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### **EDUCATION & HONORS**

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Psychology. University of South Florida.

Dissertation Title: Breast Health Esteem to Motivate Breast Health Behavioral Intentions:
An Application of the Terror Management Health Model
August 2018 – May 2022. Degree conferred May 2022.

Graduate Certificate, Applied Biostatistics. University of South Florida College of Public Health. March 2020 – May 2022. Certificate conferred May 2022.

M.A., Experimental Research Psychology. Cleveland State University.

Thesis title: *The impact of traumatic symptomology and social support on the effective management of death-related thought.* 

August 2016 – May 2018. Degree conferred May 2018.

B.S., Psychology, Minor Biology. Cleveland State University.

August 2014 – May 2015. Degree conferred May 2015.

#### **RESEARCH EXPERTISE**

- Terror management health model
- Public health communications
- Self-esteem contingencies
- Biostatistics

- Fear appeals
- Cultural impacts on health
- Health disparities
- Dehumanization

## SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

#### Total Awarded to Date: \$31,022

- University of South Florida Libraries Faculty Information Literacy Institute (\$1,000.00)
- Seed Grant, International Society for the Study of Existential Psychology, 2023 (Applied)
- Faculty International Travel Grant, University of South Florida, 2023, **\$2,500.00**
- Eve Levine Graduate Teaching Award, University of South Florida, 2022, **\$1,000.00**
- Stefanie and Adele Gilbert Award for Research on Women, University of South Florida, 2022 (Applied)
- APF Graduate Research Scholarship, 2021 (Applied)
- Eve Levine Graduate Teaching Award, University of South Florida, 2021 (Applied)
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2021 Virtual Convention Graduate Registration Award, **\$50.00**
- Designing Your Online Course (DYOC) Stipend, University of South Florida, \$5,000.00
- COVID-19 Rapid Response Research Grant Round 3: Co-Investigator (Applied)
- Eve Levine Graduate Teaching Award, University of South Florida, 2020 (Applied)
- Conference Presentation Grant, University of South Florida, **\$500.00**
- Stephanie and Adele Gilbert Award for Research on Women, University of South Florida, \$300.00 (Applied)
- Don E. Guinta Endowed Memorial Scholarship, University of South Florida (Applied)
- Ann Winch Endowed Fellowship, University of South Florida, \$1,000.00 (Applied)
- 2017 Graduate Student Thesis Award, Cleveland State University, \$500.00 (Applied)
- 2017 APSSC Student Grant Competition. \$1,500.00. (Applied)
- 2017-2018 Psi-Chi Graduate Research Grants. \$1,500.00. (Applied)
- Graduate Research Assistantship, Cleveland State University. \$5,972.00
- Scarlet Scholarship (Awarded based on merit at Rutgers University [attended 2012-2013]). **\$15,000.00**

### **PUBLICATIONS and PUBLICATIONS IN PRESS**

- Williamson, R.E., Hardt, S., Courtney, E.P., & Goldenberg, J.L. (2023) Sexual Victimization and the Existential Impact of #MeToo. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*. https://doi.org/10.1177/00221678241234949
- Felig, R.N., Courtney, E.P., Ligman, K.M., Lee, K.J. & Goldenberg, J.L. (2023). Objects do not suffer: An impact of mechanistic dehumanization on perceptions of women's suffering and lack of justice in domestic assault. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231204897
- Fairlamb, S. & Courtney, E.P. (2022). An existential perspective on interpersonal closeness and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Psychology and Health*, 1-18. https://doi.org/10.1080/08870446.2022.2129052
- Williamson, R.E., Courtney, E.P., & Goldenberg, J.L. (2022). Fetch the bolt cutters: The existential labor and liberation of #MeToo. *The Humanistic Psychologist*, 50(3), 443-459. 10.1037/hum0000289
- Courtney, E.P. & Goldenberg, J.L. (2021). Adaptive self-objectification in the context of breast cancer: An integrative review of the terror management health model and research on objectification. *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being*, 14(4), 1211-1227. 10.1111/aphw.12331
- Felig, R., Jordan, J., Shepard, S., Courtney, E.P., Goldenberg, J.L., & Roberts, T-A. (2021).
  When looking hot means not feeling cold: A field study of self-objectification on a cold night out. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, *61*, 455-470.
  https://doi.org/10.1111/bjso.12489
- **Courtney, E.P.,** Felig, R.N., & Goldenberg, J.L. (2021). Together we can slow the spread of COVID-19: The interactive effects of priming collectivism and mortality salience on

virus-related health behavior intentions. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, *61*, 410-431. https://doi.org/10.1111/bjso.12487

- Courtney, E.P., Goldenberg, J.L. & Boyd, P. (2020). The contagion of mortality: A terror management health model for pandemics. *British Journal of Social Psychology 59*(3), 607-617. https://doi.org/10.1111/bjso.12392
- Goldenberg, J.L., Courtney, E.P., & Felig, R.N. (2020). Supporting the dehumanization hypothesis: Under what conditions? Commentary on Over (2020). *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 16(1), 14-21. https://doi.org/10.1177/1745691620917659
- Vail, K. E., Courtney, E. P., Goncy, E., Cornelius, T., & Edmondson, D. (2019). Anxiety buffer disruption: Relationship threat, death-anxiety, and coping appraisals among low and high posttraumatic stress symptom samples. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 38(6), 501-511. https://doi.org/10.1521/jscp.2019.38.6.501
- Vail, K.E., Courtney, E.P., & Arndt, J. (2019). The influence of existential awareness and tolerance on anti-Islamic attitudes in American politics. *Political Psychology*, 40(5), 1143-1162. https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12579

### **PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW/REVISION**

- Young, R., Courtney, E.P., Kah, A., Wilkerson, M., & Chen, Y. (Revise and Resubmit.)
  Content and Item Response Theory Analysis of ChatGPT-4-Generated Multiple-Choice Items. *Teaching of Psychology*.
- **Courtney, E.P.** & Goldenberg, J.L. (Under Review.) Breast health esteem to motivate breast health behavioral intentions: An application of the terror management health model.

Bugajski, A., Courtney, E.P., Rechenberg, K., Wills, W., Lengerich, A., & Szalacha, L. (Under Review). Prediction of anxiety and depressive symptoms in modifiable factors in patients with COPD.

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- **Courtney, E.P.** & Young, R.T. (In preparation.) High-Sharing: Existential Connection with a Substance Use Partner. *Unpublished manuscript*.
- **Courtney, E.P.** & Lee, K.J. (In preparation.) A terror management investigation of moderators of existential threat of abortion access versus regulation. *Unpublished manuscript*.
- **Courtney, E.P.** (In preparation). The terror management health model and death-based fear appeals: A systematic review. *Unpublished manuscript*.
- **Courtney, E.P.,** Goldenberg, J.L., Fernandes, R., & Kahle, L. (In preparation). An epistemic qualitative investigation of experiences of women with breast cancer. *Unpublished manuscript*.
- Ligman, K.L., Goldenberg, J.L., & **Courtney, E.P.** (In preparation.) The consequences of sexualizing the baby bump: The dehumanization and denial of assistance to sexualized pregnant women. *Unpublished manuscript*.
- Hardt, S., Williamson, R.E., & Courtney, E.P. (In preparation.) The existential impact of abortion restrictions. *Unpublished manuscript*.

### **Popular Press/Public**

Ernest Becker Foundation, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2023: Book and Film Reviews. I am become Barbie: The social psychology behind Barbenheimer. Article available <u>via link.</u>

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Keynotes**

European Association of Social Psychology, June 2023: The Body in Parts: Objectification as Adaptive in Health Contexts. *Keynote presentation at the Sexualization, Objectification, and Dehumanization preconference at the General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology. Krakow, Poland.* 

#### **Popular Press/Public**

- Morbid Anatomy: Ernest Becker, Terror Management Theory, and Death Acceptance: An Online Symposium Celebrating 50 Years of The Denial of Death, With Caitlin Doughty & Sheldon Solomon. Research presenter: Diversity and creativity of current research in Terror Management Theory, May 2023. Symposium recording available upon request.
- Ernest Becker Foundation, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2023: Data blitz presenter, New Research in Terror Management Theory. Webinar available <u>via link.</u>
- Ernest Becker Foundation, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022: Webinar Panelist: Death Anxiety and Abortion Webinar available <u>via link</u>.
- Public News Service, Kiowa County Press, June 2022: How death anxiety fires up the abortion debate. Interviewed by Eric Tegethoff. Interview available <u>via link</u>.

#### **Guest Lectures**

University of South Florida, Social Psychology Seminar, October 2023: Terror Management Theory: Death, Psychological Dysfunction, and How We Survive.

- James Madison University, Existential Psychology Senior Seminar, March 2023. Topic: Death and Health: The Implications of Existential Threat on Behavioral Health Intentions and Decisions.
- Cleveland State University Proseminar in Psychological Science, September 2021. Topic: Preparing for a Ph.D.
- University of South Florida: Research Methods in Psychology, May 2019. Topics: Sources of Information; Three Claims, Four Validities: Interrogation Tools for Consumers of Research.

#### **Departmental Talks**

- Courtney, E.P. (2020, September.) A terror management perspective on the impact of deathrelated concerns on desire for closeness and adherence to social distancing during the *COVID-19 pandemic*. Cognitive, Neuroscience, and Social Psychology Colloquia Series. University of South Florida.
- **Courtney, E.P.** (2019, April). *Death, breasts, and objectification: A terror management health model.* Cognitive, Neuroscience, and Social Psychology Colloquia Series. University of South Florida.
- Courtney, E.P. (2018, March). The impact of traumatic symptomology and social support on the effective management of death-related thought. Proseminar in Experimental Psychology. Cleveland State University.

#### **Refereed Poster Presentations**

**Courtney, E.P.** & Young, R. (2024, February). High Sharing: Existential Connection with a Substance Use Partner. *Poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Existential Psychology Preconference: Virtual Conference.* 

- Williamson, R. E., Hardt, S., Courtney, E.P., & Goldenberg, J. (2023, November). Criteria 'E': Accounting for the Existential Impact of Direct and Observed Sexual Victimization within the Context of MeToo. Poster presented at the meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Los Angeles, CA.
- Hardt, S., Antonio, O., Courtney, E.P., Goldenberg, J. & Williamson, R. E. (2023, November). Perceptions of the MeToo Movement and the Role of Sexual Victimization and Gender Identity. *Poster presented at the meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Los Angeles, CA.*
- Felig, R.N., Courtney, E.P., Ligman, K.M., Lee, K.J. & Goldenberg, J.L. (2023, November). Objects do not suffer: An impact of mechanistic dehumanization on perceptions of women's suffering and lack of justice in domestic assault. *Data blitz presented at the annual meeting for the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists. Charlotte, NC.*
- **Courtney, E.P.** & Goldenberg, J.L. (2023, February) Breast Health Esteem to Motivate Breast Health Behavioral Intentions: An Application of the Terror Management Health Model Among Women with Breast Cancer Family History. *Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Existential Psychology Preconference: Virtual Conference.*
- Felig, R. N., Jordan, J. A., Shepard, S. L., Courtney, E.P., Goldenberg, J. L., & Roberts, T.
  A. (2022, February). When looking hot means not feeling cold: Evidence that self-objectification inhibits feelings of being cold. *Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Virtual Conference*
- Felig, R. N., Jordan, J. A., Shepard, S. L., Courtney, E.P., Goldenberg, J. L., & Roberts, T.
  A. (2021). When looking hot means not feeling cold: Evidence that self-objectification inhibits feelings of being cold. *Presented at Harvard Women in Psychology's Annual Trends in Psychology Summit: Virtual Conference.*

Bugajski, A., Courtney, E.P., Rechenberg, K., Wills, W., Lengerich, A., & Szalacha, L. (2021, May). Prediction of anxiety and depressive symptoms in modifiable factors in patients with COPD. Poster presented at the American Thoracic Society International Conference, TP607 Symptoms, Quality of Life, and Caregiver Engagement in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep, 2021. https://doi.org/10.1164/ajrccmconference.2021.203.1\_MeetingAbstracts.A3189

- Meyer, A., & Courtney, E.P. (2021, April). Political media and dehumanization of the self on marginalized immigrant populations. *Poster presented at the University of South Florida Undergraduate Research Conference. Tampa, FL.*
- **Courtney, E.P.,** Felig, R., & Goldenberg, J.L. (2021, February). Together we can slow the spread: A terror management perspective on the role of collectivism in COVID-19 health behavior intentions. *Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Virtual Conference.*
- Meyer, A., & Courtney, E.P. (2020, October). Political media and dehumanization of the self on marginalized immigrant populations. *Poster presented at the University of South Florida Psychology Expo. Tampa, FL.*
- Courtney, E. P., Felig, R., Morris, K.L., & Goldenberg, J.L. (2019, February). Objects do not suffer: The impact of mechanistic dehumanization on the perception of women's suffering in domestic assault. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Portland, OR.*
- **Courtney, E. P.,** & Vail, K. E. (2018, May). The impact of traumatic symptomology and social support on the effective management of death-related thought. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science. San Francisco, CA.*

Vail, K., E., Courtney, E. P., & Arndt, J. (2018, May). Mr. Ellison goes to Washington: The influence of existential awareness and tolerance on anti-Islamic attitudes in American politics. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science. San Francisco, CA.

**Courtney, E. P.**, & Vail, K. E. (2018, April). The impact of traumatic symptomology and social support on the effective management of death anxiety. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the College of Science and Health Professions. Cleveland, OH.* 

**Courtney, E. P.**, & Vail, K. E. (2017, May). The effectiveness of social-support-based terror management following traumatic experience. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science. Boston, MA*.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Please visit my <u>online Teaching Portfolio</u> for course materials, syllabi, student evaluations, and other information.

#### **Current:**

- Instructor of Record, University of South Florida
  - o CLP4433, Tests & Measurement Online, Fall 2024
  - PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Science Online, Fall 2024
  - SOP4702, Psychology of Gender, Fall 2024

#### **Previous:**

- Instructor of Record, University of South Florida
  - PPE4003, Personality Online; Fall 2023
  - CLP4433, Tests & Measurement Online; Summer 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024
  - PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Science; Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024
  - o SOP4702, Psychology of Gender; Spring 2023, Fall 2023
  - o PSY3213, Research Methods in Psychology Online; Summer 2021, Spring 2023
  - o SOP4004, Social Psychology Online; Fall 2020, Fall 2022

- PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Science Online; Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023
- o EXP4680, Cognitive Psychology Online; Summer 2020, Spring 2021
- o SOP4004, Social Psychology; Spring 2019, Spring 2020
- PSB344, Drugs and Behavior, Fall 2019
- Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida
  - PSY3213, Research Methods in Psychology, Summer 2019
  - PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Sciences, Fall 2018

## **PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS & CERTIFICATIONS**

- University of South Florida Libraries Faculty Information Literacy Institute, Summer 2024
- Certified Online Educator, Renewal and Updates, University of South Florida, Spring 2023
- University of South Florida: Getting Started with Gradescope Workshop, Fall 2022
- University of South Florida Inclusive and Equitable Pedagogy Course, Fall 2022
- University of South Florida: Certificate in Grant Writing, Summer 2021
- Certified Online Educator, University of South Florida
  - Certified through USF Online Instructor Certification Course, Spring 2019
- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certified, September 2014-Present
  - Human Research
  - Social and Behavioral Investigators and Key Personnel
  - Refresher Courses

# **RESEARCH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

- EdX/Coursera Courses:
  - Data Science: R Basics
- Advanced Applied Experimental Methodology, Cleveland State University; August 2016-May 2018

- Professional Development in Academic Career Training, Cleveland State University; August 2016-May 2017
- Graduate-Level Research Training, Cleveland State University; August 2016-May 2018
- Social Research Lab Supervisor, Cleveland State University; August 2016-May 2018
- Graduate Research Assistant, Cleveland State University; August 2016-May 2018
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, Cleveland State University; August 2014-May 2015

## **RESEARCH COMMITTEE SERVICE**

Dissertation Committee Member: Ph.D. Candidate Mariah Wilkerson, Proposed Spring 2024. Dissertation Committee Member: Ph.D. Candidate Kaitlyn Ligman, Proposed Spring 2024. Thesis Committee Member: Kirsten J. Lee, Successfully Defended Spring 2024

• Thesis title: *The power of class consciousness: An investigation of permeability beliefs, dehumanization, and evaluations of the poor* 

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member: Violette Javanjavidan, Proposed Spring 2024 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member: Lauryn Mobley, Proposed Spring 2024 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Chair/Mentor: Ari Meyer, Successfully Defended Spring 2021

• Thesis title: *Political media and dehumanization of the self on marginalized immigrant populations* 

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE**

Faculty Champion and Team Lead: Online Course Development for Introduction to Psychological Science, University of South Florida, Spring 2024

• Leading team of six faculty members and collaborating with Innovative Education to refresh online development of Introduction to Psychological Science (PSY2012)

Executive Committee Member-at-Large, University of South Florida, Fall 2023-Present

- Won faculty election to represent faculty interests in the Executive Committee Hiring Committee Member, University of South Florida, Fall 2023
  - Search for Academic Program Specialist, Psychology Department

Search Committee Chair, University of South Florida, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

• Search for Assistant Professor of Instruction, Undergraduate quantitative focus

Search Committee Member, University of South Florida-St. Petersburg, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

• Search for Assistant Professor of Instruction, Undergraduate clinical coursework Search Committee Chair, University of South Florida, Summer 2023

• Search for Visiting Assistant Professor of Instruction, Graduate Clinical Area University of South Florida 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Psychology Expo Committee, Fall 2023

• Hospitality and Logistics Subcommittee Supervisor

University of South Florida Psychology Department Undergraduate Course

Scheduling/Placement, August 2022-Present

• Course Instructor/Graduate Teaching Assistant placement/organization

• Supervised by Dr. Adriana Uruena-Agnes, Coordinator of Undergraduate Affairs

Online Psychological Statistics Course Development Committee Observation; Fall 2022-Spring 2023

University of South Florida 10th Annual Psychology Expo Planning Committee; Fall 2022

• Hospitality Subcommittee Supervisor

Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation Presenter; August 2020-Present

- Presentation (2022, 2023, 2024): Professional Development
- Presentation (2021): Canvas LMS Best Practices
- Presentation (2020): How to Create and Deliver a Great Asynchronous Presentation

CNS Prospective Student Open House Organization; February 2020;

Online Scheduling for February 2021/2022

• Helped to coordinate, communicate, schedule, and organize transportation and responsibilities for CNS graduate students during Open House weekend

Undergraduate Professional Development Seminars; January 2020 - Present

• Created syllabi, assembled readings and assignments, scheduled and coordinated workshops for research assistants interested in graduate school and careers in the field of psychology

Cognition, Neuroscience, and Social Psychology Concentration Colloquia Series; August 2019 -May 2020 • Scheduling, coordinating, communicating, and announcing weekly CNS program colloquia with presentations from area students and faculty, along with visiting speakers

Federal Demonstration Partnership, University of South Florida; May - August 2019

• Coding and comment compilation for FDP 2012 Faculty Workload Survey Research Report Supplement under supervision of Dr. Sandra Schneider-Wright

Teaching Assistant Task Force for Assignment Equity, University of South Florida; February -June 2019

Social Concentration Research Area Meeting Scheduling; August 2018 – May 2022

- Scheduled and coordinated weekly social research concentration meetings
- Experimental Existential Social Psychology Lab Management and Scheduling, University of South Florida; August 2018 - Present

Social Research Lab Coordinator/Lab Manager, Cleveland State University; August 2016 - May 2018

### **RESEARCH SERVICE**

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer:

- Frontiers
- Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy
- Psychology Research and Behavior Management
- Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology

- Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
- Journal of Humanistic Psychology
- Psycho-Oncology
- Stress & Health
- Psychological Reports
- American Political Science Review
- British Journal of Social Psychology

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Single Presenter, Data Blitz, and Podium Speaker Reviewer

• Fall 2024 for conference in February 2025

National Science Foundation Reviewer. 2023 Award Cycle

• Attended reviewer training sessions, workshops, and review panels

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Podium Speaker Reviewer

• Fall 2023 for conference in February 2024

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Diversity Undergraduate Student Registration Award Reviewer

• Fall 2020 for conference in February 2021

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Undergraduate Student Poster Award Reviewer

• Fall 2018 for conference in Portland, OR, February 2019

SONA System Coordinator

• Cleveland State University, Spring 2017

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

European Association for Social Psychology International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology Psi-Chi – National Honor Society in Psychology American Psychological Association, Division 19 Military Psychology American Psychological Association, Division 3 Experimental Psychology American Psychological Association, Division 56 Trauma Psychology American Psychological Association, Division 8 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Association for Psychological Sciences Midwest Psychological Association Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists

## **OTHER SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

Education Ambassador, Bright Pink

- 501(c)3 charitable organization dedicated to early detection of gynecologic cancers and education of young high-risk women; responsible for administering educational sessions to colleges, businesses, and organizations across the country.
  - Cleveland Clinic, Hillcrest Hospital
  - University School Health Fair
  - East Carolina University, Zeta Tau Alpha
  - Bethany College, Zeta Tau Alpha
  - Ohio Northern University, Kappa Epsilon
  - University of Findlay, Kappa Epsilon
  - Ohio State University, Zeta Tau Alpha
  - University of North Carolina, Kappa Epsilon
  - University of Minnesota, Kappa Epsilon
  - Alcorn State University, Alpha Kappa Alpha

- The United State of Women: Galvanize Women's Summit, Columbus, Ohio
- Paul Mitchell the School, Tysons Corner, Virginia
- Campbell University, Kappa Epsilon
- Paul Mitchell the School, Cleveland, Ohio
- Wellesley College, Alpha Kappa Alpha
- HerCampus at Kent State University
- Hutson-Tillotson, Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Rochester Institute of Technology, Zeta Tau Alpha