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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, San Diego State University
Department GPA: 3.8, Cumulative GPA: 3.6

08/2024 – Present
San Diego, CA

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Ta, A.,** Matt, G. E., Wooldridge, G., & Greiner, L. (2026). *Smoking and vaping policies in newly constructed, state-funded multiunit housing in California* [Poster presentation]. Third Annual Research Symposium on Tobacco and the Environment, Southeast Live Well Center, San Diego, CA, United States.
- Ta, A.,** Matt, G. E., Wooldridge, G., & Greiner, L. (2026). *Smoking and vaping policies in newly constructed, state-funded multiunit housing in California* [Poster presentation]. SDSU Student Symposium (S3), San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, United States.

HONORS

- Dean's Award for Top Poster Presentation | SDSU College of Sciences** 02/2026
- Top presentation, College of Sciences 2026 SDSU Student Symposium (S³)
- SDSU Merit Scholarship** 08/2024 – Present
- 4-year full tuition scholarship for outstanding local incoming students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Kappenman Laboratory, SDSU** 02/2026 – Present
Principal Investigator: Emily Kappenman, PhD
San Diego, CA
Research Assistant
- Neural Correlates of Cognitive Control in Healthy Adults (ongoing)*
- Prepared and documented raw EEG datasets for preprocessing and analysis
 - Collected and managed EEG datasets from healthy adult participants during a cognitive control task
 - Monitored task performance and ensured high-quality EEG signal acquisition during experimental sessions
- Policy Research Center | Center For Tobacco and the Environment, SDSU** 09/2025 – 05/2026
Principal Investigator: Georg Matt, PhD, Mentor: Lydia Greiner, DrPH
Kearny Mesa, CA
Undergraduate Researcher
- Tobacco smoke remediation practices in San Diego County (ongoing)*
- Prepared background and methods sections for a mixed-methods study investigating residential tobacco smoke remediation practices and thirdhand smoke contamination
 - Developed a database of **100** remediation and cleaning businesses and certified professionals using IICRC records, business directories, and public databases
 - Contributed to recruitment protocol design and implemented purposive and snowball sampling
- Smoking and vaping policies in newly constructed, state-funded multiunit housing in California.*
- Integrated administrative and survey data from **281** newly constructed state-subsidized housing developments to evaluate implementation of smoking and vaping policies
 - Conducted structured qualitative coding of interview and survey data to operationalize smoking and vaping lease policies and enforcement procedures into thematic categories

- Synthesized survey responses from 57 California affordable housing properties to identify patterns in lease policy inclusion and enforcement
- Interpreted findings to identify inconsistencies, ambiguous enforcement mechanisms, and gaps in lease disclosure

SKILLS

Software	Pycorder, SPSS, HTML, Excel
Statistics	Descriptive statistics, t-tests, ANOVA, correlation, linear regression (SPSS)
Methodology	EEG, Qualitative coding (thematic analysis), Survey & Interview design, database development
Theory	Public policy, Environmental factors

COURSE PROJECTS

Future of LSD in Clinical Treatment	9/2025 – 10/2025
<i>Physiological Psychology (Advisor: Nirelia Moranton, PhD)</i>	San Diego, CA
• Conducted and presented a systematic literature review consisting of 8 recent academic articles with 3 other team members on clinical applications of LSD, with emphasis on 5-HT2A receptor binding mechanisms demonstrated in cortical neurons of mice	

OUTREACH

The Ground Up Project: San Diego (tgupsd.org)	01/2024 – 9/2025
<i>Vice President</i>	Jamul, CA
• Organized and coordinated the distribution of over 4,100 lbs of food, clothes, books, and hygiene supplies to local charity organizations through large-scale donation drives, particularly for those navigating humanitarian crises	

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Psychological Association
- Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology & Psychology Club

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