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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- February 2025- **Visiting Research Scholar**
Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom
- September 2023- **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States
- September 2023- **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Department of Psychology, University of Kaiserslautern-Landau (RPTU), Landau, Germany
- July 2021- **Research Affiliate**
August 2023
Center for the Science of Moral Understanding, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States

EDUCATION

- July 2020- **Ph.D.** Social Psychology, University of Kaiserslautern-Landau (RPTU).
August 2023
(Advisor: Dr. Christian von Sikorski), *summa cum laude*. Landau, Germany
- August 2018- **M.Sc.** Social and Behavioral Sciences (Specialization in Social
June 2020
Psychology), Tilburg University, Tilburg, the Netherlands.
- August 2013- **B.A.**, Psychology (major), Anthropology (minor), Drew University,
May 2017
summa cum laude, Madison, New Jersey, United States

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Psychology, Morality, Victimhood, Polarization, Interventions, Media Effects

PRACTITIONER AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Narrative 4.....(2024-present)
One America Movement.....(2022-2024)
Beyond Conflict.....(2022-2024)

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates shared first-authorship, † indicates student advisee.

Huh, E, **Kubin, E**, & von Sikorski, C. (2025). Can AI-generated news reduce hostile media perceptions? Findings from two experiments. *Frontiers in Communication*, 10:1484186.

doi: 10.3389/fcomm.2025.1484186.

Voelkel, J. G., Stagnaro, M. N., Chu, J., Pink, S., Mernyk, J. S., ... **Kubin, E.**, ... Willer, R. (2024). *Science*. Megastudy testing 25 treatments to reduce antidemocratic attitudes and partisan animosity, 386(6719). doi:10.1126/science.adh4764.

Kubin, E., Merz, P., †Wahba, M., †Davis, C., Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (2024). Understanding news-related user comments and their effects: A systematic review. *Frontiers in Communication*, 9, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2024.1447457>.

Puryear, C., **Kubin, E.**, Schein, C., Bigman, Y., Ekstrom, P., & Gray, K. (2024). People believe political opponents accept blatant moral wrongs, fueling partisan divisions. *PNAS Nexus*, 3(7), <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgae244>

Kubin, E., von Sikorski, C., & Gray, K. (2024). Political censorship feels acceptable when ideas seem harmful and false. *Political Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.13011>

Gray, K.* & **Kubin, E.*** (2024). Victimhood: The most powerful force in morality and politics. *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology*. 1-84. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1016/bs.aesp.2024.03.004>

Kubin, E., & von Sikorski, C. (2024). The polarizing content warning: how the media can reduce affective polarization. *Human Communication Research*, hqae006, <https://doi.org/10.1093/hcr/hqae006>

Kubin, E., & von Sikorski, C. (2023). The complex relationship between media and political polarization: Understanding how the media can affectively (de)polarize citizens. *International Journal of Communication*, 17, 5207-5222. 1932-8036/20230005

***Kubin, E.**, *Kachanoff, F., & Gray, K. (2023). Threat rejection fuels political dehumanization. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 14(5), 487–500. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550621106892>

Kubin, E., Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (2023). Reducing political dehumanization by pairing facts with personal experiences. *Political Psychology*, 44(5), 1119–1140. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12875>

Rogers, B., Chicas, H., Kelly, J. M., **Kubin, E.**, Christian, M., Kachanoff, F. J., Berger, J., Puryear, C., McAdams, D., & Gray, K. (2023). Seeing your life story as a Hero's Journey increases meaning in life. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pspa0000341>

Azevedo, F., Pavlović, T., Rego, G., Ay, C., Gjoneska, B., Etienne, T., ... **Kubin, E.**, ... Sampaio, W. (2023) Social and moral psychology of COVID-19 across 69 countries. *Nature Scientific Data*, 10(272). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-023-02080-8>

- Pavlović, T., Azevedo, F., De, K., Riaño-Moreno, J., Maglić, M., Gkinopoulos, T., ... **Kubin, E.**,... Van Bavel, J. J. (2022). Predicting attitudinal and behavioral responses to COVID-19 pandemic using machine learning. *PNAS Nexus*, 1(3), pgac093. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgac093>
- Van Bavel, J. J., Cichocka, A., Capraro, Sjästad, H., Nezlek, J. B., Alfano, M., ... **Kubin, E.**, ...Boggio, P. S. (2022). National identity predicts public health support during a global pandemic. *Nature Communications*, 13, 517. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-27668-9>
- 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), 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2008389118>
- Kubin, E.** & von Sikorski, C. (2021). The role of (social) media in political polarization: A systematic review. *ANNALS of the International Communication Association*, 45(3), 188–206. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23808985.2021.1976070>
- Brandt, M. J. & **Kubin, E.** (2021). Ratings of reasons for disagreement about 95 attitude object pairs and 190 attitude objects. *Journal of Open Psychology Data*, 9(4), 1–7. <https://doi.org/10.5334/jopd.53>
- Brandt, M. J., Turner-Zwinkels, F. M. & **Kubin, E.** (2021). Political Psychology Data from a 26-wave Yearlong Longitudinal Study (2019–2020). *Journal of Open Psychology Data*, 9(2), 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.5334/jopd.54>
- 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* 231-242. <https://doi.org/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. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23743603.2020.1756242>
- 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)*, 5621-5628, <https://doi.org/10.1109/ICRA.2019.8794465>
- 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*, 27(6) 2967-2979. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2019.2953063>
- 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 24th ACM*

Symposium on Virtual Reality Software and Technology, 1-10.
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3281505.3281524>

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)*, 4468–4475, <https://doi.org/10.1109/IROS.2018.8593411>

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*, 3445-3452, <https://doi.org/10.1109/IROS.2018.8594348>

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

BOOK CHAPTERS

von Sikorski, C., & **Kubin, E.** (accepted). Repeating Patterns? Effects of Communication Patterns in Media Coverage About Muslims, Islam, and Islamist Terrorism. *Pattern Theory in Language and Communication*. de Gruyter Mouton.

von Sikorski, C., & **Kubin E.** (2021). Are we living in a post scandal era? High-choice media environments, political polarization and their consequences for political scandals. In: Haller A., Michael H., Seeber L. (eds) *Scandology 3*. Springer, Cham.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-85013-54>

ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND WORKS

Beckerman, S., **Kubin, E.**, Gray, K., Ramsey, J., & Milofsky, A. (2025). *A toolkit for faith leaders facing crisis and division*. A collaboration between One America Movement, Center for the Science of Moral Understanding and Beyond Conflict.
oneamericamovement.org/trauma-toolkit/

Grants

Small Research Grant (€1,000).....(2025)
Societal Communication in Times of Permacrises (SCOPE)
University of Kaiserslautern-Landau Research Grant
Principle Investigator: Emily Kubin

Narrative 4 Research Grant (\$20,000).....(2024-2025)
Teaching Empathy in Schools
Principle Investigator: Emily Kubin

Templeton World Charity Foundation (\$250,000) (2023-2024)

Testing the Morality and (Mis)Perception Model of Polarization Across Cultures and Contexts

Co-Principle Investigators: Kurt Gray and Emily Kubin

Media, Democracy and Citizens Travel Grant (€500).....(2023)

University of Kaiserslautern-Landau Research Grant

Recipient: Emily Kubin

Media, Democracy and Citizens Research Grant (€7,600).....(2023)

University of Kaiserslautern-Landau Research Grant

Co-PIs: Emily Kubin and Christian von Sikorski

Psi Chi Regional Travel Grant (\$337).....(2017)

Recipient: Emily Kubin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Master's Courses:

External Organization Communication5 semesters

Internal Organization Communication1 semester

Bachelor's Courses:

Current Topics in Communication Science: Political Polarization.....1 semester

Current Topics in Communication Science: Political Psychology.....1 semester

Empirical Internship.....6 semesters

Master Thesis Supervision:

First Advisor:

Jennifer Zlobin (2024). *How personal experiences can build and break bridges. The importance of truth in our lived experiences.*

Moritz Rusch (2024). *Partisan Misperception Warning: How shifting intergroup perceptions can reduce anti-democratic attitudes.*

Second Advisor:

Moritz Kuhn (2024). *More than just "Anti-Racism": A new attempt at measuring wokeness.*

Magdalena Molkenhain (2023). *And they lived happily ever after: How the direction of strategic narratives affects the acceptance for climate protection measures in society.*

Jonas Brammer (2022). *Bringing the individual back into the group: The effect of personal experiences on affective polarization.*

Marina Schmidt (2021). *Content of news coverage impacts affective polarization, tolerance, and dehumanization: What role do personal experiences and facts play?*

Bachelor Thesis Supervision:

First Advisor:

Oriana Leister (2024): *The Impact of Environmental Communication Strategies on Partisan Animosity: Comparing Fear Appeals and Personal Stories of Victimhood*

Additional Mentorship:

2024 Linda Kawamoto, SPSP Peer Mentee, Yale University
2024 Zhimeng Li, SPSP Peer Mentee, Yale University
2024 Maya Tartar, Pre-Baccalaureate Summer Research Assistant
2022-2024 Mariam Wahba, Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2022 Cate Davis, Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2020-2021 Pascal Merz, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Kaiserslautern-Landau
2018 Stefanie Walsh, Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2018 William Mo, Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2018 Celeste Campbell, Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2018 Lily Ebhamen, Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2017-2018 Juliana Becker, Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2017-2018 Olivia Lyne, Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2017-2018 Jack Walsh, Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill
2017-2018 Phillip Kim, Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill

CHAired SYMPOSIUMS

Strategies to Reduce Our Moral and Political Divides. Chaired Symposium at the International Conference of Psychological Science. Brussels, Belgium. March 2023.

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

WORKSHOPS

Organizer:

Victimhood Narratives in Conflict: An Interdisciplinary Workshop for Understanding How Victimhood Shapes Understandings of Ourselves and Society. (June, 2024). Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany. (Co-organizers: Mario Gollwitzer and Marlene Voit).

Participant:

Munich Replication Games (October, 2024). Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany.

Calleva Expert Workshop on “Deadly Despots” (September, 2024). Magdalen College, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.

PRESENTATIONS

Kubin, E., Womick, J., Goya-Tocchetto, D., Ochoa, N. R., Rebollar, C., Kapsaskis, K., Pratt, S., Payne, B. K., Vaisey, S., Gray, K. (July, 2025). Liberals and Conservatives Make Different Assumptions of Vulnerability, Explaining Moral Disagreement. Presented in the Panel “How Ideological Divides Shape—and are Shaped By—Beliefs About Morality

and Victimhood” at the *International Society for Political Psychology Annual Conference*, Prague, Czech Republic.

Bojarskich, V., **Kubin, E.**, Weber, I., & Rothmund, T. (September, 2024). Fostering an inclusive victimhood identity to mitigate politically polarized toxic online cultures. Presented at the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie Congress*, Vienna Austria.

Kubin, E., Merz, P., Wahba, M., Davis, C., Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (August, 2024). *Understanding News-Related User Comments and Their Effects: A Systematic Review*. Paper presentation at the annual Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Conference, Philadelphia, USA.

Kubin, E., & Gray, K. (June, 2024). *How victimhood builds and breaks bridges in moral and political conflicts*. Presented at the Victimhood Narratives in Conflict Workshop, Munich Germany.

Beckerman, S., Gray, K., Ramsey, J., **Kubin, E.**, Milofsky, A. (May, 2024). *Trauma-informed crisis response for polarizing times*. Presented at the One America Summit, Washington D.C.

Kubin, E., von Sikorski, C. & Gray, K. (February, 2024). *The Power of Experience Sharing in Seemingly Intractable Conflicts*. Presented at the Conflict and Conflict Resolution Preconference for the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention. San Diego, California.

Kubin, E., von Sikorski, C., & Gray, K. (February, 2024). *Political Censorship Feels Acceptable When Ideas Seem Harmful and False*. Presented at the Symposium entitled “Justice or Silencing? Shaming and Censorship in a Polarized Environment” at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention. San Diego, California.

Huh, E., **Kubin, E.**, & von Sikorski, C. (August, 2023). *Can AI Journalism Reduce Hostile Media Perceptions? Findings from Two Experiments*. Presented at the Korean Communication Association Annual Conference. Seoul, South Korea.

Huh, E., **Kubin, E.**, & von Sikorski, C. (August, 2023). *Can AI Journalism Reduce Hostile Media Perceptions? Findings from Two Experiments*. Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Washington D.C., United States.

Versteegen, L., **Kubin, E.**, & Gray, K. (July, 2023). *How self-disclosure bridges divides: A strategy for increasing political respect and willingness to interact*. Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology. Montreal, Canada.

von Sikorski, C., & **Kubin, E.** (May, 2023). *The Polarizing Content Warning: How the media can reduce affective polarization*. Presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada.

von Sikorski, C., **Kubin, E.**, & Gray, K. (May, 2023). *Reducing political dehumanization by pairing facts with personal experiences*. Presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada.

Versteegen, L., **Kubin, E.**, & Gray, K. (April, 2023). *How self-disclosure bridges divides: A strategy for increasing political respect and willingness to interact*. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois, United States.

Puryear, C., **Kubin, E.**, Schein, C., Bigman, Y., & Gray, K. (March, 2023). *Bridging political divides by correcting the basic morality bias*. Presented at the International Conference of Psychological Science. Brussels, Belgium.

Kubin, E., Versteegen, L., & Gray, K. (March, 2023). *How self-disclosure bridges divides: A strategy for increasing political respect and willingness to interact*. Presented at the International Conference of Psychological Science. Brussels, Belgium. March 2023.

Puryear, C., **Kubin, E.**, Schein, C., Bigman, Y., Ekstrom, P., & Gray, K. (March, 2023). *Bridging political divides by correcting the basic morality bias*. Presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention. Atlanta, Georgia.

Kubin, E., von Sikorski, C., & Gray, K. (July, 2022). *Understanding and reducing the censorship of political opponents*. Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Conference, Athens, Greece.

Kubin, E., Puryear, C., Schein, C., & Gray, K. (June, 2022). *Personal Experiences Bridge Moral and Political Divides Better than Facts*. Presented at the Center for the Science of Moral Understanding Annual Conference, Durham, North Carolina, United States.

Kubin, E., Puryear, C., & Gray, K. (July, 2021). *The Power of Personal Experience (not Facts) in Reducing Political Polarization: Implications for Scientists*. 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

† indicates student advisee

Kubin, E., Versteegen, L., Pratt, S., Puryear, C., & Gray, K. (July, 2025). The truth of victimhood as a driver for moral disagreement and partisan animosity. Presented at the *International Society for Political Psychology Annual Conference*, Prague, Czech Republic.

Pratt, S., **Kubin, E.**, Gray, K. (February, 2024). *Harm Denial: A Source of Political Animosity and a Potential Solution*. Presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention. San Diego, California.

†Wahba, M., **Kubin, E.**, Merz, P., †Davis, C., Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (April, 2023). *Understanding user comments and their effects: A systematic review*. Presented at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Celebration of Undergraduate Research Chapel Hill, NC, United States.

Kubin, E., Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (February, 2023). *Reducing Political Dehumanization By Pairing Facts with Personal Experiences*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Atlanta, GA, United States.

Kubin, E., Kachanoff, F., & Gray, K. (March, 2022). *Threat Rejection Fuels Political Dehumanization*. Presented at the German Political Psychology Network, Chemnitz, Germany.

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, United States.

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, United States.

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, United States.

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, United States.

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, United States.

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, United States.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service

Editorial Board, *Political Psychology*.....(start in 2025)

Guest Co-Editor, *International Journal of Communication*

(Special Issue on Role of Media in Political Polarization)(2021-2023)

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Personality Processes and Individual Differences, Psychological Science, Trends in Cognitive Sciences, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Cognition, Communications Psychology, New Media & Society, Social Psychological Bulletin, Information, Communication, and Society, Journal of Media Psychology, Open Science Journal, Mass Communication and Society, Social and

Personality Psychology Compass, Communication Theory, American Behavioral Scientist International Journal of Press/Politics, Political Behavior, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication, ANNALS of the International Communication Association, The Journal of Politics, Digital Journalism, Political Psychology, Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly

Award Committees

BPSA Award for Innovation in Behavioral Policy.....(2024)
BPSA Award for Innovation in Behavioral Policy.....(2023)
Frank Research Prize in Public Interest Communications.....(2022)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology Outstanding Research Award.....(2022)

Additional Service

Scholars Council, Braver Angels (2022-present)
Peer Advisor, Society for Personality and Social Psychology.....(2024-present)

INVITED TALKS

More in Common, October 2024
Drew University, September 2024
Oxford University, July 2024
Flinders University, March 2024
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, May 2023
University of Bristol, March 2023
Max Planck Institute for Human Development, February 2023
Fredrich-Schiller Universität Jena, January 2023
New York University, June 2022
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, May 2022

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lab Manager

Mind Perception and Morality Lab
PI: Dr. Kurt Gray
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
2017- 2018

Research Assistant

Social Psychology Lab
PI: Dr. Jan-Willem van Prooijen
Vrije University
Summer 2019

Cognition and Development Lab
PI: Dr. Frank Keil
Yale University
Summer 2017

Early Childhood Cognition Lab
PI: Dr. Jessica Sommerville
University of Washington
Summer 2016

Moral and Political Psychology Lab
PI: Dr. G. Scott Morgan
Drew University
2015-2016

HONORS and SCHOLARSHIPS

2025	ISPP Jim Sidanius Early Career Award
2025	ISSEP General Existential Psychology Best Paper Award
2023	Department of Psychology Teaching Award for <i>External Organization Communication</i>
2022	Strengthening Democracy Challenge (\$650)
2022	The Behavioral Science and Policy Association Publication Award for Innovation in Behavioral Policy
2022	Finalist, <i>Frank</i> 2022 Public Interest Communication Award (\$1,500)
2021	Department of Psychology Teaching Award for <i>Special Topics in Communication Science</i>
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)

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Works Written for General Audiences

People overestimate political opponents' immorality. (2024). *Scientific American*
Can we make news less polarizing? (2024). *SPSP Character & Context Blog*
Can the media bridge political divides? (2023). *SPSP Character & Context Blog*
What can bridge political divides? (2022). *SPSP Character & Context Blog*
Fighting partisan hatred with... social media? (2021). *Moral Understanding Blog*

Selected Works Featuring Research:

To lead a meaningful life, become your own hero (2023). *Scientific American*
Want to give your life more meaning? Think of it as a 'Hero's Journey' (2023). *Time*
Why sharing personal stories is more important than facts in bridging political divide (2021). *USA Today*
Exchanging stories builds respect (2021). *Psychology Today*
Authoritative Anecdotes and Feeble Facts (2021). *Psychology Today*

Podcasts:

[US 2.0: What We Have in Common](#) (2024). *Hidden Brain*
[Social Media in an Era of Extremism](#) (2023). *Let's Talk Polarization*
[Threat Rejection, COVID-19, and Dehumanization](#) (2022). *Multi-Faith Matters*
[A Whistleblower, Facebook, Social Media & Polarization](#) (2021). *Tech Policy Press*
[What does research say about how social media affects polarization](#) (2021). *People Who Read People*

Other Interviews:

[Media can battle polarization by telling personal stories](#) (2023). *News Nation*
[Political Polarization, Dehumanization, and the Media](#) (2022). *The Dissenter*

OTHER SKILLS, & CERTIFICATIONS

Proficient in: SPSS, Qualtrics, R, and grant writing

Languages: English (native speaker), German (lower intermediate).