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EDUCATION

PhD, Social Psychology , <i>Loyola University Chicago</i>	2015
MA, Social Psychology , <i>Loyola University Chicago</i>	2011
BA, Psychology , <i>Marshall University</i>	2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Psychology , <i>James Madison University</i>	2022 – present
Assistant Professor of Psychology , <i>James Madison University</i>	2016 – 2022
Adjunct Professor of Psychology , <i>Loyola University Chicago</i>	2015 – 2016

RECENT GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Nominated for the A. Jerry Benson Faculty Engagement Award , <i>JMU College of Health and Behavioral Studies</i>	2023
Engagement Mini-Grant , \$4,910, <i>JMU Faculty Senate</i>	2021
Nominated for Goodman Faculty Award , <i>JMU Department of Psychology</i>	2021
Research Mini-Grant , \$245, <i>JMU College of Health and Behavioral Studies</i>	2020
Outstanding Junior Faculty Award , <i>JMU College of Health and Behavioral Studies</i>	2018

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Mallett R.K., Harrison P.R., & Melchiori K.J. (2021) Guilt and Environmental Behavior. In Maggino F. (eds), *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research*, 2nd Ed. Cham, Switzerland: Springer.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-69909-7_3962-2

Woodzicka, J., Mallett, R. K., & Melchiori, K. J. (2020). Gender differences in using humor to respond to sexist jokes. *HUMOR: International Journal of Humor Research*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1515/humor-2019-0018>

Mallett, R. K., & Melchiori, K. J. (2019). Goals drive responses to perceived discrimination. In Mallett, K. J., & Monteith, M. J. (Eds.), *Confronting Prejudice and Discrimination: The Science of Changing Minds and Behaviors* (pp. 95-120). Cambridge, MA: Elsevier.

Melchiori, K. J., & Mallett, R. K. (2018). Quantitative coding of qualitative data gathered in a lab experiment. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*, 2. doi: 10.4135/9781526444110

Melchiori, K. J., & Mallett, R. K. (2018). Examining responses to sexism using a high-impact, high-psychological realism lab study. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*, 2. doi: 10.4135/9781526439031

RECENT PRESENTATIONS (STUDENT CO-AUTHORS IN BOLD)

Melchiori, K. J., Woodzicka, J. A., & Mallett, R. K. (2023). Men's Anticipated Responses to Being Confronted for Sexism. Poster presentation for the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Hickey, E. R., Polk-Trauman, C. U., Melchor, M. E., & Melchiori, K. J. (June 2022). Do Social Appeals to Vaccine Hesitancy Differ Due to Race? Poster presentation for the annual meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Chavez, E. A., Tran, J. I. Turner, K. D., & Melchiori, K. J. (June 2022). The Effects of Race and Vaccine Hesitancy on Response Affect. Poster presentation for the annual meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Chavez, E. A., Hickey, E. R., Polk-Trauman, C. U., Turner, K. D., & Melchiori, K. J. (April 2022). Vaccine Hesitancy Impacts Vaccine Advocacy Responses. Poster presentation for the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Melchiori, K. J., **Jennings, S., Parnell, N., Cassidy, E., Woodzicka, J. A.,** & Mallett, R. K. (August 2021). Persuasiveness of humorous vs. serious confrontations of sexism. Poster presentation for the annual meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, hosted online.

Melchiori, K. J., Mallett, R. K., & Woodzicka, J. (April 2021). Serious vs. humorous confrontations of sexism. Presentation for the annual meeting (virtual) of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Bloom, K. & Melchiori, K. J. Syllabus format impacts student perceptions of instructors. (April 2021). Poster presentation for the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, hosted online.

Melchiori, K. J., & Taylor Jaffee, A. (March 2021). Strategies for responding to bias in your community. Presentation for the JMU Diversity Conference (virtual).

Melchiori, K. J., & Mallett, R. K. (October 2019). Moral appeals and confrontation. Paper for the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Toronto, Canada.

Melchiori, K. J. (April 2019). Partisanship shapes reactions to sexism perpetrators and confronters. Presentation for the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Merrell, L., Collazo-Vargas, E., Henry, D.S., Ott-Walter, K., & Melchiori, K. J. (April, 2019). Lessons learned: A University pilot of Unequal Partners and considerations for future implementation. Facilitated discussion for the National Sex Ed Conference, Newark, NJ.

Ott Walter, K., Collazo Vargas, E., Henry, D.S., Merrell, L. K., & Melchiori, K. J. (January 2019). Participating in a lesson focused on alcohol use and sex as part of a sexual assault prevention program impacts sex-related alcohol expectancies in college students. Poster presented at the NASPA Strategies Conference, Washington, D.C.

Henry, D. S., Melchiori, K. J., Merrell, L., Ott Walter, K., & Collazo Vargas, E. (November 2018). Evaluating the Impact of a 3-part Educational Session on Rape Myth Acceptance among College Freshman. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Melchiori, K. J. (August 2018). Fostering a sense of belonging and supporting success in graduate students of lower-SES backgrounds. In Williams, W. R., & Pickering, R. M. (Chairs), Making Psychology More Inclusive of SES and Students/Professionals of Lower-SES Backgrounds. Conversation Hour for the annual meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Pittsburgh, PA.

Bonilla, K., Heitt, B., Nguyen, T., Melchiori, K. J., & Ashburn-Nardo, L. (June 2018). Agency in Choices Impacts Workplace Flexibility Consideration. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Pittsburgh, PA.

Libera, K., Horton, S., O'Brien, K., Gray, L., Melchiori, K. J., Henry, D., Merrell, L., Collazo, E., & Ott Walter, K. (June 2018). Sexual Assault Prevention Program impacts Rape Myths through Ambivalent Sexism. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Pittsburgh, PA.

Amin, A. B., Bednarczyk, R. A., **Ray, C. E.,** Melchiori, K. J., Graham, J., Huntsinger, J. R., & Omer, S. B. (April 2018). Associations of moral foundations with vaccine hesitancy. Presentation for the Society of Behavioral Medicine 39th annual conference, New Orleans, LA.

Woodzicka, J. A., Mallett, R. K., & Melchiori, K. J. (April 2018). Gender differences in using humor to respond to sexist jokes. In J. Woodzicka & R. Mallett (Chairs), Not "Just a Joke": Perceiving and Responding to Disparagement Humor. Symposium for the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Lyons, C. W., Shoup-Knox, M., Baker, S. C., & Melchiori, K. J. (March 2018). Creating diversity champions and instituting change through a Diversity Reading Group. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges & Universities Network for Academic Renewal, San Diego, CA.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

APA Division 9: Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

APA Division 8: Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

APA Division 2: Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP)

Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA)

Social Psychology Network (SPN)

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Honors, publications, and presentations prior to 2018

Teaching experience

History of professional, university, and departmental service

Contact information for referees