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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.

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

March 2020 – 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 INTERESTS**

- 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: \$27,522**

- 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**

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*. 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*. <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*.

<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**

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.

Felig, R.N., **Courtney, E.P.**, Ligman, K.M., Lee, K.J. & Goldenberg, J.L. (Under Review). Objects do not suffer: The role of mechanistic dehumanization on perceptions of women's suffering and lack of justice in domestic assault. *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

**Courtney, E.P.** (In preparation). The terror management health model and death-based fear appeals: A systematic review. *Unpublished manuscript*.

**Courtney, E.P.** (In preparation). Breast health esteem to motivate breast health behavioral intentions: An application of the terror management health model. *Unpublished manuscript*.

## **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**

Ernest Becker Foundation, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022: Webinar Panelist: Death Anxiety and Abortion  
Webinar available [via link](#).

Public News Service, Kiowa County Press, June 2022: How death anxiety fires up the abortion debate. Interviewed by Eric Tegethoff. Interview available [via link](#).

### **Guest Lectures**

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. & 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/ajrccm-conference.2021.203.1\\_MeetingAbstracts.A3189](https://doi.org/10.1164/ajrccm-conference.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 [online Teaching Portfolio](#) for course materials, syllabi, student evaluations, and other information.

### **Current:**

- Instructor of Record, University of South Florida
  - CLP4433, Tests & Measurement Online, Spring 2023
  - PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Science, Spring 2023
  - SOP4702, Psychology of Gender, Spring 2023
  - PSY3213, Research Methods in Psychology Online, Spring 2023

### **Previous:**

- Instructor of Record, University of South Florida
  - CLP4433, Tests & Measurement Online, Fall 2022
  - PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Science, Fall 2022
  - SOP4004, Social Psychology Online, Fall 2022
  - CLP4433, Tests & Measurement Online, Summer 2022
  - PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Science Online, Spring 2022
  - PSY2012, Introduction to Psychological Science Online, Fall 2021
  - PSY3213, Research Methods in Psychology Online, Summer 2021
  - EXP4680, Cognitive Psychology Online, Spring 2021
  - SOP4004, Social Psychology Online, Fall 2020
  - EXP4680, Cognitive Psychology Online, Summer 2020
  - SOP4004, Social Psychology, Spring 2019
  - PSB344, Drugs and Behavior, Fall 2019
  - SOP4004, Social Psychology, Spring 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: 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
  - Certified since September 16, 2014
  - Certified in accordance with Institutional Review Boards in:
    - 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
- Independent Study, Cleveland State University; August 2014-May 2015

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE**

University of South Florida Psychology Department Undergraduate Course  
Scheduling/Placement

- 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 Annual Psychology Expo Planning Committee; Fall 2022

- Hospitality Subcommittee Supervisor

Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation Presenter; August 2020, August 2021, August 2022

- Presentation (2022): 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 EXPERIENCE**

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer:

- 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 Diversity Undergraduate Student Registration Award Reviewer

- Fall 2020 for conference in February 2021

Undergraduate Thesis Mentor

- USF Honors thesis student Ari Meyer
  - Thesis title: *Political media and dehumanization of the self on marginalized immigrant populations*

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**

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

## **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