

# Geoffrey L. McKinley

## Curriculum Vitae – August 28, 2025

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., *University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign* 2018  
Department of Psychology, Cognitive Division  
Minor: Quantitative Psychology
- M.A., *University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign* 2015  
Department of Psychology, Cognitive Division  
Minor: Quantitative Psychology
- B.S., *Arizona State University*  
Psychology, summa cum laude 2011

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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- Assistant Professor 2023–present  
Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Post-doctoral Research Fellow 2021–2023  
*Skidmore College*
- Post-doctoral Research Fellow 2018–2021  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*

## GRANT ACTIVITY

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- 2018      ***Optimizing Foil Selection for Police Photo Lineups***  
National Science Foundation, SES  
Principal Investigator: John Wixted  
Role: Co-Investigator  
Status: Unfunded
- 2013      National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  
Status: Unfunded
- 2012      National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  
Status: Unfunded

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Decision-making during study and recall, strategy selection and aging in skill acquisition, the role of reminding in learning, conversation and memory, eyewitness memory and reliability, misinformation, metamemory, recognition memory, and model building.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Peterson, D.J., Price, J. M., **McKinley, G.**, Brauer, S., Guo, A., Branes-Huff, E., Coughlin, D., DeSousa, S., Epstein, H., Kayser, E., Lawrence, E., & Richards, H. (2025). Fake news on social media: Examining how social endorsement cues impact credibility assessments in younger and older adults. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/mac0000239>

**McKinley, G. L.**, & Peterson, D. J. (Phase 1 Registered Report accepted). The effect of fake news on memory for true events. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 39(1). <https://doi.org/10.1002/acp.70019>

**McKinley, G. L.**, Kuhns, J. M., Touron, D. R., & Hertzog, C. (2024). The role of metacognitive uncertainty in the retrieval shift of older adults. *Aging, Neuropsychology, and Cognition*, 31(1), 16–37. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13825585.2022.2112142>

**McKinley, G. L.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2023). Using objective measures to examine the effect of suspect-filler similarity on eyewitness identification performance. *Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications*, 8, 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41235-023-00522-w>

**McKinley, G. L.**, Benjamin, A. S., & Gronlund, S. D. (2023). Metamnemonic predictions of lineup identification. *Memory*, 31, 1019–1038. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09658211.2023.2218123>

**McKinley, G. L.**, Peterson, D. J., & Hout, M. C. (2023). How does searching for faces among similar-looking distractors affect distractor memory? *Memory & Cognition*, 51, 1404–1415. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13421-023-01405-7>

**McKinley, G. L.**, & Benjamin, A. S. (2020). The role of retrieval during study: Evidence of reminding from overt rehearsal. *Journal of Memory and Language*, 114, 104128. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jml.2020.104128>

**McKinley, G. L.**, Ross, B. H., & Benjamin, A. S. (2019). The role of retrieval during study: Evidence of reminding from self-paced study-time. *Memory & Cognition*, 47(5), 877-892. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13421-019-00897-6>

**McKinley, G. L.**, Brown-Schmidt, S., & Benjamin, A. S. (2017). Common ground in conversation. *Memory & Cognition*, 45(8), 1281-1294. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13421-017-0730-3>

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2017 Beckman Institute Cognitive Science/Artificial Intelligence Award  
Competitive award given at the graduate level to encourage interdisciplinary research
- 2016 Graduate College Travel Award  
Competitive grant awarded at the college level to fund conference travel  
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
- 2015 William Brewer Teaching Award  
Award given at the division level for teaching  
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
- 2014 Graduate College Travel Award  
Competitive grant awarded at the college level to fund conference travel  
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- McKinley, G. L., Peterson, D. J., & Hout, M. C. (2022, November). *How does searching for multiple faces among similar-looking distractors affect search performance and distractor memory?* Poster presented at the annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Boston, MA.
- McKinley, G. L., Kuhns, J. M., Touron, D. R., & Hertzog, C. (2021, November). *The role of metacognitive uncertainty in the delayed shift of older adults.* Poster presented at the annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Benjamin, A. S., McKinley, G. L. (2018, May). *Retrieval in the Information Age: How efficient interface design thwarts long-term memory.* Paper presented at the International Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- McKinley, G. L., Benjamin, A. S., & Gronlund, S. D. (2017, November). *Metamnemonic predictions of lineup identification performance.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Vancouver, BC.
- McKinley, G. L., & Benjamin A. S. (2016, November). *Self-paced study of repeated words.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Boston, MA.
- McKinley, G. L., Brown-Schmidt, S., & Benjamin A. S. (2015, November). *Common ground in conversation: Evidence from item and context memory.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL.
- McKinley, G. L., Benjamin A. S., & Ross, B. H. (2014, November). *Retrieval during encoding: Evidence from study time and overt rehearsal.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Long Beach, CA.

## INVITED TALKS

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- McKinley, G. L. (2020, October). *Metamnemonic predictions of lineup identification under conditions of exposure variability*. Cognitive Talk Series, School of Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology.
- McKinley, G. L. (2019, October). *The role of metacognitive uncertainty in retrieval aversion of older adults*. Cognitive Talk Series, School of Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology.
- McKinley, G. L. (2019, January). *The cognitive consequences of looking up information*. Cognitive Talk Series, School of Psychology, Georgia Institute of Technology.
- McKinley, G. L. (2017, October). *Using design constraints to encourage retrieval*. Cognitive Talk Series, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.
- McKinley, G. L. (2017, September). *Using design constraints to encourage retrieval*. Education Talk Series, Department of Education, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.
- McKinley, G. L. (2017, January). *Can underconfidence hurt memory performance via retrieval avoidance?* Cognitive Talk Series, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.
- McKinley, G. L. (2016, September). *Can people accurately assess their ability to make a future identification?* Cognitive Talk Series, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.
- McKinley, G. L. (2014, September). *Common ground in conversation: Evidence from item and context memory*. Cognitive Talk Series, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.
- McKinley, G. L. (2013, September). *Retrieval during encoding: Evidence from study time and overt rehearsal*. Cognitive Talk Series, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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*MATLAB, R Project for Statistical Programming* (13 years)  
*Javascript* (4 years)  
*GIMP* (9 years)  
*SAS, SPSS, Eyelink 1000* (1 year)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Ad hoc reviewer

*National Science Foundation (NSF)*  
*Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*  
*Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*  
*Journal of Memory and Language*  
*Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, & Cognition*  
*Neuropsychologia*  
*Memory and Cognition*  
*Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience*  
*Cognitive Psychology*  
*Applied Cognitive Psychology*  
*Studies in Second Language Acquisition*  
*Experimental Psychology*  
*Metacognition and Learning*  
*Frontiers in Cognition*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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*Minnesota State University, Mankato*

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| PSYC 415  | Human Memory (primary instructor)<br>Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025                                    |
| PSYC 325  | Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (primary instructor)<br>Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025 |
| PSYC 211W | Research Methods and Design<br>Spring 2024, Fall 2024   |
| PSYC 206  | Introduction to Cognitive Science<br>Fall 2025  |
| PSYC 201  | Statistics for Psychology<br>Spring 2025  |

*Courses taught at other previous institutions*

Cognition, Learning and Memory, Psychology and Law

*I have also worked as a teaching assistant for the following courses:*

Learning and Memory, Introduction to Experimental Psychology, Psychology and Law,  
Introduction to Statistics, and Intermediate Statistics

## REFERENCES

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