

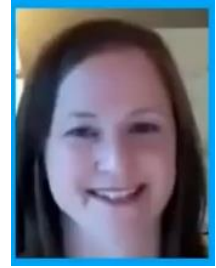
Making Research Personal

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LEARNING CHECK-IN: Dr. Katherine (Katie) Ehrlich's Interview

Objectives

- ✓ *To learn about the life of a prominent psychological researcher*
- ✓ *To expand awareness of what psychology research looks like*



APA Goals for the Undergraduate Psychology Major (2.0)

- GOAL 1: Knowledge Base in Psychology
 - 1.3 Describe applications of psychology
- GOAL 4: Communication
 - 4.1 Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
- GOAL 5: Professional Development
 - 5.5 Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation

Instructions

View the [interview](#) with Dr. Ehrlich and answer the following questions:

1. Dr. Ehrlich described how her background and own experiences influence her research; a concept she called “me-search”. How might your background have an impact on your own career trajectory and/or research focus?
2. How do current events impact Dr. Ehrlich’s work?
3. What are suggestions that Dr. Ehrlich made to students and/or graduates in terms of gaining research experience? Specially, which skills does she recommend would be very helpful in the research field?
4. Dr. Ehrlich was passionate about the idea that psychological research can really change the world. She mentioned the need for advocates of research dissemination. What does she mean by that idea?
5. What did Dr. Ehrlich discuss regarding her experiences and opinions that resonated with you? Were there areas that surprised you? Explain your answers.
6. Considering Dr. Ehrlich’s view of her career, do you believe life as an academic researcher may be a good fit for you? Why or why not?