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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Psychology, University of Arizona (2007)
M.A. Psychology, University of Colorado (2002)
B.A. Psychology, Skidmore College (1999)

EMPLOYMENT

2019-Present: Full Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Kansas
2013-2019: Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Kansas
2007-2013: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Kansas
2003-2007: Graduate Research Assistant, Dept. of Psychology, University of Arizona

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology, Co-Founder & VP
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society of Experimental Social Psychology
International Society for Self and Identity
KU Cancer Center (Cancer Control and Population Health Program)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Mark Landau, Psychology Professor at KU, received his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 2007. His research interests revolve around two themes within social and cognitive psychology. One focuses on the core motives that drive everyday thought and behavior. He has shown that deep-seated existential concerns (e.g., mortality denial) motivate individuals' efforts to make meaningful sense of the social world and their lives. The second theme concerns the cognitive mechanisms that people ordinarily use to understand abstract social concepts. Inspired by perspectives on conceptual metaphor, he has shown that conceptual mappings between superficially dissimilar concepts shape the self-concept, social and political cognition, unconscious motivation, and health decision making. He has received a number of awards recognizing his research, including APA's Early Career Award and SPSP's Theoretical Innovation Prize. His application of metaphor theory to study political attitudes and decision making was funded by the National Science Foundation. He received a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to study the effectiveness of using metaphors in health communication. He has authored or co-edited three books, including *Conceptual Metaphor in Social Psychology: The Poetics of Everyday Life*. He co-founded and serves as the Vice President for the *International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology*.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Winner, SPSP Undergraduate Student Poster Award for Cochrane & Landau “Masculinity in community...”
- Winner, KU’s Grant Goodman Undergraduate Mentor Award (2024).
- Nominated for the J. Michael Young Academic Advisor Award (2024).
- Finalist for KU’s 2022 HOPE teaching award offered by the Student Alumni & Endowment Board and Student Alumni Network.
- Nominated for the Grant Goodman Undergraduate Mentor Award (2020).
- Winner, *Self & Identity*’s 2018 Paper of the Year Award, Landau et al., “Why life speeds up: Chunking and the passage of autobiographical time.”
- Recipient, 2018 Friends of the Life Span Institute Investigator Award (\$7,500).
- Recipient, 2017 American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Scientific Early Career Contributions to Psychology (aka, APA Early Career Award).
- Honorable Mention, K. Barbara Schowen Undergraduate Research Mentor Award (2018).
- Winner, Outstanding Presentation Award at the Research Symposium of the KU Center for Undergraduate Research (Theisen & Landau, 2017).
- Recipient, Leading Light Award, Office of the Provost, University of Kansas (2014).
- Recipient, 2013 Outstanding Early Career Award, International Society for Self and Identity (May 2013).
- Recipient, SPSSI’s 2012 Otto Klineberg Award for Sullivan, Landau et al., “Competitive Victimhood as a Response to Accusations of Ingroup Harmdoing” (\$1000).
- Recipient, 2012 SPSP Graduate Student Committee Student Poster Award for Keefer & Landau (“Attachment to objects as compensation...”).
- Recipient, 2011 Sage Young Scholars Award (\$5000).
- Recipient, 2011 Daniel M. Wegner Theoretical Innovation Prize (\$750).
- Member, Fall Faculty Colloquium, Hall Center for the Humanities, KU (\$1000; 2011).
- 2008 Dissertation Award finalist, Society for Experimental Social Psychology.
- 2004 Student Publication Award, Society of Personality and Social Psychology (\$750).
- 2004 Top Paper Award, National Communication Association, Miller & Landau (2005).
- 2001 Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Psychological Society of the Pikes Peak Region.

INTERNAL FUNDING

New Faculty General Research Fund-2302187 (\$7,839) Landau (PI) 3/1/09-4/1/09
University of Kansas (Internal)

Exploring the Cognitive Underpinnings of the Self-Concept

This project examined the role that conceptual metaphors play in people's efforts to structure their self-concept and make meaningful sense of their experiences across the lifespan.

Social & Behavioral Science General Research Fund-2160083-099 (\$6,308) Landau (PI)
6/1/25-8/26/25

University of Kansas (Internal)

The function of episodic memory: Raw data for later learning

This project aims to develop and empirically test a novel theoretical account of the psychological function of episodic memory.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

BCS-1222047 (\$250,000) Landau (PI) 8/01/12-7/31/15

NSF

Examining how Exposure to Metaphorical Framing Influences Attitudes toward Sociopolitical Issues

The project examined how, and under what conditions, exposure to metaphoric messages in persuasive communications impacts message recipients' attitudes toward pressing social and political issues.

R01CA185378 (\$1,346,366) Landau (PI) 6/1/14-5/31/18

NIH / National Cancer Institute

Cognitive and Emotional Processes of Metaphoric Cancer Communications

This project tested a novel conceptual model positing that exposure to metaphoric cancer-related messages can produce the emotion-cognition interaction most likely to motivate recommended cancer-prevention behavior.

TWCF-0416 (\$100,000) Landau (Co-PD) 08/2020-12/2023

Templeton World Charity Foundation (TWCF)

International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology

This donation was awarded to support the establishment of a new academic society that I co-founded, called the *International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology*. The donation is designed to cover, among other costs, the creation of a new website, the establishment of an annual research grants program, annual awards, an annual conference event and conference awards, and the creation and curation of educational materials, including original articles, interviews with prominent researchers, and pedagogical resources.

TWCF-2022-30414 (\$254,000) Landau (Co-PD) 12/23-12/26

Templeton World Charity Foundation (TWCF)

Continuing, Expanding, and Sustaining the Impact of the International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology

This grant was awarded to support ISSEP's continued growth. The grant is designed to expand the Society's scope to encourage cross-cultural research, inclusion of researchers and students from under-represented groups and cultural contexts, and efforts to establish a continuing endowment for the Society in the years ahead.

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

* *Graduate Student Co-author*

φ *Equal Authorship*

^ *Undergraduate Co-author*

2026 AND IN PRESS

128. **Landau, M.J.**, & Ryu, Y-J. (in press). The time of your life: Mapping the mechanisms behind life tempo judgments. *Frontiers in Psychology*.

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126. **Landau, M.J.**, Kenny, A.*, & Ryu, Y-J* (in press). Metaphor shapes existential cognition. In K. Vail, D. Van Tongeren, R. Schlegel, J. Greenberg, L. King, & R. Ryan (Eds.), *Handbook of the science of existential psychology*. Guilford Press.

125. Ryu, Y-J.* **Landau, M.J.**, Arnold, S.E.*, & Arndt, J. (2026). Why life moves fast: Exploring the mechanisms behind autobiographical time perception. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 52, 792-806.

124. Sweet-Cushman, J., Schneider, M.C., Landau, M.J., & Gordon, T. A. (2026). The Path to Women's Candidate Emergence is Paved with Metaphorical Resistance: Limits of a Journey Metaphor in Provoking Identity-Based Motivation. *Metaphor and Symbol*, 41, 101-118.

2025

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2020

115. Pyszczynski, T., & **Landau, M.J.** (2020). In his own image: An existential evolutionary perspective on the origins and function of religion. In K. Vail & C. Routledge (Eds.), *The science of religion, spirituality, and existentialism* (pp. 307-324). Elsevier Press.

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80. Keefer, L.A.*, & **Landau, M.J.** (2015). Frighteningly similar: Relationship metaphors elicit defensive information processing. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 6, 931-939.

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PRESENTATIONS

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Undergraduates marked with ^

INVITED TALKS

Landau, M.J. (2024). Honoring the legacy of Solomon, Greenberg, & Pyszczynski. Talk presented at Unholy trinity: An existential psychology symposium. University of Arizona

Landau, M. J. (2019). Applying metaphor theory to improve health communication. Invited symposium talk given at the annual meeting for the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Toronto, Canada.

Landau, M.J. (2019). Conveying the science of everyday life. Invited Keynote address to the Society for the Teaching of Psychology Preconference, held at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR

Landau, M. J. (2018). Metaphoric thinking in everyday life. Invited address at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Landau, M. J. (2016). Metaphor gives life meaning. Invited address at the 10th Triennial Invitational Choice Symposium, Alberta, Canada.

Landau, M. J. (2016). The poetics of existence: Using conceptual metaphor to give life meaning. Invited address at “The Meaning of Meaning” symposium, John Templeton Foundation, Barcelona, Spain.

Landau, M. J., & Keefer, L.A.* (2016). Metaphor’s impact on political attitudes. Invited address presented at the Politics Preconference held at the 17th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Landau, M. J. (2015). Metaphor in social thought and behavior. Invited presentation at the University of Missouri Social Psychology Pro-seminar, Columbia, MO.

Landau, M. J. (2015). Metaphor in social thought and behavior. Invited presentation at the University of Arizona Psychology Department Colloquium, Tucson, AZ.

Landau, M. J. (2015). The role of metaphor in political attitudes. Invited address presented at the Attitudes Preconference held at the 16th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Landau, M. J. (2015). Five strategies for conveying the science of everyday life. Invited address presented at the 16th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Landau, M. J. (2015). Metaphoric cancer messages: How and when they motivated prevention behavior. Invited presentation given at the colloquium series of the Cancer Control and Population Health group. KU Medical Center.

Landau, M. J. (2014). Metaphor's role in sociopolitical attitudes. Invited presentation given at the University of Maryland, College Park, as part of the SDOS Brown Bag series.

Landau, M. J. (2014). Self-continuity from metaphor. Invited symposium talk given at the annual meeting for the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Columbus, OH.

Landau, M. J. (2014). What drives political metaphors' persuasive power? Invited symposium talk given at the 15th biennial conference of the International Society for Justice Research, New York University, NY.

Landau, M. J. (2014). Metaphors in the public discourse shape our political attitudes. Invited presentation given at the "Distinguished Alumni" colloquium series at the University of Colorado. Colorado Springs, CO.

Landau, M. J. (2014). Metaphor's impact on political attitudes. Invited address presented to the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Toronto, Canada.

Landau, M. J. (2014). Four insights into the self. Invited award address (Outstanding Early Career Award) presented at the Self and Identity Pre-conference held at the 15th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Landau, M. J. (2013). Demonstrating an independent program of research. Invited talk presented at the Training Preconference of the 14th annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Landau, M. J. (2012). Research on embodied metaphor: Challenges and opportunities. Invited discussant at the symposium, "Situating cognition: The significance of physical and social cues on cognitive processes," held at the 24th annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago IL.

Landau, M.J. (2012). Meaning from metaphor. Invited talk given at the 24th annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago IL.

Landau, M.J. (2012). More than words: Metaphorical thought in social life. Invited talk at the Political Psychology Workshop hosted by the University of Chicago.

Landau, M.J. (2012). More than words: Metaphorical thought in social life. Invited talk at Tulane University.

Landau, M.J. (2011). More than words: Metaphorical thought in social life. Invited talk at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

Landau, M.J. (2011). More than words: Metaphorical thought in social life. Invited talk at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

Landau, M.J. (2011). More than words: Metaphorical thought in social life. Invited talk at the University of Michigan's Research Center for Group Dynamics.

Landau, M.J., Sullivan, D., Rothschild, Z. K., & Keefer, L. K. (2011). Deriving solace from a nemesis: Having scapegoats and enemies buffers against the threat of meaningless. Talk presented at the Fourth Annual Symposium for Social Psychology, The Interdisciplinary Center, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Landau, M. J. (2011). Fatal attraction: Fear of death and political preferences. Talk presented at an Invited Symposium at the 83rd annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Landau, M. J. (2011). Exploring the role of existential motivation in attitudes toward political rivals. Talk presented at an Invited Symposium at the 83rd annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Landau, M. J., Sullivan, D.*, & Rothschild, Z. K.* (2009). The existential function of enemyship: Evidence that people attribute influence to personal and political enemies to compensate for threats to control. Invited talk at the Conference on Uncertainty and Extremism, sponsored by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, hosted by Claremont Graduate University, Los Angeles.

Landau, M. J. (2008). Terror management theory and the conflict between preserving meaning and striving for self-esteem. Invited presentation at the conference for the International Network on Personal Meaning. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Landau, M. J. (2007). The poetics of intergroup bias: Conceptual metaphor links individual threat and intergroup bias. Invited address at the 2007 Workshop on Individual Threat and Intergroup Behavior, Jena, Germany.

Landau, M. J., & Greenberg, J. (2007). A terror management perspective on art's psychological function. Invited address at the American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.

SYMPOSIA AND PRECONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Vail, K., & **Landau, M.J.** (2025). Existential Psychology. Co-chaired preconference at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

Vail, K., & **Landau, M.J.** (2024). Existential Psychology. Co-chaired preconference at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Online.

Vail, K., & **Landau, M.J.** (2023). Existential Psychology. Co-chaired preconference at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Online.

Vail, K., & **Landau, M.J.** (2022). Existential Psychology. Co-chaired preconference at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Online.

Vail, K., & **Landau, M.J.** (2021). Existential Psychology. Co-chaired preconference at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Online.

Vail, K., & **Landau, M.J.** (2020). Existential Psychology. Co-chaired preconference at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Online.

Vail, K., & **Landau, M.J.** (2019). Existential Psychology. Co-chaired preconference at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Landau, M.J. (2017). False beliefs, true believers: Why we know what ain't so, and how to know better. Invited chaired symposium at the meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Boston, MA.

Landau, M. J., & Oyserman, D. (2012). Will any path do?: Integrating identity, conceptual metaphor, metacognition, and culture to predict academic performance. Invited chaired symposium at the meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Landau, M. J. (2011). The embodiment of social thought and attitudes: Empirical advances and conceptual refinements. Invited chaired symposium at the conference for the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Washington, DC.

Landau, M. J., & Kay, A. C. (2008). Religiosity: Motivational roots and sociopolitical impact. Chaired symposium at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology conference, Sacramento, CA.

Landau, M. J. (2008). The self in time: exploring the cognitive, emotional, and motivational dimensions of temporally extended self-conceptions. Chaired Symposium at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Albuquerque, NM.

PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Sweet-Cushman, J., Schneider, M., & **Landau, M.J.** (2023). The path to women's candidate emergence is paved with metaphorical resistance: The limits of identity-based motivation. Presentation given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

Landau, M.J., Arndt, J., & Cameron, L.D. (2021). How the journey metaphor strengthens goal pursuit: Identity connection and self-efficacy. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Santa Barbara, CA.

Washington, C.*, & **Landau, M.J.** (2020). Invited talk at a symposium for the conference of the Society for the Study of Motivation (cancelled on account of the pandemic).

Hess, R. A.[^], **Landau, M.J.**, & Carter, N. T. (2019, April). Conscientiousness and performance: Regulatory focus as a moderator of curvilinearity. In Xiaoyuan (Susan) Zhu (Chair), *Understanding Curvilinear Relationships in Selection Research and Practice*. Symposium conducted at the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology Annual Conference (Washington, D.C.).

Bultmann, M.N.*, Arndt J., **Landau, M.J.**, & Cameron, L. D. (2019). Beneath the surface: Abstract construal mindset increases receptivity to metaphors in health communications. Symposium paper presented at the 40th annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington DC.

Mosley, A.J.*, **Landau, M.J.**, Dovidio, J. (2019, February). The dramaturgical perspective and women's endorsement of benevolent sexism. Data Blitz presented at the meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Landau, M.J., Arndt, J., Cameron, L.D., & Swanson, T.J.* (2018). Why does a journey metaphor strengthen goal pursuit? Exploring mechanisms of identity connection and self-efficacy. Talk presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Cameron, L.D., **Landau, M.J.**, & Arndt, J. (2017). Metaphor use in skin cancer prevention messages: Mediating and moderating roles of affective risk appraisals. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, CA.

Landau, M.J., & Kay, A.C. (2016). When does belief in a controlling God strengthen goal pursuit? The role of predictability. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Santa Monica, CA.

Jackson, J. C.*, **Landau, M. J.**, & Gelfand, M. J. (2016). Metaphor and negotiation: The role of sports. Symposium presentation given at the 3rd IOBC Conference, Leon Recanati Graduate School of Business Administration at Tel-Aviv University.

Keefer, L. A., & **Landau, M. J.** (2015). Subjectivity uncertainty increases objectifying perceptions of relationship partners. Talk presented at the 87th annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Baldwin, M.*, & **Landau, M. J.** (2014). Investigating the effects of metaphor on perceptions of meaning in life. Talk presented at the 86th annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Keefer, L. A.*, **Landau, M. J.**, & Jennings, T. J. (2014). Material objects as a defense against attachment anxiety. Talk presented at the 86th annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Keefer, L. A.*, & **Landau, M. J.** (2013). The effect of depression metaphors on the perception of treatment options. Talk presented at the 85th annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Landau, M. J., Oyserman, D., Keefer, L. A.*, & Smith, G. (2013). On the road: Identity, metaphor, and academic motivation. Talk presented at the 14th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Landau, M. J. (2012). Evidence that the true self is represented metaphorically as a core-like physical entity. Talk presented at the meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Keefer, L. A.*, **Landau, M. J.**, Oyserman, D., & Smith, G.* (2012). On the road: Identity-based motivation, conceptual metaphor, and academic engagement. Talk presented at the meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Landau, M. J. (2011). Research on embodied metaphor: Challenges and opportunities. Talk presented at the conference for the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Washington, DC.

Landau, M. J. (2011). Research on embodied metaphor: Challenges and opportunities. Talk presented at the Embodiment Preconference of the 12th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (San Antonio, TX).

Burke, B. L., Kosloff, S., & **Landau, M. J.** (2011). Death and politics: How terror management affects voting and political attitudes. Talk presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Convention. Salt Lake City, UT (April 14-17).

Landau, M. J. (2010). Keep your enemies close: Having political enemies helps sustain perceived personal control. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Minneapolis, October.

Rothschild, Z. K.*, **Landau, M. J.**, & Sullivan, D.* (2010). Exploring a dual defensive model of scapegoating. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Sullivan, D.*, **Landau, M.J.**, Branscombe, N.R., Rothschild, Z. K.*, & Cronin, T.J. (2010). Victim and executioner: Self-harm focus leads to greater collective guilt. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.

Landau, M. J. (2010). Metaphor and the psychological foundation of virtue. Talk presented at the conference for the Arete Initiative's "New Science of Virtue" project. University of Chicago.

Rothschild, Z. K.*, & **Landau, M. J.** (2010). I am a person of value, $p < .05$: Epistemic ambiguity and the quantification of self-esteem. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas.

Landau, M. J. (2009). Evidence that self-relevant motives and metaphoric framing interact to influence social attitudes. Talk presented at the annual meeting for the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Landau, M. J., (2009). Seeking solace in a nemesis: The existential function of having personal and political enemies. Talk presented at the Social Psychology around the Midwest Conference, Fayetteville, AK.

Landau, M. J. (2008). Things can't fall apart: Existential uncertainty and terror management. Talk presented at the conference for the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Landau, M. J. (2008). A terror management perspective on meaningful conceptions of action. Talk presented at the conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Landau, M. J. (2008). The Neverending story: Denying death through meaningful conceptions of the self in time. Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Landau, M. J. (2007). Managing terror when worldviews and self-esteem collide. Talk presented at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology conference, Chicago, IL.

Landau, M. J., & Goldenberg, J. L. (2007). Existential embodied cognition: The body as a reminder of mortality and a vehicle for death-transcending meaning. Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Memphis, TN.

Greenberg, J., & **Landau, M. J.** (2006). The eternal story: Striving for self-worth and self-continuity in response to the awareness of death. Talk presented at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Landau, M. J. (2006). A thousand points of light, all shining on me: Terror management and support for charismatic leaders. Talk presented at the Attitudes Pre-conference during the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Palm Springs, CA.

Landau, M. J., & Greenberg, J., Solomon, S., & Pyszczynski, T. (2006). The denial of meaninglessness as the denial of death. Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Palm Springs, CA.

Miller C.H., & **Landau, M. J.** (2004). Communication and the nature of terrorism: A terror management theory perspective. Talk presented at the National Communication Association conference, Chicago, IL.

INTRA/INTER-DEPARTMENTAL & COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Landau, M.J. (2026). Why remember? Rethinking the function of episodic memory. Talk presented at the Social Psychology Program Meeting, University of Kansas.

Landau, M. J. (2024). Toward a theory of waiting's agony. Talk presented at the Social Psychology Program Meeting, University of Kansas.

Landau, M.J. (2022). How do I know when to submit? Talk presented at the Social Psychology Program Meeting, University of Kansas.

Landau, M J. (2019). Metaphoric thinking in everyday life. Talk presented at the Social Psychology Program Meeting, University of Kansas.

Theisen, D.^, & **Landau, M.J.** (2017). The restless monkey: Applying conceptual metaphor to mindfulness meditation. Presentation given at the Undergraduate Research Symposium of the KU Center for Undergraduate Research. Winner: Outstanding Presentation Award.

Landau, M.J. (2013). Competitive victimhood in response to accusations of ingroup harmdoing. Invited lecture presented the Hall Center for the Humanities' seminar, "Facing genocide and its aftermath."

Landau, M.J. (2011). Understanding metaphor's role in writing and thinking. Invited guest lecture at the University of Kansas, English 203: Metaphor in thought, action, and composition (instructor: Erin Williams).

Landau, M.J. (2010). Conceptual metaphors in everyday thought. Talk presented to the KU English Department's honors undergraduate seminar (Eng 498), instructor Jim Hartman.

Landau, M.J. (2010). The terror management functions of creativity. Talk presented to the KU English Department's graduate seminar (Eng 904), instructor Amy Devitt.

Landau, M.J. (2010). The solace of a nemesis: Evidence that people attribute influence to enemies to compensate for existential threats. Talk presented at the Psi Chi meeting (KU Chapter), April.

Landau, M.J. (2009). Metaphors of expansion in the representation of the intrinsic self-concept. Talk presented at the Social Psychology Program Meeting, University of Kansas.

Landau, M.J. (2009). Exploring the psychological dimensions of *The Borderland*. Invited address at the Kansas City Repertory Theater's Scholar's Forum. Kansas City, MO.

Landau, M.J. (2008). The self in time and the problem of death. Talk presented as part of the Time/Frame exhibition sponsored by the Spencer museum of art and the Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas.

Landau, M J. (2008). Psychological dimensions of "49up". Talk presented as part of the Time/Frame exhibition sponsored by the Spencer museum of art and the Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas.

Landau, M.J. (2007). Why do people care what they are doing? Terror management theory and action identification. Talk presented to the Psi Chi association of the University of Kansas.

POSTERS

Cochrane, E.^, & Landau, M.J. (2026). Masculinity in community: Analyzing identity construction discourse in r/JordanPeterson. Poster presented at SPSP. WINNER of the SPSP Undergraduate Student Poster Awards

Painter, N.H.*, Kenny, A.*, **Landau, M.J.** (2026, February). “Something must be wrong with you”: Dimensions of Asexual & Non-Asexual Experiences. Poster to be presented at the Sexuality Preconference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

Kenny, A.*, & **Landau, M.J.** (2025, February). Friendship and leisure. Poster accepted at the Close Relationships Preconference at the annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, USA.

Ryu, Y.*, & **Landau, M.J.** (2025, February). Decomposing manhood maintenance: Comparing threats to personal masculinity and societal masculinity. Poster accepted for the Gender Preconference at the annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, USA.

Ryu, Y-J*, & **Landau, M.J.** (2024). Cultural differences in expressions of gender dichotomization. Poster presented (in-person) at the SPSP Annual Convention, San Diego

Edmondson, L.^, **Landau, M.J.**, & Ryu, Y-J.* (2024). Effects of end-times messaging on temporal horizons. Poster presented at the 2024 meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Zin, S.^, & **Landau, M.J.** (2024). A systematic literature review of schizophrenia treatments: Current pharmacological and therapeutic treatments, and the prospects of gene therapy. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Denver, CO.

Ryu, Y.*, Olcaysoy Okten, I., Oettingen, G., & **Landau, M.J.** (2023, February). *Intellectual humility and adaptation to failure*. Poster presented at the Self and Identity Preconference of the 2023 meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, USA. Winner Self & Identity Pre-conference Poster Award.

Washington, C.*, & **Landau, M.J.** (2020). Math is language: Mapping the mechanism of a conceptual metaphor using a semantic network model. Poster presented at the 2020 meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Ai, T.*, Gillath, O., & **Landau, M.J.** (2020). Are you nostalgic for your ex-partners? Nostalgia and current relationship quality. Poster presented at the 2020 meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Chang, Y*., & **Landau, M.J.** (2020). The role of intrinsic motives in persuasion. Poster presented at the 2020 meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Washington, C.D.*, & **Landau, M.J.** (2019). Math is language: A metaphor-based intervention to promote women's interest in math. Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Rodriguez, J.E.* , & **Landau, M.J.** (2019). Testing the interaction of personal control and external structure on workplace self-efficacy. Poster presented at the University of Kansas Spring Undergraduate Research Poster Session, Lawrence, KS.

Rodriguez, J.E.* , **Landau, M.J.**, & Swanson, T.J.* , (2019). Examining the effect of external structure on responses to thought-control difficulty. Poster presented at the 91st Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Rodriguez, J.E.* , **Landau, M.J.**, & Swanson, T.J.* , (2019). Examining the effect of external structure on responses to thought-control difficulty. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2019 Annual Convention, Portland, OR.

Rodriguez, J.E.* , **Landau, M.J.**, & Swanson, T.J.* , (2019). Examining the effect of external structure on responses to thought-control difficulty. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2019 Existential Psychology Preconference, Portland, OR.

Rodriguez, J.E.* , **Landau, M.J.**, & Swanson, T.J.* , (2018). Examining the effect of external structure on responses to thought-control difficulty. Poster presented at the University of Kansas Summer Undergraduate Research Poster Session, Lawrence, KS.

Hess, R.A.* , **Landau, M. J.**, & Carter, N. T. (2019, May). Conscientiousness and performance: Regulatory focus as a moderator of curvilinearity. Poster presented at the European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology 2019 Congress, Turin, Italy.

Gebauer, F., & **Landau, M. J.** (2017). Detect, mark and separate: How contamination metaphors reinforce conservatives' demand to segregate refugees at the border. Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Mosley, A.* , **Landau, M.J.**, & Dovidio, J. (2016). Play my part: The dramaturgical perspective increases women's assimilation to benevolent sexism. Poster presented at the 17th annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Swanson, T.* , **Landau, M.J.**, & Mosley, A.* (2016). Suppressing a morbid mentality: The effects of avoiding existential concerns on cognitive depletion and restoration. Poster presented at the 17th annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Keefer, L.A.*, & **Landau, M.J.** (2016). Frighteningly similar: Relationship metaphors elicit defensive information processing. Poster presented at the 17th annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Rothschild, Z.K.*, **Landau, M. J.**, Molina, L., Branscombe, N. R., & Sullivan, D.* (2014). Hypocritical outrage: Blaming a scapegoat for ingroup harm-doing channels feelings of collective guilt into feelings of moral outrage. Poster presented at the 15th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Keefer, L. A.*, **Landau, M. J.**, Sullivan, D.,* & Rothschild, Z.K.* (2014). Metaphors bias evaluations of treatments for depression. Poster presented at the 15th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Keefer, L. A.*, & **Landau, M. J.** (2013). The effect of depression metaphors on the perception of treatment options. Talk presented at the 85th annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Keefer, L. A.*, **Landau, M. J.**, Sullivan, D.,* & Rothschild, Z. K.* (2013). Instrumental objectification in response to subjectivity uncertainty: Attachment anxiety motivates objectifying perceptions of close others. Poster presented at the 14th annual meeting for the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Keefer, L. A.*, & **Landau, M. J.** (2012). An (In)secure Base?: Materialism Buffers the Effects of Attachment Anxiety. Poster presented at the 2012 APS Annual Convention, May 24 - 27, 2012 in Chicago, IL.

Landau, M. J. (2012). Exploring nostalgia's growth function: Evidence that nostalgia increases the past self's perceived authenticity. Poster presented at the 13th annual meeting for the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Keefer, L. A.*, & **Landau, M. J.** (2012). Attachment to objects as compensation for threats to close interpersonal relationships. Poster presented at the 13th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA. Winner SPSP Graduate Student Committee Student Poster award.

Sullivan, D.*, **Landau, M.J.**, & Kay, A. C. (2012). Vertical collectivism and repressive suffering construal. Poster presented at the 13th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Rothschild, Z. K.*, **Landau, M. J.**, Keefer, L. A.*, & Sullivan, D.* (2012). Punishing others to cleanse the self: Evidence for a moral cleansing account of scapegoating. Poster presented at the 13th annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Sullivan, D., **Landau, M. J.**, Branscombe, N. R., & Rothschild, Z. K. (2011). Competitive victimhood as a response to accusations of ingroup harm doing. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (San Antonio, TX).

Sullivan, D. *, **Landau, M.J.**, & Rothschild, Z. K. * (2010). An existential function of enemyship: Evidence that people attribute influence to personal and political enemies to compensate for threats to control. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas.

Landau, M. J. (2010). Improving graduate student seminars when students possess different background knowledge. Poster presented at the Fourth Annual Greater Kansas City Symposium on Teaching and Learning, May.

Landau, M. J. et al. (2009). Semantically instantiated conceptual metaphors shape representations of the intrinsic self-concept. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Boston, MA.

Vess, M., Arndt, J., **Landau, M. J.**, Greenberg, J. (2009). Conceptual metaphor and the self: Evidence that metaphors shape the representation of the intrinsic self. Poster presented at the conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Tampa, FL.

Reysen, S., **Landau, M. J.**, Branscombe, N. R. (2009). Identity theft: When similarity breeds contempt. Poster presented at the conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Tampa, FL.

Martens, A., Greenberg, J., Kosloff, S., **Landau, M.**, & Schmader, T. (2006). Killing begets killing. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, Palm Springs, CA.

Landau, M. J., Greenberg, J., & Martens, A. (2005). Terror management, action identification, and the perception of meaning. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, New Orleans, LA.

Goldenberg, J., & **Landau, M. J.** (2001). Gender-typical responses to sexual and emotional infidelity as a function of mortality salience induced self-esteem striving. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

A. COURSES TAUGHT

i. The University of Kansas: Regularly meeting classes

SST = Student Survey of Teaching administered leading up to Fall 2019. Nine items. Departmental expectations focus on SST Items 1 (“Content and materials were useful and organized”) and 5 (“Teaching was clear, understandable, and engaging”). Scoring: 1 = Strongly Disagree; 5 = Strongly Agree.

** Mean score on this SST item is above the 95% confidence interval for the departmental mean for comparison classes.*

*** For this course, scores on ALL NINE SST items were significantly higher than the 95% C.I. for the departmental mean for comparison classes.*

n/a 95% C.I.s for comparison classes not available

Semester	Course	Title	Credit	Enrolled	C×E	SST#1	SST#5
Fall 2025	-	<i>FMLA Leave</i>	-	-	-		
Spring 2025	PSYC 361	Social Psychology, Honors	3	13	39		
Spring 2025	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	17	51		
Fall 2024	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	24	144		
Spring 2024	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	16	48		
Spring 2024	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3	240	720		
Fall 2023	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	14	84		
Spring 2023	PSYC 469/993	Seminar: Motivated Social Cog	3	28	84		
Spring 2023	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych II	3	9	18		
Fall 2022	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	20	120		
Spring 2022	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	9	18		
Spring 2022	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3	240	720		
Fall 2021	-	<i>Sabbatical</i>	-	-	-		
Spring 2021	PSYC 580/780	Research Lab (undergrad & grad)	1-3	15	32		
Spring 2021	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	8	24		
Fall 2020	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	13	78		
Spring 2020	PSYC 580/780	Research Lab (undergrad & grad)	3	11	33		
Spring 2020	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	4	12		
Fall 2019	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	14	84	4.75**	4.92**
Spring 2019	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3	239	720	4.86**	4.89**
Spring 2019	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	9	27	5.00**	5.00**
Fall 2018	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	12	72	4.92**	4.92**
Spring 2018	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3	201	606	4.91**	4.94**
Spring 2018	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	9	27	4.78**	5.00**
Fall 2017	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	10	60	4.80**	4.90**
Spring 2017	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	9	18	5.00**	4.75**
Spring 2017	PSYC 580/780	Research Lab (undergrad & grad)	3	9	27	N/A	N/A

Fall 2016	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	12	72	4.83**	4.83**
Spring 2016	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3	187	561	4.80**	4.82**
Spring 2016	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	12	36	4.58	4.50
Fall 2015	PSYC 993	Graduate seminar on the Self	3	3	9	5.00**	5.00**
Spring 2015	PSYC 580/780	Research Lab (undergrad & grad)	3	12	36	N/A	N/A
Fall 2014	-no teaching-	<i>Sabbatical</i>	-	-	-	N/A	N/A
Spring 2014	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3	162	486	4.84**	4.83**
Spring 2014	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	10	30	5.00*	4.78
Fall 2013	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	8	48	4.75**	4.88**
Spring 2013	PSYC 580/780	Research Lab (undergrad & grad)	3	8	24	N/A	N/A
Spring 2013	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	13	39	4.62*	4.77*
Fall 2012	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	10	60	4.80*	4.70*
Spring 2012	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	4	12	5.00**	5.00**
Spring 2012	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3	171	513	4.96**	4.96**
Fall 2011	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	10	60	4.90**	4.90**
Spring 2011	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	10	30	4.33	4.78*
Spring 2011	PSYC 690	Human Motivation	3	7	21	5.00**	5.00**
Fall 2010	-no teaching-	<i>Research Intensive Semester</i>	-	-	-	N/A	N/A
Spring 2010	PSYC 360	Social Psychology	3	79	237	4.85**	4.90**
Spring 2010	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	10	30	4.78*	4.44
Fall 2009	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	7	42	5.00**	4.83**
Spring 2009	PSYC 775	Advanced Social Psych. II	3	12	36	4.92**	4.58**
Spring 2009	PSYC 690	Human Motivation	3	10	30	4.88**	5.00**
Fall 2008	PSYC 622	Experimental Psychology	6	14	84	4.92**	4.83**
Spring 2008	PSYC 993	Social Psychology of Language	3	11	33	4.91 ^{n/a}	4.73 ^{n/a}
Spring 2008	PSYC 993	Social Proseminar	3	11	33	N/A	N/A
Fall 2007	PSYC 993	Social Proseminar	3	7	21	N/A	N/A
Fall 2007	PSYC 690	Human Motivation	3	18	54	5.00 ^{n/a}	5.00 ^{n/a}

ii. The University of Kansas: Other teaching; e.g., independent studies, thesis hours)

Since Spring 2011

Semester	Course	Title	Enrolled	SCH
Spring 2025	PSYC 480	Independent Study	5	14
Spring 2025	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	2	4
Spring 2025	PSYC 899	Thesis	1	3
Fall 2024	PSYC 480	Independent Study	5	14
Fall 2024	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	5	11
Fall 2024	PSYC 899	Thesis	1	3
Fall 2024	PSYC 980	Special Problems	1	3
Spring 2024	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	2	6
Spring 2024	PSYC 480	Independent Study	9	25
Fall 2023	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	3	6
Fall 2023	PSYC 480	Independent Study	8	20
Spring 2023	PSYC 480	Independent Study	7	16
Spring 2023	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	7	14
Fall 2022	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	2	3
Fall 2022	PSYC 480	Independent Study	5	14

Summer 2022	PSYC 480	Independent Study	1	3
Spring 2022	PSYC 480	Independent Study	3	6
Spring 2022	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	1	1
Spring 2022	PSYC 980	Special Problems	1	2
Spring 2022	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	6
Fall 2021	PSYC 980	Special Problems	2	8
Fall 2021	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	3
Fall 2021	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	1	1
Fall 2021	PSYC 480	Independent Study	3	9
Spring 2021	PSYC 980	Special Problems	1	2
Fall 2020	PSYC 980	Special Problems	2	6
Fall 2020	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	5	10
Fall 2020	PSYC 480	Independent Study	5	11
Spring 2020	PSYC 980	Special problems	2	6
Spring 2020	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	3
Fall 2019	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	3
Fall 2019	PSYC 980	Special problems	1	3
Fall 2019	PSYC 480	Independent Study	5	15
Summer 2019	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	3
Summer 2019	PSYC 480	Independent Study	1	1
Spring 2019	PSYC 580	Research Lab	1	1
Spring 2019	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	8
Spring 2019	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	3	9
Spring 2019	PSYC 480	Independent Study	3	7
Spring 2019	PSYC 899	Thesis	1	2
Fall 2018	PSYC 480	Independent Study	8	22
Fall 2018	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	2	5
Fall 2018	PSYC 899	Thesis	1	2
Fall 2018	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psychology	1	1
Summer 2018	PSYC 480	Independent Study	2	6
Summer 2018	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	1
Spring 2018	PSYC 480	Independent Study	3	9
Spring 2018	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	9
Fall 2017	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	2	6
Summer 2017	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psychology	1	1
Summer 2017	PSYC 480	Independent Study	1	3
Spring 2017	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psychology	1	3
Fall 2016	PSYC 480	Independent Study	5	15
Fall 2016	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	1	3
Fall 2016	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psychology	2	6
Summer 2016	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psychology	1	1
Spring 2016	PSYC 480	Independent Study	9	27
Spring 2016	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	2	6
Spring 2016	PSYC 899	Thesis	1	3
Spring 2016	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psychology	2	3
Fall 2015	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	6	18
Fall 2015	PSYC 899	Thesis	2	6
Fall 2014	PSYC 480	Independent Study	5	15
Fall 2014	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	2	5
Summer 2014	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	3
Spring 2014	PSYC 480	Independent Study	5	15
Spring 2014	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	2	6
Spring 2014	PSYC 999	Dissertation	1	3

Fall 2013	PSYC 480	Independent Study	3	4
Fall 2013	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	3	9
Fall 2013	PSYC 999	Dissertation (Keefer)	1	9
Summer 2013	PSYC 480	Independent Study (T. Jennings)	1	3
Summer 2013	PSYC 999	Dissertation (Sullivan, Keefer)	2	6
Spring 2013	PSYC 999	Dissertation (Sullivan & Rothschild)	2	14
Fall 2012	PSYC 999	Dissertation (Sullivan)	1	9
Fall 2012	PSYC 980	Special Problems (Keefer; Rothschild; Sakaluk; Young)	4	16
Fall 2012	PSYC 480	Independent Study	3	8
Summer 2012	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psych. (Sullivan)	1	3
Summer 2012	PSYC 480	Independent Study	1	3
Spring 2012	PSYC 980	Special Problems/Psych. (Sullivan; Rothschild; Keefer)	3	7
Spring 2012	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	4	14
Spring 2012	PSYC 480	Independent Study	2	6
Fall 2011	PSYC 480	Independent Study	3	9
Fall 2011	PSYC 481	Research Practicum	3	9
Fall 2011	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psych. (Sullivan; Rothschild)	2	8
Summer 2011	PSYC 480	Independent Study	2	6
Spring 2011	PSYC 480	Independent Study	8	24
Spring 2011	PSYC 899	Thesis (Lucas Keefer)	1	3
Spring 2011	PSYC 980	Special Problems in Psych (Sullivan; Rothschild)	2	6

ii. The University of Arizona

PSYC 360: *Social psychology* (Summer 2006, Fall 2005, Summer 2005)

PSYC 290: *Research methods* (Summer 2004, Summer 2003, Spring 2003)

B. UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

Since joining the University of Kansas, I have mentored hundreds of undergraduate research assistants, dozens of honors thesis students, and numerous independent study scholars. Many of these students have gone on to graduate training, faculty positions, and professional careers in psychology, law, and public service. Details follow, organized into Honors theses; course-relevant research opportunities; laboratory based research opportunities; independent studies; and McNair Honors Theses.

I. HONORS THESIS ADVISOR:

William Moore (2025)

Daniel McCrary (2024-2025)

Ethan Duncan (2023-2024)

Siri Panchananam (2020-2021)

Jen Meysing (2020-2021)

Courtney Cruickshank (2020-2021) Winner: Undergraduate Research Award for Spring 2021 (\$1,000)

Emily Brenman (2019-2020)

Kate O'Keefe (2019-2020)

Adam McMorris (2019-2020)
 Jordan Rodriguez (2018-2019)
 Abhay Alaukik (2018-2019)
 Lindsey Gollwitzer (2018-2019)
 Alex Ogan (Fall 2017-Spring 18); Winner: Undergraduate Research Award for Spring 2018 (\$1,000)
 Riley Hess (Fall 2017-Spring 2018) Winner: Undergraduate Research Travel Award 2018 (\$500)
 Kelby Clements (Fall 2017-Spring 18); Winner: Undergraduate Research Award for Spring 2018 (\$1,000)
 Makayla Reed (Fall 2016)
 Brittney Railsback (Summer/Fall 2016)
 Ariana Turner (Scripts College Summer Independent Study; Summer 2015)
 Kylie Hiatt (Spring 2015)
 Alex Chase (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)
 Ryan Folmsbee (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)
 Hilary Schloemer (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)
 Megan Waggy (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)
 Isaac Young (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)
 Alex Taylor (October 2010-May 2011)
 Joseph Tennant (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)
 Cameron Pestinger (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)
 Ethan Duncan (Fall 2023-present)

II. PSYC 622

Since my appointment to KU, I have mentored dozens of undergraduates enrolled in **PSYC 622**, a 6-credit course that combines close study of the conceptual foundations of research methods with a hands-on lab component. Many students have used their experience in this course as a springboard for graduate training and employment.

To mention just a few examples: in Fall 2016, **Ansley Bender** and **Destiny Shelton** applied theories of interpersonal similarity to explain the appeal of social drinking among undergraduates, while **Abigail Baldwin** and **Francesca Hayes** studied psychological barriers to HPV vaccination. All four students leveraged their positive experiences in PSYC 622 to gain admission to strong programs in social work and clinical psychology. Abigail Baldwin graduated in May 2019 with an MSW from KU and was later hired by Shawnee Mission Medical Center as a relief clinical coordinator on the inpatient behavioral health unit.

In Fall 2017, **Esha Pahwa**, a first-generation and ethnic minority student, gained acceptance into her “dream” graduate program in sport psychology at the University of Colorado. I guided her through the application process, provided detailed feedback and letters of support, and made

additional advocacy efforts. I continued to mentor her through the transition into graduate school.

III. LABORATORY-BASED INDEPENDENT STUDY MENTOR

(PSYC 480, 481, 580, and/or 980)

Since my appointment to KU, I have advised hundreds of undergraduates enrolled as research assistants in my laboratory. I mentor them in the day-to-day operations of running the lab, inviting them to participate in data collection and analysis, preparation of study materials, and background scholarship. I meet with students one-on-one to discuss their interests and career goals and then direct them to relevant literatures, provide encouragement and reassurance, and introduce them to leading researchers and professional opportunities in the field. I also help them pursue opportunities to present research so that they can strengthen their professional records. When students apply to graduate school, I devote substantial time to improving their application materials and advocating on their behalf.

Dozens of undergraduates have benefited from this mentorship. For example, **Jordan Barash** was accepted into six competitive law programs, all of which offered full-tuition scholarships. **Lindsey Gollwitzer** attained a paid internship with a clinical psychology practice in St. Louis. Other students found in these mentoring contexts a supportive environment in which to explore psychology through self-directed scholarship. For example, in Summer 2018 alone, I met regularly with **Allison Heying** and **Abhay Alaukik** to discuss current developments in psychology and texts I recommended. I also worked closely with **Jessika Tucker**, helping her articulate her research interests and prepare her applications to graduate school.

IV. INDEPENDENT STUDY MENTOR

In 2025, I worked closely with **Daniel McCrary** and **William Moore** on their honors theses. I worked very closely with them to refine their theorizing, design studies, analyze data, and discuss potential career paths.

I guided **Georgina Schade** through an independent study on psychosis, directing her to relevant literature and providing feedback on her literature review. She produced an excellent review paper.

I began working with **Eli Cochran** on several projects, including a co-authored manuscript on neomascularity discourse, a study on the motivations underlying conspiracy theory endorsement, and a successful **UGRA** application submitted in October 2025. Eli also won one of a small number of **Best Undergraduate Poster Awards** from the **Society for Personality and Social Psychology** in 2026.

In 2024, I worked closely with **Sandra Santos**, a Behavioral Neuroscience major, on a project integrating social psychology and psychophysiology. Sandra proposed a novel study examining psychophysiological indices of people's interpretations of ambiguous body language. Over multiple meetings and through close feedback on several drafts of her proposal, I helped her refine her theorizing and situate the proposed study within multiple relevant literatures. She went on to win the **2024 Undergraduate Research Award (UGRA; \$1,000)**.

I mentored **Sonya Zin**, an undergraduate in the Bachelor of Science program, on an independent study focused on schizophrenia treatments. Through weekly meetings and individualized attention to her writing and theorizing, I guided her in producing a literature review and co-authored her poster, which was accepted at the **Rocky Mountain Psychological Association**. Sonya also won a **Travel Award Scholarship** through the Center for Undergraduate Research (\$500; Feb. 2024).

Logan Edmondson and I developed an empirical study of common eschatological beliefs and their growing importance in public discourse. For this work, he won the **Undergraduate Research Award** for Spring 2023 (\$1,000) and the **2023 Courtwright Award for Undergraduate Research Excellence** (\$500). He also won the **Beulah Morrison Award** (\$1,000; Feb. 2024). His poster was accepted for in-person presentation at the **2024 SPSP Annual Convention**, and he received a **Travel Award Scholarship** through the Center for Undergraduate Research (\$500; Feb. 2024). I also helped him prepare a version of the poster for the Psychology Department's **SUPER** conference, where he was awarded **Best Poster for an Independent Project** (April 2024). He was further selected to give an **ACE Talk** at the **2024 Undergraduate Research Symposium**, and I worked closely with him to strengthen that presentation.

I mentored **Sophie Shawver** in an independent study at the intersection of psychology and English literature (2020–2021).

I mentored **Mädchen DeFrain** in a study of the intersection of social psychology and literature. She was later accepted into **Wichita State University's Community Psychology program** and won both the **William A. Whitehead Memorial Scholarship** and the **Beulah Morrison Scholarship** (2021).

I mentored **Vaughn Gessley** on a project focused on social psychology and environmental attitudes. I helped him apply for and win a **Research Grant** from the **Environmental Studies Department** (\$1,800; Spring 2021).

Danny Theisen worked with me for years on research examining the links between mindfulness practices and existential concerns. For this work, he won the **Undergraduate Research Award** for Spring 2017 (\$1,000).

Abhay Alaukik (2018–2019) conducted an original project on self-concept complexity and presented his research at the **Undergraduate Research Symposium** and **SUPER**.

Lindsey Gollwitzer (2018–2019) presented her original research on perceptions of the **#MeToo** movement at the **Undergraduate Research Symposium** and **SUPER**. She later obtained a position as a **Child Protective Services officer**. I also worked with her on several drafts of her personal statement and wrote multiple letters of recommendation in support of her graduate applications.

Alex Ogan (2017–2018) applied for and won the **2017 Undergraduate Research Award** (\$1,000 scholarship). He was invited to compete in the **Spring 2018 Undergraduate Research Symposium**, where he presented original research. In part because of his research experience, he later secured a position with the **Cerner Corporation**.

Riley Hess (2017–2018) prepared a poster for **SPSP**, won a **travel award** through the **KU Center for Undergraduate Research** (\$500), and prepared a separate poster for submission to **MPA**; both posters were accepted. Riley is now thriving in a strong I/O psychology program. We subsequently co-authored several presentations, including a symposium at the **2019 Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology** conference and a poster at the **2019 European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology** conference in Italy. In Fall 2019, I also helped her apply for a **Facebook Fellowship** and the **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship**.

Kelby Clements (2017–2018) won the **2017 Undergraduate Research Award** (\$1,000 scholarship), presented original research at the **Spring 2018 Undergraduate Research Symposium**, and won **Best Use of Statistics** for her poster at the department's **9th Annual SUPER Symposium**. By building substantial research experience in my lab, she gained admission to several competitive graduate programs and is currently excelling as a graduate student.

Makayla Reed (2016–2017) and I collaborated on a novel investigation into the motives underlying political attitudes. I helped her execute a large-scale online study with nationally representative samples both before and immediately after the 2016 presidential election. I also helped her apply for the **Undergraduate Research Award**, for which she was a finalist.

Brittney Railsback (2016–2017) launched original research on the consequences of self-concept complexity for multitasking performance. I also helped her apply for the **Undergraduate Research Award**, for which she was a finalist.

Kylie Hiatt (2015–2016) approached me with an interest in workplace satisfaction and hiring decisions as they occur in real-world contexts. I guided her through the complicated process of collecting data in a community sample in accordance with ethical guidelines.

Alex Chase (2012–2013) spearheaded research on religious beliefs and attitudes toward the military's use of torture. She presented her research at the department's undergraduate research symposium.

Ryan Folmsbee (2011–2012) and I researched people’s use of metaphors to conceptualize their “true” or authentic self. He later earned his MS in counseling psychology at KU (2015) and is now an **LPC at Synergy Services**, where he specializes in domestic violence and batterer intervention.

Hilary Schloemer (2011–2012) collaborated with me on a laboratory study examining how interpersonal power predicts reactivity to communicative tone. I helped her craft audio materials and procedures for studying responses to subtle communication cues.

Megan Waggy (2011–2012) conducted excellent research on cultural psychology and moral decision making. I helped her gain admission to a statistics-intensive graduate program in I/O psychology at **East Carolina University**, where she received the **Graduate Student of the Year** award. She later became a survey specialist at **RTI International**, which handles government-sponsored data collection, and she co-authored research on psychological resilience among first responders.

Isaac Young (2011–2012) worked closely with me to deepen his engagement with the literature and strengthen his research skills. One way I helped him build his record was by inviting him to co-author a publication in the field’s flagship journal (**Sullivan et al., 2014, JPSP**). He was later accepted into a competitive graduate program at the **University of Arizona**.

Alex Taylor (2010–2011), after researching the metaphorical association between light and hope, gained admission to premier graduate programs in educational psychology, including **McGill University** and the **University of British Columbia**. Her success was supported in part by efforts to publicize her research, including presentation at the department’s undergraduate research symposium.

Joseph Tennant (2008–2009) worked closely with me on projects dealing with existential motives and task performance. He earned his PhD in **Comparative Human Development** at the **University of Chicago** in 2015 and went on to accept a prestigious postdoctoral position at the **Faraday Institute for Science and Religion at Cambridge University**. He later published a paper on mixed methods research in **Perspectives on Psychological Science**.

Mädchen DeFrain (2019–present) was initially a student in my Spring 2019 Social Psychology course, where she excelled. She became interested in art psychotherapy, and when we realized there were no available courses covering that topic, I offered to mentor her in a self-directed program of scholarship and research that would help position her for graduate school. Under my mentorship, she published a first-author paper and conducted original research on the psychology of poetry. In November 2019, she won both the **William A. Whitehead Memorial Scholarship** and the **Beulah Morrison Scholarship**. She later enrolled in **PSYC 580** to continue her independent study examining the intersection of social psychology and literature.

Vaughn Gessley, a student in my Fall 2019 **PSYC 622** course, focused his research project on applying theories of existential motivation to understand when and why people engage in pro-

environmental action. In addition to working with him in class, I mentored him outside the course, helping him refine his study design, scholarly framing, and procedures. I also wrote a letter supporting his application for a competitive **Environmental Studies grant**, which he received (\$1,800; Dec. 2019).

Danny Theisen (2016–present) worked very closely with me for two years. His accomplishments include the **2017 Undergraduate Research Award** (\$1,000 scholarship) and the **Outstanding Presentation Award** at the **Undergraduate Research Symposium** (April 2017). I helped him attain a competitive research associate position at **UMass** and have continued to mentor him on co-authorship etiquette and external funding. I have also assisted him with materials and letters of recommendation for nursing positions.

Brad Johnson (2015–2017) participated in every aspect of research, functioning at the level of an advanced graduate student while still an undergraduate. He launched new studies on metaphors of mortality and worked as lab manager overseeing the logistics of the laboratory. As a direct result of his positive experiences in my lab, Brad chose to pursue a PhD at the **University of Kent**. In his first year alone, he gave presentations at **MPA**, **SPSP**, and other prestigious conferences. I later continued to co-advise his work on the psychology of routines.

Jesse Barrera (2015–2016) was a motivated high school student who contacted me after discovering my work on metaphors of goal pursuit and its application to academic achievement. Together we conducted and published a study with a sample of underprivileged middle-school students in an economically disadvantaged urban school district. I also helped Jesse prepare his application to **Harvard University**, where he was accepted.

Ariana Turner (Summer/Fall 2015), a visiting student from **Scripps College**, helped launch research on factors shaping perceptions of autobiographical time. The studies she contributed to were later published in a peer-reviewed journal (**Landau et al., 2018, Self & Identity**).

Austin Flohrschutz (2015–2017) met with me dozens of times over two years to discuss his interests and professional goals. I worked closely with him to refine his application materials, and he was admitted to a top neuroscience program at the **University of Arizona**, where he became involved in research on the neurochemistry of pain.

Sheridan Stewart (2013–2015) and I researched cultural psychology and conceptions of social morality. This collaboration resulted in a publication in the **Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology** (**Sullivan et al., 2016**). To promote Sheridan's success, I also included him as a co-author on another report published in the field's flagship journal (**Sullivan et al., 2014, JPSP**).

Ross Rogers (2009–2010) was a first-generation college student from a low-SES background. Although he was denied admission into KU's Social program, I saw great promise in him and invited him to work as my lab manager. I mentored him intensively, strengthening his research skills and advocating for him with several leading researchers. He was accepted to work with **Mark Alicke** at **Ohio University** and later attained a faculty position at **Colby College**. Ross

later wrote to me: *“That experience of working in the lab, meeting with you, and being a part of lab meetings was critically important to me not only moving on to the next stage, but succeeding in the next stage. It is no exaggeration to say that I wouldn't be where I am without your mentorship”* (personal email, May 2018).

Jacob Juhl (2007–2008), whom I employed as a lab manager before arriving in Lawrence, received daily mentorship aimed at improving his research skills. I provided career guidance, financial support, and detailed feedback on his application materials. He was accepted into the Social/Health program at **North Dakota State University**, where he went on to publish several first-authored articles in visible outlets. He later attained a professorship at the **University of Southampton**.

Robert Curtis (Spring 2018), a student in my Social Psychology course, met with me frequently to discuss research and career opportunities. He later enrolled in **KU Law School** and, in his first year, received an award from **Chief Justice Nuss** of the **Kansas Supreme Court** for Traffic Court.

Cameron Pestinger (2008–2009) and I worked on an intensive exploration of existential themes in classic and contemporary psychology. In part through my advocacy efforts, he was accepted into the **University of Wyoming College of Law**, where he later co-authored peer-reviewed articles.

V. MCNAIR HONORS THESIS MENTOR

Jordan Rodriguez (2017–2018) was a first-generation college student who came to me with enthusiasm but relatively little academic preparation. Through months of patient mentorship, I helped her identify a research topic, navigate the relevant literature, and design and conduct an experiment on the role of control motivation in preferences for perceptual order. She analyzed the data, wrote up the results in a complete manuscript, and presented her findings to the **McNair** group. She was also accepted to present a poster at the competitive **KU Summer Undergraduate Research Poster Session** (July 2018).

Since then, I have continued to serve as Jordan's honors mentor. Her accomplishments quickly multiplied:

- Poster presenting original research accepted for the **2019 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)** conference
- Separate poster accepted for the highly competitive **Existential Preconference** at SPSP
- **Travel Award Scholarship** from the **Center for Undergraduate Research** (\$500)
- **Diversity travel award** from **Cleveland State University** (\$150)

- **SPSP Diversity Registration Award** to offset conference registration costs
- **Undergraduate Research Award (UGRA)** for Spring 2019 (\$1,000)
- Third poster accepted for the **Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association** (Jan. 2019)

In a very brief period, Jordan prepared four poster presentations, earned three travel awards, and received a prestigious research award. Most recently, she was accepted into **Texas Tech University's doctoral program in I/O psychology**.

Carrie Mendoza (2008–2009) was a highly motivated mentee who collaborated with me on a project examining self-relevant motives in dehumanization. She conducted a sophisticated study addressing several contributing factors, including guilt and empathy. Her excellence was recognized with the department's **Best Class Project Award** (2010).

C. GRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE ADVISING RECORD

• Dissertation Defense Committees Chaired

Cory Washington (2022)
Trevor Swanson (2020)
Lucas Keefer (2014)
Daniel Sullivan (2013)
Zachary Rothschild (2013)

• Master's Thesis Defense Committees Chaired

Amy Kenny (2025)
Cory Washington (2019)
Ariel Mosley (2016)
Trevor Swanson (2016)
Lucas Keefer (2011)
Daniel Sullivan (2010)

• Master's Advisory Committees Chaired

Amy Kenny (2025)
Cory Washington (2019)
Trevor Swanson (2015)
Ariel Mosley (2015)

• Dissertation Defense Committee Member

Emily Watkins (2026)
Nathan Jones (Education) (2025)

Barbara Toizer (2024)
Issac (Itzik) Harosh (Counseling) (2024)
James Izzo (Education) (2023)
Niwa Babayemi (Education) (2023)
Isaac Gardner (Education) (2023)
Kate Helmstetter (2023)
Jason Miller (2022)
Maggie Brennan (Counseling) (2020)
Michael Baglieri (Counseling) (2020)
Fei Gao (Marketing, France) (2020)
Chelsie Bright (Political Science) (2015)
Matthew Baldwin (2015)
Owen Cox (2013)
Angela Bahns (2011)
Amanda Sesko (2011)
Tracey Cronin (2010)
Stephen Reyson (2009)

• **Dissertation Proposal Committee Member**

Nathan Jones (Education) (2024)
Erin Murray (Counseling) (2024)
Michael Wray (Education) (2024)
Issac (Itzik) Harosh (Counseling) (2023)
James Izzo (Education) (2023)
Isaac Gardner (Education) (2023)

• **Master's Thesis Defense Committee Member**

Sol Corral (2025)
Niva Manchanda (2025)
Jordan Cortesi (2023)
Kate Helmstetter (2020)
Ting Ai (2019)
Jason Miller (2018)
Ali Imran (2012)
Matt Baldwin (2011)
Kate Pickett (2008)

• **Master's Advisory Committee Member**

Sol Corral (2024)
Niva Manchanda (2024)
Jordan Cortesi (2022)
Kate Helmstetter (2019)
Jason Miller (2017)

• **Comprehensive Exam Committee Chaired**

Young Ju Ryu (2025)

Cory Washington (2021)
Trevor Swanson (2019)
Lucas Keefer (2013)
Daniel Sullivan (2012)
Zach Rothschild (2012)

• **Comprehensive Exam Committee Member**

Sam Arnold (2025)
Emily Watkins (2024)
Erin Murray (Counseling) (2024)
Nathan Jones (Education) (2024)
Michael Wray (Education) (2024)
Issac (Itzik) Harosh (Counseling) (2023)
Barbara Toizer (2023)
Kate Helmstetter (2022)
James Izzo (Education) (2022)
Navante Peacock (2021)
Jason Miller (2021)
Niwa Babayemi (Counseling) (2020)
Jonathan Huffman (Counseling) (2019)
Laura Van Berkel (2015)
Ali Imran (2013)
Matt Baldwin (2013)
Owen Cox (2011)
Amanda Sesko (2010)
Iva Katzarska-Miller (2008)

• **Social Program Contract Committees**

Amy Kenny (Chaired; 2023)
Niva Manchanda (2023)
Young Ju Ryu (Chaired; 2022)
Cory Washington (Chaired; 2018)
Charlotte Moser (2018)
Navante Peacock (2018)
Trevor Swanson (2016)
Lucas Keefer
Daniel Sullivan
Zach Rothschild
Ariel Mosley

D. Honors and Awards for Teaching

- Winner, Grant Goodman Undergraduate Mentor Award (2024).
- Nominated, J. Michael Young Academic Advisor Award (2024).
- Finalist for KU's 2022 HOPE teaching award offered by the Student Alumni & Endowment

Board and Student Alumni Network.

- Nominated for the Grant Goodman undergraduate mentor award (2020).
- Honorable Mention, K. Barbara Schowen Undergraduate Research Mentor Award (2018).
- My Social Psychology class (*PSYC 360*) was nominated by former students to fulfill the Certificate in Service Learning as administered by the Center for Service Learning. With this certification, my class helps students to complete KU's Core Goal 5, which is to learn about themes of privilege, societal inequities, and systems of oppression (Fall 2018).
- Winner, KU Psychology Dept. Teaching Development Award: \$500 (Fall 2011).

SERVICE

Department

- Psychology Department's Academic Misconduct/Grievance Hearing Board Member (2015 - Present).
- Faculty Evaluation Committee Member (2012; 2018; 2021; 2022).
- Psychology Department Promotion and Tenure Committee Member (2013 – 2015; 2019-2020; 2025).
- Judge for the Psychology Department's Symposium for Undergraduate Psychology Engagement and Research (SUPER) (2017; 2018; 2024).
- Committee for SUPER symposium (2010; 2011).
- Member of Psychology Search Committee: Edwards Campus multi-year lecturer position (2015 - 2016).
- Psychology recognition ceremony committee member (2009; 2010).
- Prospective student advising appointments (Fall 2019).
- Member, Search Committee for new faculty hire in the Social Program (2023-2024). I volunteered to serve as the Committee's DEI Advisor, whose job it is to keep the committee mindful of DEI considerations throughout every phase of the search process.
- Chair, Social Program graduate admissions committee (2013; 2014; 2015; 2016).
- Member, Social Psychology Program graduate admissions committee (2007; 2008; 2010, 2011; 2018-2019; 2020-2021; 2023-2024).
- Co-organizer (along with C. Crandall), 2019 SPAM-Brehm Social Psychology Conference, Lawrence, KS (2018-2019).
- Social Program summer fellowships committee (2010 - Present).
- Social Program student travel awards committee (2009 - Present).
- Jack Brehm endowment fund committee (2010 - Present).
- Jack Brehm basic research in social psychology award committee (2011 - Present).
- Served on the "Undergraduate Degree Committee" led by Christopher Cushing (2022-2023).
- Served on the "Strategic Planning Workgroup" led by Tim Pleskac (2022-2023).

College

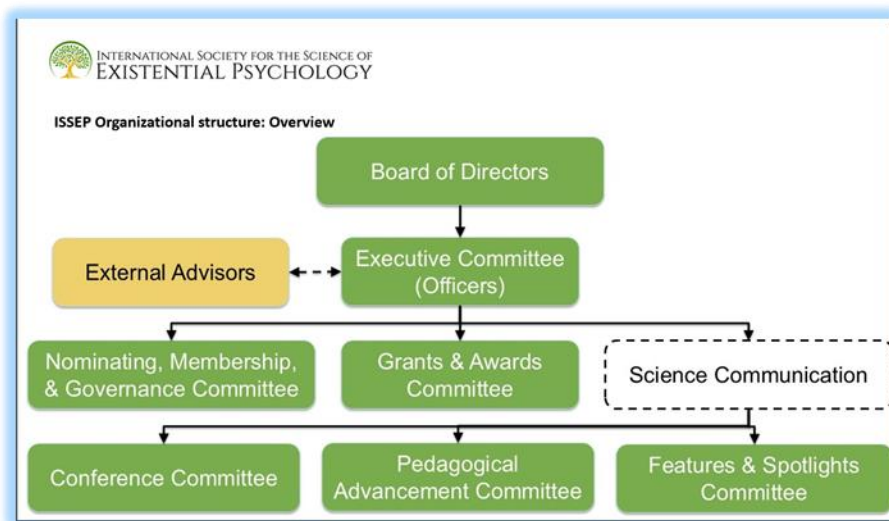
- Behavioral Sciences General Research Fund Committee. Member. (2010; 2011; 2018; 2019).
- Committee on Graduate Studies (CGS) via the College office of graduate affairs. Three-year term 2022-2025. This entails, for example, managing graduate awards across the university. In AY 2023-2024, our duties were multiplied by the request to address two "Dean's Charges" that required a full-scaled investigation of graduate mentoring and grading policies at the graduate level so as to address the growing incidence of graduate students failing to complete their dissertation in a timely manner. In addition, I volunteered to Chair CGS's Policy & Petitions (PSP) Subcommittee beginning in Fall 2023. This entailed taking the lead analyzing data regarding degree completion, drafted reports to the subcommittee, the full CGS, and the Dean's Office.
- 2025: Served on CLAS's Research Advisory Board, advising the Dean and Associate Deans. This service commitment entailed, for example, reviewing dozens of applications for an award.

University

- Volunteered to serve on the **Five-Year Review Committee** through the KU Office of Research. We spent a full year reviewing the Institute for Policy and Social Research, drafted reports, and so on.

Field

- Co-Founder and Elected Vice President of the *International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology (ISEEP)*. Established in 2019, ISSEP's mission is *to advance the scientific discovery, communication, and application of key research findings in existential psychology*. The figure below depicts ISSEP's organizational structure and programs. Below I summarize my involvement.



- The **BOD** sets ISSEP's mission and delegates authority to the committees to accomplish that mission.
 - I helped install BOD, Officers, and Committees.
 - I developed onboarding materials packets and help run annual meetings.
 - I helped prepare and administer questionnaires to assess BOD members' priorities (2024).
- Member of **Executive Committee**, which entails seeking external funding for the society, developing corporate materials (e.g., governance, legal policies and protections, endowments and investment plans), and maintaining and growing our website. We also consult with a team of external advisors.
 - I co-drafted organizational infrastructure.
 - Worked with lawyers to establish tax code and other structural parameters.
 - Consulted with external advisors to discuss donor relations, endowment, social media, and other topics (2024).
 - Launched website (issep.org) (2021). Co-produced 32 webpages, including accessible essays, interviews, and articles.
 - Secured funding. I worked with ISSEP President Ken Vail to secure a \$100,000 organizational grant from the Templeton World Charity Foundation (2020-2023) and a \$254,000 grant (2023-2026) from TWCF to continue operations

and establish a new peer-reviewed *Journal of the Science of Existential Psychology*.

- Member of **Nominating, Membership, & Governance Committee**, which entails managing the bylaws, running meetings and elections, handling memberships and donations, and filing relevant taxes.
- Member of **Grants & Awards Committee**, which entails reviewing applications for our small-grant program and reviewing nominations for our annual awards programs (early-career, distinguished career, best paper, outstanding student). We also give out a variety of conference awards each year (innovation awards, travel awards, registration awards, diversity awards).
- ISSEP's "Science Communication" effort encompasses three related committees with different audiences. The first of these is the **Conference Committee**, which organizes our annual conference events, with the audience being researchers and scholars.
 - As member, I help organize the *Existential Psychology* Preconference held at the annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP). This entails topic planning, securing invited speakers, securing sponsors, preparing the application to SPSP, reviewing applications for posters and data blitzes, creating the program, and moderating the event. Statistics reported by SPSP indicate that our preconference ranks among the most popular and well-attended.
- The second science communication committee is the **Pedagogical Advancement Committee**, with the audience being instructors and students.
 - As member, I helped solicit and curate a large collection of pedagogical materials that are freely available to download to advance the teaching and learning of the science of existential psychology. We've compiled 40 syllabi, 100+ books, films, and teaching aids.
- The third communication committee is the **Features & Spotlights Committee**, which produces articles and interview pieces that showcase the science of existential psychology for a general public audience. Our website currently features 63 Features & Spotlights Articles covering a wide range of topics.
 - I served as an editor on two Features series articles (Wilt, 2024; Neely & Hicks, 2024).

Other field service:

- Selected by SPSP to take part in the Admired Scholar Program for students who won the SPSP Diversity Graduate Stipend (2024).
- Wrote six letters in support of colleagues' application for promotion between AY2023 and AY2024.
- Served as a consultant on a consortium of social psychologists assisting Amy McGrath with her campaign for U.S. Senate (Spring 2020).
- Guest Editor of Special Issues at Peer Reviewed Journals
 - *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology* 2020 Special Issue: *Existential social psychology in mental health*
 - *Review of General Psychology* 2018 Special Issue on *Meaning*
- Guest Editor: *Journal of Research in Personality* (2018).
- Editorial Board Member/Consulting Editor

- *Journal of Social Psychology* (2018-2025).
- *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Personality Processes and Individual Differences* (2016 – 2020).
- *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes* (2015 - 2017).
- *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General* (beginning 2011).
- *Basic and Applied Social Psychology* (beginning 2007).
- Member of the Outstanding Early Career Award Selection Committee, International Society for Self and Identity (2014; 2016).
- SPSP Theoretical Innovation Prize Nominal Panel, Board Member (2012).
- Received “Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing” from the *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* (2013).
- Ad Hoc Reviewer for hundreds of assignments across diverse journals and funding agencies.
- Wrote multiple letters in support of colleagues’ application for promotion.