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## Education

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University of Florida, Ph.D.

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*Social Psychology*

M.S. Thesis: *Good for Me Means Fair for You: Direction of economic mobility influences perceptions of fairness.*

- Erin C. Westgate (Chair), Colin Smith, & Monica Ardel

Gordon College, B.A.

May 2019

*Psychology*

## Grants, Honors, Awards

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- **Distinguished Social Science Student Award**, *Gordon College* April 2019
- **Honorary Undergraduate Scholar Award**, *New England Psychological Association* November 2019
- **Trish Ring Graduate Student Research Award**, *University of Florida* March 2022
- **Graduate Student Research Fellowship Honorable Mention**, *National Science Foundation* April 2022
- **Open Science of Religion grant for registered report**, *OSR/Templeton Foundation* March 2023
- **Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology (SISPP) at OU**  
Course: Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (with Kim Rios and Adam Cohen) July 2023

## Research

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### Published Articles

Leighton, D., Legate, N., **LePine, S.**, Anderson, S., & Grahe, J. (2018). Self-Esteem, self-disclosure, self-expression, and connection on Facebook: A collaborative replication meta-analysis. *PSI CHI Journal of Psychological Research*, Special Issue 23(2), 98-109. doi:10.24839/2325-7342.JN23.2.98

Park, H., Cook, K., **LePine, S.**, Steininger, C. (2019) Do nonreligious individuals have the same mental health and well-being benefits as religious individuals? *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, 38(2) 81-99.

Villanti, A. C., Vallencourt, C. P., West, J. C., Peasley-Miklus, C. P., **LePine, S. E.**, McCluskey, C., Klemperer, E., Priest, J. S., Logan, A., Patton, B., Erickson, N., Hicks, J., Horton, K., Livingston, S., Roemhildt, M., Singer, E., Trutor, M., & Williams, R. (2020) Recruiting and retaining youth and young adults in the Policy and Communication Evaluation (PACE) Vermont study: Randomized trial of participant compensation. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 22(7). doi:10.2196/18446

Cook, K. V., **LePine, S. E.**, Chang, C., DeSouza, A., Crossett, C., & Chiou, G. (2020). Everyday theology in cultural context: Forgiveness and grace. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*. doi:10.1177/0091647120956959

Villanti, A. C., **LePine, S. E.**, West, J. C., Boley Cruz, T., Stevens, E. M., Tetreault, H. J., Unger, J. B., Wackowski, O. A., & Mays, D. (2021). Identifying message content to reduce vaping: Results from online message testing trials in U.S. young adults. *Addictive Behaviors*. 115, 106778. doi:10.1016/j.addbeh.2020.106778.

- Villanti, A. C., **LePine, S. E.**, Peasley-Miklus, C., West, J. C., Roemhildt, M., Williams, R., & Copeland, W. E. (2022). COVID-related distress, mental health, and substance use in adolescents and young adults. *Child and adolescent mental health*, 10.1111/camh.12550. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1111/camh.12550>
- Villanti, A. C., Peasley-Miklus, C., Cha, S., Schulz, J., Klemperer, E. M., **LePine, S. E.**, West, J. C., Mays, D., Mermelstein, S. T., Higgins, S. T., & Graham, A. T. (2022). Tailored text message and web intervention for smoking cessation in U.S. socioeconomically-disadvantaged young adults. *Preventive Medicine*, 165. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2022.107209>.
- Villanti, A. C., Wackowski, O. A., **LePine, S. E.**, West, J. C., Stevens, E. M., Unger, J. B., & Mays, D. (2022). Effects of vaping prevention messages on electronic vapor product beliefs, perceived harms, and behavioral intentions among young adults: A randomized controlled trial. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(21), 14182; <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph192114182>
- Villanti, A. C., **LePine, S. E.**, Peasley-Miklus, C., West, J. C., Roemhildt, M., Williams, R., & Copeland, W. E. (2022). COVID-related distress, mental health, and substance use in adolescents and young adults. *Child and Adolescent Mental Health*, 27(2), 138-145. <https://doi.org/10.1111/camh.12550>
- LePine, S. E.**, Klemperer, E. M., West, J. C., Peasley-Miklus, C., McCluskey, C., Jones, A., Roemhildt, M., Trutor, M., Williams, R., & Villanti, A. C. (2022). Exploring definitions of “addiction” in adolescents and young adults and correlation with substance use behaviors. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(13), 8075. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19138075>
- LePine, S. E.**, Peasley-Miklus, C., Farrington, M. L., Young, W. J., Bover Manderski, M. T., Hrywna, M., & Villanti, A. C. (2023). Ongoing refinement and adaptation are required to address participant deception in online nicotine and tobacco research studies, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 25(1), 170–172. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntac194>
- Lin, Y., **LePine, S. E.**, Krause, A. N., & Westgate, E. C. (2023). A little help from my friends: Lack of social interaction predicts greater boredom during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 17(11), e12871. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spc3.12871>

### **Under Review/ In Revision**

- LePine, S.E.**, Peasley-Miklus, C., Villanti, A.C. (2022) Smoker prototype, favorability, and comparison among young adults enrolled in a remote smoking cessation intervention. [In Revision]
- Westgate, Erin C., **LePine, S. E.**, Buttrick, Nicholas R., Lin, Yuching, Ebersole, Charles R., Soderberg, Courtney, Heintzelman, Samantha. (2021) Meaning is subjective: Egocentric judgments of meaning reflect errors of naïve realism. [In Revision].
- LePine, S.E.**, Perlin, J. D., Tix A., Crews, J., Baldwin, M., & Westgate, E. [Registered report: In principle acceptance] Church Contexts are Meaningful. *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*

### **Abstracts presented**

- LePine, S.**, Nicholson, S., Seward, K., (2017). *Replication of Forest, A.L., & Wood, J.V. (2012).* [Poster presentation] Gordon College 2017 Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Wenham, MA.

- Leighton, D., Legate, N., **LePine, S.**, Anderson, S., Grahe, J., (2018). *Self-Esteem, Self-Disclosure, Self-Expression, and Connection on Facebook: A Collaborative Replication Meta-Analysis*. [Poster presentation] Sigma Xi meeting 2018 Annual Meeting, Wenham, MA.
- LePine, S.**, Chang, C., Chase, K., Chiou, G., Cook, K. V. (2018). *Forgiveness in the context of Brazilian- and Chinese-American Subcultures*. [Poster presentation] New England Psychological Association (NEPA) 2018 Annual Meeting, Worcester, MA.
- Cook, K.V., Chiou, G., **LePine, S.**, Crossett, C., DeSouza, A., Chang, C. (2018). *Forgiveness in Cultural Context: Moral Activism?* [Poster presentation] Association for Moral Education (AME) 2018 Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain
- Cook, K., **LePine, S.**, Chiou, G. (2019). Faith and forgiveness in relational and cultural context. [Poster presentation] Division 36 2019 Midyear conference, Bowling Green KY.
- LePine, S.**, Cook, K. V., Suhendra, J., Suwartono, C. (2019). Cultural Differences in Forgiveness: A pilot study. [Paper presentation] New England Psychological Association (NEPA) 2019 Annual Meeting, Manchester, NH.
- Cook, K. V., **LePine, S. E.**, Suwartono, C., & Suhendra, J. (2020, June 7-9). *Forgiveness interviews as source of social harmony scale items* [Paper presentation]. Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) 2020 Annual Conference, Cambridge, MA, USA. (Conference canceled)
- LePine, S. E.**, Cook, K. V., Suwartono, C., & Suhendra, J. (2020, June 7-9). *Group interviews contextualize forgiveness in culture*. [Poster presentation]. Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (SQIP) 2020 Annual Conference, Cambridge, MA, USA. (Conference cancelled)
- Cook, K. V., **LePine, S. E.**, Suwartono, C., & Suhendra, J. (2020, October 28-31). *Social harmony as cultural component of forgiveness* [Paper/Poster presentation]. Association for Moral Education (AME) 2020 Annual Conference, Online. <https://amenetwork.org/2020>
- LePine, S. E.**, Cook, K. V. Suhendra, J., & Suwartono, C. (2020, October 28-31). *Cross-cultural examination of forgiveness as a community-sustaining virtue* [Paper/poster presentation]. Association for Moral Education (AME) 2020 Annual Conference, Online. <https://amenetwork.org/2020>
- LePine, S.E.**, Villanti, A.C., Vallencourt, C.P., West, J.C., Peasley-Miklus, C., McCluskey, C., Klemperer, E., Logan, A., Patton, B., Erickson, N., Hicks, J., Horton, K., Livingston, S., Roemhildt, M., Singer, E., Trutor, M., Williams, R. (2020, October 16-18). *Defining addiction in youth and young adults* [Poster presentation]. Vermont Center on Behavior & Health (VCBH) 2020 Annual Conference, Online.
- LePine, S.E.**, Klemperer, E.M., Peasley-Miklus, C., Villanti, A.C. (2021, October 7-8) Improving a text messaging program for smoking cessation in socioeconomically-disadvantaged young adults: What worked and what can be improved? [Poster presentation]. Vermont Center on Behavior & Health (VCBH) 2021 Annual Conference, Online.
- LePine, S.E.**, Westgate, Erin C., Buttrick, Nicholas R., Lin, Yuching, Ebersole, Charles R., Heintzelman, Samantha. (2021, October 14-15) You say that's how you feel: Skepticism and naïve realism interfere with judgments of meaning. [Poster presentation]. Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists Annual Conference, Online.

- LePine, S.E.,** Peasley-Miklus, C., Villanti, A.C. (2022, February 16-19) Smoker prototype, favorability, and comparison among young adults enrolled in a remote smoking cessation intervention. [Poster presented]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention.
- LePine, S. E.** (2023, February 23-26) Bad for me means unfair for everyone: Downward mobility causes perceptions of unfairness. [Poster presented] Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention: Justice and Morality Preconference.
- LePine, S. E.** (2023, February 23-26) Good for me means fair for you: Direction of socioeconomic mobility is associated with perceptions of societal fairness. [Poster presented] Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention
- LePine, S. E.,** Perlin, J.(2023, August 21-24) Church Contexts Matter: Religious Socioecologies Effect Meaning in Life. [Talk Presented] International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) Conference
- LePine, S. E.,** Perlin, J. (2024, February 7-11) Meaning in Life and the Socioecology of Religion: Findings from a Field Experiment. [Poster presented] Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention: Religion and Spirituality Preconference.
- LePine, S. E.,** Westgate, E. (2024, February 7-11) Production Goals Induce Self-Objectification. [Poster presented] Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention

## **Professional Experience**

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- Research Project Assistant, *Santa Fe Institute*, Santa Fe, NM** 02/2021 – 7/16/2021
- Managed participant recruitment and payment for two studies on vaccine beliefs and social contacts
  - Created and administrated surveys using Unipark and Amazon Mechanical Turk.
  - Designed and managed study publicity and social media accounts.
- Research Project Assistant, *University of Vermont*, Burlington, VT** 10/2019 – 7/2021
- Aided with IRB submissions, budgeting, and study administration (i.e. participant contact and payment, vendor agreements and payment)
  - Conducted basic analyses contributing to manuscript drafting, reports, and grant submissions.
  - First-authored, co-authored, and edited articles for submission to scientific journals.
  - Presented abstracts at scientific conferences.
  - Conducted independent qualitative analyses of open-ended survey responses from the Policy and Communication Evaluation (PACE) Vermont study.
  - Created and administrated surveys using Qualtrics and Amazon Mechanical Turk.
  - Designed and managed study websites and social media accounts.
- Research Assistant, *Gordon College*, Wenham, MA** 5/2019 – 8/2019
- Aided with qualitative analyses of group interviews.
  - Screened & coded over 300 studies for a review on religiosity & mental health.
  - Presented abstracts at scientific conferences.
  - Co-authored & edited articles for submission to scientific journals.
- Teaching Assistant, *Gordon College*, Wenham, MA** 8/2017 – 5/2019
- Lectured & led study groups on research methods, personality theories, and social psychology.
  - Responsible for individual tutoring, grading, and providing mentorship for student research projects.
  - Provided administrative support for Psychology Department faculty.

**Research Assistant, *Gordon College*, Wenham, MA**

6/2018 – 8/2018

- Responsible for literature review, survey administration & scoring, leading group interviews, and conducting qualitative and quantitative analyses.
- Co-authored a paper for submission to a scientific journal.
- Provided administrative study support (i.e., participant contact, maintaining detailed records).

## **Professional Activities and Service**

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Ad hoc reviewer: *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *Psychology and Sexuality*

## **References**

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