

## MEGAN E. EDWARDS

### Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Sept. 2024 - present      **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Duke University, Durham, NC

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### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. (2024)      **University of Missouri**, Columbia, MO  
Social and Personality Psychology  
*Dissertation*: Hope in the dark: Hope most improves meaning in difficult life events.  
*Co-Advisors*: Drs. Jamie Arndt & Laura King

M.A. (2021)      **University of Missouri**, Columbia, MO  
Social and Personality Psychology  
*Thesis*: Hopeful feelings: Inducing the feeling of hope and examining its social and cognitive effects.  
*Co-Advisors*: Drs. Jamie Arndt & Laura King

B.A. (2017)      **Hope College**, Holland, MI  
Psychology major (Neuroscience minor)  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
*Senior Thesis*: Meaning mediates the association between suffering and well-being.  
*Thesis advisor*: Dr. Daryl Van Tongeren

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### PUBLICATIONS

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\*mentored undergraduate

Van Cappellen, P., **Edwards, M. E.**, Kamble, S.V., Yildiz, M., Ladd, K.L. (2024). Kneel, stand, prostrate: The psychology of prayer postures in three world religions. *Plos One* 19(8): e0306924.

- Edwards, M. E.,** \*Cook, K. King, L. A. (2024). A new hope induction. *Emotion*. Online Publication.
- Edwards, M. E.,** & Van Cappellen, P. (in press). Awe. In K. Vail, D. Van Tongeren, R. Schlegel, J. Greenberg, L. King, R. Ryan, *The Handbook of the Science of Existential Psychology*.
- Edwards, M. E.,** Helm, P. J., Pratscher, S., Bettencourt, B. A., Arndt, J. (2024). The impact of awe on existential isolation: Evidence for contrasting pathways. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 50(5), 715-732.
- Vail, K. E., Galgali, M., Reed, D., Helm, P. J., **Edwards, M. E.,** Jimenez, T., Arndt, J., Lehinger, E., Sedivy, L., McGeary, D. D., Nabity, P., & Cobos, B. (2023). COVID19-related threat, existential isolation, and well-being. *Clinical Psychologist*, 27(1), 22-34.
- Van Cappellen, P., Ladd, K., Cassidy, S., **Edwards, M. E.,** & Fredrickson, B. L. (2022). Bodily feedback: Expansive and upward posture facilitates the experience of positive affect. *Cognition and Emotion*, 36(7), 1327-1342.
- Helm, P. J., Jimenez, T., Galgali, M., **Edwards, M. E.,** Vail III, K. E., Arndt, J. (2022). Divergent effects of social media use on meaning in life via loneliness and existential isolation during the coronavirus pandemic. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 39(6), 1768-1793.
- Van Cappellen, P., **Edwards, M. E.,** & Shiota, M. (2023). Shades of expansiveness: Postural expression of dominance, high-arousal positive affect, and warmth. *Emotion*, 23(4), 973-985.
- Van Cappellen, P. & **Edwards, M. E.** (2021). Emotion expression in context: Full body postures of Christian prayer orientations compared to secular emotions. *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior*, 45, 545-565.
- Van Cappellen, P., **Edwards, M. E.,** & Fredrickson, B. L. (2021). Upward spirals of positive emotions and religious behaviors. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 40, 92-98.
- Van Cappellen, P. & **Edwards, M. E.** (2021). The embodiment of worship: Relations among postural, psychological, and physiological aspects of religious practice. *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*, 6(1-2), 56-79.
- Edwards, M. E.,** Van Tongeren, D. R. (2020). Meaning mediates the association between suffering and well-being. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, 15(6), 722-733.
- Van Tongeren, D. R., Hibbard, R., **Edwards, M.,** Johnson, E., Diepholz, K., Newbound, H., Shay, R., Hout, R., Cairo, A., & Green, J. D. (2018). Heroic helping: The effects of priming superhero images on prosociality. *Frontiers in Psychology*, Volume 9, Article 2243.

Van Tongeren, D. R., Sanders, M., **Edwards, M.**, Davis, E. B., Aten, J. D., Ranter, J. M., Tsarouhis, A., Short, A., Cuthbert, A., Hook, J. N., & Davis, D. E. (2018). Religious and spiritual struggles alter God representations. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, *11*(3), 225-.

Van Tongeren, D. R., Hook, J. N., Ramos, M. J., **Edwards, M.**, Worthington, E. L., Jr., Davis, D. E., Ruiz, J. M., Reid, C. A., Garthe, R. C., Nonterah, C. W., Cowden, R. G., Opare-Henaku, A., Connelly, R., Omoruyi, O., Nkomo, T. S., Osae-Larbi, J. A. (2017). The complementarity of humility hypothesis: Individual, relational, and physiological effects of mutually humble partners. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, *14*, 178-187.

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### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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\*mentored undergraduate

**Edwards, M. E.**, \*Ferland, P., Helm, P. J., Jimenez, T., Galgali, M., Arndt, J. (under review). Hope for Your Health Improves Meaning in Life by Promoting Relevant Health Behaviors

**Edwards, M. E.**, \*Mendenhall, K., Sanders, C., & King, L. A. (under review). A big word after all: The effects of awe on perceptions of the self and world.

Miao, M., Gan, Y., **Edwards, M. E.**, & King, L. A. (under review). The role of daily hopefulness in boosting well-being from a network perspective.

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### MANUSCRIPTS IN REVISION

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\*mentored undergraduate

**Edwards, M. E.**, Booker, J. A., \*Cook, K., Gan, Y., Miao, M., & King, L. A. (in revision). Hope as a meaning-making emotion: The relation between positive affect, hope, and meaning in life.

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### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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\*mentored undergraduate

**Edwards, M. E.** (in preparation). Hope as a meaning-making emotion.

**Edwards, M. E.**, Rose, H., \*Coffman, R., & King, L. A. (in preparation). Hope in the dark: Hope most improves meaning during difficult life events.

**Edwards, M. E.**, Helm, P. J., Arndt, J. (in preparation). Hope in the face of death: The effects of mortality salience on hope and nostalgia.

**Edwards, M. E., \*McAllister, K., \*Moore, J., & King, L.A.** (in preparation). Empathy and meaning in life.

\*Nguyen, M., **Edwards, M. E., & King, L.A.** (in preparation). No downsides to a false hope.

**Edwards, M. E., Helm, P. J. Arndt, J.** (in preparation). When do we hold on to hope? Hope and hopelessness when desire and probability are on the line.

**Edwards, M. E., & King, L.A.** (in preparation). Hopeful feelings: The neglected affective side of hope.

Rose, H., **Edwards, M., Wall, K., \*Overton, A., King, L. A., & McLamore, Q.** (in preparation). Gender identity and well-being.

**Edwards, M., Rose, H., & King, L. A.** (in preparation). The awe in gender euphoric experiences.

**Edwards, M. E., \*Long, J., & King, L.A.** (in preparation). When rage may benefit meaning in life.

\*Ferguson, R., **Edwards, M. E., Helm, P. J., Jimenez, T., & Arndt, J.** (in preparation). Native American existential isolation and mental health: Examining protective factors of identity and acculturation.

\*Carter, S., **Edwards, M. E., Helm, P. J., Arndt, J.** (in preparation). A collective hope: Hope and meaning in life among African Americans.

**Edwards, M. E., Kaphesi, F., & King, L. A.** (in preparation). Hope as a resource for meaning: A cross-cultural examination of hope.

**Edwards, M. E., Perlin, J. D., Van Cappellen, P.** (in preparation). Awe, self-transcendence, and meaning in life.

Van Tongeren, D. R., **Edwards, M. E., Worthington, E. L., Jr., Davis, D. E., Hook, J. N., Reid, C. A., Garthe, R. C., Nonterah, C. W., Cowden, R. G., Osei-Tutu, A, Moodley-Govender, E., Zinkeng Martina, N., Komesuor, J., & Takyibea Adu, N. A.** (in preparation). Does perceiving one's partner to be virtuous promote forgiveness?

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## AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS

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### Awards and Honors

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| 2024 | <b>Outstanding Student Award</b> , International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology   |
| 2024 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b> in Social and Behavioral Sciences (coauthor), Graduate Professional Council's Research and Creative Activities Forum, University of Missouri |

- 2024 **\$400 Graduate Dissertation Research Grant**, University of Missouri
- 2023 **Summer Institute for Social and Personality Psychology (SISPP)**, Society of Personality and Social Psychology
- 2023 **1<sup>st</sup> place** in Social Sciences Quantitative Research, Graduate Professional Council's Research and Creative Activities Forum, University of Missouri
- 2023 **Graduate Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring Award**, University of Missouri
- 2022 **Innovation in Existential Psychology Research Award**, International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology
- 2022 **\$750 Life Sciences Fellowship Travel Award**, University of Missouri
- 2022-24 **\$400 (per year) Graduate Travel Award**, University of Missouri
- 2021 **\$400 Graduate Thesis Research Grant**, University of Missouri
- 2020 **Honorable Mention**, National Science Foundation: Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- 2020 **Life Sciences Fellowship**, University of Missouri
- 2019 **\$600 Research Grant**, Interdisciplinary Behavioral Research Center, Duke University
- 2017 **Psi Chi Regional Research Award**, Midwestern Psychological Association
- 2017 **Phi Beta Kappa Scholastic Honor Society**, Hope College
- 2017 **Sigma Xi Senior Research Award**, Hope College
- 2016 **Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honor Society**, Hope College
- 2014 **Psi Chi Honor Society**, Hope College
- 2013-17 **Dean's List**, Hope College
- 2013 **Alumni Honors Scholarship**, Hope College

### **Grants Applied For**

**Nation Science Foundation, Social Psychology Research Grant**, *Pathways from Awe to Prosocial Behavior*, Not Awarded

**National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program**, *Examining the Mediatlional and Moderated Relation between Hope for Racial Equality and Meaning in Life*, Honorable Mention

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Conference Talks**

**Edwards, M.E.**, Helm, P. J., Arndt, J. (2025, February). *Awe and Existential Isolation: Awe both connects and disconnects us from others and the world*. A symposium submission to the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

**Edwards, M.E.**, Kaphesi, F. & King, L. A. (2024, April). *Cross Cultural Examination of Hope and Meaning in Life*. A paper talk presented at Midwestern Psychology Association, Chicago, IL.

- Edwards, M.E., & King, L. A.** (2023, February). *Hope in the midst of despair. When and for whom hope enhances meaning in life.* A data blitz presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Happiness and Wellbeing Preconference, Atlanta, GA.
- Edwards, M.E., & King, L. A.** (2022, July). *Inducing Hopeful Feelings and Examining Their Cognitive and Social Effects.* A research talk presented at the International Society of Research on Emotion, Los Angeles, CA.
- Edwards, M.E., & King, L. A.** (2022, April). *Inducing Hopeful Feelings and Examining Their Cognitive and Social Effects.* A research talk presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Edwards, M.E., & King, L. A.** (2022, February). *Hope as a meaning-making emotion: The relationship between positive affect, hope, and meaning in life.* A data blitz presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Happiness and Wellbeing Preconference, San Francisco, CA.
- Edwards, M.E., Helm, P. J., Arndt, J. A.** (2022, February). *Awe and Existential Isolation: Awe Both Connects and Disconnects Us from Others and the World.* A data blitz presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Existential Psychology Preconference, San Francisco, CA.
- Edwards, M. E., Van Cappellen, P.** (2019, February). *Embodying the Religious Experience: Full body representations of religion related feelings and prayer orientations.* A data blitz presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Religion and Spirituality Preconference, Portland, OR.
- Edwards, M. E., Van Tongeren, D. R., & Hook, J.N.** (2018, October). *Is being good associated with the good life. Symposium: Virtuous decision making: An integration social and evolutionary psychological perspectives.* A talk presented at the Society for Southeastern Social Psychology, Raleigh, NC.
- Edwards, M. E., Van Cappellen, P., & Cassidy, S.** (2018, August). *The physicality of religious experiences: Relationships between body postures and feelings.* A talk presented at the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, Boston, MA.
- Cassidy, S., Van Cappellen, P., Ladd, K., & **Edwards, M. E.** (2018, August). *Influence of "religious" postures on emotions, humility, and image of god: preliminary findings.* A talk presented at the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, Boston, MA.
- Van Tongeren, D. R., **Edwards, M. E., & Hook, J. N.** (2018, March). *Virtues and meaning in life.* A talk presented at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

## Internal Talks

**Edwards, M.E.** (2024, March). *Hope as a meaning making emotion*. A research talk presented at the Social-Personality Area Meeting, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Edwards, M.E.** (2024, January). *Hope as a meaning making emotion*. A research talk presented at the Life Science Fellowship Seminar, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Edwards, M.E.** (2023, March). *Hope amid despair. When and for whom hope enhances meaning in life*. A research talk presented at the Social-Personality Area Meeting, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Edwards, M.E.,** (2022, April). *Inducing Hopeful Feelings and Examining Their Cognitive and Social Effects*. A research talk presented at the Social-Personality Area Meeting, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Edwards, M.E.,** (2021, February). *The impact of awe on existential isolation: Evidence for a multifaceted relationship*. A research talk presented at the Social-Personality Area Meeting, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Edwards, M.E.,** (2021, February). *Hope predicts meaning in life during a pandemic via motivating healthy practices*. A data blitz presented at the Social-Personality Area Meeting, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

**Edwards, M. E. & LaPorte, E.** (2016, July) *The flourishing project*. A research talk presented at the Hope College Arts, Humanities, and Social Science Research, Holland, MI.

## Posters

**Edwards, M. E.,** Arndt, J. (2024, April). *Hope (for your health) predicts meaning in life via motivating healthy actions*. A poster presented to the Annual Research & Creative Activities Forum, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

†Rose, H., **Edwards, M. E.,** King, L.A. (2024, April). *Hopeful Adversity: Adverse Childhood Experiences, Hope and Meaning in Life*. A poster presented to the Annual Research & Creative Activities Forum, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

†**This research won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Social and Behavioral Science**

†\*Nguyen, M., **Edwards, M.E.,** King, L.A. (2024, April). *Does hoping jinx our outcome? Hope people perceive feeling hopeful to affect their future outcomes*. A poster accepted to the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

†**This research won a Psi Chi Regional Research Award**

\*Long, J., **Edwards, M.E.,** King, L.A. (2024, April). *The effect of expressing aggression on meaning and wellbeing*. A poster accepted to the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

- \*Sehgal, S., Galgali, M., **Edwards, M.**, Arndt, J. (2024, April). *With great power comes great existential concern? Existential correlates of superhero identification*. A poster accepted to the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Edwards, M.E.**, Booker, J.J., King, L.A. (2024, February). *Hope: Explaining the Relation Between Positive Affect and Meaning in Life*. A poster presented to the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Preconference, San Diego.
- Edwards, M.E.**, Helm P.J., Arndt, J. (2024, February). *Hope in the face of death*. A poster presented the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Existential Psychology Preconference, San Diego.
- Rose, H., **Edwards, M.E.**, Wang, I., & King, L.A. (2024, February). *Adverse childhood experiences, hope, and meaning in life: Facet level analysis*. A poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Existential Psychology Preconference, San Diego.
- Edwards, M. E.**, Arndt, J. (2024, February). *Hope predicts meaning in life via motivating healthy actions*. A poster presented to the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego.
- \*Long, J., **Edwards, M. E.**, & King, L.A. (2024, February). *When rage may benefit meaning in Life*. A poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Happiness and Wellbeing Preconference, San Diego.
- \*Long, J., **Edwards, M. E.**, & King, L.A. (2024, February). *When rage may benefit meaning in Life*. A poster presented to the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego.
- †**Edwards, M. E.**, Helm, P. J., Pratscher, S., Bettencourt, B. A. & Arndt, J. (2023, April). *The impact of awe on existential isolation: Evidence for contrasting pathways*. A poster presented at the Annual Research & Creative Activities Forum, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.  
†**This research won 1<sup>st</sup> place for Social and Behavioral Science**
- \*Ferguson, R., **Edwards, M. E.**, Helm, P. J., Jimenez, T., Galgali, M. & Arndt, J. (2023, April). *Native American existential isolation and mental health: Examining protective factors of identity and acculturation*. A poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- \*Wang, I., **Edwards, M. E.**, Rose, H. & King, L. A. (2023, April). *Hopeful tragedy? How hope affects the link between adverse childhood experiences and meaning in life*. A poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

- \*Mendenhall, K., **Edwards, M. E.**, Sanders, C. & King, L. A., (2022, April). *It's a big world not a small self: Elucidating awe and the small self*. A poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- \*Mendenhall, K., **Edwards, M. E.**, Sanders, C., King, L. A., (2022, February). *It's a big world not a small self: Elucidating awe and the small self*. A poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- \*Bushnell, K., \*Park, J. E., \*Zimmerman, E., **Edwards, M. E.**, Galgali, M., Helm, P. J., & Arndt, J. (2021, April). *Art of death: Can religious artwork manage existential concerns of covid-19?*. A poster presented at the Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievements Forum, Columbia, MO.
- Edwards, M. E.**, Helm, P. J., Jimenez, T., Galgali, M., King, L. A., Arndt, J. (2021, February). *Hope predicts meaning in life during a pandemic via motivating healthy practices*. A poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Virtual Event.
- Edwards, M. E.**, Perlin, J., Van Cappellen, P. (2020, February). *Shaken to the core: A naturalistic study of awe's effects on values, meaning, and religiosity*. A poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Edwards, M. E.**, Van Cappellen, P. (2020, February). *Prayer postures associations with religious experience among Muslims, Christians, and Hindus*. A poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Religion and Spirituality Preconference, New Orleans, LA.
- Van Cappellen, P., **Edwards, M. E.**, Shiota, M. (2020, February). *Shades of Expansiveness: Full-body expressions of joy, awe, hope, and dominance*. A poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Cassidy, S., Van Cappellen, P., Ladd, K., & **Edwards, M. E.** (2018, February). *Influence of "religious" postures on emotions, humility, and image of god: preliminary findings*. A poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Religion and Spirituality Preconference, Atlanta, GA.
- Edwards, M. E.** (2017, July). *Experiencing temptation makes preschoolers evaluate tempted others more leniently*. A poster presented at the Yale University Summer Intern Poster Session, New Haven, CT.
- Edwards, M. E.**, Diepholz, K., Hibbard, R., & Van Tongeren, D. R. (2017, May). *The role of virtuous acts on meaning in life*. A poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- †Hibbard, R., **Edwards, M. E.**, Diepholz, K., & Van Tongeren, D. R. (2017, May). *Hero priming and its effects on helping intentions and meaning in life*. A poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

†**This research won a Psi Chi Regional Research Award**

Diepholz, K., Hibbard, R., **Edwards, M. E.**, & Van Tongeren, D. R. (2017, May). *The role of priming disaster images on meaning, religion, and god associations*. A poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Shay, A., Cox, K., Houpt, R., **Edwards, M. E.**, Diepholz, K., Hibbard, R., Van Tongeren, D. R. (2017, May). *The effects of disasters on view of and relationship with God*. A poster presented at the annual Celebration for Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance, Holland, MI.

Biscan, M., Carrara, S., **Edwards, M. E.**, Kim, S., Marshall, C., Mullen, C., Pniewski, K., Salas, D., Simko, S., Teal, L., Chase, L. (2017, May). *Homocysteine Exposure in Early Postnatal Rats Leads to an Incomplete Bipolar Disorder Phenotype*. A poster presented at the annual Celebration for Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance, Holland, MI.

**Edwards, M. E.**, & Van Tongeren, D. R. (2016, September). *Religious struggles and god representations*. A poster presented at the Hope College Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Collaborative Research Showcase, Holland, MI.

Johnson, E., **Edwards, M. E.**, & Van Tongeren, D. R. (2016, May). *Does helping increase well-being? Experimental evidence for the role of virtuous behavior in meaning in life*. A poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Johnson, E., **Edwards, M. E.**, & Van Tongeren, D. R. (2016, April). *Does helping increase well-being? Experimental evidence for the role of virtuous behavior in meaning in life*. A poster presented at the annual Celebration for Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance, Hope College, Holland, MI.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor of Record**

Spring 2024 Personality Psychology (Psych 2320), University of Missouri

### **Guest Lecturer**

Fall 2024 Science of Happiness, Duke University

Fall 2024 Bass Connections, Quantitative Research, Duke University

Summer 2024 Introduction to Psychology, University of Missouri

Fall 2023 Art & Science of Living, University of Missouri

Spring 2023 Social Psychology, University of Missouri

Spring 2023 Personality Psychology, University of Missouri

### **Teaching Assistant**

2016-17 Introduction to Psychology, Hope College  
2016-17 Social Psychology, Hope College  
2016-17 Organic Chemistry I & II, Hope College

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## MENTORSHIP & ADVISING

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### Graduate Student Mentor, Bass Connections Project, Duke University

2024-25 Matlhabeli Molaoli  
De'Omini Daniely  
Perry Sweitzer  
Mannes Matous

### Post-graduate Mentor, Duke University

2024-25 Jenna McClear  
Cheryl Tan

### Undergraduate Capstone Thesis Advisor, University of Missouri

2023-24 James Long (Honors)  
Meekim Nguyen (Honors)  
Sami Seghal (Honors)  
2022-23 Rebecca Ferguson (Honors)  
Irene Wang  
2021-22 Katelyn Mendenhall (Honors)

### Individual Research Project Advisor, University of Missouri

2023-24 Jake Moore (co-author)  
2022-24 Reagan Coffman (co-author)  
Kaylee Popejoy  
Kristen McAllister (co-author)  
2021-23 Patrick Ferland (co-author)  
2021-22 Skyler Carter (co-author)  
2020-21 Kevin Cook (co-author)

### NSF-GRFP Undergraduate Applicant Advisor

2021-22 Skyler Carter (Honorable Mention)

### Art, Social Sciences, Humanities Scholar Program, University of Missouri

2021-22 3 undergraduates; Art and Death Research Program  
2020-21 3 undergraduates; Art and Death Research Program

### Undergraduate Research Assistants Directly Supervised

2024-25 (2), Duke University  
(4), University of Missouri  
2023-24 (23), University of Missouri  
2022-23 (15), University of Missouri

2021-22 (13), University of Missouri  
 2020-21 (5), University of Missouri  
 2017-20 (27), Duke University

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

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### Ad Hoc Reviewer

*Psychological Science*  
*Journal of Religion and Spirituality*  
*Emotion*  
*Journal of Positive Psychology*  
*Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*

2024 **Grant Reviewer**, Ernest Becker Research Grant, International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology  
 2023 **Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program Guest Lecture**, University of Missouri  
 2023 **Undergraduate and Single Presenter Poster Reviewer**, Social and Personality Psychology 2024 Convention  
 2023 **Psi Chi Graduate School Panel Discussion**, University of Missouri  
 2022-24 **Wellness Resources Committee**, University of Missouri  
 2022-23 **Inclusive Science Hour Member**, University of Missouri  
 2022-23 **Coordinator for Social/Personality Journal Club**, University of Missouri  
 2021 **Graduate School Panel Discussion**, Hope College  
 2017 **Graduate School Panel Discussion**, Hope College  
 2015 **Hope for the World 2025, Strategic Plan Student Forum**, Hope College

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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### Formal Statistical Training

General Linear Models I & II  
 Multilevel Modeling  
 Power Analysis Workshop

### Grant Related Work

2024-present “What is hope? Bridging the gap between lived experience, practice, and research” funded by John Templeton Foundation (PI: Patty Van Cappellen) and Bass Connections, Duke University (with Erin Johnston)  
 2024-present “Worship 2.0: Testing the benefits and challenges of virtual worship participation

for flourishing” funded by Templeton World Charity (PIs: Patty Van Cappellen, Ward Davis)

- 2022-present “Unpacking the contribution of interpersonal isolation on mental health in rural and agricultural communities ” funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH) R21 (PIs: Jamie Arndt, Peter Helm)
- 2019 “Embodiment in worship across religious contexts” funded by John Templeton Foundation (PIs: Patty Van Cappellen, Dimitris Xygalatas, Eva Kundtová Klocová)
- 2017-20 “The embodiment of worship: Relations among postural, psychological, and physiological aspects of religious practice ” funded by the John Templeton Foundation (PI: Patty Van Cappellen)

### **Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Research Positions**

- 2017-20 **Study Coordinator**, Social Psychology Lab, Duke University  
Dr. Patty Van Cappellen
- Sum. 2017 **Research Assistant**, Developmental Psychology Lab, Yale University  
Dr. Paul Bloom & Dr. Christina Starmans
- 2015-17 **Research Assistant**, Social Psychology Lab, Hope College  
Dr. Daryl Van Tongeren

### **Software Proficiencies**

SPSS, R, G\*Power, E-prime, SONA, Canvas, Qualtrics, RedCap, Mindware Technologies

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILITATIONS**

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Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
Midwestern Psychological Association  
American Psychological Association  
International Society for the Science of Existential Psychology

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**REFERENCES**

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