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## Academic Appointment

### James Madison University

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Psychology (2019-Present)

## Education

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Psychology-The University of Michigan**      2013-2019  
Department of Psychology, Personality & Social Context Area  
Teaching Certificate with Digital Media Emphasis (Graduate Certificate; CRLT)  
Dissertation: Internalized Stigma for Concealable Marginalized Identities: A Barrier to Group-Related Political Engagement?

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.)-Arizona State University**      2009-2013  
Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude* with Honors Distinction

## Research

### James Madison University-Harrisonburg, VA

Aug. 2019-Present      **Structural Oppression as Feelings, Attitudes, and Behaviors (S.O.F.A.B.) Psychology Lab**  
Primary Investigator

### University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, MI

Sept. 2013-Aug. 2019      **Gender and Personality in Context Lab**  
Graduate Student Researcher with Dr. Abigail J. Stewart  
Sept. 2014-Aug. 2019      **Stereotypes and Prejudice Research Interest Group**  
Graduate Student Researcher with Dr. Denise Sekaquaptewa

### Arizona State University-Tempe, AZ

Jan. 2012-Jan. 2013      **ASU Gay and Lesbian Parents Study**  
Undergraduate Research Assistant with Dr. Keith Crnic and Dr. Joshua Kellison  
Jan. 2011-Dec. 2011      **Evolutionary Social Cognition Laboratory**  
Undergraduate Research Assistant with Dr. Steven Nueberg and Dr. Douglas Kenrick

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

- Blankenship, B.T.**, & Stewart, A.J. (2022) The Best Little Kid in the World: Internalized Sexual Stigma and Extrinsic Contingencies of Self-worth, Work Values, and Life Aspirations among Men and Women. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 52, 361-376.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.2800>
- Blankenship, B.T.**, Davis, T., Arequin, M.A., Savaş, Ö., Winter, D., & Stewart, A.J. (2021). Trust and Tribulation: Racial Identity Centrality, Institutional Trust, and Political Support for Candidates in the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 21, 1-35  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12256>
- Savaş, Ö., Greenwood, R.M., **Blankenship, B.T.**, Stewart, A. J. & Deaux, K. (2021). All Immigrants are Not Alike: Intersectionality Matters in Views of Immigrant Groups. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, 9(1), 86-104. <https://doi.org/10.5964/jspp.5575>
- Blankenship, B. T.** & Stewart, A.J. (2019). Threat, Trust, and Trump: Identity and Voting in the 2016 Presidential Election. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 7(3), 724-736.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2019.1633932>
- Foster, M., Hennessey, E., **Blankenship, B.**, Stewart, A. J. (2019). Can "slacktivism" work? Perceived power differences moderate the relationship between social media activism and collective action intentions through positive affect. *Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace*, 13(4). <https://doi.org/10.5817/CP2019-4-6>
- Graham-Bailey, M., Richardson, B., **Blankenship, B.T.**, Stewart, A.J., & Chavous, T. M. (2019). Examining college students' multiple social identities of gender, race, and socioeconomic status: Implications for intergroup and social justice attitudes. Manuscript in press at *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*, 12(4), 377–389. <https://doi.org/10.1037/dhe0000098>
- Blankenship, B.T.**, Savaş, Ö., Frederick, J. K., Stewart, A. J. (2018). Piecing together the American voting puzzle: How voters' personalities and judgments of issue importance mattered in the 2016 presidential election. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 17(1), 172-197.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12157>
- Blankenship, B. T.**, & Stewart, A. J. (2017). Intersectional identities, identity dimensions, and academic contingencies of self-worth. *Identity: An International Journal of Theory and Research*, 17(3), 109–124. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15283488.2017.1340159>
- Blankenship, B. T.**, Frederick, J. K., Stewart, A. J., Savaş, Ö., Stewart, A. J., & Montgomery, S. (2017). Privilege and marginality: How group identification and personality predict right- and left-wing political activism. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 17(1), 161-183.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12132>

### ***Recent Conference Presentations & Posters***

- Blankenship, B.T.** (2022, June) This is Who/Where I Am: Place Identity Dimensionality and Voting. [Conference Session]. 17th Annual Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention, San Juan, PR, USA [Presentation was cancelled due to flight cancelation].
- Deree, T.\*, & **Blankenship, B.T.** (2022, April 1<sup>st</sup>) *Intercorrelations between essentialism and the identities of religion, politics, nationality.* [Poster presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science Convention, Staunton, VA, USA.
- DiPalermo, A.\*, Miller, L.A.\*, Woodfaulk, S.\* & **Blankenship, B.T.** (2022, April 1<sup>st</sup>) *Social identity, perceptions of at-risk groups and COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy.* [Poster presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science Convention, Staunton, VA, USA.
- Hopper, L.G.\*, & **Blankenship, B.T.** (2022, April 1<sup>st</sup>) *You are what you (can't) eat: Neoliberalism and perceptions of charitable food assistance recipients.* [Poster presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science Convention, Staunton, VA, USA.
- Miller, L.A.\*, & **Blankenship, B.T.** (2022, April 1<sup>st</sup>) *Loving your skin: Skin color satisfaction, internalized racism, and self-esteem.* [Poster presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science Convention, Staunton, VA, USA.
- Saudi, A.\*, Solo-Sakks, Z.\*, Hopper, L.G.\*, Garcia, E.\* & **Blankenship, B.T.** (2022, April 1<sup>st</sup>) *Place identity dimensionality and voting among college students.* [Poster presentation]. Virginia Association for Psychological Science Convention, Staunton, VA, USA.
- Blankenship, B.T.** (2022, February 19<sup>th</sup>) Healthcare Anxiety and Internalized Stigma: Barriers to LGBTQ+ Health. In B. T. Blankenship (Chair), *Queer, Fat, and Addicted: Health Stigma and Intersectional Identity Processes* [Symposium]. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Blankenship, B.T.**, Hopper, L.\* & Saudi, A.\* (2021, June). *Healthcare Anxiety and Identity Dimensionality among Gender and Sexual Minority Groups* [Poster presentation] 16th Annual Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention, online.
- Blankenship, B.T.**, DiPalermo, A.\*, & Miller, L.\* (2021, June). *Perceptions of At-Risk Groups and COVID-19 Beliefs and Behaviors* [Poster presentation] 16th Annual Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Convention, online.
- Blankenship, B.T.** (2021, February). *Identity, Trust in Social Institutions, and Voting in the 2020 Election* [Poster presentation] 22nd Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, online.
- Blankenship, B.T.** & DiPalermo, A.\*, Pineda-Hernandez, M.\*, & Sedlazeck, A.\* (2021, February). *Identity Dimensions as Predictors of COVID-19 Beliefs & Behaviors* [Poster presentation] Self and Identity Preconference of the 22nd Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, online.

\* = student co-presenters.

## Teaching

### James Madison University-Department of Psychology

<i>Course</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Term(s)</i>	<i>Role</i>
PSYC 101	General Psychology	ST23	Instructor of Record
PSYC 211	Psychological Methods	ST20, SU20, FT20 ST21, SU21, ST22, SU22	Instructor of Record
PSYC 220	Psychology & Culture	FT19, ST20, FT20 ST21, FT21	Instructor of Record

## Service

### *Professional Affiliations*

American Psychological Association-Member (2019-Present)  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)-Member (2014-Present)  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)-Member (2013-Present)  
International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)-Member (2015-Present)  
Virginia Association for Psychological Science-Member (2021-Present)  
Faculty Network for Student Voting Rights, Curr. & Scholarship Committee-Member (2021-Present)  
Scholars Strategy Network-Virginia Chapter Co-Chair (2020-Present)

### *Professional Service*

#### **Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)**

Conference Chair (2023)  
Action Teaching Committee (2022)  
Graduate Student Committee Member-at-Large, Membership Coordinator (2018-2019)  
Preconference Co-organizer (2018)  
Graduate Student Peer Mentor (2016-2018)

#### **Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)**

G.A.S.P. Faculty Mentor (2020)  
Conference Volunteer (2018)  
Diversity Committee Mentor (2018)

#### **Scholars Strategy Network**

Chapter Co-Leader (2021-Present)  
Building Trust in Elections (VA) Team

#### **Editorial/Review Service**

The National Science Foundation Grants Program (2022)  
Personality and Individual Differences, Reviewer (2020, 2021, 2022)  
Political Behavior, Reviewer (2020)  
Psychology of Women Quarterly, Reviewer (2019)

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