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Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Research Associate June 2025-Present
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Lyda Hill Institute for Human Resilience

Education

- Ph.D. Social Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, CO 2025
Advisor: E. Paige Lloyd
Dissertation: *Who gets to be a child and when? The pervasive yet contextually shaped nature of racialized adultification across perceivers and contexts*
- M.A. Social Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, CO 2021
Advisor: E. Paige Lloyd
Master's Thesis: *Poor toddlers feel less pain? Perceptions of poor people as insensitive to pain extend to children*
- B.A. Psychology and Premedical Studies, Miami University, Oxford, OH, May 2018
GPA: 3.90/4.00; President's List (5 semesters); Dean's List (2 semesters)
Honors Thesis: *Ouch? The Effects of Target Socioeconomic Status on Pain Detection*
Advisor: Kurt Hugenberg
Magna Cum Laude, University Honors, Honors in Psychology

Publications

*Mentored undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students denoted by underline
Equal author contributions denoted by **

Publications

Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2025). [Pain expression and reception as intergroup phenomena](#). *Affective Science*, 1-17.

Aberle, K.*, **Gengler, L.***, **Kavalieros, M.***, **Mayfield, B.***, **Summers, K. M.**, & **Huff, S.** (2025). [Exploring relationships between racial bias, state empathy, and perceived recovery time following a medical hardship](#). *University of Denver Undergraduate Research Journal*, 6(1).

Freedman, H.*, **Forcier, S.***, **Slatnick, E.***, **Wright, K.***, **Summers, K. M.**, & **Huff, S.** (2025). [Exploring buffering effects of interpersonal relationships on the impacts of stress on physical health](#). *University of Denver Undergraduate Research Journal*, 6(1).

Langeberg, A. J., **Summers, K. M.**, & **Lloyd, E. P.** (2025). [The effects of reason for wrongful conviction on perceiver stereotype endorsement and hiring judgments](#). *Psychology, Crime and Law*, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1068316X.2025.2465265>.

Shaver, C. E., **Summers, K. M.**, **Paganini, G. A.**, & **Lloyd, E. P.** (2025). [Effects of controllability and language on stigma toward mental illness](#). *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*, 30(2), 119-128.

Lloyd, E. P., **Summers, K. M.**, **Gunderson, C.**, **Weesner, R. E.**, **ten Brinke, L.**, **Hugenberg, K.**, & **McConel, A. R.** (2024). [Denver pain authenticity stimulus set \(D-PASS\)](#). *Behavior Research Methods*, 56(4), 2992-3008.

Summers, K. M., **Pitts, S.**, & **Lloyd, E. P.** (2024). [Racial bias in perceptions of children's pain](#). *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, 30(1), 135-155.

❖ **Winner of APA Division 3's 2024 Best Article Award**

- ❖ **Winner of APS/Psi Chi 2023-24 Albert Bandura Graduate Research Award for the most outstanding graduate, empirical research paper**

Sitruk, J.*, **Summers, K. M.***, & Lloyd, E. P. (2023). [Dehumanizing disability: Evidence for subtle and blatant dehumanization of people with physical disabilities](#). *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*, 100162.

Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M.**, ten Brinke, L., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023). [Women exaggerate, men downplay: Gendered endorsement of emotional dramatization stereotypes contributes to gender bias in pain expectancies](#). *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 109, 104520.

- ❖ **Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2023-2024 Harry Gollob Award**

Summers, K. M., Paganini, G. A., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023). [Poor toddlers feel less pain? Application of class-based pain stereotypes in judgments of children](#). *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 14(2), 130-140.

Summers, K. M., Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., Hugenberg, K., & Lloyd, E. P., (2021). [Poverty and pain: Low-SES people are believed to be insensitive to pain](#). *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 95, 104116.

- ❖ **Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2020-2021 Harry Gollob Award for best first author publication**

Lloyd, E. P., **Summers, K. M.**, Hugenberg, K., & McConnell, A. R. (2018). [Revisiting perceiver and target gender effects in deception detection](#). *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior*, 42, 427-440.

Manuscripts Under Revision

Williams, M. E., Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M.**, & Lloyd, E. P. (2025). Assessing racialized mental representations of crack and powder cocaine users.

Manuscripts In Preparation

Summers, K. M., & Lloyd E. P. (In prep; All data collected; full manuscript). Who gets to be a child and when? The pervasive yet contextually shaped nature of racialized adultification across perceivers and contexts.

Summers, K. M., Cassidy, C. L., Vuletich, H. A., & Lloyd, E. P. (In prep; full manuscript). Building a conceptual model of age compression from adultification: A review of current adultification work and suggestions to better integrate age compression into social psychology.

Summers, K. M., Alexander, A., Hugenberg, K., & Lloyd, E. P. (In prep: All data collected; full manuscript draft). Species-based moderation and attitude-based mediation of the hardship-to-pain bias.

Summers, K. M., Weesner, R. E., Hugenberg, K., & Lloyd, E. P. (In prep: All data collected, full manuscript draft). Group-based pain tolerance stereotypes and their accuracy.

Almaraz, S. M., **Summers, K. M.**, & Hugenberg, K. (In prep: All data collected, full manuscript draft). Fundamental features of faces: Face regions differentially signal trustworthiness and dominance.

Summers, K. M., **Pearson, C.**, Paganini, G. A., Lamer, S. A., Sweeney, T. D., & Lloyd, E. P. (In prep: All data collected; manuscript drafted). Disparities in crowd-directed force behaviors: Investigating top-down and bottom-up predictors of crowd-directed force behaviors and the underlying psychological mechanisms.

Summers, K. M., Samra, S. K., Paganini, G. A., Lloyd, E. P., & Loersch, C., (In prep: All data collected). Face of prejudice: Accuracy in judgments of implicit and explicit prejudice from the face.

Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (In prep; All data collected). Racialized sensory sensitivity beliefs underlie actual use-of-force in a medical paradigm.

Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M.**, & Lloyd E. P., (In prep). “Race is gendered” in mental representations: Leveraging reverse correlation to assess whether Black women are mentally represented as defeminized.

Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M.**, & Lloyd E. P., (In prep). Gender bias in pain detection: Perceivers are biased toward thinking that women’s pain expressions are feigned.

Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M.**, & Lloyd E. P., (In prep). Is class racialized and gendered? Assessing gendered and racialized appearance of mental representations of socioeconomic status.

Samra, S. K., Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M.**, & Lloyd E. P., (In prep). Judgments of Black-White biracial individuals’ vulnerability to race-prototypic diseases.

Research Awards & Grants (15 external, 17 internal; Total \$166,999)

SPSP Outstanding Research Award (\$100)	2024
APA Division 3 Best Article Award (Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied)	2024
APAGS Psychological Science Research Grant (\$1,000)	2024
APS/Psi Chi Albert Bandura Graduate Research Award (\$1,200)	2024
Lawrence Miller Scholar: Graduate Research Support (\$130)	2024
Mamie Phipps Clark Diversity Research Grant, Psi Chi (\$1,500)	2023
Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology, The Ohio State University	2023
Psi Chi Unrestricted Travel Grant (\$1,275)	2023
APF COGDOP Graduate Research Scholarship (\$2,000)	2022
APF Scott and Paul Pearsall Grant (\$10,000)	2022
Lawrence Miller Scholar: Graduate Research Support (\$408)	2022
SPSP Graduate Travel Award (\$500)	2022
Harry Gollob Award for exceptional first author publication	2020-2021
CAHSS Student Research Award (\$475)	2020
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (\$138,000)	2020
Lawrence Miller Scholar: Graduate Research Support (\$249)	2019
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention	2019
Psychology Undergraduate Funding Award (\$260)	2018
MPA Regional Research Award (\$400)	2018
E.F. Patten and William Borchers Student Research Fund (\$800)	2018
Psi Chi Unrestricted Travel Grant (\$852)	2017-2018
Doctoral Undergraduate Opportunity Scholarships Award (\$1000)	2017-2018
Crannell Research Award (\$350)	2017
MPA Regional Research Award (\$400)	2017
George Daly Student-Faculty Engagement Grant (\$800)	2017
Psychology Undergraduate Funding Award (\$350)	2017
Honors Grant Funding (\$800)	2016-2017
Psychology Undergraduate Funding Award (\$350)	2016
Undergraduate Summer Scholars Fellowship Award (\$3,000)	2016
Patten Student Research Fund (\$590)	2015-2016
Marjory C. Britton Fund (\$120)	2015-2016
G. Nott Student Research Fund (\$90)	2015-2016

Academic Awards & Scholarships

Outstanding Teaching Award	2024-2025
Outstanding Teaching Award	2023-2024
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award	2022-2023
Graduate Education Doctoral Fellowship Award (\$4,500)	2019
Provost’s Student Academic Achievement Award (\$1,000)	2017-2018
RedHawk Excellence Scholarship	Fall 2014-Spring 2018

Stella J. Johnston Memorial Scholarship
 Norwood Scholarship
 Judge John W. Peck Scholarship
 Marvin & Pauline Pierce Scholarship

Fall 2014-Spring 2018
Fall 2015-Summer 2016
Fall 2015-Summer 2016
Fall 2015-Summer 2016

Service Awards

Outstanding Service Award

2020-2021

Research Experience

Lyda Hill Institute for Human Resilience: University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
 Director: Dr. Charles Benight

Time & Context Lab: University of Denver Psychology Department
 Lab Director: Dr. Heidi Vuletich

Social Detection Lab: University of Denver Psychology Department
 Lab Director: Dr. Paige Lloyd

Motivation, Affect, and Cognition Lab: University of Denver Psychology Department
 Lab Director: Dr. Kimberly Chiew

Social Cognition Lab: Miami University Psychology Department
 Lab Director: Dr. Kurt Hugenberg

Invited Talks

University of Denver, Affective, Social, and Cognitive (ASC) area, Denver, CO

2026

Presentations (22 National, 20 Regional, 17 local)

Mentored undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students denoted by underline
*Equal author contributions denoted by **

Elder, G. E., Summers, K. M., & Benight, C. C. (2025). The relationship between changes in coping self-efficacy and mental and physical health outcomes. Poster presented at the 2025 Mountain Lion Research Day, Colorado Springs, CO.

Alexander, A. T., Cassidy, C., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2025). Impact of racial demographic threat on the support and prioritization of various equitable/inequitable school policies. Poster presented at the 2025 Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention, Washington, D.C.

Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P., (2025, February). Racialized sensory sensitivity beliefs and differential use-of-force: Bridging disparities in policing and healthcare. Single presenter talk presented at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

Langeberg, A. J., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2024, June). The effect of reason for wrongful conviction on perceiver stereotype endorsement and hiring judgments. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting.

Alexander, A. T., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2024, May). Species-based moderation and attitude-based mediation of the hardship-to-pain bias. Oral talk presented at the University of Denver Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Showcase, Denver, CO.

Shaver, C. E., Summers, K. M., Cassidy, C. L., & Lloyd, E. P. (2024, April). Adults with physical disabilities' pain & public misperceptions. Data blitz talk presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Alexander, A. T., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2024, April). Species-based moderation and attitude-based mediation of the hardship-to-pain bias. Oral talk presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Denver, CO.

❖ **Winner of 2024 RMPA Regional Research Award**

Langeberg, A. J., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2024, March). The effect of reason for wrongful conviction on perceiver stereotype endorsement and hiring judgments. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society.

Summers, K. M., Pearson, C. R., & Lloyd, E. P. (2024, February). Racialized sensory sensitivity beliefs and biases in use-of-force judgment and behavior. Poster presented at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Pearson, C. R., Summers, K. M., Paganini, G. A., Lamer, S. A., Sweeny, T. D., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, May). Disparities in crowd-directed force behaviors: Examining the effects of crowd racial composition and crowd size on crowd-directed force behaviors. Poster presented at the University of Denver Undergraduate Showcase: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works, Denver, CO.

Shaver, C. E., Summers, K. M., Paganini, G. A., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, May). Effects of controllability and language on stigma toward mental illness. Poster presented at the University of Denver Undergraduate Showcase: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works, Denver, CO.

Williams, M. E., Paganini, G. A., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, May). Assessing racialized mental representation of crack and powder cocaine users. Poster presented at the University of Denver Undergraduate Showcase: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works, Denver, CO.

Shaver, C. E., Summers, K. M., Paganini, G. A., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, April). Effects of controllability and language on stigma toward mental illness. Data blitz talk presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Williams, M. E., Paganini, G. A., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, April). Assessing racialized mental representation of crack and powder cocaine users. Data blitz talk presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Summers, K. M., Hugenberg, K., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, April). Hardship-to-pain beliefs are applied more strongly to humans than animals. Paper talk presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Samra, S. K., **Summers, K. M., Paganini, G. A., Loersch, C., & Lloyd, E. P.** (2023, April). Face of prejudice: Cues predicting perceived and actual prejudice. Paper talk accepted for presentation at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M., ten Brinke, L., & Lloyd, E. P.** (2023, April). Women exaggerate, men downplay: Gendered expectations of pain experiences. Paper talk presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Summers, K. M., Sitruk, J., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, February). Dehumanizing disability: Evidence for subtle and blatant dehumanization of people with physical disabilities. Poster presented at the Social Cognition Preconference at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P.** (2023, February). "Race is gendered" in mental representations: Cultural stereotype or ingroup-outgroup bias? Poster presented at the Social Cognition Preconference at the 24th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Lloyd, E. P., Samra, S. K., Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M., & Vuletich, H. A.** (2023, February). Evidence of categorization biases in multiracial risk perception. Invited talk presented at the Social Cognition Preconference at the 24th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Langeberg, A. J., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, February). The effect of reason for wrongful conviction on perceiver stereotype endorsement and hiring judgments. Poster presented at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

- Pearson, C. R., Summers, K. M., Paganini, G. A., Lamer, S. A., Sweeny, T. D., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, February). Disparities in crowd-directed force behaviors: Examining the effects of crowd racial composition and crowd size on crowd-directed force behaviors. Poster presented at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Shaver, C. E., Summers, K. M., Paganini, G. A., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, February). Effects of controllability and language on stigma toward mental illness. Poster presented at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Williams, M. E., Paganini, G. A., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, February). Assessing racialized mental representation of crack and powder cocaine users. Poster presented at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Pitts, S., **Summers, K. M.**, & Lloyd, E. P. (2023, February). Racial bias in perceptions of pain of young children. Poster accepted for presentation at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Langeberg, A. J., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2022, May). The effects of reason for wrongful conviction on perceiver stereotype endorsement and hiring judgments. Poster presented at the University of Denver Undergraduate Showcase: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Works, Denver, CO.
- Langeberg, A. J., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2022, April). The effects of reason for wrongful conviction on perceiver stereotype endorsement and hiring judgments. Data blitz talk presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Summers, K. M.**, Pitts, S., & Lloyd, E. P. (2022, April). Racial bias in perceptions of children's pain. Paper talk presented at the 94th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Langeberg, A. J., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2022, February). Perceptions of physical sensitivity as a mechanism to disparities in use-of-force across race. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- Riley, R. J., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2022, February). Variations in observers' ability to detect pain across target race and gender. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- Summers, K. M.**, Paganini, G. A., & Lloyd, E. P. (2022, February). Poor toddlers feel less pain? Perceptions of poor people as insensitive to pain extend to children. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- Summers, K. M.**, Paganini, G. A., & Lloyd, E. P. (2021, April). SES-based pain stereotypes extend to children. Paper talk presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual Conference.
- Sitruk, J., Summers, K. M., & Lloyd, E. P. (2021, April). Dehumanization and physical disability. Poster presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual Conference.
- Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M.**, & Lloyd, E. P. (2021, April). Mental representations of Black women influence vulnerability judgments. Paper talk presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual Conference.
- Dayley, P., Lloyd, E. P., **Summers, K. M.**, & Bernstein, M. J. (2021, April). Perceptions of criminals' pain sensitivity: Jail predicts hardening of perceptions. Paper talk accepted for presentation at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual Conference.
- Summers, K. M.**, Paganini, G. A., & Lloyd, E. P. (2021, February) Racialized beliefs about physical sensitivity as a mechanism to disparate use of force. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Virtual Conference.
- Paganini, G. A., **Summers, K. M.**, & Lloyd, E. P. (2021, February). Toxic (perceptions of) masculinity: The role of mental representations in women's health disparities. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Virtual Conference.

- Summers, K. M.**, Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., Hugenberg, K., & Lloyd, E. P. (2020, April). Poverty and pain: Low-SES people are believed to be insensitive to pain. Paper accepted for presentation at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL (Conference Cancelled).
- Dayley, P., Lloyd, E. P., **Summers, K. M.**, & Bernstein, M. J. (2020, April). Perceptions of criminals' pain sensitivity: Jail predicts hardening of perceptions. Poster accepted for presentation at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL (Conference Cancelled).
- Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Loersch, C. (2020, February). Face of prejudice: Facial cues of prejudice and perceivers' utilization of them. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, May). The effects of socioeconomic status on pain perception and recovery time in education. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Steven Hinkle Memorial Poster Session, Oxford, OH.
- Weesner, R. E., **Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, May). Group-based pain tolerance stereotypes and their accuracy. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Steven Hinkle Memorial Poster Session
- Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). The effects of socioeconomic status on pain perception and recovery time in education. Poster presented at the 24th Annual Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.
- Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). Ouch? The effects of target socioeconomic status on pain detection. Poster presented at the 24th Annual Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.
- Weesner, R. E., **Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). Group-based pain tolerance stereotypes and their accuracy. Poster presented at the 24th Annual Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.
- Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). Poverty and pain: Low-SES people are erroneously believed to be insensitive to pain. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- ❖ **Winner of 2018 MPA Regional Research Award**
- Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). Ouch? The effects of target socioeconomic status on pain detection. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Weesner, R. E., **Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, April). Group-based pain tolerance stereotypes and their accuracy. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, March). Poverty and pain: Low-SES people are erroneously believed to be insensitive to pain. Poster presented at the Miami University Diversity and Inclusion Poster Fair, Oxford, OH.
- Weesner, R. E., **Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, March). Group-based pain tolerance stereotypes and their accuracy. Poster presented at the Miami University Diversity and Inclusion Poster Fair, Oxford, OH.
- Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., Deska, J. C., Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, March). Poverty and pain: Low-SES people are erroneously believed to be insensitive to pain. Poster presented at the 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Weesner, R. E., **Summers, K. M.**, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2018, March). Group-based pain tolerance stereotypes and their accuracy. Poster presented at the 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Summers, K. M.**, Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, May). Do you trust me? Trustworthiness and dominance cues lie in separate regions of the face. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Steven Hinkle Memorial Poster Session, Oxford, OH.

- Summers, K. M.***, Jones, D. C.*, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, May). The effects of target and participant gender on deception detection. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Steven Hinkle Memorial Poster Session, Oxford, OH.
- Summers, K. M.**, Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, May). Do you trust me? Trustworthiness and dominance cues lie in separate regions of the face. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.
- Summers, K. M.***, Jones, D. C.*, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, May). The effects of target and participant gender on deception detection. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Undergraduate Research Forum, Oxford, OH.
- Summers, K. M.**, Almaraz, S. M., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, April). Do you trust me? Trustworthiness and dominance cues lie in separate regions of the face. Poster presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- ❖ **Winner of 2017 MPA Regional Research Award**
- Summers, K. M.***, Jones, D. C.*, Lloyd, E. P., & Hugenberg, K. (2017, April). The effects of target and participant gender on deception detection. Poster presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

- Adjunct Faculty – Introduction to Statistics (40 students; University of Denver) *Fall 2024*
 ❖ **Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2024-2025 Outstanding Teaching Award**
- Adjunct Faculty – Research Methods (28 students; University of Denver) *Spring 2024*
 ❖ **Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2024-2025 Outstanding Teaching Award**
- Adjunct Faculty – Introduction to Statistics (38 students; University of Denver) *Fall 2023*
 ❖ **Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2023-2024 Outstanding Teaching Award**
- Adjunct Faculty – Introduction to Statistics (41 students; University of Denver) *Spring 2023*
 ❖ **Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2023-2024 Outstanding Teaching Award**

Other Teaching Positions

- Teaching Assistant – Junior Honors Research Seminar (University of Denver) *Spring 2025*
 Psychology Department Statistics Tutor (University of Denver) *Winter-Spring 2025*
- Teaching Assistant – Junior Honors Research Seminar (University of Denver) *Winter 2025*
- Teaching Assistant – Junior Honors Research Seminar (University of Denver) *Spring 2024*
- Teaching Assistant – Junior Honors Research Seminar (University of Denver) *Winter 2024*
- Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Statistics (University of Denver) *Fall 2023*
- Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience (University of Denver) *Winter 2023*
 ❖ **Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2022-2023 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**
- Guest Lecturer – Research Methods in Psychology (University of Denver) *September 2019*
- Teaching Assistant – Research Methods in Psychology (University of Denver) *Fall 2019*

Mentorship

Undergraduate senior honors theses mentored

- August Alexander *2024-2025*
 Thesis Project: *Racial demographic threat and support for equitable school policies*
- Kathleen Hopps *2022-2023*

Thesis Project: <i>Racial bias in pain care recommendations and the effect of providers' experience with diverse communities</i>	
Claire Shaver	2022-2023
Thesis Project: <i>The effects of controllability and language-type on stigma of mental illness</i>	
Maggie Williams	2022-2023
Thesis Project: <i>Assessing racialized mental representations of crack and powder cocaine users</i>	
❖ Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2022-2023 Shaklee Trowill Award for best senior honors thesis	
Abby Langeberg	2021-2022
Thesis Project: <i>The effect of reason for wrongful conviction on perceiver stereotype endorsement and hiring judgments</i>	
❖ Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2021-2022 Shaklee Trowill Award for best senior honors thesis	
Jason Sitruk	2020-2021
Thesis Project: <i>Dehumanization and physical disability</i>	
❖ Winner of DU Psychology Department's 2020-2021 Shaklee Trowill Award for best senior honors thesis	

Undergraduate grants and research awards mentored (Total: \$22,448)

August Alexander, Student Scholar Travel Award (\$1000), DU	2025
August Alexander, Regional Research Award (\$400), RMPA/Psi Chi	2024
August Alexander, Student Scholar Travel Award (\$80), DU	2025
August Alexander, Charlotte Henderson Research Award (\$2500), DU Psychology	2023-2024
Maggie Williams, Shaklee Trowill Award, DU Psychology Department	2023
August Alexander, Summer Research Grant (\$4901), DU	2023
Maggie Williams, Student Scholar Travel Award (\$859), DU	2023
Cassandra Pearson, Unrestricted Travel Grant (\$954), Psi Chi	2023
Claire Shaver, Student Scholar Travel Award (\$981), DU	2022
Cassandra Pearson, Partners in Scholarship (\$1,500), DU	2022
Abby Langeberg, Shaklee Trowill Award, DU Psychology Department	2022
Maggie Williams, Summer Research Grant (\$3,397), DU	2022
Abby Langeberg, Student Scholar Travel Award (\$1,000), DU	2021
Abby Langeberg, Partners in Scholarship (\$1,435), DU	2021
Piper Finkelson, Partners in Scholarship (\$3,441), DU	2021
Jason Sitruk, Shaklee Trowill Award, DU Psychology Department	2021

Undergraduate independent research certifications mentored

August Alexander, Certificate in data-informed decisions.	2023
Project title: Hardship-to-pain beliefs are applied more strongly to humans than animals	
Cassandra Pearson, Certificate in data-informed decisions.	2023
Project title: Disparities in crowd-directed force behaviors: Examining the effects of crowd racial composition and crowd size on crowd-directed force behaviors	
Abby Langeberg, Certificate in data-informed decisions.	2022
Project title: Using statistical reasoning to responsibly interpret claims and dispute misinformation through the lens of racial biases in police violence	

High school student mentorship

Isabella Kosienski, Prospect Ridge Academy. Senior Leadership Capstone Project	2019
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Workshops and Panels

- Freiburger, E. E., White, A. D., **Summers, K. M.**, Paganini, G. A., Isenberg, N., & Klein, N. D. (2023, April). Life as a graduate student: An inside look. Panel presented at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Workshop Panelist (2022, September). Panel presented at University of Denver, Psychology Department, Denver, CO.
- Subar, A. R., Kramer, E., McGee, D., Paganini, G. A., Scott, S. R., **Summers, K. M.**, Svelnys, C., Lloyd, E. P. (2020, April). Applying to doctoral programs in psychology: Application workshop and keys to success. Workshop accepted for presentation at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL (Conference Cancelled).

Media Coverage

- Summers, Pitts, & Lloyd (2023)**
[Racial bias in perceptions of children's pain](#)
 Character & Context Blog, Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Summers, Pitts, & Lloyd (2023)**
[Study shows Black children perceived as less sensitive to pain than White peers](#)
 PsyPost
- Summers, Paganini, & Lloyd (2022)**
[Toddlers' socioeconomic status influences others' perceptions of their pain](#)
 Character & Context Blog, Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Summers, Deska, Almaraz, Hugenberg, & Lloyd (2021)**
[New psychology research finds that poor people are perceived as being less susceptible to pain](#)
 PsyPost
- Summers, Lloyd, Deska, Almaraz, & Hugenberg (2018)**
[Episode 55: LIVE from the 2018 Midwestern Psychological Association Conference](#)
 Psychology and Stuff Podcast, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- Summers, Almaraz, & Hugenberg (2017)**
[Episode 38: LIVE from the 2017 Midwestern Psychological Association Conference](#)
 Psychology and Stuff Podcast, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Reviews

Emerging Editor Board Member

Personality and Social Psychology Review, 2022 - Present

Independent ad hoc reviewer

Peer Review Journals

- Affective Science, 2025
- Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy, 2021
- British Journal of Social Psychology, 2022
- Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, 2025, 2026
- Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 2026
- Molecular Autism, 2025
- The Journal of Social Psychology, 2024

Awards

- SPSP 2023 Graduate Travel Award
- SPSP 2023 Graduate Student Poster Award
- SPSP 2023 Undergraduate Student Poster Award

Ad hoc co-reviewer*Peer Review Journals*

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 2022, 2023

Assisted ad hoc reviewer*Peer Review Journals*

Asian Journal of Social Psychology, 2021

Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, 2020

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 2020

Journal of Nonverbal Behavior, 2023

Journal of Social Psychology, 2021

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 2021, 2022, 2023

Social Psychological and Personality Science, 2021

University Service

Graduate Student Faculty Representative, AY 2022-2023

Application Statement Feedback Program, Feedback Reviewer, AY 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024

Application Statement Feedback Program, Editor, AY 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024

Graduate Student Recruitment, Coordinator, AY 2020-2021

Undergraduate Keystone Experience Working Group, AY 2019-2020

Relevant Work Experience

Lab Manager: University of Denver, Psychology Department

Fall 2018-Summer 2019

- Manager for Dr. Kimberly Chiew's Motivation, Affect, & Cognition Lab and Dr. Paige Lloyd's Social Detection Lab.
- Assist in recruitment, programming, collection, and analyses of survey, behavioral, and fMRI data.
- Set-up lab space, manage undergraduates, write grants, write IRB applications, conduct independent research.

Student Ambassador: Miami University, Psychology Department

Fall 2017-Spring 2018

- Teaching assistant for Advanced Statistics and Research Methods course.
- Associate at Miami University's Center for Psychological Inquiry, a student-help center for psychology students.
- Assist in teaching, grading, and answering student questions.

Editorial Board Member & Recruitment Committee Member:

2015-2018

Compilation of Miami Publications Advancing the Social Sciences (*COMPASS*)

- Read, edit, and evaluate social science research papers for publication utilizing knowledge of research methods, statistics, and scientific writing technique.
- Recruit new members, review applications, and conduct interviews.

Research Skills/Proficiencies

BIOPAC Systems, Electronic load and force measurement (e.g., Loadstar Sensors, Tekscan WELF 2, Pressure algometry), E-Prime, Excel, Eye Tracking (e.g., EyeLink, Tobii), FaceGen, fMRI, Photo editing (e.g., GIMP, Photoshop), Python, Qualtrics, R, SPSS, Virtual Reality (e.g., HTC Vive), 3D simulation development (e.g., Unity)

Affiliations/Memberships

Association for Psychological Science	<i>2020-Present</i>
American Psychological Association	<i>2019-Present</i>
Phi Beta Kappa	<i>2018-Present</i>
Society for Personality and Social Psychology	<i>2017-Present</i>
Psi Chi: The International Honors Society in Psychology	<i>2015-Present</i>
Honors Program: Miami University	<i>2014-2018</i>
Scholar Leaders Program: Miami University	<i>2015-2016</i>