

# Sean A.P. Clouston

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## IALSA

Integrative Analysis of Longitudinal Studies on Aging  
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## HALCyon

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*I use longitudinal data to understand the role of society in determining physical and cognitive health over the life course.*

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## TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Inequalities and Health, Health over the Life Course, Social Networks, Population Health, Health and the Family, Quantitative Methods, Social Statistics.

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## EDUCATION

CIHR-IA Post-Doctoral Research Associate, University of Victoria/Medical Research Council 2010-12  
*Integrative Analysis of Aging-Related Change across the IALSA (Canada) and HALCyon (UK)*  
*Longitudinal Research Networks*

Center on Aging, University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada  
 Unit on Lifelong Ageing and Health, Medical Research Council, London, UK  
 Mentors: Scott Hofer, Diana Kuh, IALSA/HALCyon Network

PhD in Sociology, McGill University 2006-10  
*Partnered for health: how health interacts with partnership, and how policy manages health inequality*  
 Supervisor: Amélie Quesnel-Vallée  
 Committee: Bruce Link, Céline Le Bourdais, Michael Smith, and Steven Rytina

Fulbright Predoctoral Fellowship, CSSIH, Columbia University 2008-09  
*Partnered for health: how health interacts with partnership, and how policy manages health inequality*  
 Supervisor: Bruce Link

MA in Sociology (emphasis: Social Statistics), McGill University 2005-06  
 M.A. Paper: "Income, Health and Health Insurance: Longitudinal Health Selection in Logged Income by Health Insurance Status"  
 Supervisor: Amélie Quesnel-Vallée  
 Reader: Steven Rytina

BA in Sociology (Honours) and Mathematics (Major), University of Victoria 1998-05  
 Honours Paper: "The Path through Victoria: An Exploration in Buddhist Diffusion."  
 Supervisor: David Gartrell

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Clouston, Sean, Diana Kuh, Marcus Richards, Pamela Herd, and Scott M Hofer. Revise and Resubmit. "Benefits of educational attainment on adult intelligence: International evidence from three birth cohorts." *International Journal of Epidemiology* 2012
- Saldena, Nallely, Sean Clouston, Marcie Rubin, Cynthia Colen, and Bruce Link. In Press. "Fundamental Causes of Age Adjusted Colorectal Cancer Mortality: Understanding the Importance of Socioeconomic Status and Race in Creating Inequality in Mortality." *American Journal of Public Health*. 2012
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. Accepted. "The role of defamilialization in the relationship between partnership and self-rated health: A cross-national comparison of Canada and the United States." *Social Science and Medicine*. 2012
- Wang, Andrew, Sean Clouston, Marcie Rubin, Cynthia Colen, and Bruce Link. Accepted. "Fundamental Causes of Colorectal Cancer Mortality: The Implications of Informational Diffusion." *The Milbank Quarterly*. 2012
- Clouston, Sean, Marcie Rubin, Jo Phelan, & Bruce Link. Revised and Resubmitted. "An Unnatural History: The Rise and Fall of Social Inequalities in Cause-Specific Mortality." *American Journal of Sociology*. 2011
- Clouston, Sean. "Marriage, cohabitation, and health trajectories in Canada: untangling the selective and causal processes involved in partnership." *Revise and Resubmit: Canadian Journal of Sociology*. 2011
- Clouston, Sean A. P. "Social and Economic Patterning in the Interphone Study." *International Journal of Epidemiology*. DOI: 10.1093/ije/dyq245. 2011
- Clouston, Sean, Sara Amin, Ashton Verdery, and G. Robin Gauthier. "The Structure of Undergraduate Association Networks: A Quantitative Ethnography." *Connections*. 29(2): 18-31. 2009
- Clouston, Sean, Margaret Penning. *Abstract*. "Poverty and Disability Transitions in Middle and Later Life: Impact on Social Isolation." *Journal of Nutrition, Health, and Aging*. 13(S1): 717. 2009
- Clouston, Sean. "Who Killed the Queen? The Story of a Community Hospital and How to Fix Public Health Care." (Book Review). *The McGill Sociological Review*. 1(Innaugural Edition): 65-67. [http://www.mcgill.ca/files/msr/Who\\_Killed\\_the\\_Queen.pdf](http://www.mcgill.ca/files/msr/Who_Killed_the_Queen.pdf) 2009

## Book Chapters

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- In: *A lifecourse approach to healthy ageing*. (Eds.) Diana Kuh, Yoav Ben-Shlomo, Rebecca Hardy, Marcus Richards, Rachel Cooper, and Luigi Ferrucci. 2014
- Hofer, Scott, Sean Clouston. "Common cause or common consequence? An evaluation of the interdependency of aging-related changes in physical and cognitive capabilities." 2012
- Clouston, Sean, Scott Hofer. "Counterfactual models for inferring causality in longitudinal lifespan research." 2012

## Working Papers

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- [Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Relating Income to Health with an eye to Marriage: Modeling Cause, Effect, and Selection." Population Association of America, Detroit, MI.](#) 2009
- [Girard, Magali, Sean Clouston. "The Effect of Job Characteristics on the Self-Rated Health of Immigrants." Population Association of America, Detroit, MI.](#) 2009
- [Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. Presentation. "Public Policy, Gender, Marriage, and Self-Rated Health." Western Libraries: Statistics Canada RDC Conference Proceedings.](#) 2009

- [Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Income, Health and Health Insurance: Longitudinal Health Selection in Logged Income by Health Insurance Status in Canada." Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA](#) 2007
- [Clouston, Sean. "Income, Health and Health Insurance: Longitudinal Health Selection in Logged Income by Health Insurance Status in Canada." McGill Social Statistics Masters Working Paper Series.](#) 2005

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed Presentations

- Clouston, Sean, Diana Kuh, Marcus Richards, and Scott Hofer. "The implications of educational benefits and the propensity for educational attainment in health research." *American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.* Aug-12
- Denier, Nicole, Sean Clouston, Marcus Richards, Diana Kuh, Scott M. Hofer. "Retirement and cognition: selective relationships and causal declines." *American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.* Aug-12
- Clouston, Sean. "Education and Cognition in IALSA: Findings from 3 birth cohorts." *Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.* Nov-11
- Clouston, Sean, Marcie Rubin, Jo Phelan and Bruce Link. "An Unnatural History: The rise and fall of the fundamental causes of disease." *American Sociological Association: Section on Medical Sociology / Exciting New Medical Sociology that Every Sociologist Should Know.* Las Vegas, NV. Aug-11
- Clouston, Sean, Diana Kuh, Marcus Richards, Ian Deary, Wendy Johnson, Rebecca Hardy, Rachel Cooper, and Scott Hofer. "Class Reproduction, Cognitive Selection, and Educational Advantage over the Life Course: Does selection or causation explain individual differences in late life cognition?" *American Sociological Association.* Las Vegas, NV. Aug-11
- Clouston, Sean and Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Gender, Partnerships and Health in Canada and the USA: Policy Contexts, Intersectionality and the Selection/Causation Debate" *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.* Aug-10
- Saldana-Ruiz, Nallely, Sean Clouston, Marcie Rubin, Cynthia Colen, and Bruce Link. "Fundamental Causes of Age Adjusted Colorectal Cancer Mortality: Understanding the Importance of Socioeconomic Status and Race in Creating Inequality in Mortality." *American Population Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.* Nov-09
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Public Policy, Gender, Marriage, and Self Rated Health: Understanding how Gendered Political Contexts Impact how Marriage Impacts Health." *RDC Conference on Health over the Life Course, London, ON.* Oct-09
- Clouston, Sean. "Health Stability and Income in the United States." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.* Aug-09
- Clouston, Sean. "Health Selection in Income: Considering the Social Effects of Insurance Inequality." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.* Aug-09
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Getting Married for Health: Analyzing Self-Rated Health around the Transition into Marriage in the USA." *International Sociological Association RC28, New Haven, CT* Aug-09
- Clouston, Sean, Magali Girard. "Healthy Immigrants or Downtrodden Workers? Employment and Health after Migrating to Canada." *Canadian Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, Ottawa, ON.* May-09

- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Married or Marriageable? The Relationship between Self-Rated Health and Marriage in Canada." *Canadian Population Society Annual Meeting*, Ottawa, ON. May-09
- Clouston, Sean, Magali Girard. "The Effects of Job Characteristics on the Self-Rated Health of Immigrants to Canada." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Detroit, MI Apr-09
- Claudia König, Sean Clouston, and Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Causation or Selection? The Relationship between Social Role Configurations and Health." *International Sociological Association RC28*, Stanford, CA Aug-08
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. (2008). "Relating Income to Health: Modeling Cause, Effect, and Selection in the USA." *Canadian Population Society*, Vancouver, BC Jun-08
- Clouston, Sean. "Relating Income to Health with an Eye to Marriage: Modeling Cause, Effect, and Selection." *International Sociological Association RC15 and Canadian Medical Sociology Association Meeting*, Montréal, QC. May-08
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Income, Health and Health Insurance: Longitudinal Health Selection in Logged Income by Health Insurance Status in Canada." Québec Interuniversity Centre for Social Statistics New Researchers Conference, Montréal, QC Feb-07
- Clouston, Sean. "The Path through Victoria: The Attraction of Buddhism to Canadians." *Concordia Graduate Students in Religion Interdisciplinary Conference*, Montréal, QC Feb-06

### Invited Presentations

- Clouston, Sean. "Measurement: Cognitive and physical declines." *Innovative approaches to methodological challenges facing ageing cohort studies: The methodological challenges of cognitive ageing*. 2011
- Clouston, Sean. "Cognitive performance and Education." *IALSA/HALCyon Joint Methods meeting*. West Dean College, West Sussex, UK. 2011
- Clouston, Sean. "Introduction to Counterfactual Methodology." *SMAART: Longitudinal Methods Workshop*. University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada. 2011
- Clouston, Sean, Diana Kuh, Marcus Richards, Ian Deary, Wendy Johnson, Rebecca Hardy, Rachel Cooper, Scott Hofer. "Class Reproduction, Cognitive Selection, and Educational Advantage over the Life Course: Does selection or causation explain inequality in late life cognition?" *NSHD 65th Birthday Meeting, British Science Centre, London, UK* 2011
- Clouston, Sean, Diana Kuh, Marcus Richards, Ian Deary, Wendy Johnson, Rebecca Hardy, Rachel Cooper, Scott Hofer. "Class Reproduction, Cognitive Selection, and Educational Advantage over the Life Course: Does selection or causation explain inequality in late life cognition?" *Institute of Public Health, MRC Biostatistics Unit, Cambridge University, UK* 2011
- Clouston, Sean. "Partnership and Health: how health interacts with partnership, and how policy manages health inequality" *Medical Research Council, London, UK*. 2010
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Gender, race, partnership and self-rated health: How intersectionality impacts the relationship between the entry into marriage and cohabitation and self-rated health." *Gender and Health Social Science and Medicine Special Issue Author's Meeting*, New York, NY. 2010
- Clouston, Sean. "Longitudinal Methods and the Study of Social Transitions." *McGill Sociology Graduate Students Speakers Series*, Montréal, QC 2010

- Clouston, Sean. "Does Marriage Benefit Health? Modeling Social Causation and Health Selection by Examining the Transition into Marriage." *Psychological Epidemiology Training Seminar*, Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY 2009
- Clouston, Sean. "Health Benefits and Marriage in the USA: Considering the Transition." McGill Sociology Graduate Students Speakers Series, Montréal, QC 2009
- Clouston, Sean. "Marriage or Marriageable? The effects of marriage in the USA on health" to the Inequalities Center Working Group at *Columbia University*, New York, NY. 2009
- Clouston, Sean. "Health Stability and Income in the USA: Modeling Cause, Effect and Selection." *Sociology Graduate Students Speakers Series*, Montréal, QC 2008
- Clouston, Sean. "Health, Inequality, and Graduate Studies." *McGill Sociological Students Association Graduate Symposium*, Montréal, QC 2007
- Clouston, Sean. "Resolution Committees and *ATHGO International: Policy and Research.*" *Centre de Recherche en Développement Humain's Research Seminar*, Montréal, QC 2006
- Clouston, Sean. "The Path through Victoria: An Exploration in Buddhist Diffusion." *University of Victoria Honours Paper Presentation*, Victoria, BC 2005

### Poster Presentations

- Penning, Margaret and Sean Clouston. "Poverty and Disability Transitions: Impact on Social Participation and Isolation" Gerontological Society of America, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA 2010
- Wang, Andrew, Sean Clouston, Marcie Rubin, Cynthia Colen, and Bruce Link. "Fundamental causes of colorectal cancer outcomes." American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 2010
- Clouston, Sean, Margaret Penning. "Poverty and Disability Transitions in Middle and Later Life: Impact on Social Isolation." *International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics annual meeting*, Paris, FR 2009
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "The Arguments for Marriage: The Effects of Marital Transitions on Self-Rated Health" *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Detroit, MI 2009
- Clouston, Sean. "Partner Selection or Benefits? Considering Health Curves around the Transition into Live-In Partnerships" *Québec Interuniversity Center for Social Statistics New Researcher's Conference*, Montréal, QC 2009
- Clouston, Sean, Sara Amin, Ashton Verdery, and G. Robin Gauthier. "The Structure of Undergraduate Association Networks: A Quantitative Ethnography." *International Sunbelt Social Network Conference XXVIII*, St. Petersburg, FL 2008
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée. "Income, Health and Health Insurance: Longitudinal Health Selection in Logged Income by Health Insurance Status in Canada." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, New York, NY 2007
- Clouston, Sean, Giovanni Burgos. "Income Inequality and Health: A Multilevel Comparison of East and West Germany." *Centre de Recherche en Développement Humain*, Third Annual Graduate Student Research Conference, Montréal, QC 2007
- Clouston, Sean, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée and Melanie Bourque. "Mental Health Plans Constituents: In Sickness and in Health?" *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA 2006

- Clouston, Sean. "Income, Health and Health Insurance: Longitudinal Health Selection in Logged Income by Health Insurance Status in Canada." *McGill Sociology Graduate Students Speakers Series*, Montréal, QC 2006

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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### Grants under consideration

- NIH (Co-PI) Po1. "Integrative Analysis of Longitudinal Studies of Aging." PI: Scott Hofer. 2011
- NIH (Consultant) Ro1. "Immigration outcomes in a comparative perspective: The USA and Canada." PI: Yao Lu & Neeraj Katel. 2011

### Fellowships

- *Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) Pilot Grantee* 2011-12
- *CIHR-IA Postdoctoral Research Fellowship* 2010-12
- *Social Studies and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award* 2008-10
- *Canada/USA Fulbright Fellowship* 2008-09
- *Fonds Quebecois de Recherche sur la Société et la Culture Doctoral Award* 2007-08
- *McGill Department of Sociology Graduate Scholarship* 2005-08
- *Indonesian Social Equity Project Fellowship* 2007
- *McGill University Recruitment Excellence Fellowship* 2006
- *Québec Interuniversity Center for Social Statistics Doctoral Grant* 2006
- *Québec Interuniversity Center for Social Statistics Master's Grant* 2006
- *University of Victoria Faculty Association Scholarship* 2003-05

### Distinctions

- *CIHR-IGH Institute Community Support Grant* 2010
- *Population Change and the Life Course (PCLC) Student Support Grant* 2010
- *Fulbright Scholar, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University* 2008-09
- *McGill Alma-Mater Award* 2008
- *CIHR-IHSPR Institute Community Support Grant* 2008
- *Indonesia Social Equity Project Fellow, Universitas Islam Negiri, Jakarta* 2007
- *Dr. William McCarthy Honors Thesis Award Winner, University of Victoria* 2005

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Research Experience

- Fulbright Scholar at the Mailman School of Public Health, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Center for the Study of Social Inequalities and Health 2008-09
  - Worked with Bruce Link and Jo Phelan to focus international component of my dissertation, along with creating a project for potential MPH interns
- Participant in the Institute on Gender and Health, University of British Columbia 2009
- Research Consultant, Marcie Rubin, Columbia University 2009
  - Duties: Data Management, Statistical Consultant
- Research Assistant, Axel van den Berg, McGill University 2006-10
  - *Incentives, Labour Market Policies and Flexibility in the Household*
  - Duties: Data Analysis, Statistical Consultation, Co-Author
- Research Assistant, Maurice Pinard, McGill University 2007-08
  - Duties: Editing for Book Publication
- Research Assistant, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, McGill University 2005
  - "Private Health Insurance as a Contributing Factor to Socioeconomic Inequities in Health: Cross National Comparisons of Canada, the USA, the UK, and Germany"

- Duties: Literature Review, Editing, Statistical Analysis
- Research Assistant, Cecelia Benoit, University of Victoria 2005
  - "Why are Some New Mothers Healthy while Others are Not?"
  - Duties: Data Cleaning, Data Entry

### Teaching Experience

- Lecture & Design: *Population and Society*, Sociology 234, McGill University 2010
- Lecture & Design: *The Family in Modern Society*, Sociology 247 2009

### Editorial Review

- Ad Hoc Reviewer
- *American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Gerontology, Journal of Social Structure; Psychology and Aging, McGill Sociological Review*

### Teaching Assistanceship

- *Population and Society*, John Sandberg, Sociology 234, McGill University 2008
- *Health and Illness*, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Sociology 309, McGill University 2007
- *Health and Illness*, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Sociology 309, McGill University 2007
- *Social Statistics*, John Sandberg, Sociology 350, McGill University 2006
- *Health and Illness*, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée, Sociology 309, McGill University 2006
- *Sociological Perspectives*, Steven Rytina, Sociology 210, McGill University 2005

### Supervisory Experience

- Intern Supervisor at Columbia University* 2009
  - Project: "The Fundamental Causes of Inequalities in Cancer Deaths"
  - Supervise Master's of Public Health students, Mailman School of Public Health
- Graduate Consultant for the Social Studies at Universitas Islam Negeri, Jakarta* 2007
  - Indonesian Social Equity Project, Canadian International Development Agency
  - Advisor and English consultant for interdisciplinary master's students

### LANGUAGES

Fluent English; Advanced French; Intermediate Mandarin.

### AFFILIATIONS

#### Professional Associations

- American Sociological Association 2005-11
- Gerontological Society of America 2010-11
- International Sociological Association, Research Committee 28 2008-10
- International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics 2009-10
- Canadian Population Society 2008-10
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences 2008-09
- Population Association of America 2005-10

#### Institutional Affiliations

- Integrative Analysis of Longitudinal Studies on Aging (IALSA), University of Victoria 2010-12
- Healthy Aging across the Life Course (HALCyon), MRC-UCL, UK 2010-12
- Population Change and Life course Strategic Knowledge Cluster, UWO 2008-10
- Infrastructure pour la Recherche des Inégalités de la Santé (IRIS), McGill 2008-10
- Center for the Study of Social Inequalities and Health, Columbia University 2008-10
- Léa-Roback Centre for the Study of Social Inequalities and Health, Montréal 2006-10

- Social Statistics Research Lab, McGill University 2005-07
- Québec Interuniversity Centre for Social Statistics, Université de Montréal & McGill 2005-10

### **STUDENTS ADVISED**

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- Nallely Saldena. "Fundamental Causes of Age-Adjusted Colorectal Cancer Mortality: Understanding the Importance of Socioeconomic Status and Race in Creating Inequality in Mortality" Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY 2009-10
- Andrew Wang. "Diffusion of Information about Colorectal Cancer and the Fundamental Causes of Inequality." Columbia University. 2009-10
- Fatur Khuri. "Religious Authority and the Kyai: Maintaining Strength through the Strength of Community." Universitas Islam Negiri, DKI Jakarta. 2007
- Mohammed Rivai. "Peace in the Midst of Violence: The Role of Local Leaders in Maintaining Peace in Manado." Universitas Islam Negiri, DKI Jakarta. 2007
- Badrah Uyuni. "Ethnicity and Poverty among the Betawi of Jakarta." Universitas Islam Negiri, DKI Jakarta. 2007

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- President, *McGill Graduate Sociology Association* 2008-10
- Student Resident Member, International House, New York, NY 2008-09
- Teaching Award Coordinator for the Faculty Teaching Award 2006-08
- Doctoral Representative to the McGill Post-Graduate Students Society 2007-08
- McGill Faculty of Arts Sociology Representative to the Dean 2007
- Graduate Students Colloquium Faculty Liaison and Student Organizer 2006-07
- Departmental Liaison for the Sociology Graduate Students 2007
- Web Page Designer for the Contest for Epsilons 2005-06
- Event Organizer for the Contest for Epsilons 2004-05
- Math and Statistics Course Union Webpage Designer, University of Victoria 2005
- Seminar Instructor for the Contest for Epsilons, University of Victoria 2004-05
- Tutor for Statistics and Mathematics at University of Victoria 2003-05
- Organizer for the Math and Statistics Course Union, University of Victoria 2003-04
- *Math Mania* Teacher, Pacific Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Victoria 2003-05

### **TEACHING PHILOSOPHY**

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I believe my job as a professor is not simply to inform the students but to challenge them to creatively think and grow in a safe by challenging learning environment.

### **INFORMATICS**

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Proficient in Stata, R, SPSS, Matlab, JAVA, LaTeX, Office, WebCT, Scilab, MathCAD



## REFERENCES

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Professor Scott Hofer (Post-Doctoral Supervisor)

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