assistant (Carleton University)
PSYC4909/4190, Project for BA/BSc with Honours in
Psychology
- Administrative duties including communication with students and management of course webpage.
 - Collaborated with students to help them develop their research ideas.
 - Assessed students' oral and written dissemination of research methods and findings.

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2025-Present Research assistant in the Sexually Harmful Behaviours
Laboratory, Carleton University
- Conducting meta-analyses on sextortion prevalence rates, including the development of coding manuals, leading a systematic review, and managing data extraction.
 - Conducting a study on contact offending among individuals with online solicitation offences.
 - Conducted the initial coding of hundreds of annual reports on Sexually Violent Predators and ran descriptive analyses.
 - Contributed to a study on consent violations in the BDSM community via a content analysis of participants' written responses.
 - Assisted a review on incels with article screening.
 - Transcribed and translated audio stimuli from French to English.
 - Contributed to survey testing and programming in Qualtrics and SoSci Survey.
 - Participated in the development of an infographic presenting lab research.
 - Helped prepare manuscripts (i.e., writing, reviewing) for journal publication.
- 2024-Present Research assistant for Dr. Michael Seto, Royal Ottawa Health
Care Group
- Screened ~4500 studies on Covidence relevant to group-based child sexual exploitation/abuse.
 - Conducted a literature search to find relevant articles.
- 2023-2025 Research assistant in Dr. Martin Lalumière's lab, University of
Ottawa

- Conducted statistical analyses in jamovi, including descriptive statistics, correlations and multiple regressions.
- Screened ~500 studies for a systematic review on the recruitment of child-attracted persons from online forums. Coded and extracted relevant data. Conducted a thematic analysis of included studies.
- Thematic analysis and coding of ~400 participants' open-ended responses on their perceptions of child-attracted persons.
- Helped prepare manuscripts (i.e., writing, reviewing) for journal publication.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Oct 2023-May 2024

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

- Met monthly with professors from each department to discuss issues pertaining to undergraduate student success.

PUBLICATIONS

Pagacz, J., Roche, K., Lalumière, M. L., & Seto, M. C. (2026). Minority identity in people who self-report a sexual attraction to children. *The Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality*, 35(1), 130-143, <https://doi.org/10.3138/cjhs-2025-0048>

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*, 63(1), 45-57. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2025.2484197>

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>

Forthcoming Publications:

Pagacz, J., Babchishin, K. M., Kuban, T., Rettenberger, M., & Seto, M. C. (2026). From online solicitation to offline sexual contact: Factors associated with escalation to in-person sexual offending against minors. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. [Manuscript in preparation].

Davidson, M., **Pagacz, J.**, & Stephens, S. (2026). Exploring the impact of community in understanding consent violations among BDSM practitioners. [Manuscript in preparation].

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*Indicates presenter

- *Pagacz, J.,** Weir, A. E., Babchishin, K. M., Kuban, T., Rettenberger, M., & Seto, M. C. (2026, October 22-24). *From online solicitation to offline sexual contact: Factors associated with escalation to in-person sexual offending against minors* [Poster to be presented]. Canadian Sex Research Forum, Québec, QC, Canada.
- *Davidson, M., Pagacz, J., & Stephens, S.** (2026, October 22-24). *Exploring the impact of community in understanding consent violations among BDSM practitioners* [Poster to be presented]. Canadian Sex Research Forum, Québec, QC, Canada.
- *Pagacz, J.,** Roche, K., Lalumière, M. L., & Seto, M. C. (2026, February 6). *Minority identity in people who self-report a sexual attraction to children* [Presentation]. 6th Annual Canadian Forensic Psychology Virtual Conference, Halifax, NS, Canada (Virtual).
- *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.
- 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.

EDITORIAL/REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Ad Hoc Reviews:

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

TRAININGS

2026	STATIC-99R Administration and Scoring (for file review)
2026	STATIC-2002R Administration and Scoring (for file review)
2026	PCL-R Administration and Scoring (for file review)
2026	VR-SSO Administration and Scoring (for file review)
2025	From Theory to Practice: Real-Time EDI Integration for Researchers, Carleton University
2025	Grading with Confidence, Carleton University
2025	Developing a Framework for Teaching, Carleton University
2025	STABLE-2007/ACUTE-2007 Administration and Scoring, SAARNA
2023	TCPS2