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Profession	Clinical Psychologist (registration number: PSY0001892550)	
Education	University of Sydney Doctor of Philosophy, 2026 Master of Economic Analysis, 2020 Graduate Certificate in Economics, 2018	
	University of Wollongong Master of Psychology (clinical), 2015 Bachelor of Psychology Honours (Class I), 2013	
Research interests	Psychology Behavioural economics Clinical Psychology Neuroeconomics Applied econometrics Computational psychiatry	
References		
<i>Research</i>	Agnieszka Tymula Professor of Economics University of Sydney agnieszka.tymula@sydney.edu.au	Nick Glozier Professor of Psychological Medicine University of Sydney nick.glozier@sydney.edu.au
<i>Teaching</i>	Marian Vidal-Fernandez Associate Professor of Economics University of Sydney m.vidal-fdez@sydney.edu.au	
<i>Professional and organisational leadership</i>	Caroline Hunt Professor of Psychology University of Sydney caroline.hunt@sydney.edu.au	
Professional Employment (most recent)	Clinical psychologist, Marka Clinical Psychologists (practice owner), 2021-2026 Website: https://www.markaclinicalpsychologists.com.au	
	Clinical psychologist, MyLife Psychologists (private contractor), 2019-2024; 2026	
	Clinical psychologist, Black Dog Institute, 2021-2023	
	Psychologist/Clinical psychologist, Older Person Mental Health Service, Southeast Sydney Local Health District, 2016-2021	
	Psychologist Headspace (private contractor), 2016-2018	
Teaching	Thesis supervisor for Graduate Diploma of Professional Psychology, 2024–2026 Graduate School of Health, the University of Technology Sydney	
	Unit tutor Economics of Law and Public Policy (ECON5006), School of Economics, The University of Sydney, 2025. Led by Associate Professor Marian Vidal-Fernandez	

Research Employment	<p>Research assistant for the academics listed below:</p> <p>Associate Professor Marian Vidal-Fernandez, School of Economics, The University of Sydney, 2024-2025</p> <p>Associate Professor Pablo A. Guillen, School of Economics, The University of Sydney, 2016-2017</p> <p>Associate Professor Rajeev Sharma and Dr. Martin McDermott, School of Engineering and Information Sciences, The University of Wollongong, 2013-2015</p> <p>Dr. Maria Stylianou Korsnes, Old Age Psychiatry Department, University of Oslo Hospital, 2012</p>
Awards & scholarships	<p><i>Walter Noel Gillies Prize for Best PhD Thesis in Economics</i>, awarded by the University of Sydney, 2026</p> <p><i>Capacity Building Award</i>, The Life Course Centre, 2023, 2024, 2026</p> <p><i>Research Training Program Stipend Scholarship</i>, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025</p> <p><i>Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Completion Scholarship</i>, 2025</p> <p><i>Postgraduate Research Support Scheme (PRSS)</i>, University of Sydney, 2024</p>
Seminars & Conferences	<p>2025. Asia-Pacific Meeting of Economic Society Association in Osaka, Japan (presentation)</p> <p>2024. Australia New Zealand Workshop on Experimental Economics hosted by Australian National University in Canberra, Australia (presentation)</p> <p>2024. Society of Neuroeconomics Conference in Cascais, Portugal (poster)</p> <p>2024. Foundations of Utility and Risk Conference in Brisbane, Australia (presentation)</p> <p>2023. Neuroeconomics Summer School at University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, US (poster)</p> <p>2022. Life Course Centre Workshop hosted by the University of Sydney (Sydney node) (presentation)</p> <p>2019. Australia New Zealand Workshop in Experimental Economics hosted by Monash University, Melbourne, Australia (presentation)</p>
Academic recognitions	<p>Dean's Merit List, 2013</p>
Academic & Professional Service	<p>Board member and Events Committee Chair (2024) of Australian Clinical Psychology Association (ACPA), 2021 – 2026</p> <p>Member of Knowledge Transfer (Research) Portfolio, Life Course Centre, Sydney Node, 2024 – 2026</p> <p>Additional supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student undertaking Master of Brain and Mind Sciences (BMRI5023/4) with the University of Sydney, in semester 2, 2023 Student undertaking Study Abroad internship with the University of Sydney, in semester 2, 2024 Post-graduate clinical psychology placement supervisor
Languages	<p>English, Norwegian (proficient), Greek (basic)</p>
Software Skills	<p>Stata, R</p>
Nationality/visa	<p>Norwegian citizen, Australian permanent resident</p>
Working papers (thesis chapters)	<p>Depressive mood and reward evaluation are linked via the reference point (with Agnieszka Tymula and Paul Glimcher)</p> <p>The convergent validity of regret: Comparing self-report & behavioural measures</p> <p>Depressive symptoms and self-reported versus behavioural regret during decision-making</p> <p>Utilising self-reports when researching affect: a conceptual framework</p>
Publications	<p>McDermott, M. S., Oliver, M., Svenson, A., Simnadis, T., Beck, E. J., Coltman, T., Don, I., Caputi, P. & Sharma, R. (2015). The theory of planned behaviour and discrete food choices: a systematic review and meta-analysis. <i>International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity</i>, 12(1), 162. doi: 10.1186/s12966-015-0324-z</p>