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### EDUCATION

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**Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL

M.S. in Social Psychology

September 2021

Ph.D. in Social Psychology

anticipated July 2025

*Major Advisor: Dr. Andrea Meltzer*

*Other Mentors: Dr. Jon Maner, Dr. Jim McNulty*

**St. Norbert College**, De Pere, WI

B.A. in Psychology

May 2019

Minor: Spanish

GPA: 4.00

Summa Cum Laude

*Advisors: Dr. Stuart Korshavn, Dr. Raquel Cowell*

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### PUBLICATIONS

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#### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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**Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (2024). Own and partner attachment insecurity interact to predict marital satisfaction and dissolution. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, online first.

Paitel, E. R., **Peters, S. D.**, Lobermeier, M., & Lopez, R. A. (2022). Age-related no-go P300 amplitudes are moderated by exposure to early-life stress. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, *180*, 1-9.

**Peters, S. D.** & Meltzer, A. L. (2021). Newlywed couples' own and partner sexual disgust sensitivities interact to predict their marital satisfaction through their sexual satisfaction. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, *50*(6), 2563-2577.

Lobermeier, M. & **Peters, S.** (2020). Behavioral and ERP measures of response initiation and response inhibition among high and low sensation seekers. *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*, *25*, 65-76.

Cowell, R. A., Paitel, E. R., & **Peters, S.** (2019). The context of caution: An examination of age, social context, and sex on measures of inhibitory control and risky decision-making. *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, *90*, 84-103.

**Peters, S.** & Salzsieder, H. (2018). What makes you swipe right? Gender similarity in interpersonal attraction in a simulated online dating context. *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*, *23*, 320-329.

#### INVITED CHAPTERS & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

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**Peters, S. D.** & Meltzer, A. L. (2023). Sex differences: Emotional versus sexual infidelity. In T. Shackelford (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Sexual Psychology and Behavior*. Springer, Cham.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-08956-5\\_324-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-08956-5_324-1)

French, J. E., **Peters, S. D.**, Breedin, O. W., Altgelt, E. E., & Meltzer, A. L. (2022). Shifts in partner attractiveness. In T. Shackelford (Ed.), *Cambridge Handbook of Evolutionary Perspectives on Sexual Psychology, Volume 3: Female Sexual Adaptations*. New York: Springer.

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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**Peters, S. D.**, Maner, J. K., Meltzer, A. L. Why do people prioritize physical attractiveness in long-term relationship partners? The key mechanistic role of sexual desire. Under review at *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

**Peters, S. D.**, Maner, J. K., & Meltzer, A. L. Sexual desire spillover: Evidence for a positive association between desire for one's romantic partner and desire for alternative partners. Under review at *Human Nature*.

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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**Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., French, J. E., Altgelt, E. E., Hicks, L. L., & McNulty, J. K. Do people with romantic partners who match their ideals have better relationships? Testing the ideal standards model with multiple metrics. In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

**Peters, S. D.**, Miller, H. E., Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. Staying motivated: The implications of approach and avoidance motivations for couples' relationship evaluations and behaviors. In preparation to be submitted to *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

**Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. Predicting decisions to divorce: An updated Investment Model. In preparation to be submitted to *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.

Martinez, J. L., **Peters, S. D.**, & Maner, J. K. Faster, riskier, and more impulsive: A life history perspective on the meta-analytic effect of early childhood adversity on risk-taking and impulsivity in adulthood. In preparation to be submitted to *Psychology Bulletin*.

Breedin, O. W., **Peters, S. D.** & Meltzer, A. L. Ambivalent sexism and relationship satisfaction: A meta-analytic review. In preparation to be submitted to *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Hendrickson, J., **Peters, S. D.**, Juliana E. French, & Maner, J. K. Distinct individual differences in motivations for pair-bonding and sexual behavior: Implications for close relationships. In preparation to be submitted to *Personality and Individual Differences*.

Altgelt, E. E., **Peters, S. D.**, Breedin, O. W., & Meltzer, A. L. Benevolent sexism and relationship satisfaction in the context of long-term relationships. In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Breedin, O. W., **Peters, S. D.**, Altgelt, E. E., & Meltzer, A. L. Examining the association between husbands' and wives' benevolent sexism and their mate retention behaviors. In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Meltzer, A. L., French, J. E., & **Peters, S. D.** Partner enhancement and sexual infidelity. In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Meltzer, A. L., French, J. E., Altgelt, E. E., **Peters, S. D.**, & Li, N. P. When forced to choose, do women prioritize investment potential or commitment in a long-term partner? In preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Maner, J. K., Hendrickson, J., Martinez, J. L., Hasty, C. R., **Peters, S. D.**, & Wolf, S. A. Intergroup competition and the prominence of dominant leadership: An experimental analysis of real groups. In preparation to be submitted to *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

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## ACTIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

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*(studies in which data collection is underway or completed)*

**Peters, S. D.**, French J. E., Hendrickson, J., Meltzer, A. L., & Maner, J. K. An empirical investigation of the dual systems theory of mating.

**Peters, S. D.** & Meltzer, A. L. Stability or change in ideal partner preferences as people transition into romantic relationships.

Breedin, O. W., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. An investigation of how warmth and competence influence men's and women's long-term relationship satisfaction and behaviors.

Bansal, V. R., French, J. E., **Peters, S. D.**, & Maner, J. K. Teasing apart ideal partner preferences from minimum partner standards.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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## CHAired SYMPOSIA

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**Peters, S. D.** (2024, February). Considering factors that may threaten the validity of social psychology research. Chaired symposium at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

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*\*Denotes supervised undergraduate student*

**Peters, S. D.**, Maner, J. K., & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2024). Acutely activated and chronic levels of sexual desire underlie the prioritization of attractiveness in long-term partners. Invited Talk presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Graduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

**Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (February, 2024). Examining various operationalizations of marital satisfaction to predict dissolution. Talk to be presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.

**Peters, S. D.**, Maner, J. K., & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2023). The evolved psychology of mate preferences: Sexual desire underlies the prioritization of attractiveness in long-term partners. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society*, Online.

Meltzer, A. L., **Peters, S. D.**, & McNulty, J. K. (March, 2023). Operationalizing the longitudinal trajectory of relationship (dis)satisfaction to predict dissolution. Talk presented at the *International Convention of Psychological Science*, Brussels, Belgium.

**Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., McNulty, J. K., French, J. E., Altgelt, E. E., & Hicks, L. L. (February, 2023). Testing the predictive validity of ideal-partner consistency: Implications for people's long-term relationship evaluations and behaviors. Data blitz presented at the Evolutionary Psychology Preconference for the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Atlanta, GA.

**Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. (July, 2022). Do people with romantic partners who match their ideals have better relationships? Testing the ideal standards model with multiple metrics. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *International Association for Relationships Research*, Online.

\*Miller, H. E., **Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (April, 2022). Staying motivated: The implications of approach and avoidance motives for couples' sexual and relationship satisfaction? Talk presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Undergraduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

**Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2022). Does having a partner who uniquely matches one's ideals offer relationship benefits? Invited Talk presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Graduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

**Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L.** (July, 2021). A test of the matching phenomenon: Implications of own and partner sexual disgust sensitivity for marital outcomes. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *International Association for Relationships Research*, Online.

**Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L.** (April, 2021). Own and partner sexual disgust interact to predict newlywed couples' sexual satisfaction. Data Blitz presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Graduate Research Day*, Online.

## **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

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*\*Denotes supervised undergraduate student*

\*Gerges, J., **Peters, S. D.**, French, J. E., & Meltzer, A. L., & Maner, J. K. (April, 2024). Hormonal contraceptive status and women's relationship dynamics: A study of satisfaction, commitment, investment, and interest in alternatives. Poster presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Undergraduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

\*Yam, S., \*Gardiner, E., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2024). Stability and change in ideal partner preferences and perceptions of partner traits. Poster presented at the Florida State University's annual *Undergraduate Research Symposium* and *Psychology Undergraduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

\*Roldan, M., **Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (February, 2024). I'm happy to make you happy: The bidirectional association between approach and avoidance motivations and marital satisfaction. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.

**Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (April, 2023). Dyadic effects of attachment insecurity for marital satisfaction and dissolution. Poster presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Graduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

\*Alzado, S. B., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. (April, 2023). The association between life history strategy and risky long-term relationship cognitions and behaviors. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society*, Online.

\*Glicken, D. S., \*Roldan, M., **Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. Examining the associations among women's objective physical attractiveness, self-reported self-esteem, and self-perceived mate value. Poster presented at the Florida State University's annual *Psychology Undergraduate Research Day*, Tallahassee, FL.

**Peters, S. D.**, Meltzer, A. L., & McNulty, J. K. (February, 2023). Dyadic effects of attachment insecurity for marital satisfaction and dissolution. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Atlanta, GA.

**Peters, S. D.**, & Meltzer, A. L. (February, 2022). Ideal-partner consistency predicts more favorable relationship evaluations and behaviors. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Online.

**Peters, S. D., & Meltzer, A. L.** (February, 2021). Newlywed couples' own and partner sexual disgust sensitivities interact to predict their marital satisfaction through their sexual satisfaction. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Online.

**Peters, S.** (February, 2020). Hookup culture: An examination of the gender, personality, attachment, Belief, and attitudinal predictors of casual sexual behavior. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, New Orleans, LA.

Lobermeier, M., & **Peters, S.** (April, 2018). Behavioral and ERP measures of response initiation and response inhibition among high and low sensation seekers. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago, IL.

**Peters, S. & Salzsieder, H.** (April, 2017). Simulated online dating and interpersonal attraction. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference*, Northfield, MN.

Elliot, M., Pizzo, T., **Peters, S.**, & Halfmann, K. (April, 2017). The cognitive reflection test: Judgment in collision and non-collision athletes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference*, Northfield, MN.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

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**Florida State University**, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL

Social Psychology 2022-present

Fall 2022: 1 section (220 students)

Spring 2023: 1 section (278 students)

Fall 2023: 1 section (220 students)

Spring 2024: 1 section (242 students)

Research Methods Lab 2021-2022

Fall 2021: 2 sections (20 students; 19 students)

Spring 2022: 2 sections (27 students; 27 students)

Summer 2022: 1 section (15 students)

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

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**Florida State University**, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL

Graduate-Level Teaching Practicum 2024

Spring 2024: 1 section (12 students)

Graduate-Level Meta-Analysis Fall 2023: 1 section (17 students)	2023
History of Evolutionary Psychology, <i>Psychology in London International Program</i> Summer 2023: 1 section (38 students)	2023
Everyday Neuroscience, <i>Psychology in London International Program</i> Summer 2023: 1 section (38 students)	2023
Careers in Psychology Summer 2021: 1 section (158 students) Spring, 2021: 1 section (419 students) Fall, 2020: 1 section (392 students)	2020-2021
Biopsychology of Sexual Behavior Spring, 2020: 1 section (220 students)	2020
Applied Behavioral Analysis Spring, 2020: 1 section (72 students)	2020
Social Psychology Summer, 2020: 2 sections (87 students; 84 students) Spring, 2020: 2 sections (72 students; 59 students) Fall, 2019: 2 sections (236 students; 177 students)	2019-2020
Psychological Perspectives on Criminal Behavior Fall, 2019: 1 section (49 students)	2019
<b>St. Norbert College</b> , Sociology Department, De Pere, WI Social Statistics	2016-2019

## GUEST LECTURES

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<b>St. Norbert College</b> , Department of Psychology, De Pere, WI Internship & Professional Issues, <i>Social Psychology</i> Spring 2024; 1 section (20 students)	2024
<b>Florida State University</b> , Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL History of Evolutionary Psychology, <i>Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Mating</i> Summer 2023; 1 section (38 students)	2023
Psychology of Women, <i>Gendered Division of Labor and the Wage Gap</i> Spring, 2023; 1 section (76 students)	2023

Personality Psychology, *Applying Personality Theories to Close Relationships* 2023  
Spring, 2023; 1 section (70 students)

Social Psychology, *Romantic Attraction and Long-term Relationships* 2021  
Fall, 2021; 1 section (120 students)

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MENTORSHIP**

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Graduate Student Advisor to the Psychology Club, Florida State University August 2022-present  
30-90 students per semester

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Mentor, Florida State University August 2023-present  
Skylar Yam  
Elijah Gardiner

Research Assistant Supervisor, Meltzer Lab, Florida State University 2019-present  
3-10 students per semester

Research Assistant Supervisor, Maner Lab, Florida State University 2019-present  
6-12 students per semester

Honors Thesis Co-Supervisor, Meltzer Lab, Florida State University August 2021-May 2022  
Hailey Miller

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING**

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Psychology Teaching Brown Bag Series, Florida State University 2022-present

Society for the Teaching of Psychology's Annual Teaching Conference (virtual) 2024

"Appreciating Student Diversity & Facilitating an Inclusive Classroom" Workshop, Florida State University 2023

Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Conference, Florida State University 2023

"Applying for Jobs at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions" Workshop, SPSP Conference 2023

"Work-Life Balance at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions" Workshop, SPSP Conference 2023

Supervised Teaching, Psychology Club, Florida State University 2022-2023

"Using Student Evaluations to Improve Teaching" Workshop, Florida State University 2022



Society for the Teaching of Psychology's Annual Teaching Conference (virtual)	2022
Teaching Assistant Orientation Leader, Florida State University	2020
Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Conference, Florida State University	2019

### HOSTED WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS

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**Peters, S. D.** (2024, April). So, you want to go to graduate school? Panelist, Undergraduate Research Day, Florida State University.

**Peters, S. D.** (2024, April). How to draft a strong personal statement. Hosted workshop for Florida State University's Psychology Department.

**Peters, S. D.** (2024, February). Let's talk about love. Invited Talk at Psychology Club meeting, Florida State University.

**Peters, S. D.** (2023, October). So, you want to go to graduate school? Invited Talk for the Psychology Freshman Interest Group, Florida State University.

**Peters, S. D.** (2023, September). How to make the most out of your undergraduate career in psychology. Hosted workshop for Florida State University's Psychology Department.

**Peters, S. D.** (2023, April). So, you want to go to graduate school? Panelist, Undergraduate Research Day, Florida State University.

**Peters, S. D.** (2023, March). The ins and outs of applying to graduate school in psychology. Hosted workshop for Florida State University's Psychology Department.

**Peters, S. D.** (2023, January). How to get involved in research as an undergraduate student. Hosted workshop for Florida State University's Psychology Department.

**Peters, S. D.** (2022, November). How do attachment and ideal partner preferences influence people's relationships? Invited Talk at Psychology Club meeting, Florida State University.

**Peters, S. D.** (2022, October). Applying to graduate school in psychology. Panelist, Psi Chi Honor Society, Florida State University.

**Peters, S. D.** (2022, April). Applying to graduate school in psychology. Panelist, Psi Chi Honor Society, Florida State University.

**Peters, S. D.** (2021, November). Everything you need to know about applying to graduate school. Panelist, Psychology Club, St. Norbert College.

**Peters, S. D.** (2020, April). Everything you need to know about applying to graduate school. Panelist, Psychology Club, St. Norbert College.

**Peters, S. D.** (2020, March). Social Psychology information session. Panelist, Psychology Club, St. Norbert College.

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## GRANTS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

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Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Recipient, <i>Social Psychology</i> (\$750)	2024
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee (×7), <i>Social Psychology</i>	2024
Materials Grant for Research with Undergraduate Students, Florida State University (\$500)	2024
Wasik Graduate Student Travel Award, Florida State University (\$225)	2024
Gordon Bear Best Student Talk Award, NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society	2023
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$250)	2023
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee (×7), <i>Social Psychology</i>	2023
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$250)	2022
Graduate Travel Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (\$500)	2021
Best Graduate Student Publication Award, Florida State University (\$150)	2021
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$200)	2021
Joseph H. Grosslight Scholarship for Teaching (\$25)	2021
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$200)	2020
West Scholarship, Florida State University (\$1,000)	2020
Congress of Graduate Students Presentation Grant, Florida State University (\$200)	2019
West Scholarship, Florida State University (\$2,000)	2019
Dean's List, St. Norbert College	2015-2019
Distinguished Trustee Scholar, St. Norbert College	2015-2019
Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award, St. Norbert College (\$100)	2018
Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Grant, St. Norbert College (\$1,000)	2018
Psychology Department Travel Grant, St. Norbert College (\$300)	2018
Psychology Department Travel Grant, St. Norbert College (\$300)	2017
Psychology Department Travel Grant, St. Norbert College (\$300)	2016

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## SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### AD HOC PEER REVIEWS

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Evolutionary Psychological Science	2023
Personal Relationships	2022
Archives of Sexual Behavior	2021
Australian Psychologist	2021

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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**Florida State University**, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL

<i>Diversity in Psychology Organization of Graduate Students</i> , member	2019-present
<i>Undergraduate Research Day Committee</i> , member, judge	2023, 2024
<i>Diversifying Research in Psychology (DRiP) Event</i> , lab representative	2022, 2023
<i>Social Psychology Area Meeting Coordinator</i>	2021-2022
<i>Graduate Student Recruitment Committee</i> , member	2021, 2022
<i>Psychology Advising Office Assistant</i>	2019-2020

**St. Norbert College**, Leadership and Student Engagement Office, De Pere, WI

<i>Statistical Analyst</i>	2018-2019
<i>Lead Office Assistant</i>	2016-2019

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & HONOR SOCIETIES**

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Society for the Teaching of Psychology	Active
Society for Personality and Social Psychology	Active
Association for Psychological Science	Active
International Association for Relationship Researchers	Active
American Psychological Association	2017-2018
Phi Sigma Iota: International Foreign Language Honor Society, <i>member since 2017</i>	
Phi Kappa Phi: Academic Honor Society, <i>member since 2018</i>	
Psi Chi: International Honor Society in Psychology, <i>member since 2018</i>	

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**SOFTWARE & TECHNOLOGY**

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IBM Statistics for the Social Sciences (SPSS), PROCESS, Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM), MPlus, R, Sona Systems, Qualtrics, Inquisit, OpenSesame, Tobii Pro Eye Tracking Software, Microsoft Office

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**ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

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