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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. (2007). Social Psychology. Arizona State University  
 M.A. (2003). Social Psychology. Arizona State University  
 B.A. (1998). Psychology/Biological Anthropology. Duke University

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2023	Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan
2022	Associate Professor of Marketing, University of Michigan (dry appointment)
2018	Visiting Associate Professor, UCLA
2017	Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan
2017 – present	Faculty Associate, Research Center for Group Dynamics, ISR
2014 – 2017	Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan
2014	Associate Professor of Marketing, MIT Sloan School of Management
2011 – 2014	Class of 1957 Career Development Professor, MIT Sloan School of Management
2009 – 2014	Assistant Professor of Marketing, MIT Sloan School of Management
2007 – 2009	Postdoctoral Associate, Psychology, Yale University

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Social Cognition	Evolutionary Psychology	Threat Perception
Infectious Disease	Motivation & Emotion	Social Ecology

**GRANTS & AWARDS****External Funding**

- “Collaborative Research: Second Earth: The ecology of the internet,” PI, submitted. *National Science Foundation* (2025)
- “Concealing Infectious Disease,” PI, funded. *National Science Foundation*. Total award: \$525,000 (2022-2026)
- “Evaluating impact of COVID-19 experiences and vaccine hesitancy on uptake of adult vaccines and control of vaccine-preventable disease,” co-I, submitted. *National Institutes of Health* (2022-2027)

- “Buffering social consequences of an evolving epidemic: Exploration of cultural evolution of coronavirus-induced pathogen fear and prejudice,” co-PI, submitted. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research* (2020)
- “The Role of the Self in the Behavioral Immune System,” PI, submitted. *National Science Foundation* (2018)
- “‘Second Earth’: Psychological Consequences of the Internet Ecology,” PI, submitted. *National Science Foundation* (2018)
- “Grounding the Behavioral Immune System in Mental and Physiological Processes,” PI, funded. *National Science Foundation*. Total award: \$380,000 (2012-2017)

### Internal Funding

- UM Associate Professor Support Fund: “Psychological Consequences of Ecological Mismatch” \$30,000 (2020-2023)
- UM MCubed Program: “Product perception during times of stress” \$15,000 (2020)
- UM Office of Research Grant: \$15,000 (2017)
- MIT Junior Faculty Research Assistance Program, Total award: \$73,000 (2011, 2012)

### Honors & Awards

- Graduate Mentoring Award, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan (2025)
- Fellow, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2024)
- Fellow, Association for Psychological Science (2018)
- Fellow, Society for Experimental Social Psychology (2013)
- Named 40 Under 40 Most Outstanding Business School Professors by Poets & Quants
- Graduate Student Poster Award – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Graduate Fellowship and Graduate Academic Scholarship, Arizona State University

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## PUBLICATIONS

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To denote current/former mentees: names indicate students, + indicates postdoctoral researchers

Merrell, W. M., & Ackerman, J. M. (in press). Flaunting Porsches or Paris? Comparing the social signaling value of experiential and material conspicuous consumption. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Ackerman, J. M., Samore, T., Fessler, D. M. T., Kupfer, T. R., Choi, S., Merrell, W. N., Aarøe, L., Aavik, T., Acabado, S., Akello, G., Alfian, I. N., Al-Shawaf, L., Alvarez, M. M., Ammann, J., Arikan, G., Asha, S. A., Astobiza, A. M., Barclay, P., Barlow, F. K., Bizarro, L., Bressan, P., Castellanos-Chacón, A., Choy, B. K. C., Chusairi, A., Cosamalón, B. L. C., Contreras-Garduño, J., De, M., de Lima, T. J. S., Oliveira, A. N., de Zoysa, P., Dryžaitė, I., Elbæk, C. T., Fedor, P., Fernández, A. M., Fülöp, M., Gamsakhurdia, V. L., Garcia-Gómez, L., Garcia-Marques, L., Garduño-Franco, J., Grazioso, M. P., Habacht, F., Hasan, Y., Haugestad, C. P., Haugestad, C. P., Havlíček, J., Hernandez, E. J., Hoang, V. M., Hong, M., Hromatko, I., Iliško, D., Imada, H., Jakšić, I., Jarmakowski, T., Jónsdóttir, H. L. H., Kajokaite, K., Kaňková, Š., Kervyn, N., Kim, J. P., Kunst, J. R., Laakasuo, M., Leongómez, J. D., Li, N. P., Lu, J., Lynch, N., Maegli, M. A., Manley, H., Marcu, G., McAfee, T., Mitkidis, P., Fernandez-Morales, R., Morvinski, C., Muhamad, H., Molnár, N. B., Nejat, P., Costa-Neves, B., Huy, H. N., Olsson, M. J., Onyishi, C. N., Onyishi, I. E., Orozco, R., Otterbring, T., Ottersen, I. S., Pacheco-López, G., Panagiotopoulou, P., Paniagua, W., Parvin, R., Pavlović, Z., Prokop, P., Raffman, E., Rizwan,

M., Rojas, S., Różycka-Tran, J., Sánchez, O. R., Selim, H., Sevi, B., Shani, Y., Shastry, M. S., Stieger, S., Suh, E. M., Sumari, M., Takemura, K., Tognetti, A., Tybur, J., Ucak, E. B., Uchida, Y., Baeza-Ugarte, C. G., Valentova, J. V., Vicianá, H., Visine, A., Wang, J., Wang, X., Yahiiaiev, I. I., Trombetta, R. Z. R., Zein, R. A., & Žeželj, I. (2025). I see sick people: Beliefs about sensory detection of infectious disease are largely consistent across cultures. *Brain, Behavior, and Immunity*, *128*, 737-750.

+Sng, O., Choi, M., **Ackerman, J. M.** (2025). The ecology of relatedness: How living around family (or not) matters. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *128*(6), 1243-1270.

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Merrell, W. M., Choi, S., & **Ackerman, J. M.** (2024). When and why people conceal infectious disease. *Psychological Science*, *32*(3), 215-225.

Kitayama, S., Salvador, C., & **Ackerman, J. M.** (2023). The germ aversion paradox: When germ aversion predicts reduced alpha power suppression to norm violations. *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*, *5*, 100150.

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**Ackerman, J. M.**, Borinstein, A., Kaji, J., Bekier, J., Wrinn, C., & Dockendorf, T. (2023). A dynamic segmentation of U.S. women during the COVID-19 pandemic. *International Journal of Consumer Studies*, *47*, 1226-1240.

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+Kronrod, A., & **Ackerman, J. M.** (2021). Under-standing: How embodied states shape inference-making. *Acta Psychologica, 215*, 103276.

**Ackerman, J. M.**, Tybur, J. M., & Blackwell, A. D. (2021). What role does pathogen-avoidance psychology play in pandemics? *Trends in Cognitive Sciences, 25*(3), 177-186.

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## SELECTED CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

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### Chaired Symposia & Activities

Ackerman, J.M, & Sng, O. (2025). *Universality and variation in social judgments across societies*. Symposium organized for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Presenters: B. Gelbart, P. Durkee, O. Sng, J. Ackerman.

Ackerman, J. M. (2023). *Social Consequences of Sickness*. Symposium organized for the Society for Experimental Social Psychology. Presenters: K. Muscatell, A. Makhanova, E. Shattuck, J. Ackerman.

Ackerman, J. M., & Merrell, W. N. (2023). *Hiding Who We Are, What We Know, How We Feel*. Symposium organized for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Presenters: E. Page-Gould, M. Slepian, W. Merrell.

Ackerman, J. M. (2022). Emcee for the SPSP *Legacy Award Symposium*. Awardee: Hazel Markus.

Ackerman, J. M. (2018). *The Psychology of Newness*. Symposium organized for the Society for Experimental Social Psychology. Presenters: D. Dunning, M. Ferguson, A. Meltzer, J. Ackerman.

Sng, O., & Ackerman, J. M. (2017). *The Psychology of Ecology: Key Dimensions of the Physical and Social World*. Symposium organized for the Society for Experimental Social Psychology. Presenters: J. Ackerman, O. Sng, T. Talhelm, M. Varnum.

Ackerman, J. M., Prokosch, M. (2016). *Psychological Mechanisms for Managing the Risk of Infectious Disease*. Symposium organized for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Presenters: M. Prokosch, D. Murray, K. Ratner, J. Huang.

Ackerman, J. M. (2015). *Psychological Mechanisms for Managing the Risk of Infectious Disease*. Symposium organized for the Society for Experimental Social Psychology. Presenters: J. Ackerman, S. Hill, D. Murray, K. Ratner.

## Conference Presentations

Ackerman, J. M. (2025, February). *Spreading infection psychology*. Invited presentation at the Evolutionary Preconference of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

Ackerman, J. M. et al. (2025, February). *Beliefs about sensory detection of contagious disease are cross-culturally consistent*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

Choi, S., & Ackerman, J. M. (2025, February). *Friendship Networks in the Context of Disease Avoidance*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Denver, CO.

Adams, S., Sabree, K., Shastry, M., & Ackerman, J. M. (2025, February). *Moral Judgments of Concealers of Infectious Illness*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Denver, CO.

Sabree, K., & Ackerman, J. M. (2025, February). *Temporal Dynamics of Ecology-driven Stereotypes*. Poster presented at the Evolutionary Preconference of the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Denver, CO.

Ackerman, J. M., et al. (2024, February). *Beliefs about the sensory detection of infectious disease*. Data blitz at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference of the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, San Diego, CA.

Ackerman, J., Merrell, W., & Choi, S. (2023, October). *Concealing contagious illness in social situations*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Madison, WI.

Sabree, K., & Ackerman, J. (2023, June). *Wrong face wrong time: Trait judgments following "inappropriate" disgust expression*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Palm Springs, CA.

Choi, S., Merrell, W., & Ackerman, J. M. (2022, February). *Safety first, but for whom? Shifts in risk perception for self and others following COVID-19 vaccination*. Paper presented at the Health Preconference of the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Ackerman, J. M. (2021, February). *Pathogen avoidance psychology: Implications for everyday life and life during pandemics*. Invited presentation at the Motivation Science Preconference of the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, online.

Sng, O., & Ackerman, J. M. (2020, February). *The ecology of relatedness: Societal and individual implications*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

UCLA, Culture and Preference Formation Conference (2020, February). *Ecological dimensions shape preferences and decisions.*

Ackerman, J.M., Merrell, W.N., & Choi, S. (2019, June). *Lay Beliefs about the Sensory Detection of Disease.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Boston, MA.

Ackerman, J.M. (2019, February). *Common Difficulties of Academia that No One Talks About.* With Jaremka, L., Sweeny, K., Rule, N., Tropp, L., & Gawronski, B. Panel discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Ackerman, J.M., Bellezza, S., & Gino, F. (2018, October). *The upgrade effect: Availability of new products increases cavalier behavior toward possessions.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Seattle, WA.

Ackerman, J. M., Sng, O., Michalak, N., & Wang, I. (2018, July). *Sounds of sickness: Can people identify infectious disease using auditory cues?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Ackerman, J. M., Maner, J. K., & Carpenter, S. M. (2016, June). *Going all-in: Unfavorable sex ratios attenuate choice diversification.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Vancouver, BC.

Ackerman, J. M. (2015, October). *Persuasion by proxy: Vicarious self-control use increases decision compliance.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, New Orleans, LA.

Ackerman, J. M., Mortensen, C., & Tybur, J. (2015, September). *Infectious disease and imperfections of the self.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

Ackerman, J., Mortensen, C., & Tybur, J. (2015, February). *Contagious disease and imperfections of the self.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Ackerman, J. (2014, June). *Implications of haptic experience for product and environmental design.* Paper presented at the Advertising and Consumer Psychology Conference: The Psychology of Design, Ann Arbor, MI.

Bellezza, S., & Ackerman, J. (2014, March). *“Be careless with that!” Upgrade availability increases cavalier cognition toward owned products,* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Consumer Psychology, Miami, FL.

Griskevicius, V., Ackerman, J. M., Cantú, S. M., Simpson, J. A., Delton, A. W., Robertson, T. E., Thompson, M. E., & Tybur, J. M. (2013, July). *When the economy falters do people spend or save? Responses to resource scarcity depend on childhood environments,* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Miami, FL.

Griskevicius, V., Ackerman, J., & White, A. (2013, March). *The financial consequences of too many men: Sex ratio effects on spending, saving, and borrowing*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Consumer Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Ackerman, J., & Griskevicius, V. (2012, October). *Putting your eggs in one basket: Sex ratio effects on bet-hedging*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, Vancouver, BC.

Stein, R., Ackerman, J., & Bargh, J. (2012, October). *Rebels without a clue: Nonconscious motivation for autonomy preservation moderates social decision biases*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, Vancouver, BC.

Ackerman, J. M., Griskevicius, V., Cantú, S. M., Simpson, J. A., Delton, A. W., Robertson, T. E., Thompson, M. E., & Tybur, J. M. (2012, June). *Contingent expression of fast and slow life history strategies*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Albuquerque, NM.

Ackerman, J. M. (2012, January). *Let's get serious: Communicating commitment in romantic relationship formation*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Ackerman, J. M. (2011, October). *Embodiment in consumer judgment and decision-making: behavioral, psychological, and neural Perspectives*. Invited Roundtable Session at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, St. Louis, MO.

Griskevicius, V., & Ackerman, J. M. (2011, October). *Economic recessions release the inner child*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, St. Louis, MO.

Kronrod, A., & Ackerman, J. M. (2011, October). *My hands are tied – my lips are sealed: prevented embodiment limits communicational cooperativeness*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, St. Louis, MO.

Ackerman, J. M. (2011, June). *Effects of emotional expression on memory for the unemotional*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Marseilles, France.

Ackerman, J. M. (2011, May). *Touch as a scaffold for the mind*. Invited presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington DC.

Li, Y. J., & Ackerman, J. (2011, February). *You eat what you are: Disease concerns and food origin preferences*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Consumer Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Ackerman, J. M. (2011, January). *Building a social mind from the ground up*. Invited presentation at the Evolutionary Preconference of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Ackerman, J. M. (2011, January). *Vicarious self-control depletion: One's success begets another's failure*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Ackerman, J. M., Nocera, C. C., & Bargh, J. A. (2010, November). *The magic touch: Nonconscious haptic influences on impressions and decisions*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, St. Louis, MO.

Ackerman, J. (2010, October). *Lead us not into temptation: Depletion does not require individual self-control use*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, Jacksonville, FL.

Ackerman, J., Nocera, C., & Bargh, J. (2010, October). *Haptic experiences: A touching story of impression formation and decision-making*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, Jacksonville, FL.

Huang, J., Ackerman, J., & Bargh, J. (2010, October). *Evolutionary goal scaffolding: Building social motives on a physical foundation*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Consumer Research, Jacksonville, FL.

Ackerman, J. M., Griskevicius, V., & Li, N. (2010, June). *Let's get serious: Communicating commitment in romantic relationship formation*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Eugene, OR.

Ackerman, J. M. (2010, May). *The mating game is a team sport*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

Ackerman, J. M. (2010, February). *Mental simulation and the vicarious experience of self-control*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Consumer Psychology, St. Pete Beach, FL.

Kenrick, D. T., Ackerman, J., & Becker, D. V. (February, 2009). *Do cognitive biases favor men or women?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality & Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.

Mortensen, C., Becker, V., Ackerman, J., Neuberg, S., Kenrick, D. (2008, June). *Magnetic personalities: Ostracism and disease concerns produce attractive and repulsive, functionally biased first impressions*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Kyoto, Japan.

Ackerman, J. M., Shapiro, J. R., Becker, D. V., Neuberg, S.L., & Kenrick, D. T. (2008, January). *An evolutionary perspective on intergroup threat detection*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.

Ackerman, J. M., Shapiro, J. R., Kenrick, D. T., & Neuberg, S. L. (2007, June). *Making faces erases races: The effects of emotional expression on memory for group members*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Williamsburg, VA.

Ackerman, J.M., Shapiro, J.R., Neuberg, S.L., Kenrick, D.T., Becker, D.V., Griskevicius, V., Maner, J.K., & Schaller, M. (2006, June). *They all look the same to me (unless they're angry): From out-group homogeneity to out-group heterogeneity*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Ackerman, J. M., & Kenrick, D. T. (2005, June). *Cooperative courtship: Facilitating flirtation with friends*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Austin, TX.

Ackerman, J. M. (2003, May). *Self-serving biases and closer relationships*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Psychological Association. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Ackerman, J. (2002, April). *Kinship and interdependence in individualism and collectivism*. Western Psychological Association symposium. Irvine, CA.

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## INVITED EXTERNAL TALKS

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### Academic

2025 UCLA  
2024 Nottingham Trent University  
2024 Brunel University  
2020 UCLA  
2018 UCLA  
2018 Florida State University  
2016 Kyoto University  
2016 University of California, Berkeley  
2014 University of Waterloo  
2014 Columbia University  
2013 Duke University  
2013 University of Michigan  
2013 University of Colorado-Boulder  
2012 Harvard Business School  
2011 Tilburg University  
2011 New York University  
2011 Tufts University  
2010 University of Minnesota  
2010 Harvard University  
2010 Northeast Marketing Conference  
2010 UCLA  
2010 MIT  
2009 Yale University  
2009 University of Chicago  
2008 University of Michigan  
2008 University of Miami

2008 Yale University

### **Public Lectures/Workshops**

2021 Association of National Advertisers  
2021 Business Analytics Symposium  
2021 Meredith Corporation  
2021 Frisch High School  
2020 Cognitive Science Community  
2018 Ann Arbor District Library

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## **TEACHING & MENTORSHIP**

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### Courses

Introduction to Social Psychology (Undergraduate)  
Evolutionary Social Psychology (Undergraduate)  
Psychology of Infection (Undergraduate)  
Culture & Evolution (Undergraduate)  
Research Methods (Undergraduate)  
Advanced Social Psychology (Doctoral)  
Consumer Psychology (Doctoral)  
Evolutionary Psychology (Doctoral)  
Orientation to Social Psychology (Doctoral)  
Applied Seminar in Experimental Research (Doctoral; business school)  
Consumer Behavior (Doctoral; business school)  
Consumer Behavior (MBA)

### Postdoctoral Advising

Oliver Sng, 2016-2019 (currently Psychology faculty at University of California, Irvine)  
Ann Kronrod, 2010-2012 (currently Marketing faculty at University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

### Student Committees

#### *Graduate Advisees (Primary)*

Incoming	Benjamin Zubaly
Current	Kaelyn Sabree
2023-2025	Savannah Adams
2018-2024	Soyeon Choi
2018-2023	Wilson Merrell
2015-2020	Iris Wang
2015-2020	Nicholas Michalak

#### *Dissertation Committees*

2025 Savannah Adams, Psychology (Chair)  
2024 Jin Sung, Marketing

2024 Soyeon Choi, Psychology (Chair)  
2023 Wilson Merrell, Psychology (Chair)  
2022 Qinggang Yu, Psychology (Co-chair)  
2022 Timothy Doering, Marketing  
2021 Steven Shaw, Marketing  
2021 Cristina Salvador, Psychology  
2020 Iris Wang, Psychology (Chair)  
2020 Nicholas Michalak, Psychology (Chair)  
2020 Tingting Liu, Psychology  
2020 Rebecca Chae, Marketing

*Undergraduate Honors Students*

2025 Sarah Cortez-De La Cruz (Advisor)  
2024 Ginger Blodgett (Advisor)  
2022 Ariella Kushner (Advisor)  
2021 Sarah Payne (Advisor)  
2021 Alyssa Chua (Co-advisor)  
2020 Alexandra Wormley (Advisor)  
2020 Giselle Uwera (Co-advisor)  
2018 Janet Youkyung Kim (Advisor)  
2018 Elizabeth Hinckley (Co-advisor)  
2017 Shyryn Borgol (Advisor)  
2017 Isabel Osgood (Advisor)  
2017 Natalie Nagpal (Advisor)  
2017 Blaire Crockett (Co-advisor)  
2016 Rachel Wehrly (Co-advisor)  
2015 Alexandra Wilt (Co-advisor)  
2015 Alyssa Tender (Co-advisor)

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Leadership**

2025 Area Chair, Social Psychology  
2022 – now Co-Director, Evolution and Human Adaptation Program  
2019 – 2022 Convention Committee, Society for Personality and Social Psychology.  
Organizer: Early Career Social Hour, Out of the Lab interviews, Legacy Award symposium  
2019 Organizer, Evolution and Human Adaptation Program Seminar Series  
2017 Co-Organizer, Jaffe Symposium on Security and Scarcity  
2015 Instructor, SPSP Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology  
2015 Co-Chair, Interdisciplinary Science of Consumption Meeting  
2015 Organizer, Research Center for Group Dynamics Seminar Series

### **Associate Editor**

2021 – 2024 *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*

### **Editorial Board**

2014 – 2018 *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: IRGP*

2012 – 2015 *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*

### **Grant Reviewer**

*National Science Foundation*

*Riksbankens Jubileumsfond*

*MICHR Postdoctoral Translational Scholars Program*

### **Conference Reviewer**

*Society for Personality and Social Psychology*

*Association for Consumer Research*

*Society for Consumer Psychology*

### **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

*American Psychologist*

*Basic and Applied Social Psychology*

*Brain, Behavior, and Immunity*

*Clinical Psychological Science*

*Current Directions in Psychological Science*

*Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*

*Emotion*

*European Journal of Social Psychology*

*European Psychologist*

*Evolution and Human Behavior*

*Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences*

*Evolutionary Psychology*

*Evolutionary Psychological Science*

*Frontiers in Psychology*

*Group Dynamics: Theory, Research, and Practice*

*Health Psychology*

*Human Nature*

*International Journal of Psychology*

*Journal of Consumer Psychology*

*Journal of Consumer Research*

*Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*

*Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*

*Journal of Marketing Research*

*Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*

*Motivation Science*

*Personal Relationships*

*Personality and Individual Differences*

*Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*

*Personality and Social Psychology Review*

*Perspectives on Psychological Science*

*Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*

*Physiology & Behavior*

*PLOS One*

*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*

*Psychological Review*

*Psychological Science*

*Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*

*Research in Consumer Behavior*

*Scandinavian Journal of Psychology*

*Social and Personality Psychology Compass*

*Social Psychological and Personality Science*

### **University of Michigan Service**

*Social Area*

2024

Chair, Faculty Search Committee

2023 – 2025

Chair, Culture Committee

2022 – 2023

Chair, Industry/Alt-ac Committee

2018 – 2021, 2025

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee

2014 – 2022

Graduate Admissions Committee

2016, 2018      Coordinator, Brown Bag Seminar Series  
2017              LSA Collegiate Postdoctoral Fellowship Program Committee  
2015, 2018      Award Committees

*Departmental*

2024              Tenure Review Panel  
2024 – 2025      Augmented Executive Committee  
2022 – 2024      Diversity Committee  
2023              Third-year Faculty Review Committee (chair)  
2022 – 2023      Augmented Executive Committee  
2022              LEO Major Review Committee  
2020 – 2021      Augmented Executive Committee  
2019              Tenure Review Panel  
2018 – 2020      Student Academic Affairs Committee  
2016 – 2017      Executive Committee  
2016              LEO Major Review Committee (chair)  
2016              LEO Major Review Committee  
2015 – 2016      Student Academic Affairs Committee

*University*

2021 – 2024      Secretary of the University Advisory Committee  
2020 – 2021      ADVANCE Launch Committee  
2018 – now      Steering Committee, Evolution and Human Adaptation Program  
2018 – now      Executive Committee, Research Center for Group Dynamics  
2018 – 2019      Governance Committee, Minor in Entrepreneurship  
2018              Review Committee, MICHR Postdoctoral Translational Scholars Program

**External Service**

2021– 2026      External Advisory Board member, The Center for Evolutionary Psychological Science, Oakland University  
2019 – now      External Advisory Board member, Oklahoma Center for Evolutionary Analysis  
2017, 2018      Mentor, Graduate student mentor lunch, Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
2013              Expert Curator, Association for Consumer Research Conference (Embodied Cognition; Sensory Marketing and Perception)

**Professional Memberships**

Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
Society for Experimental Social Psychology (SESP)  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)  
Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES)

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## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

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Associated Press, New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, USA Today, Boston Globe, Guardian, Telegraph, National Public Radio, CTV, ABC News, CBS News, Fox News, MSNBC.com, CNBC, MSN Money, The Atlantic, Time, Money, National Geographic, Wired Magazine, Discovery News, Scientific American, U.S. News & World Report, Forbes.com, Daily Beast, Science Daily, Science Magazine, Huffington Post, AARP, Psychology Today