

# Emily Kubin

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## EDUCATION

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July 2020-present

PhD student, Political Communication  
University of Koblenz-Landau, Germany  
Supervisor: Dr. Christian von Sikorski

June 2020

Research Masters– Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Tilburg University–Tilburg, the Netherlands  
Track: Social Psychology

May 2017

B.A. Psychology  
Drew University – Madison, NJ, The United States  
GPA: 3.92/4.0  
Major: Psychology (GPA 3.96/4.0)

## Research Interests

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Political Communication, Polarization, Media Studies, Interventions

## PUBLICATIONS

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Brandt, M., Turner-Zwinkels, F. M., & **Kubin, E.** (in press). Political psychology data from a 26-wave yearlong longitudinal study (2019-2020). *Journal of Open Psychology Data*.

**Kubin, E.**, Puryear, C., Schein, C., & Gray, K. (2021). Personal experiences bridge moral and political divides better than facts. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *118*(6), doi:10.1073/pnas.2008389118.

Van Tongeren, D. R., **Kubin, E.**, Crawford, J. T., & Brandt, M. J. (2020). The role of religious orientation in worldview conflict. *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*. doi:10.1080/10508619.2020.1744317.

**Kubin, E.** & Brandt, M. J. (2020). Identifying the domains of ideological similarities and differences in attitudes. *Comprehensive Results in Social Psychology*, *4*(1), 53-77. doi:10.1080/237436.2020.1756242.

Randhavane, T., Bera, A., **Kubin, E.**, Wang, A., Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2019). Pedestrian dominance modeling for socially-aware robot navigation. In *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*.

Randhavane, T., Bera, A., **Kubin, E.**, Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2019). Modeling data-driven dominance traits for virtual characters using gait analysis. In *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*.

- Bera, A., Randhavane, T., **Kubin, E.**, Shaik, H., Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). Data-driven modeling of group entitativity in virtual environments. In *Proceedings of the 24<sup>th</sup> ACM Symposium on Virtual Reality Software and Technology* (pp. 31-43).
- Bera, A., Randhavane, T., **Kubin, E.**, Wang, A., Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). The socially invisible robot: Navigation in the social world using robot entitativity. In *Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)* (pp. 4468-4475).
- Bera, A., Randhavane, T., **Kubin, E.**, Wang, A., Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). Classifying group emotions for socially-aware autonomous vehicle navigation. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Conferences on Computer Visions and Pattern Recognition Workshops* (pp. 1039-1047).
- Cheung, E., Bera, A., **Kubin, E.**, Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). Identifying driver behaviors using trajectory features for vehicle navigation. In *IROS IEEE/RSK International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems*.
- Cheung, E., Bera, A., **Kubin, E.**, Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). Classifying driver behaviors for autonomous vehicle navigation. In *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 3445-3452.

### **Publications in Preparation**

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- Kubin, E.**, Kachanoff, F., & Gray, K. (in revision at *Social Psychology and Personality Science*). They don't care if we die: People dehumanize political opponents more when they reject real (versus symbolic) threats.
- Kubin, E.** & von Sikorski, C. (in revision at *ANNALS of the International Communication Association*). The role of (social) media in political polarization: A systematic review.
- Brandt, M., & **Kubin, E.** (in submission at *Journal of Open Psychology Data*). Ratings of reasons for disagreement about 95 attitudes object pairs and 190 attitude objects.
- Puryear, C., **Kubin, E.**, Schein, C., Bigman, Y., & Gray, K. (in prep). Counteracting false polarization in basic moral judgments to bridge political divides.
- Kubin, E.**, Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (in prep). Personal experiences reduce dehumanization of political opponents in (and out of) mediated communication.
- Kubin, E.**, von Sikorski, C., & Gray, K. (in prep). Understanding and reducing the censorship of ideas.
- Rogers, B., Chicas, H., **Kubin, E.**, Christian, M., McAdams, D., & Gray, K. (in prep). From timeless myths to personal meaning: The benefits of the Hero's Journey as a Narrative frame.
- Schein, C., **Kubin, E.**, Goranson, A., Dillard, L., & Gray, K. (in prep). Superhumanization of

caregivers: The downsides of being perceived as super strong.

## Teaching Experience

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Master's Courses:

Organizational Communication ..... Summer 2020

Organizational Communication ..... Summer 2021

Bachelor's Courses:

Current Topics in Communication Science..... Winter 2020

Empirical Internship..... Winter 2020

Thesis Projects:

Marina Schmidt..... Winter 2020

## CHAired SYMPOSIUMS

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Public Opinion and Polarization. Chaired Symposium at the International Society of Political Psychology. Virtual conference. July 2020.

New Interventions for Tackling Political Polarization. Chaired Symposium at the International Conference of Psychological Science. Paris, France. March 2019.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Kubin, E.,** Puryear, C., & Gray, K. (July, 2021). *The Power of Personal Experience (not Facts) in Reducing Political Polarization: Implications for Scientists.* To be presented at the International Society for Political Psychology Annual Convention (virtual conference).

Gray, K., Rogers, B., Chicas, H., **Kubin, E.,** Christian, M., & McAdams, D. (February 2021). *From timeless myths to personal meaning: The benefits of the Hero's Journey as a Narrative frame.* Presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention (virtual conference).

Gray, K., **Kubin, E.,** Puryear, C., & Schein, C. (February 2021). *Personal Experiences Bridge Moral and Political Divides Better Than Facts.* Presented at the Social Cognition pre-conference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention (virtual conference).

**Kubin, E.** (July, 2020). *Minimizing the Consequences of Polarization: Highlight Experiences, Not Facts.* Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Convention (virtual conference).

Gray, K., **Kubin, E.,** Schein, C., Puryear, C. (May, 2020). *Increasing political tolerance by emphasizing experience, not facts.* Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.

Gray, K., **Kubin, E.**, & Schein, C. (May, 2019). *Increasing political tolerance by emphasizing experience, not facts*. Presented at the Association for Psychological Science 2019 Annual Convention, Washington D.C., United States.

**Kubin, E.** & Gray, K. (March, 2019). *Increasing political respect through the rationality of personal experience*. Presented at the International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, France.

Schein, C., **Kubin, E.**, Bigman, Y., & Gray, K. (July, 2019). Bridging political divides by focusing on shared moral values. Paper presented at *International Association for Conflict Management*. Dublin, Ireland.

Schein, C., **Kubin, E.**, Goranson, A., Dillard, L., & Gray, K. (May, 2019). *Superhumanization of caregivers: The downsides of being perceived as super strong*. Presented at the Association for Psychological Science 2019 Annual Convention, Washington D.C., United States.

## **POSTER SESSIONS**

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**Kubin, E.**, Kachanoff, F., & Gray, K. (February, 2021). *Political opponents are condemned and dehumanized when they seem indifferent to realistic but not symbolic risks: Evidence from the COVID-19 pandemic*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (virtual conference).

**Kubin, E.**, Schein, C., Goranson, A., Dillard, L., & Gray, K. (March, 2018). *Superhumanization of caregivers: The downsides of being perceived as super strong*. Presented at the Attitudes & Social Influence Pre-Conference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta GA.

Morgan, G. S., & **Kubin, E.** (March, 2018). *Who is intolerant? Political ideological symmetries in predictions about intolerance*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta GA.

**Kubin, E.**, Sheskin, M., & Johnson, S. G. B. (July 2017). *Understanding others' arguments*. Poster presented at the meeting of Development Labs at Yale University, New Haven CT.

**Kubin, E.** (April 2017). *Community based research: Exploring motives of charitable behaviors and perceptions of poverty*. Poster presented at the annual Civic Engagement Awards and Showcase, Madison NJ.

**Kubin, E.** (April 2017). *The cross-pressure model of ideology and charitable giving: Exploring the role of religiosity and attributions for poverty*. Poster presented at the Tri-Collegiate Psychology Student Research Symposium, Madison NJ.

**Kubin, E.** (March 2017). *The party over policy effect: Implications for attributions of poverty*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston

MA.

**Kubin, E., Eason, A., Sommerville, J., & Kaiser, C.** (August 2016) *Same race friendship expectation: The moderating role of neighborhood segregation*. Poster presented at annual meeting of Early Childhood Cognition Lab at the University of Washington, Seattle WA.

**Kubin, E., & Morgan, S. G.** (March 2016) *Symmetries and asymmetries in people's predictions about opponents' intolerance*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York NY.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **Lab Manager**

Mind Perception and Morality Lab

PI: Dr. Kurt Gray

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

2017- 2018

**Description:** Continuing research on an NSF project entitled, “Confessional Reluctance and Ethics Enforcement: The Paradoxical Cost of Zero Tolerance”. Provide organizational support for lab members and develop research projects related to political and moral psychology with help from undergraduate research assistants.

### **Research Assistant**

PI: Dr. Jan-Willem van Prooijen

Vrije University

2019

**Research description:** Conduct collaborative research project exploring whether viewing one's self as morally superior to political opponents leads to stronger beliefs in conspiracy theories focused on political adversaries intentionally causing harm. We predict this effect will occur due to a mediational pathway of perceived evilness.

Cognition and Development Lab

PI: Dr. Frank Keil

Yale University

2017

**Research description:** Assist a post-doctoral associate, Mark Sheskin with his work exploring whether political opponents can accurately predict the reasons why their adversaries hold certain political stances.

Early Childhood Cognition Lab

PI: Dr. Jessica Sommerville

University of Washington

2016

**Research description:** Collaborate with a research team to assist with research by collecting data, recruiting participants, and creating necessary stimuli for studies.

Research topic explores children's' perceptions of same-race and different-race friendships.

Moral and Political Psychology Lab  
Drew University  
2015-2016

**Research description:** Collaborate with a research team to design studies about how political ideology and moral beliefs impact perceptions of civil disobedience. Further, develop a research project examining individuals' endorsement of welfare policies based on the political party endorsing the policy.

## **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS**

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| 2021      | Media, Democracy and Citizens Research Grant (€7,600)  |
| 2017      | Psi Chi Regional Travel Grant (\$337)                  |
| 2017      | Phi Beta Kappa International Honor Society             |
| 2017      | James A. McClintock Award for Excellence in Psychology |
| 2015      | Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology      |
| 2013-2017 | Drew University College of Liberal Arts Dean's List    |
| 2013-2017 | Civic Honors Scholar (\$5,000 per year)                |

## **Selected Press Coverage**

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| January 2021 | <a href="#">USA Today</a>        |
| January 2021 | <a href="#">Yahoo News</a>       |
| January 2021 | <a href="#">Psychology Today</a> |
| April 2021   | <a href="#">Psychology Today</a> |

## **OTHER SKILLS, & CERTIFICATIONS**

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Proficient in: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point), SPSS, Qualtrics, R, and experience with grant writing

Completed: NIH Web-based training course "Protecting Human Research Participants"  
CITI Web-based training course "Human Subject Learners- Basic Course"

Languages: English (native level), German (A2).