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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 ó May 2022. Degree conferred May 2022.

Graduate Certificate, Applied Biostatistics. University of South Florida College of Public Health.

March 2020 ó 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 ó May 2018. Degree conferred May 2018.

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

August 2014 ó May 2015. Degree conferred May 2015.

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Terror management health model

Fear appeals

Public health communications

Cultural impacts on health

Self-esteem contingencies

Health disparities

Biostatistics

Dehumanization

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

virus-related health behavior intentions. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 61, 410

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 *Unpublished manuscript.*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 *Unpublished manuscript.*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 *Unpublished manuscript.*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 *Unpublished manuscript.*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 a

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 10th 2023: Data blitz presenter, New Research in Terror Management Theory. Webinar available [via link](#).

Ernest Becker Foundation, June 22nd presenter, New Research in Tdat roro 0 0 1 317.88 424.13 Tm0 G[(i)7(ve)7(rs)-

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 death-related 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). 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 y qo gpa'uwhtkpi 'cpf 'rcem'qh'lwudeg'lp'f qo guke'cuucwix. *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*

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.*

- PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Science Online; Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023
- EXP4680, Cognitive Psychology Online; Summer 2020, Spring 2021
- 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

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 11th 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

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 ó 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: