

Benjamin Hardin

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Education

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO | August 2023 – present

Ph.D. in Psychological and Brain Sciences (expected)

Advisor: Jessie Sun

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC | August 2021 – August 2023

M.A. in Psychology

Advisors: William Fleeson, Lara Kammrath

The University of Mississippi, University, MS | August 2017 – May 2021

B.A. in Psychology (magna cum laude)

Minor: Neuroscience

Advisor: Carrie Veronica Smith

Publications

Fleeson, W., Furr, R.M., Jayawickreme, E., & **Hardin, B.** (2022). Honesty as a Trait. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 47, 101418.

Hardin, B.S., & Smith C.V. (2022). Darker by the day: Daily variability in dark personality traits. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 185(1), 111248.

Hardin, B.S., Smith, C.V., & Jordan, L.N. (2021). Is the COVID-19 pandemic even darker for some? Examining dark personality and affective, cognitive, and behavioral responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 171(1), 110504.

Working Papers

Hardin, B., Scott, S. E., & Sun, J. (submitted). *Beliefs about the causal interdependence of virtues and vices*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

<https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/v6yhx>

Hardin, B., Trammell, T. & Sun, J. (in prep). *Everyday virtue expressions as a function of virtue traits and situational affordances*. Manuscript in preparation.

Zhang, Q., Jacobson, J., **Hardin, B.**, & Sun, J. (in prep). *Virtue tradeoffs in everyday life*. Manuscript in preparation.

Invited Talks

Virtue Affordances: Examining Everyday Opportunities for Moral Action (2024, September).
Department of Psychology, Linfield University.

Chaired Symposia

Hardin, B. (2025, June). *Virtues in daily life*. Symposium presented at 9th Association for Research in Personality Biennial Conference. Speakers: Benjamin Hardin, Merve Balkaya-Ince, Kate Sweeny, Qilin Zhang.

Hardin, B., & Sun, J. (2024, August). *Challenges and innovations in the measurement of moral personality*. Symposium presented at 21st European Conference on Personality. Speakers: Jessie Sun, Nicole Casali, Qilin Zhang, Benjamin Hardin, and Luna Rabl. Discussant: Luke D. Smillie.

Conference Talks

Hardin, B., Trammell, T., & Sun, J. (2025, June). Everyday virtue expressions as a function of virtue traits and situational affordances. *Association for Research in Personality*. Evanston, IL.

Hardin, B., Trammell, T., & Sun, J. (2025, June). Virtue Affordances: Examining Everyday Opportunities for Virtuous Actions. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Ithaca, NY.

Hardin, B., Trammell, T., & Sun, J. (2024, August). The Importance of Situational Affordance for the Measurement of Virtues in Daily Life. *European Conference on Personality*. Berlin, Germany.

Hardin, B., Scott, S. E., & Sun, J. (2024, June). The Interdependence of Virtues and Vices. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. West Lafayette, IN.

Conference Posters

Hardin, B., Zhang, Q., Sun, J. (2025, February). Moral opportunities in daily life. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Moral Psychology Preconference*. Denver, CO.

Hardin, B., Kammrath, L. K., & Fleeson, W. (2024, February). Does benevolent goal pursuit influence prosocial lying? *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. San Diego, CA.

Hardin, B., & Fleeson, W. (2023, February). When the truth matters, goals predict honesty in romantic relationships. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Atlanta, GA.

Hardin, B., & Smith C.V. (2022, February). Darker by the day: Daily variability in dark personality traits. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. San Francisco, CA.

Hardin, B., Smith, C.V., & Jordan, L.N. (2021, February). Is the COVID-19 pandemic even darker for some? Examining dark personality and affective, cognitive, and behavioral responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in a representative sample of 412 Americans. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*.

Awards & Honors

Patience in Adversity Early-Career Psychology Fellowship: Virtual Inquiry Group (\$1,000)
European Conference for Personality Travel Scholarship (€250, European Association for Personality Psychology)

Jombock Student Research Travel Grant (\$400, 2023, Wake Forest University)

Alumni Travel Award (\$300, 2022, Wake Forest University)

Phi Beta Kappa (2021, University of Mississippi)

Chancellor's List (2018 – 2021, University of Mississippi)

Professional Service

Ad-hoc Reviewing (5 reviews)

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, European Journal of Personality, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Journal of Happiness Studies, Current Psychology

Departmental Service

Graduate Student Brownbag Coordinator (2024 – 2025, Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences)