

# Curriculum Vitae

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### **EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D. Social Psychology (2019)  
Miami University  
Advisor: Kurt Hugenberg, Ph.D.
- M.A. Social Psychology (2017)  
Miami University  
Advisor: Kurt Hugenberg, Ph.D.
- B.A. Psychology (2013)  
University of California, Los Angeles

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Deska, J. C., Kunstman, J. W., Lloyd, E. P., Almaraz, S. M., Bernstein, M. J., Gonzales, J. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2020). Race-based biases in judgments of social pain. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 88, 103964.
- Deska J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2020). Dehumanizing Prisoners: Remaining Sentence Duration Predicts the Ascription of Mind to Prisoners. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 0146167220911496.
- Almaraz, S. M., Hugenberg, K., Young, S. G. (2018). Perceiving sophisticated minds influences perceptual individuation. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 44, 143-157. doi: 10.1177/0146167217733070
- Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2017). Of mannequins and men: Ascriptions of mind in faces are bounded by perceptual and processing similarities to human faces. *Social Psychology and Personality Science*, 8, 183-190. doi: 10.1177/1948550616671404
- Hugenberg, K., Young, S. G., Rydell, R. J., Almaraz, S. M., Stanko, K., See, P., & Wilson, J. P. (2016). The face of humanity: Configural face processing influences ascriptions of humanness. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 7, 167-175. doi: 10.1177/1948550615609734

### **MANUSCRIPTS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE**

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- Moreno, R. M., Lloyd, E. P., Claypool, H. M., Hugenberg, K., Bernstein, M. J., Kunstman, J. W., Deska, J. C., & Almaraz, S. M. (2018). The eyes as windows to social connections: Does exclusion increase attention to the eyes? Manuscript accepted in principle at *Comprehensive Results in Social Psychology*.

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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Saito, T., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg (in prep). Happy makes human: Social belonging facilitates perceptions of humanity. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

Sim, M. R., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg (under review). Bodies and minds: Obese targets are de-mentalized as lacking in mental agency. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Sim, M. R., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg (under review). Disarming bodies: Obesity attenuates the Black-threat stereotype. Manuscript under review at *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Summers, K. M., Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., Hugenberg, K., & Lloyd, E. P. (under revision). Poverty and pain: Poor people believed to be insensitive to pain. Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

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*Undergraduate coauthors indicated by underline*

\* *Indicates equal contributions from the first and second authors*

Almaraz, S. M., Summers, K., & Hugenberg, K. (in prep). *Fundamental features of faces: Face regions differentially signal trustworthiness and dominance*. Manuscript in preparation.

Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., & Hugenberg, K. (in prep). *The Eye of Humanity: Eyes are the most humanlike feature of the face*. Manuscript in preparation.

\*Almaraz, S. M., Stanko, K. A., & Hugenberg, K. (in prep). *Dominant, but human: Facial width-to-height ratio biases perception of dominant secondary emotions*. Manuscript in preparation.

Deska, J. C., Kunstman, J. W., Smith, A. R., Almaraz, S. M., Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (in prep). *Hard exercise makes keen eyes: Hard exercise and visual attention to idealized bodies*. Manuscript in preparation.

Lloyd, E. P., McConnell, A. R., Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (in prep). *Targets' waist-to-hip ratio predicts sexual perception and responses to sexual assault*. Manuscript in preparation.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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*Undergraduate coauthors indicated by underline*

### **Oral Presentations**

Sim, M. R., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2020, February). *Bodies and minds: Obese targets are de-mentalized as lacking in mental agency*. Paper (data blitz) to be presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Almaraz, S. M. (2019, August). *Inclusivity and diversity in the classroom*. In R. N. Soicher & M. Beers (Chairs), *Elevating Graduate Student Teaching – A Workshop to Develop Essential*

- Career Skills. Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2019, April). *Facing sexism: Sexually unrestricted appearing women are subject to hostility*. Paper presented at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Deska, J. C., Kunstman, J. W., Lloyd, E. P., Almaraz, S. M., Bernstein, M. J., Hugenberg, K., & Gonzales, J. P. (2019, February). *Race-based biases in judgments of social pain*. Paper presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.
- Lloyd, E. P., McConnell A. R., Deska J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2019, February). *Target waist-to-hip ratio predicts sexual perception and responses to sexual assault*. Paper presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.
- Almaraz, S. M., Deska J. C., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). *The eye of humanity: Eyes are the most humanlike feature of the face*. Paper presented at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Deska J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). *They're All the Same to Me: Homogeneity Predicts the Denial of Mind*. Paper presented at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Harris, E., Semko, S., Frey, S., Jones, C., Bailey, G., Gartner, A., Jasin, D., Pahlad, S., Almaraz, S. M., Lloyd, E. P., Sim, M. R., Deska, J. C., Gonzales, J. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). Race-Based Deficits in Pain Detection. Oral Presentation at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Lloyd, E. P., McConnell A. R., Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, March). Targets waist-to-hip ratio predicts sexual perception and responses to reports of sexual assault. Paper presented at 19th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, April). *Of mannequins and men: Ascriptions of mind are bounded by humanlike perceptions and processing*. Paper presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Almaraz, S. M. & Hugenberg, K. (2016, May). *Perceiving sophisticated minds allows generalization of individuation skills*. Paper presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Hugenberg, K., Young, S. G., Rydell, R. J., Almaraz, S. M., Stanko, K., See, P., & Wilson, J. P. (2015, May). *The face of humanity: Configural face processing and ascriptions of humanity*. Paper presented at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

## **Poster presentations**

Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2020, February). *Apparent sociosexual orientation: Facial correlates and consequences of women's unrestricted appearance*. Poster to be presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Sucharetza, A., Almaraz, S. M., Sim, M. R., & Hugenberg, K. (2020, February). *Black women and black men are both subject to similar biases in perception of police force*. Poster to be presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., & Hugenberg, K. (2019, February). *Facial sexism: Unrestricted appearing women are subject to hostile sexism*. Poster presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Saito, T., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2019, February). *Happy = human: Emotional expression modulates mind attribution*. Poster accepted for presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Jones, C., Semko, S., Harris, E., Frey, S., Bailey, G., Gartner, A., Jasin, D., Pahlad, S., Almaraz, S. M., Lloyd, E. P., Sim, M., Deska, J. C., Gonzales, J. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, May). Race-Based Deficits in Pain Detection. Poster presented at the Stephen Hinkle Memorial Poster Conference, Oxford, OH.

Summers, K. M., Almaraz, S. M., Lloyd, E. P., Deska, J. C., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, May). Ouch? The Effects of Target Socioeconomic Status on Pain Detection. Poster presented at the Stephen Hinkle Memorial Poster Conference, Oxford, OH.

Semko, S., Harris, E., Jones, C., Bailey, G., Frey, S., Gartner, A., Jasin, D., Pahlad, S., Peters, E., Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., Lloyd, E. P., Gonzales, J. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). *Race-based deficits in pain detection*. Poster to be presented at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Summers, K. M., Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). *Poverty and pain: Low SES people are believed to be insensitive to pain*. Poster presented at the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Frey, S., Jones, C., Semko, S., Harris, E., Bailey, G., Gartner, A., Jasin, D., Pahlad, S., Almaraz, S. M., Lloyd, E. P., Sim, M. R., Deska, J. C., Gonzales, J. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). Race-Based Deficits in Pain Detection. Poster presented at the Miami University Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.

Summers, K. M., Almaraz, S. M., Lloyd, E. P., Deska, J. C., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). *Ouch? The Effects of Target Socioeconomic Status on Pain Detection*. Poster presented at the Miami University Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.

Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, March). *They're all the same to me: Homogeneity predicts the denial of mind*. Poster presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, March). Criminal minds: Perceived capacity for action as a source of dehumanizing stigma. Poster presented at 19<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Summers, K. M., Almaraz, S. M., Lloyd, E. P., Deska, J. C., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, March). *Poverty and pain: Poor people are erroneously believed to be insensitive to pain*. Poster presented at 19<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Colvin, V., Blumenthal, E., Schumacher, T., Evans, L., Jones, C., Shields, J., Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., Lloyd, E. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, April). The effects of face inversion on attention to the eyes and the desire to interact depend on target race. Poster presented at the Stephen Hinkle Memorial Poster Conference, OH.

Evans, L., Blumenthal, E., Colvin, V., Schumacher, T., Jones, C., Shields, J., Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., Lloyd, E. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, May). The effects of facial width-to-height ratio on visual attention. Poster presented at the Stephen Hinkle Memorial Poster Conference, OH.

Colvin, V., Blumenthal, E., Schumacher, T., Evans, L., Jones, C., Shields, J., Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., Lloyd, E. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, May). The effects of face inversion on attention to the eyes and the desire to interact depend on target race. Poster presented at the Miami University Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.

Colvin, V., Blumenthal, E., Schumacher, T., Evans, L., Jones, C., Shields, J., Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., Lloyd, E. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, April). The effects of face inversion on attention to the eyes and the desire to interact depend on target race. Poster presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Summers, K.\*, Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, April). Do You Trust Me? Trustworthiness and Dominance Cues Lie in Separate Regions of the Face Poster to be presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.  
\*Psi Chi Award Winner

Shirley, A., Schumacher, T., Blumenthal, E., Smalley, E., Clements, G., Kaufman, E., Lloyd, M., Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., Lloyd, E. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2016, April). *Hey boss my eyes are up here: How power and SOI interact to predict attention to bodies*. Poster presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Stephen Hinkle Memorial Poster Session, Oxford, OH.

Shirley, A., Schumacher, T., Blumenthal, E., Smalley, E., Clements, G., Kaufman, E., Lloyd, M., Almaraz, S. M., Deska, J. C., Lloyd, E. P., Kunstman, J. W., & Hugenberg, K. (2016, April). *Hey boss my eyes are up here: How power and SOI interact to predict attention to*

*bodies*. Poster presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of Miami University's Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.

Lloyd, E. P.\*, Almaraz, S. M., Frame, M. E., Deska, J. C., Hugenberg, K., Kawakami, K. L., & McConnell, A. R. (2016, January). *The eyes had it: Disrupting face processing attenuates preference for ingroup members' eyes*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

\*SPSP Graduate Student Poster Award Competition Honorable Mention

Almaraz, S. M., Lick, D. J., Cortland, C. I., Shapiro, J. R., & Johnson, K. L. (2014, February). *Straight until proven gay: Motivated bias in sexual orientation categorization*. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

## **DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS**

Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, October). *Cognitive underpinnings of intergroup biases in person perception*. Presented at the Social Psychology Seminar, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, February). *Does configural processing affect facial stigmas?* Presented at the Social Psychology Research Interest Group, Miami University, Oxford, OH.

Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2016, March) *Of mannequins and men: Judgments of mind in faces are bounded by perceptual and processing similarities to human faces*. Presented at the Social Psychology Research Interest Group, Miami University, Oxford, OH.

Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2015, May) *Perceiving sophisticated minds in facelike stimuli allows greater generalization of learned processing skills*. Presented at the Social Psychology Research Interest Group, Miami University, Oxford, OH.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Teacher Scholar Award (\$500), Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2020

Late Night Study Session for Finals Week with Psychology Student Specialists and Dinner. *Late night Miami*. Miami University. *Student Events*. \$4,000.

Patrick J. Capretta Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Miami University, 2017

Summer Institute for Social and Personality Psychology, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2017

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Instructor of Record*

General Psychology

East Los Angeles College, Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2020, Summer 2020,  
& Fall 2021

Social Psychology

East Los Angeles College, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, & Fall 2021

Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences

East Los Angeles College, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, & Fall 2021

Psychological Research Methods

East Los Angeles College, Spring 2020 & Fall 2021

Research Design and Analysis in Psychology II

Miami University, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018

#### *Laboratory Instructor*

Research Design and Analysis in Psychology II

Dr. Mary Rose Zink, Miami University, Spring 2016

Dr. Lee Zhou, Miami University, Fall 2015

#### *Teaching Assistant*

Statistical Techniques

Dr. Cynthia Hoffman Patton, Indiana University Bloomington, Spring 2019

Community Psychology

Dr. Meredith Repke, Indiana University Bloomington, Fall 2018

Social Psychology

Dr. Kurt Hugenberg, Miami University, Spring 2015

The Psychology of Prejudice and the Minority Experience

Dr. Kurt Hugenberg, Miami University, Fall 2014

#### *Undergraduate Research Awards Mentored*

Kevin Summers, Midwestern Psychological Association Regional Research Award  
(\$400), Psi Chi, 2018

Sierra Semko, Emma Harris, Caitlyn Jones, Grant Bailey, Sarah Frey, Allie Gartner,  
Daniel Jasin, Shaheen Pahladad, Ethan Peters, Midwestern Psychological  
Association Regional Research Award (\$400), Psi Chi, 2018

Kevin Summers, Midwestern Psychological Association Regional Research Award  
(\$400), Psi Chi, 2017

Victoria Colvin, Emily Blumenthal, Tyler Schumacher, Luke Evans, Caitlyn Jones,  
Jessica Shields, Midwestern Psychological Association Regional Research Award  
(\$400), Psi Chi, 2017

Kevin Summers, Undergraduate Summer Scholars Fellowship Award (\$900), Miami  
University, 2016

Emily Blumenthal, Grace Clements, Emily Kaufmann, Mary Lloyd, Tyler Schumacher,  
Ariel Shirley, Evans Smalley, Undergraduate Research Grant (\$500), Miami  
University, 2016

## **SERVICE**

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### *Institutional service*

*East Los Angeles College*

New Faculty Institute, Fall 2019

*Indiana University*

Diversity Advancement Committee, Psychological and Brain Sciences, 2018

*Miami University*

Moderator, Undergraduate Research Forum, 2018

Graduate Student Coordinator, Social Psychology Research Interest Group, 2017-2018

Graduate Student Coordinator, Student Ambassadors Program, 2017-2018

Panelist, Sigma Phi Omega's Social Science Grad Panel, 2017

Graduate Student Coordinator, Student Ambassadors Program, Spring 2017

Graduate Student Faculty Representative, Psychology Department, 2016-2017

*Ad hoc reviewer*

*Peer Reviewed Journals*

British Journal of Social Psychology, 2020

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 2019

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 2019 & 2020

Motivation and Emotion, 2018 & 2019

Social Cognition, 2017

*Awards and Conference Presentations*

Student Poster Award Judge, SPSP, 2019

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Midwestern Psychological Association

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

American Psychological Association

Psi Chi