

Curriculum Vita

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Personal Information

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Education

Ph.D. Social Psychology, University of Missouri, Columbia, 1983
M.A. Educational Psychology, University of Texas, Austin, 1985
B.A. Psychology, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, 1988

Positions

2017 Visiting Scholar, University of Colorado
2014-2017 Research Director, SE Center for Research on Disparities in Oral Health
2012-present Affiliate Professor, College of Dentistry, Dept of Community Dentistry
2010-2012 Visiting Scholar, National Cancer Institute
2010-2013 Investigator, Southeast Center for Res on Disparities in Oral Health
1997-2005; 2009-2014 Director, Graduate Training in Social Psychology, University of Florida
2007-2022 R. David Thomas Endowed Professor of Psychology, University of Florida
2007 (summer) Visiting Professor, Université de Savoie, Chambéry, France
2007-2008 Associate Editor, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
2006 (summer) Visiting Professor, Université Paris X, Paris, France
2005 Professor of Psychology, University of Florida
2004 Visiting Associate Professor, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium
1998 Visiting Associate Professor, Florida State London Study Centre, England
1995-2005 Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Florida
1992-1995 Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Florida
1990-1991 Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, Texas A&M University
1988-1992 Assistant Professor of Psychology, Holy Cross College

Awards

2018 Resident Fellow, American International Univ, Aix-en-Provence, France
2017-2020 University of Florida "Term" Professor
2014 Fellow, Society of Personality & Social Psychology
2012 RTI International Research Challenge Award
2011-2014 Colonel Allan R. and Margaret G. Crow Term Professor
2009 College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Teacher Award
2009 University of Florida Graduate Mentoring Award
2009 Fellow, Society for Experimental Social Psychology
2004 Fulbright Fellowship
2001, 2002, 2009, 2015 Anderson Scholar Teaching Honoree
1998 Southwestern University Alumni Phi Beta Kappa Award
1995 University of Florida Teaching Incentive Award
1993 Psi Chi Psychology Teacher of the Year
1987 Edwin B. Newman National Research Award in Psychology

Professional Associations

Society for Experimental Social Psychology
Society for Southeastern Social Psychologists
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society for Behavioral Medicine

Teaching Experience & Interests

Introductory Psychology
Statistics
The Self
Health Psychology

Research Methods
Professional Development
Social Psychology

Journal & Convention Reviewing

Aggressive Behavior
American Educational Research Journal
American Journal of Criminal Justice
American Journal of Preventive Medicine
American Psychologist
Annals of Behavioral Medicine
APA Conventions – 90, 91, 93, 97, 00
Basic and Applied Social Psychology
Behavioral Research Methods Review
British Journal of Health Psychology
British Journal of Social Psychology
Child Development
Cognition
Consciousness & Cognition
Emotion
European Journal of Social Psychology
Group Dynamics
Group Processes and Inter-group Relations
Health Communication
Health Expectations
Health Psychology
Health Psychology Review
Human Communications Research
Human Relations
Journal of Aggressive Behavior
Journal of Applied Psychology
Journal of Applied Social Psychology
Journal of Clinical Oncology
Journal of Educational Psychology
Journal of Experimental Psychology - Cognition
Journal of Experimental Psychology - General
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Journal of Genetic Counseling
Journal of Health Communication
Journal of Health Psychology
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Journal of Personality

Journal of Public Health Dentistry
Journal of Research on Adolescents
Journal of Research in Personality
Journal of Risk Research
Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology
Journal of Social Issues
Law and Human Behavior
Medical Ethics
Motivation and Emotion
Motivation Science
Nature – Climate Change
Organizational Behav & Human Dec Making
Perceptual Motor Skills
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Personality & Social Psychology Review
Philosophical Psychology
PLOS1
Preventive Medicine
Public Health Dentistry
Psychological Bulletin
Psychological Methods
Psychology of Religion & Spirituality
Psychological Science
Psychology and Health
Review of General Psychology
Review of Religious Research
Risk Analysis
Self and Identity
Sex Roles
Social Cognition
Social & Personality Psychology Science
Social Psychology Quarterly
Social Science & Medicine
Sociological Inquiry
Southwestern Psychological Association, 1990
Trends in Cognitive Science
Women & Health

Academic Committee Service

Faculty Search Committees, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2011
Chair, Social Area Graduate Admissions Committee, 1995, 1997, 2005, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2019
Psi Chi Advisor, 1989, 1993-95

Psychology Space Committee, 1992-93, 1996-2000, chair 2007-2017
 Psychology Department Graduate Studies Committee, 1994-2000, 2022-2023
 Psychology Policy and Planning Committee, 1997-2005, 2007-2017
 Fulbright Selection Committee, 2008, 2011-13, 2015, 2016, 2018-2022
 Merit Committee, 1994-1996, 2016, 2020-2022

Other Committees: Human Subjects Committee, 1992-93, Committee on Teaching Improvement (TIP), 1993, 1996, Associate Dean Search Committee, 1998, Psychology web-page Committee, 1998, College Sabbatical Committee, 2007, Psychology Dept Chair Search Committee (chair) 2007, Psychology Department Computer Committee, 1993-96

Professional Service

Consulting Editor, Basic & Applied Social Psychology, 1998 –
 Consulting Editor, Group Dynamics, 1998 – 2003
 Consulting Editor, Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, 1998 – 2012
 Consulting Editor, Journal of Social & Clinical Psychology, 2002 –
 Consulting Editor, Review of General Psychology, 2015 – 2019
 Consulting Editor, Personal & Social Psychology Bulletin, 2000 – 2002, 2005 – 2006, 2009 – 2023
 Consulting Editor, Psychological Bulletin 2015 – 2020
 Consulting Editor, Medical Decision Making 2020 – 2023
 Consulting Editor, Social Science & Medicine 2020 –
 Consulting Editor, Health Psychology Review, 2018 –
 Guest Editor, Basic & Applied Social Psychology, 2001
 Guest Editor, Personal & Social Psychology Bulletin, 2003, 2004
 Issue Editor, Special Issue on Social Psychology and Health, *Self & Identity*, 2011
 Associate Editor, Personal & Social Psychology Bulletin, 2007 – 2009
 Program Co-chair for 2001, 2002 SPSP preconference on the self
 Program Co-chair for 2009, 2010 SPSP preconference on social psychology and health
 Program Co-chair for 1995 Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists conference
 NIH Health Literacy Study Section, 2006
 NIH Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior IRG Study Section, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010
 NIH Challenge Grant Study Section, 2009
 NIH OppNet Study Section, 2011
 National Science Foundation Internal Funding
 National Science Foundation – 95, 98, 02, 04, 06, 07, 09-15
 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Review Committee, 2014
 Research Foundation, Flounders, 2017
 Division 49, Publications Committee, 1999 – 2002
 SESP Dissertation Committee, 1998

Consulting

National Cancer Institute Initiative: Incorporating Innovative Social Psychology Theory in Cancer Control Research, 2007-2010
 University Research Center in Psychology, Universidade do Algarve, Portugal, 2024-

Grants & Other Financial Support

a. Contracts and Grants as PI (Total: \$4,055,292. DC \$2,694,593, IDC \$1,360,699)

National Institute of Health (2018-2022): \$2,585,035 (Florida's part: \$1,077,612 TC, \$706,630 DC, \$370,982 IDC). Child Asthma Exacerbation: Role of Caregiver Risk Beliefs (R01 HL137680A1).

IDEA Impact Grant Program (2018-2020). \$9,856. Increasing Student Evaluation Completion Rates with Incentives.

National Institute of Dental & Cranial-Facial Research (2013-2015): \$375,672 (direct costs). Testing Manipulations to Increase Oral Cancer Screenings. Developmental grant under U54DE019261-02 funded through the Southeast Center for Research to Reduce Disparities in Oral Health.

National Cancer Institute (2012): \$28,930 (direct costs). Managing Threatening Information about Cancer. Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment.

Templeton Foundation (2010-2014): \$562,542 (direct costs). Religiousness and Adolescent Risk Behavior (Award 12829)

National Institute of Dental & Cranial-Facial Research (2010-2012): \$200,000 (direct costs). Removing Barriers to Screening for Head and Neck Cancer. R21 Developmental grant under U54DE019261-02 funded through the Southeast Center for Research to Reduce Disparities in Oral Health.

National Cancer Institute (2010-2011): \$80,795 (direct costs). Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment.

National Science Foundation (2006-2009): \$107,107. Title: Exploring the Adolescent Invulnerability Hypothesis (NSF 0542840).

Institution for Child and Adolescent Research & Evaluation (2004): \$7,378. A Pilot Test of the Adolescent Invulnerability Hypothesis.

Center for International Exchange of Scholars (2004): \$10,000. Exploring the Consequences of Comparative Optimism.

b. Contracts and Grants as Co-PI, Consultant, or Supervisor (Total: \$4,931,075, DC \$2,554,140, IDC \$1,416,797)

National Science Foundation (2024-2027): \$471,645 (direct costs). Is unrealistic absolute optimism at the individual level good or bad? A naturalistic study. Role Co-I.

National Institute of Health (2020-2024): \$1,660,676 (DC) \$854,297 (IDC). Amount to my lab: \$183,049 TC, \$120,032 DC, \$63,017 IDC. Testing a Low-Cost Population- and Theory-Based Outreach Intervention to Engage Ovarian Cancer Survivors and their Close Relatives to Consider Genetic Services (R01 CA240581-01A1). National Cancer Institute. Role: Co-Investigator.

National Institute of Dental and Cranial Facial Research (2020-2023): \$131,843 (direct costs). Practitioner-Level Determinants of Dental Service Use by Medicaid Beneficiaries (F31 MH077416-01). National Research Science Award awarded to my graduate student, Rachel Forsyth. Role: Supervisor.

National Science Foundation (2012-2015): \$127,500 (direct costs). Reducing Information Avoidance via Higher Level Construal. Graduate Research Fellowship to my graduate student, Steve Newell. Role: Supervisor.

National Science Foundation (2012-2015): \$127,500 (direct costs). Reducing Avoidance of Health Information by Self-Affirmation. Graduate Research Fellowship to my graduate student, Jenny Howell. Role: Supervisor.

Florida Health Initiative (2011-2012): \$3,000 (direct costs; seed money). Understanding Low-Income Adolescent Girls' HIV Risk through Alcohol Use and Sexual Partner Selection. Role: Co-Investigator.

National Cancer Institute (2007-2012): \$1,250,000 (direct costs). Young Smokers' Reactions to Genetic Risk for Lung Cancer (R01 CA121922-01A2). Role: Co-Investigator.

National Institute of Mental Health (2006-2008): \$57,000 (direct costs). Improving Mental Health Provider Communication (F31 MH077416-01). National Research Science Award awarded to my graduate student, Kate Sweeny. Role: Supervisor.

Published Articles (Total: 154)***Undergraduate/graduate student (written while person was a student). †Postdoc**

- Fedele, D., Webster, G. D., †Pogge, G., Hunleth, J., Ruiz, S., Shepperd, J. A., & Waters, E. A. (in press). Multilevel facilitators of pediatric asthma outcomes: The role of caregiver self-efficacy. Invited revision, *Health Psychology*.
- Guan, Y., McBride, C. M., *Zhao, J., Pentz, R. D., Escoffery, C., Liu, Y., Cao, Y., Bellcross, C. A., An, W., Shepperd, J. A., & Ward, K. C. (in press). Testing a population-based outreach intervention for ovarian cancer survivors to encourage their close relatives to consider genetic counseling. Invited revision, *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*.
- *Forsyth, R., & Shepperd, J. A. (in press). Religiousness and risk behavior among adolescents. In T. K. Shackelford, G. Vance, M. K. Meehan, T. DeLecce, H. Majewski, V. Stabile, & S. A. Kazanas (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Religious Psychology and Behavior*. New Delhi: Springer Nature.
- *Kerner, L., *Dettra, K., *Moraga-Trujillo, J., *Mollod, A., *Robinson, C., *Westfall, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2024). Information Avoidance and COVID Testing. *Social & Personality Psychology Compass*, 18(2), e12920. <http://doi.org/10.1111/spc3.12920>
- Waters, E. A., Pachur, T., †Pogge, G., Hunleth, J., Webster, G. D., Fedele, D., & Shepperd, J. A. (2024). Management behavior of caregivers of children with asthma: What role do mental representations of triggers and symptoms play? *Psychology & Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08870446.2024.2347657>
- Hunleth, J., Fechtel, H., Ruiz, S., †Spray, J., Shepperd, J. A. & Waters, E. A. (2023). Through the Zoom window: How children use virtual technology to navigate power dynamics in research. *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*. doi:10.1080/13645579.2023.2231756
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Forsyth, R. (2023). How does religion deter adolescent risk behavior? *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 32(4), 337-342. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09637214231164404>
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Forsyth, R. (2023). Religiousness and Adolescent Risk Behavior. In P. Cabral & A. V. Song (eds.) *The Encyclopedia of Child and Adolescent Health, Vol 2*, pp. 352-363. New York: Elsevier. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B978012818872900073X>
- †Pogge, G. A., Fedele, D., Waters, E. A., Hunleth, J., Maki, J., Prabhakaran, S., Webster, G. D., Bowen, D., & Shepperd, J. A. (2023). Exploring caregiver interest in and preference for interventions for children with risk of asthma exacerbation: Web-based survey. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 7, e46341. <https://doi.org/10.2196/46341>
- Waters, E. A., Pachur, T., †Pogge, G., Hunleth, J., Webster, G. D., Fedele, D. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2023). Linking cognitive and affective heuristic cues to proxy risk perceptions and behavior: A cross-sectional study. *Risk Analysis*, 43(12), 2610-2630. <https://doi.org/10.1111/risa.14101>
- Waters, E. A., Pachur, T., †Pogge, G., Hunleth, J., Webster, G. D., & Shepperd, J. A. (2023). How are mental representations of asthma triggers and symptoms related to proxy risk perceptions? A psychometric investigation of caregivers of children with asthma. *Psychology & Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08870446.2023.2244522>
- Waters, E. A., †Pogge, G., Orom, H., Kiviniemi, M. T., Hay, J. L., †Lewicka, M., †Allard, N., Webster, G. D., & Shepperd, J. A. (2023). I don't know my child's asthma risk: Evidence against satisficing as an explanation for "don't know" responses. *Journal of Risk Research*, 26(12), 1370-1382. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13669877.2023.2288006>.
- *Zhao, J., McBride, C. M., Campbell, G., Pentz, R. D., Escoffery, C., Konomos, M., Ward, K., Bellcross, C., Shepperd, J. A., & Guan, Y. (2023). Your family connects: A theory-based intervention to encourage communication about inherited cancer risk among ovarian cancer survivors and close relatives. *Public Health Genomics*, 26(10), 77-99. doi: 10.1159/000531772

- Hunleth, J., †Spray, J., Ruiz, S., Maki, J., Fedele, D. A., Prabhakaran, S., *Forsyth, R., Sykes, C., Shepperd, J. A., & Waters, E. A. (2022). Situating household management of children's asthma in the context of social, economic, and environmental injustice. *Journal of Asthma*, *59*(2), 70-78. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02770903.2020.1837159>
- *Kerner, L., *Losee, J. E., *Higginbotham, G. D., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022). Interest in purchasing firearms in the United States at the Outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*, *9*(1), 52-66. <https://doi.org/10.1037/tam0000174>
- McBride, C., *Zhao, J., Campbell, G., Escoffery, N. C., Pentz, R. D., Shepperd, J. A., & Guan, Y. (2022). Applying Citizen Science to engage families affected by ovarian cancer in developing genetic service outreach strategies. *PLoSOne*, *17*(2), e0262575. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0262575>
- †Pogge, G., Waters, E. A., Prabhakaran, S., Webster, G. D., Fedele, D. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022). Examining commonsense epidemiology: The case of asthma. *Journal of Health Psychology*, *27*(12), 2763-2769. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13591053211064986>
- †Pogge, G., Waters, E. A., Webster, G. D., Prabhakaran, S., Hunleth, J. M., Fedele, D. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022). Caregiver perceptions of change in pediatric asthma control during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Asthma and Allergy*, *15*, 1795-1803. <https://doi.org/10.2147/JAA.S385891>
- Ruiz, S., Hunleth, J., Maki, J., Fedele, D. A., †Pogge, G., Shepperd, J. A., & Waters, E. A. (2022). Towards emplaced understandings of risk: How caregivers of children with asthma identify and manage asthma-related risk across different places. *Health in Place*, *75*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2022.102787>
- Shepperd, J. A., Hunleth, J., Maki, J., Prabhakaran, S., †Pogge, G., Webster, G. D., & Waters, E. A. (2022). Interpersonal comparison among caregivers of children with asthma. *Psychology & Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08870446.2022.2125514>
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- †Spray, J., Hunleth, J., *Ruiz, S., Maki, J., Prabhakaran, S., *Fechtel, H., Shepperd, J. A., Bowen, D. J., & Waters, E. A. (2022). How do the embodied experiences of asthma influence caregiver conceptual models? *Social Science & Medicine*, *294*, 114706. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.114706
- Webster, G. D., Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022). Self-esteem in 60 seconds: The six-item state self-esteem scale (SSES-6). *Assessment*, *29*(2), 152-168. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1073191120958059>
- *Wongsomboon, V., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022). Waiting for Medical Test Results: A Delay Discounting Approach, *Social Science & Medicine*, *311*, 115355. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115355>
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- *Hussain, M., *Price, D., Gesselman, A., Shepperd, J., & Howell, J. (2021). Avoiding information about one's romantic partner. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *38*(2), 626-647. doi.org/10.1177/0265407520969856
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2021). Examining strategies to increase SET (student evaluation of teaching) completion rates. *Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education*, *46*, 427-437. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02602938.2020.1782343>
- *Losee, J., *Lipsey, N. P., *Pogge, G. C., & Shepperd, J. A. (2021). Understanding the political divide in gun policy support. The need for safety and beliefs about guns. In M. Crandall, S. Bonne, J.

Bronson, & W. Kessel (Eds.) *Why We Are Losing the War on Gun Violence*, pp. 89-106. New York: Springer.

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- Milhabet, I., Cambon, L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2020). Perceptions of comparative optimism and perceptions of career success: Experimental evidence for a bidirectional effect. *Journal of Social Psychology*, 160, 559-575. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224545.2019.1698508>
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- *Howell, J. L., *Miller, W. A., *Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2019). Hot or Not? How Threat Influences Avoidance of Attractiveness Feedback. *Self and Identity*, 18, 144-158. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15298868.2017.1401552>
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2019). Powerful audiences are linked to health information avoidance: Results from two surveys. *Social Science & Medicine*, 225, 51-59. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.01.046>
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2019). The role of powerful audiences and health information avoidance. *Social Science & Medicine*, 220, 430-439. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2018.11.037>
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- Shepperd, J. A., *Losee, J., *Pogge, G. C., *Lipsey, N. P., *Redford, L., & Crandall, M. (2018). The anticipated consequences of legalizing guns on college campuses. *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*, 5(1), 21-34. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/tam0000097>

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- †Smith, C. T., Shepperd, J. A., †Miller, W. A., & Graber, J. A. (2016). Perspective taking explains gender differences in late adolescents' attitudes toward disadvantaged groups. *Journal of Youth and Adolescents*, *45*(7), 1283-1293. doi: 10.1007/s10964-015-0376-z
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- †Emanuel, A. S., Kiviniemi, M. T., *Howell, J. L., Hays, J., Waters, E. A., Orom, H., & Shepperd, J. A. (2015). Avoiding cancer risk information: Prevalence, correlates, and outcomes. *Social Science & Medicine*, *147*, 113-120. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.10.058
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Presentations (192 conference presentations)

- Fedele, D. A. Webster, G. D., Pogge, G., Hunleth, J., Ruiz, S., Shepperd, J. A., Waters, E. A. (2024, March). Multilevel Facilitators of Pediatric Asthma Outcomes: The Role of Caregiver Self-Efficacy. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Behavior Medicine, Philadelphia, PN.

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- Waters, E. A., Pachur, T., †Pogge, G., Hunleth, J., Fedele, D. A., Webster, G. D., Bowen, D. J., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022, April). *Understanding mental representations of asthma triggers, symptoms, and management strategies among caregivers of children with asthma*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Behavior Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
- Waters, E. A., Pogge, G., Hay, J. L., Kiviniemi, M. T., Orom, H., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022, April). *Proxy risk uncertainty: Caregivers' "don't know" responses to items assessing their child's risk of asthma exacerbation*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Behavior Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
- Waters, E. A., †Pogge, G., Webster, G. D., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022, April). *Proxy unrealistic optimism: Caregivers' underestimation of their child's asthma risk of having uncontrolled asthma or an exacerbation*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Behavior Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
- *Kerner, L., *Moraga-Trujillo, J., *Dettra, K., *Mollod, A., *Robinson, C., *Westfall, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2022, February). *Information Avoidance and the 2021 U.S. Presidential Election*. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco.
- Losee, J. E., Kerner, L., Pogge, G., Shepperd, J. A. (2022). *Examining gun attitudes and safety perceptions among Black people in the United States*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, USA.
- Waters, E. A., Hunleth, J., *Ruiz, S., Harris, K., Tomlin-Watson, Y., Wood, L., Prabhakaran, S., Maki, J., Shepperd, J. A. (2021, October). *Structural and societal factors that constrain caregivers' healthcare decisions for their children*. Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Society for Medical Decision Making.
- *Kerner, L., *Moraga-Trujillo, J., *Dettra, K., *Mollod, A., *Robinson, C., *Westfall, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2021, October). *Conflicting Political Party and Candidate Preference Predicts Reasons for Avoiding Political Information*. Annual (Virtual) Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists.

- †Pogge, G., Waters, E. A., Shepperd, J. A., Fedele, D., Webster, G. D., & Prabhakaran, S. (2021, April). *Perceived frequency and seriousness in representations of illness*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine.
- †Pogge, G., Waters, E. A., Shepperd, J. A., Webster, G. D., (2021, April). *Response format to health measures: examining non-student sample*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine.
- Shepperd, J. A., †Pogge, G., Hunleth, J., Maki, J., Prabhakaran, S., & Waters, E. A. (2021, April). *Social comparison among caregivers of children with asthma*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine.
- †Spray, J., Hunleth, J., *Ruiz, S., Maki, J., Fedele, D., Prabhakaran, S., Bowen, D. J., Waters, E. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2021, April). *How do the bodily processes of children's asthma influence caregiver conceptual models?* Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine.
- *Kerner, L., *Losee, J., *Higginbotham, G., & Shepperd, J. A. (2021, February). *Using Guns to Cope with Pandemic Fears: Examining Gun Purchase Interest During the U.S. COVID-19 Lockdown*. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Virtual meeting.
- *Kerner, L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2020, May). Gun safety perceptions and identifying with the gun culture explain political differences in gun policy support. Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- *Forsyth, R., & Shepperd, J. A. (2020, April). *Avoiding goal-monitoring feedback: Expectations about feedback predict avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.
- *Losee, J. E., *Pogge, G. C., *Kerner, L., *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2020, February). *Explaining the political divide on gun policy in the United States*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- *Dorsett, J., *Forsyth, R., & Shepperd, J. A. (2020, February). *The effect of perceived stigma on treatment adherence and glycemic control in people with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2020, February). *Testing a social norms intervention on health information avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2020, February). *Strategies to increase completion rates of teaching evaluations*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- †Spray, J., Maki, J., Hunleth, J., Shepperd, J. A., & Waters, E. (2021, April). *Not breathing easy: Caregiver experiences of asthma management in socio-economically disadvantaged circumstances*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.
- *Losee, J. E., *Pogge, G. C., *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2019, July). *Specific, not general, threat and culture explain the link between political ideology and expected consequences of and attitudes toward allowing guns on U.S. campuses*. International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal.
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2019, February). *Psychological reactance and avoidance of sexual risk information*. Social Psychology & Health Preconference to the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.
- *Wongsomboon, V., Webster, G. D., Shepperd, J. A. (2018, May). *Waiting for Medical Test Results and Health Information*. Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society, San Francisco, CA.

- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2018, March). *Proactive impression management and avoidance of sexual risk information*. Social Psychology & Health Preconference to the Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- *Lipsey, N. P., Shepperd, J. A., Pachur, T., & Waters, E. A. (2017, November). *Understanding the Cognitive and Affective Mechanisms that Underlie Proxy Risk Perceptions among Caregivers of Asthmatic Children*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Judgment and Decision Making, Vancouver, BC.
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2017, November). *Power of the audience: Health Insurers and Employers Influence Health Information Decisions*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologist, Atlantic Beach, FL.
- *Losee, J. E., Shepperd, J. A., & Webster, G. D. (2017, November). *The ironic effect of obligation on perceived resources and information avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologist, Atlantic Beach, FL.
- *Losee, J. E., Shepperd, J. A., & Webster, G. D. (2017, June). *Financial resources and decisions to avoid information*, Annual Meeting for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Albuquerque, NM.
- *Lipsey, N. P. & Shepperd, J. A. (2017, February). *Health information avoidance and audience effects*. Poster at the Social Personality Health Network preconference at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- *Pogge, G., *Losee, J., *Lipsey, N., *Redford, L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2017, February). *Motivations for gun ownership and attitudes toward campus carry*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2016, November). *Audience effects and health information avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Judgment and Decision Making, Boston, MA.
- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2016, November). *Health information avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologist, Asheville, NC.
- *Losee, J. E., Shepperd, J. A., & Webster, G. D. (2016, November). *Don't tell me, I can't afford to know: Financial resources and decisions to avoid information*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologist, Asheville, NC.
- †Emanuel, A. S., & Shepperd, J. A. (2016, April). *Using self-affirmation in a community sample to increase oral cancer screening*. Annual meeting of the Society of Behavior Medicine, San Diego, CA.
- Shepperd, J. A. (2016, February). *The consequences of unrealistic optimism*. Special topics conference on Optimism: Its Nature, Causes, and Effects. Kings College, London.
- *Howell, J. L., †Miller, W. A., Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2016, January). *Hot or not?: How threat influences attractiveness feedback avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Lipsey, N. P., & *Pogge, G. C., & Shepperd, J. A. (2016, January). *Views of god and the consequences for behavior*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Losee, J., Shepperd, J. A., & Webster, G. (2016, January). *Deterrents to heeding a severe weather warning*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Dwyer, L. A., & Stock, M. L. (2016, January). *Avoiding skin damage feedback: when uv photographs offer a personal image of Dorian Grey*. Symposium talk, Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Pogge, G. C., & Shepperd, J. A. (2015, October). *Information avoidance and the implicit association test*. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychology, Winston-Salem, NC.

- *Lipsey, N. P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2015, October). *Predictors of health information avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychology, Winston-Salem, NC.
- *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2015, February). *The personality profile and personal network structure of health information avoiders*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Howell, J. L. (2015, February). *Maintaining uncertainty by avoiding information*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Shepperd, J. A., †Miller, W. A., & †Smith, C. T. (2015, February). *Why does religion curb aggression?: The role of self-control and compassion*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Shepperd, J. A. (2015, October). *Reducing problematic information avoidance: A test of three interventions*. Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychology, Athens, GA.
- *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2014, June). *Reducing health information avoidance through contemplation*. Symposium Talk, European Association of Social Psychology, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- *Dwyer, L. A., Stock, M. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2014, April). *Predicting avoidance of skin damage risk feedback among college students*. Annual meeting of the Society of Behavior Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
- †Emanuel, A. S., Shepperd, J. A., & Logan, H. (2014, April). *Using psychological instruments in community samples*. Annual meeting of the Society of Behavior Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
- *Howell, J. L., Ratliff, K. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2014, April). *Automatic attitudes and health behavior*. Symposium Talk, Annual meeting of the Society of Behavior Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
- Shepperd, J. A. (2014, April). *Health decision making in the face of threat*. Symposium Talk, Annual meeting of the Society of Behavior Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
- Lipkus, I. M., Shepperd, J. A., O'Neill, S. C., Sanderson, S., McBride, C. M. (2014, February). *Smokers' reaction to genetic lung cancer susceptibility feedback*. National Institute on Health Genomics, Washington, DC.
- *Howell, J. L., Ratliff, K. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2014). *Automatic attitudes predict health decision making and behavior*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- †Miller, W., & Shepperd, J. A. (2014, February). *Religiousness and risk behavior in adolescents: The crucial role of opportunity*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- *Price, D., *Gesselman, A. N., *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2014, February). *Information seeking in intimate relationships*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Howell, J. L. (2014, February). *A multi-item measure of information avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- †Smith, C. T., Shepperd, J. A., †Miller, W., & *Kaya, Y. (2014, February). *Predicting adolescent substance use attitudes, intentions and behaviors: Do parent or friend attitudes predict better?* Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Staras, S., Shepperd, J. A., & Komro, K. (2013, June). *Urban adolescent girls' acceptability of peer-networks in reducing alcohol-related HIV risk*. Annual Meeting of the Research Search Society on Alcoholism, Orlando, FL.

- Shepperd, J. A. (2013, June). *Managing threatening information*. Small group meeting on the social determinants and social consequences of threat, Berlin, Germany.
- *Howell, J. L., *Miller, W. A., Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2013, May). *Hot or not? How threat influences willingness to receive attractiveness feedback*. Symposium talk at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society, Washington, DC.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Howell, J. L., & Logan, H. L. (2013, March). *Barriers to oral cancer screening among rural Black Americans*. Annual Meeting of the International Association of Dental Research, Seattle, WA.
- *Garrido, C. O., & Shepperd, J. A. (2013, January). *Lust is blind: Physical attraction, sexual intentions, and information avoidance in sexual risk-taking*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- †Miller, W. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2013, January). *Can the beneficial effects of religiousness on risk behavior be explained purely in secular terms?* Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- *Nielsen, K., †Miller, W. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2013, January). *Religiousness and risk behavior in adolescents*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- *Novel, C., & Shepperd, J. A. (2013, January). *Theories of intelligence and the avoidance of performance feedback*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- *Gesselman, A. N., *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2012, January). *Information avoidance in intimate relationships*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Howell, J. L., Shepperd, J. A. (2012, January). *Barriers to oral cancer screening in a rural african-american population*. Data blitz at the annual meeting of the Social and Personality Health Network Preconference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychologists, San Diego.
- *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2012, January). *Reducing information avoidance through affirmation*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- †Miller, W., & Shepperd, J. A. (2012, January). *Adolescent religiousness and risk behavior*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Novell, C., Shepperd, J. A., O'Neill, S. C., McBride, C. M., Sanderson, S. C., Docherty, S. L., & Lipkus, I. M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2012, January). *College smokers' responses to hypothetical genetic lung cancer susceptibility feedback*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2012, April). *Barriers to oral cancer screening in a rural African-American population*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, New Orleans, LA.
- Shepperd, J. A. (2012, April). *Calculated ignorance*. Symposium talk at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, New Orleans, LA.
- *King, K., *Price, D., *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2012, May). *Unrealistic optimism: Fact or artifact?* Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Sweeny, K., * Miller, W., & *Melnyk, D. (2012, August). *Calculated ignorance*. Invited address, Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.

- Shepperd, J. A. (2012, October). *The crisis in social psychology*. Symposium talk at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Society of Social Psychology, Gainesville, FL.
- *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2012, October). *Avoiding information to maintain preferred self-views*. Symposium talk at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Society of Social Psychology, Gainesville, FL.
- *Nielsen, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2012, October). *Is information avoidance driven by anticipatory or anticipated affect?* Annual Meeting of the Southeast Society of Social Psychology, Gainesville, FL.
- *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2011, January). *Do I have to? When behavioral obligation prompts information avoidance*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- *Howell, J. L., Shepperd, J. A. (2011, January). *Reducing information avoidance*. Data blitz at the Annual Meeting of the Social and Personality Health Network Preconference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychologists, San Antonio.
- *Novell, C., & Shepperd, J. A. (2011, January). *Hints of bad news and avoidance of health information*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Melnyk, D. (2011, April). *Calculated ignorance: Avoiding risk information about breast cancer*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington, DC.
- *Howell, J. L., Shepperd, J. A. (2011, June). *T.M.I.: What parents and children don't want to know about each other*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, DC.
- *Howell, J. L., *Collisson, B. D., *Crysel, L., *Garrido, C. O., *Newell, S. M., Cottrell, C. A. (2011, November). *Managing unexpected IAT feedback*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Johnson City, TN.
- *Howell, J. L., *Sweeny, K. A. & Shepperd, J. A., *Le, B. (2011, November). *Do as I say (not as I do): When recommendations are inconsistent with actions*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Johnson City, TN.
- *Gesselman, A. N., *Howell, J. L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2011, November). *Factors underlying information avoidance in close relationships*. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Charleston, SC.
- *Malone, W., & Shepperd, J. A. (2010, January). *When ignorance is bliss: Testing motivations to avoid information*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Melnyk, D., *Malone, W., & *Sweeny, K. (2010, January). *Information avoidance*. Health Preconference to the Annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.
- *Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2010, January). *Is caution the better part of valor? Preferences for action vs. inaction in response to bad news*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.
- *Howell, J. L., Shepperd, J. A. (2010, June). *Reducing avoidance of health information by prompting metacognitive processes*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston.
- O'Neill, S. C., Lipkus, I. M., Sanderson, S. C., Shepperd, J. A., Docherty, S., & McBride, C. M. (2010, August). *Reliability and predictive validity of a measure of motivations for genetic testing for common disease risk*. 11th International Congress of Behavioral Medicine, Washington, DC.
- Sanderson, S. C, Shepperd, J. A., McBride, C. M., Docherty, S., O'Neill, S. C., & Lipkus, I. M. (2010, November). *Reactions of smokers to an information pamphlet about genetic testing for a common lung cancer-associated gene variant*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics, Washington, DC.

- *Malone, W. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2009, February). *Religiosity and risk behavior*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.
- *Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2009, May). *Giving bad news about health: A focus on goals*. Annual meeting for the American Psychological Society, San Francisco.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Malone, W., *Sweeny, K., & *Melnyk, D. (2009, November). *Calculated ignorance*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Ft. Myers, Florida.
- *Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2008, February). *Preferences in responding to bad news*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.
- Shepperd, J.A., & Youngblade, L. (2008, March). *Do adolescents view themselves as invulnerable?* Annual meeting for the Society for Research on Adolescents, Chicago.
- Lipkus, I., & Shepperd, J. A. (2008, November). *College smokers' estimates of their probabilities of remaining a smoker in the near future*. Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Chicago.
- *Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2007, January). *Being the best bearer of bad tidings: A test of the bad news response model*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.
- *Terry, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2007, January). *Do people anticipate bracing for bad news and what reasons do they offer for bracing?* Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.
- *Grace, J., & Shepperd, J. A. (2007, January). *Why do people avoid medical attention?* Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis TN.
- *Carroll, P., Shepperd, J., & Arkin, R. (2006, January). *Downward self-revision*. Poster presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.
- *Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2006, February). *Influencing audience satisfaction by manipulating expectations*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.
- *Terry, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2006, February). *Does case-based information lead to accuracy or optimism in personal predictions?* Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.
- Shepperd, J. A. (November, 2006). *How pervasive is comparative optimism?* Invited talk, International Society for Self and Identity Pre-conference. Philadelphia, PN.
- *Carroll, P.J., & Shepperd, J. A., & *Dockery, K. (2005, February). *The Experience of disappointment*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- *Dockery, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2005, February). *Do people brace sensibly? Risk judgments, outcome importance and risk prevalence*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- *Terry, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2005, February). *The stability of personal standards over time and their consequences for outcome satisfaction*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- *Rabhan, L., & Shepperd, J. A. (2005, November). *Why are comparative judgments not comparative?* Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Jacksonville, FL.
- Shepperd, J. A., Hoorens, V., & Smitts, T. (2005, November). *How pervasive is comparative optimism?* Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Jacksonville, FL.

- Sweeny, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (2005, November). *The Likelihood of preparing*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Jacksonville, FL.
- *Carroll, P.J., & Shepperd, J. A. (2004, January). *Smoke on self-horizons-expressions of comparative bias*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- *Dockery, K., Shepperd, J. A., & *Carroll, P. J. (2004, January). *Bracing for others*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- *Koch, E. J., & Shepperd, J. A. (2004, January). *Self-esteem: competence or acceptance?* Symposium Co-chair, Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Shepperd, J. A. (2004, January). *Self-regulation through future predictions*. Preconference on the self, Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- *Terry, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2004, January). *Changing standards: adjusting the definition of an acceptable outcome*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Dockery, K., & *Carroll, P. (2004, October). *The effect of expectations on feelings about outcomes*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Forth Worth, TX.
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Dockery, K. (2004, November). *Do people brace for the outcomes of others?* Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Greenville, SC.
- *Koch, E. J., & Shepperd, J. A. (2004, November). *Does self-complexity moderate responses to rejection?* Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Greenville, SC.
- *Koch, E., Shepperd, J. A., & *Jasser, J. (2003, February). *Self versus other comparisons in women's weight perceptions*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Los Angeles, CA.
- *Grace, J., & Shepperd, J. A. (2003, February). *An uncomfortable appointment: Exploring self-presentational concerns in medical testing*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Los Angeles, CA.
- *Terry, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (2003, June). *Reducing optimistic bias by providing case-specific information*. Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- *Carroll, P., & Shepperd, J. A. (2002, February). *Origin of bias*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Savannah, GA.
- *Klein, C. T. F., & Shepperd, J. A. (2002, February). *Risk judgments and precautionary behavior*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Savannah, GA.
- *Koch, E. J., & Shepperd, J. A. (2002, February). *Self-esteem: competence or acceptance?* Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Savannah, GA.
- *Gardner, R. E., Hausenblas, H. A., & Shepperd, J. A. (2002, April). *How do we compare? Exploring comparative optimism in a weight loss program*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Philadelphia, PA.
- *Grace, J. & Shepperd, J. A. (2001, February). *Anxiety and bracing: The pain of imminent feedback*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- *Koch, E. J., & Shepperd, J. A. (2001, February). *Alternative views of low self-esteem*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Shepperd, J. A. (2001, May). *The optimistic bias: Personal optimism or interpersonal pessimism?* Conference on Social Psychology and Public Health, Chambery, France.

- *Symons Downs, D., Shepperd, J. A., & Hausenblas, H. A. (2001, October). *Does every cloud have a silver lining? Exploring the optimistic bias in jogging performance*. Annual meeting of the Society for the American Association of Athletics and Sports Psychology, Orlando, FL.
- Helweg-Larsen, M., Shepperd, J. A. (2000, February). *The Optimistic bias: Moderators and measurement concerns*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Nashville, TN.
- Shepperd, J. A. (2000, February). *Bracing for loss*. Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Nashville, TN.
- *Rottblatt, S., & Shepperd, J. A. (2000, March). *Age differences in the optimistic bias: re-addressing the adolescent invulnerability question*. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Shepperd, J. A. (2000, June). *What are people thinking when they brace for the worst?* Invited symposium talk at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Miami, FL.
- *Walters, A., Shepperd, J. A., & Brown, L. M. (2000, June). *Stereotype threat: An examination of process*. Hot topics talk at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Miami, FL.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1999, March). *Landing your dream job in academe: Marketing yourself for research or teaching-oriented positions*. Invited symposium talk, Southeastern Psychological Association, Savannah.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Kwavnick, K. D., *Findley-Klein, C., *Walker, D., & *Perez, S. (1999, April). *Bracing for loss*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1999, June). *Beyond self-esteem: Self-protection, threat, and self-worth*. Symposium discussant at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Denver.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1999, November). *Bracing for loss: Examining competing explanations*. Invited symposium talk at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Richmond, VA.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1999, November). *Does the optimistic bias reflect personal optimism or pessimism for others?* Invited talk, NSF Health Cognitions Conference, Captiva, FL.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1998, May). *Social loafing and expectancy value theory*. Invited symposium talk presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1998, May). *Bracing for the worst: Exchanging optimism for pessimism in personal predictions*. Invited talk presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- *Tobin, S., & Shepperd, J. A. (1998, May). *Bracing for unwanted outcomes: The role of need state and perceived control in personal predictions*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- *Findley-Klein, C. T., & Shepperd, J. A. (1998, November). *Bracing for loss: The influence of chronic need states*. Presented at the annual meeting of Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Athens, GA.
- *Kwavnick, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (1997, May). *Personal need states and nature of the event as moderators of predictions of future events*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- *Taylor, K. M., & Shepperd, J. A. (1997, May). *The moderating effect of severity in the temporal transition from optimism to pessimism*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.

- Helweg-Larsen, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (1997, October). *The Optimistic bias: Moderators and measurement concerns*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Toronto, Canada.
- *McNulty, J., *Findley-Klein, C., & Shepperd, J. A. (1997, October). *Anxiety and self-relevant predictions*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1997, October). *Maladaptive self-presentation*. Invited talk to the annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Chapel Hill, NC.
- *Taylor, K. M., & Shepperd, J. A. (1996, May). *Cognitive other-enhancement: Perceptions versus Presentations*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1996, October). *Bracing for failure: Exchanging optimism for pessimism in personal predictions*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychologists, Sturbridge, MA.
- *Kwavnick, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (1996, November). *The source of the optimistic bias*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1996, November). *Sandbagging: Feigning incompetence to undermine an opponent's effort*. Invited presentation to the annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Alessi, M., & *Boniecki, K. (1995, March). *Self-esteem as a moderator of responses to preexisting handicaps*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Savannah, Georgia.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1995, May). *Protecting identity in competition: Perceiving advantages in a comparison target*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- *Taylor, K. M., & Shepperd, J. A. (1995, May). *Self-Esteem as a moderator of cognitive other-enhancement*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1995, May). *Interviewing for academic jobs: Small colleges vs large universities*. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Behavioral Neuroscience, Santiago, Spain.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1995, September). *Displaying oneself as incompetent: The hustler effect*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychologists, Washington, D.C.
- *Taylor, K. M., & Shepperd, J. A. (1995, November). *Self-presentational concerns and cognitive other-enhancement*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Boca Raton, FL.
- *Kwavnick, K., & Shepperd, J. A. (1995, November). *Sex differences in self-handicapping*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Boca Raton, FL.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1994, April). *Self-Handicapping: An overview*. Presented to the Psychology Advisory Committee, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- *Gross, J. K., & Shepperd, J. A. (1994, May). *Hurting others vs helping oneself: The choice between self-handicapping and other-enhancement*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Gross, J. K. (1994, May). *The role of anxiety in lowering performance expectations*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.

- Shepperd, J. A. (1994, November). *Abandoning unrealistic optimism: Performance estimates and the temporal proximity of self-relevant feedback*. Invited symposium talk at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1993, March). *Looking back: Things I wished I had done differently in graduate school*. Invited symposium talk at the 39th annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Atlanta.
- *Bucklin, A., *Kilty, M., & Shepperd, J. A. (1993, May). *Predictors and consequences of victim blaming*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- *Kohl, R., *Foley, B., *Berry, B., *Mahoney, D., *Walen, L., & Shepperd, J. A. (1993, May). *Protecting the self in competition: Self-handicapping and other-enhancement*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1993, August). *Eliminating social loafing by increasing the value and indispensability of contributions*. Invited symposium talk at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Management, Atlanta.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1993, November). *Altruism as a deterrent to motivation and productivity loss in groups*. Invited symposium talk at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Gatlinburg, TN.
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Ouellette, J. A. (1992, April). *Unrealistic optimism and strategic pessimism: Outcome expectancies and anticipated evaluation*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association, Austin.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1992, May). *Altruistic concerns as a deterrent to productivity loss in groups*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A., & *Ouellette, J. A. (1992, August). *Undermining an opponent's effort: The strategic portrayal of self-handicaps*. Presented at the 100th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1992, August). *Whatever happened to Psi Chi's Gilford and Newman award winners?* Invited symposium talk at the 100th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1991, May). *Perceptions of the SAT: Objective appraisal or motivated bias?* Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A., Kramer, P., & Weiss, C. S. (1990, May). *Evaluating mental illness: Evidence for a sex-role bias*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1990, June). *Student derogating of the SAT: Rational appraisal or motivated bias?* Presented at the 1990 Conference on Motivation and Emotion, Nags Head, NC.
- Shepperd, J. A., *Simko, M. M., & *Furtado, B. (1990, August). *Affective benefits of behavioral other-enhancement: Parallels to self-handicapping*. Presented at the 98th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1989, April). *Other-enhancement: An alternative to self-handicapping*. Symposium presentation at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association, Houston.
- Shepperd, J. A., & Arkin, R. M., *Walker, M., & *McSpadden, C. (1989, May). *Behavioral other-enhancement: An extension of self-handicapping*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A. (1989, August). *Hardiness, stressful events, and health: Testing the direct and buffering effects*. Presented at the 97th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans.

- Shepperd, J. A., & Wright, R. A. (1988, March). *Vested interest as a deterrent to social loafing*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A., & Arkin, R. M. (1988, April). *Cognitive other-enhancement: Protecting the self by exaggerating the abilities of a competitor*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Strathman, A. J., & Shepperd, J. A. (1988, April). *Attractiveness and height: Do short people really "got no reason to live"?* Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Strathman, A. J., Arkin, R. M., & Shepperd, J. A. (1988, April). *Self-esteem as a moderator of ability versus effort attributions for performance outcomes*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A., & Arkin, R. M. (1988, August). *Self-handicapping and the self-concept*. Symposium presentation at the 96th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Atlanta.
- Shepperd, J. A., Slaughter, J., & Arkin, R. M. (1988, August). *Telling the truth or making an excuse: A test of excuse theory*. Presented at the 96th annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Atlanta.
- Shepperd, J. A., & Arkin, R. M. (1987, May). *Self-handicapping and self-consciousness: The mediating roles of public self-consciousness and ego-involvement*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Arkin, R. M., & Shepperd, J. A. (1987, July). *Strategic self-presentation: The antecedents and consequences of self-handicapping*. Presented at the 3rd International Conference of the British Psychological Society, Bristol, England.
- Shepperd, J. A., Strathman, A. J., & Arkin, R. M. (1987, August). *Other-enhancement: Self-handicapping through enhancing the performance of another*. Presented at the 95th meeting of the American Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- Shepperd, J. A., Miller, P. J., & Arkin, R. M. (1986, May). *Self-handicapping and self-consciousness*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Shepperd, J. A., McNeil, M., & Leary, M. R. (1985, April). *Preferences for objective and nonobjective information*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association, Austin, TX.

Invited Talks & Colloquia (110 total)

- Avoiding Information. University for Florida, Department of Psychology, March 2022.
- A psychological approach to bridging America's gun divide. Family, Youth & Community Sciences, University of Florida, October 2021.
- Interpersonal Comparisons. Department of Psychology, University for Florida, September, 2021.
- A psychological approach to the gun divide in America, May 2021. Virtual Conference: Bridging the Divide: Bringing Together Gun Owners and Non-Gun Owners for Real Reform.
- Why smart people make bad decisions. Honors College, College of Central Florida, April 2019.
- A psychological perspective on the gun divide in America. Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Symposium on Gun Violence: Law, Politics, and Public Policy. University for Florida School of Law, April 2019.
- Understanding the gun divide in America, Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, October 2018.

Union and division: A psychological perspective on the gun debate in American, Institute for American Universities, Aix-en-Provence, France, April 2018.

Maintaining life quality by avoiding information, University of Nice, France, April 2018.

Understanding the gun divide in America, March "March" in Aix-en-Provence, France, March 2018.

Gun attitudes on college campus: United and divided by safety needs. University for Colorado, September 2017.

Gun attitudes at the University of Florida. University for Florida, Department of Psychology, February 2017.

Information avoidance. University of Leads, April 2017.

Calculated ignorance: Why does it occur and what can we do about it. University for Freiburg, Germany, July 2016.

The Consequences of unrealistic optimism. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, March, 2016.

Surveying campus concealed carry attitudes. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, January, 2016.

Calculated ignorance. Tulane University, October, 2015.

Validating a measure of economic status. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, September, 2015.

Calculated Ignorance: Why people avoid information and what should we do about it. Research Day Key Note Address. University of Missouri, April, 2015.

Reducing problematic information avoidance: A test of three interventions. Keynote Address, Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Athens, GA.

Calculated ignorance. University of Colorado, September, 2014.

Avoiding feedback about skin damage. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, September, 2014.

Realizing the promise of social psychology in improving health. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, January, 2014.

Managing threat through ignorance. Southwestern University, October, 2013.

Information avoidance. University of Florida, October, 2013.

Avoiding information. Columbia University, April, 2013.

Managing threat by avoiding information. National Cancer Institute, March, 2013.

Exploring barriers to screening for oral cancer. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, March 2013.

Calculated ignorance: What, when, why & who. Texas A&M University, December, 2012.

Calculated ignorance. Research Day Key Note Address. Georgia Southern University, May, 2012.

Information avoidance: What, when, why & who. University of North Carolina, February, 2012.

Calculated ignorance: Who, what when & why. University of North Texas, December, 2011.

- Avoiding information: Motivations and moderators. Portland State University, October, 2011.
- Ineffective health behavior, Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, January, 2011.
- Dealing with bad news. University of Florida Cancer Population & Control Group, Gainesville, FL, December, 2010.
- Is knowledge power or is ignorance bliss? Virginia Commonwealth University, November, 2010.
- When ignorance is bliss: Exploring the who, what, when and why of information avoidance. George Washington University, October, 2010.
- Opting for ignorance. University of Maryland, September, 2010.
- Information avoidance. NIH Human Genome Research Center, Washington, DC, August, 2010.
- The argument for ignorance. Pacific Lutheran University, May, 2010.
- Calculated ignorance: Who, what, when & why. Department of Consumer Behavior, University of Florida, March, 2010.
- Calculated ignorance. University of Texas, Austin. March, 2010.
- Pointers on attending a professional conference. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, January, 2010.
- Reflections on social psychology: Addressing criticisms of the field. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, November, 2009.
- Preparing for and responding to possible bad news: Bracing & information avoidance. National Institute of Cancer, Washington, DC, November, 2009.
- Information avoidance: When ignorance is bliss. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, October, 2009.
- Responding to possible threatening information: bracing and avoidance. National Institute of Cancer, Washington, DC, July, 2009.
- Information avoidance: The what, when, why & who of calculated ignorance. Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven Belgium, May 2009.
- Strategies for analyzing data. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, February, 2009.
- How to review a manuscript. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, February, 2009.
- How to spend time wisely at a professional conference. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, January, 2009.
- Expectations and health perceptions. University of Florida Honors College, November, 2008.
- Social psychology and cancer research. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, September, 2008.
- Integrative group discussion on social psychology & Cancer. National Institute of Cancer, Washington, DC., June 2008.
- Re-examining the adolescent invulnerability hypothesis. Developmental Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, February, 2008.
- Do adolescents view themselves as invulnerable? Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, February, 2008.

- Self-processes in cancer research. National Institute of Cancer, Washington, DC, September 2007.
- Shifts in future outlooks. Université de Savoie, Chambéry, France, June, 2007.
- Publishing tips. Université de Savoie, Chambéry, France, June, 2007.
- Generating research ideas. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, September, 2006.
- Seeking and applying for external funding. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, September, 2006.
- How faculty hiring decisions are made. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, August, 2006.
- Fluctuations in future outlooks. Université Paris X, Paris, France, May 2006.
- Social loafing and social facilitation. Université Paris X, Paris, France, May 2006.
- Social dilemmas and social traps. Université Paris X, Paris, France, May 2006.
- Contemplating the future: From optimism to pessimism. Trinity University, San Antonio, January, 2006.
- Biases in self-judgments and perceptions. Tejas Club, Austin, Texas, November, 2005.
- Fulbright research in Belgium. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, Gainesville, September 2005.
- Self biases. Retirement Education Institute, Gainesville, Florida, February, 2005.
- Preparing for the future by shifting expectations. University of Erlangen, Erlangen, Germany, May 2004.
- Preparedness and future outlooks. Groningen University, Groningen, Netherlands, May 2004.
- Shifts from optimism in predictions. Katholieke University, Leuven, Belgium, April 2004.
- Fluctuations in future outlooks. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, January, 2004.
- Generating research ideas. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, October, 2003.
- Strategies for analyzing data. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, September, 2003.
- Preparing for the worst. College of Education, University of Florida, November, 2001.
- Risk judgments in anticipation of feedback. Furman College, Spartansburg, NC, November 2001.
- Bracing for bad news. Ogelthorpe University, Atlanta, GA, April 2001.
- The virtues of expecting the worst. Alternative Medicine Forum, University of Florida Medical Center, April, 2001.
- Examining relative risk estimates: Optimism in personal estimates or pessimism in target estimates. Transylvania University, March, 2000.
- Are people optimistic for themselves or pessimistic for others? University of Kentucky, Lexington. March, 2000.
- Predicting the future: Are people optimistic, pessimistic or both? University of Florida, January, 2000.
- Does the optimistic bias reflect personal optimism or pessimism for others? Rice University, December, 1999.

- The virtues of expecting the worst. University of North Carolina, Greensboro, April, 1999.
- Bracing for loss. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, January, 1999.
- Pessimism and optimism in personal predictions. University of Sussex, Brighton, England, November 1998.
- Bracing for unwanted feedback. University of Florida, April, 1998.
- Questions on the academic job interview. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, March, 1998.
- Bracing for the worst: Exchanging optimism for pessimism in personal predictions. Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX, March, 1998.
- Applying to graduate school: How psychology graduate admissions committees evaluate applicants. Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX, March, 1998.
- Ten things I learned at Southwestern: Memories from an alumnus. Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX, March, 1998.
- Graduate training in social psychology. University Psychology Association, University of Florida, January, 1998.
- Bracing for Failure: Personal predictions in anticipation of feedback. University of Georgia, May, 1997.
- Probing interactions: ANOVA vs. contrast analysis. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, March, 1997.
- Getting the most from majoring in psychology. Psi Chi National Honor Society, University of Florida, September, 1996.
- Expecting the best vs. bracing for the worst: Optimism, pessimism, and the misattribution of arousal. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, September, 1996
- Undermining and opponent's effort by displaying oneself as incompetent. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, September, 1995.
- The Transition from optimism to pessimism in personal predictions. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, August, 1994.
- Regulating self-esteem and identity through self-handicapping. Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, January, 1994.
- Derogation of the SAT: Biases in perceptions and presentations of college board scores. Social Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Florida, October, 1992.
- Productivity loss in groups: A motivation analysis. University of Florida, October, 1992.
- Anticipatory protective strategies: Self-handicapping and other-enhancement. Brocton VA Hospital, June, 1992.
- Causes of and solutions to low productivity in groups. Holy Cross College, March, 1992.
- Obscuring the link between performance and evaluation: Self-handicapping and other-enhancement. Washington University, December, 1991.
- Situational determinants of self-handicapping. Connecticut College, December 1991.
- Productivity loss in groups: A motivation analysis. Texas A&M University, June, 1991.
- Preemptive Strategies for sustaining identity. Sam Houston State University, March, 1991.

Behavioral other-enhancement. University of Texas, February 1991.

Preemptive protective strategies: Self-handicapping and other-enhancement. University of Texas at Arlington, November, 1990.

Obscuring the link between performance and evaluation: Self-handicapping and other-enhancement. Texas A&M University, September, 1990.

Protecting the self through self-handicapping. Auburn University, April, 1989.

Strategies for protecting esteem: Self-handicapping and other-enhancement. Northeastern University, January, 1989.

Student Committees

Senior Honor Theses (40 total, 19 as chair)

Suzanne Altobello, 1993
 Rebecca Martinez, 1993
 Denise Wiesler, 1993
 John Murray, 1993 (chair)
 Marycely Alessi, 1994 (chair)
 Alicyn Baker, 1994 (chair)
 Jason Broom, 1994 (chair)
 Jenny Irvin, 1994
 Rob Soucherman, 1994 (chair)
 Jeff Wentzel, 1994
 Diana Joyce, 1995 (chair)
 Laura Klein, 1995 (chair)
 Stephanie Tobin, 1997 (chair)
 Sylvia Perez, 1998 (chair)
 Danette Walker, 1998 (chair)
 Constance Howell, 1998
 Mark Truhio, 1999
 Misty Marshall, 1999
 Shari Rottblatt, 2000 (chair)
 Jaime Jasser, 2001 (chair)
 Cindy Zapata, 2002
 Lisa Cherry, 2003 (chair)
 Kristin Finklea, 2003
 Emilie Lenes, 2003
 Lindsey Rabhan, 2006 (chair)
 Rachael Hubbard, 2007
 Anna May, 2007 (chair)
 Kimberly Gold, 2008
 Bonnie Richards, 2008
 Meghan Hansen, 2008 (chair)
 Erin Cooley, 2009
 Raj Anderson, 2011 (chair)
 Viktoria Sisko, 2011
 Isabel Solomon, 2012
 Dea Garic, 2013
 Devon Price, 2013 (chair)
 Joelle Dorsett, 2020 (chair)
 Elise Belkin (2022)
 Stephen Sedwick (2021)
 Aisha Yusof (2023)

Masters Theses (40 total, 16 as chair or co-chair)

Julie Gross, 1994 (chair)
 Christopher Hays, 1994
 Cynthia Findley, 1996
 Susan Johnson, 1996
 Andrew Christopher, 1996
 Kevin Taylor, 1996 (chair)
 Micky Uglum, 1996
 Kim Kwavnick 1997 (chair)
 Beth Pontari 1998
 Alyssa Walters, 1998
 Ligia Ortega, 1999 (chair)
 Andy Quinn, 2000
 Amy Mitchell, 2002
 Patrick Carroll, 2002 (chair)
 Kate Dockery, 2003 (chair)
 Meredith Terry, 2004 (chair)
 Kathy Grey, 2004
 Marissa Miller, 2005
 Hong Li, 2005
 Allison Earl, 2006
 Darya Melnyk, 2007
 Wendi Malone, 2008 (chair)
 Corey Cook, 2009
 Corinne Novell, 2010 (co-chair)
 Jenny Howell, 2011 (chair)
 Kirsten Nielsen, 2013 (chair)
 Carla Marie Strickland-Hughes, 2015
 Natalie Weldon, 2015
 Nickolette Lipsey 2016 (chair)
 Joy Losee 2016 (co-chair)
 Gaby Pogge 2016 (chair)
 Casey Fiume, 2016
 Shubam Sharma, 2017
 Elizabeth Kerner 2020 (chair)
 Rachel Forsythe 2020 (chair)
 Karla Girón, 2020
 Yijun Lin, 2022
 Eva Garcia, 2023
 Anaís Ortez, 2023
 Ilerioluwa Akinnola, 2024

Doctoral Dissertations (62 total, 18 as chair or co-chair)

Rudolpho Murphy, 1993
Eric Rosenthal, 1993
Tom Britt, 1994
John Pennington, 1994
Steve Phillips, 1995
Tim Burke, 1995
Gregg Steinberg, 1995 (sports psych)
Shawn Prichard, 1996
Kurt Boniecki, 1997
Cyndi Frisby, 1997 (journalism)
Iris Arbuch, 1998 (sports psych)
Doug Barba, 1998 (sports psych)
Cynthia Findley, 1999 (chair)
Andrew Blair, 2000
Kevin Taylor, 2000 (chair)
Alyssa Walters, 2000 (chair)
Jim McNulty, 2001
Beth Pontari, 2001
Ann Patel, 2002 (clinical psych)
Erika Koch, 2002 (chair)
Danielle Symons, 2002 (sports psych)
Roxanne Thorne, 2002
Pat Carroll, 2004 (chair)
Shenghua Luan, 2004
Jodi Grace, 2005 (chair)
Penny McNatt, 2005
Scott Wowra, 2005
Paul Seignourel, 2006 (clinical psych)
Meredith Terry, 2006 (chair)
Marissa Miller, 2008
Ryan Johnson, 2008
Sarah Lynn, 2008
Kate Sweeny 2008 (chair)
Will Hart, 2009 (co-chair)
Darya Melnyk, 2009 (chair)
Wendi Malone (Miller), 2010 (chair)
Austin Nichols, 2010
Melisa Minor, 2011 (marketing)
Kimberly Jones, 2011
Corinne Novell, 2012 (chair)
Brian Collison, 2013
Hyejoon Rim, 2013 (communications)
Doori Song, 2013 (advertising)
Tatiana Schember-Orozco, 2013
Laura Dwyer, 2013 (GWU)
Laura Crysel, 2014
Amanda Gessellman, 2014
Margaret Lisuzzo (criminology), 2014
Jenny Howell (chair), 2015
Steven Newell (chair), 2015
Angela Zhang (communications) 2015
Carla Marie Strickland-Hughes, 2017
Liz Redford, 2018

Nicholas Green, 2019
Nikolette Lipsey, (chair) 2019
Gabrielle Pogge, (chair) 2019
Joy Losee, 2020
Elizabeth Kerner (chair) 2023
Rachel Forsythe (chair)
Victoria Colvin, 2024
Yijun Lin
Anaïs Ortez