

Michelle Handy

Ph.D. Candidate

Education

- 2016 **B.S. with Honors**, *University of Maryland, College Park*, Psychology.
- 2020 **M.A.**, *University of California, Santa Barbara*, Psychological & Brain Sciences.
- 2021 **Ph.D.**, *University of California, Santa Barbara*, Psychological & Brain Sciences.

Theses

- 2020 **Master's Thesis:**, *Regional Extreme Weather Concern and its Relation to Support for Environmental Action*, Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences (advisor: David Sherman, Ph.D.).
- 2016 **Honor's Thesis:**, *Examining the Effects of Combined Construal on Task Persistence*, Department of Psychology, University of Maryland (mentor: Richard Yi, Ph.D.).

Professional Memberships

- 2016-present **Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)**.
- 2016-present **Association for Psychological Science (APS)**.
- 2016-present **American Psychological Association (APA)**.
- 2016-present **Phi Beta Kappa Society**.

Research Experience

Paid Positions

- 2020 **Graduate Student Researcher (\$1,000)**, as part of "Health Psychology & COVID-19 Interview Project", APS Teaching Fund Microgrants program (PI: Dr. David Sherman).

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- 2020 **Graduate Student Researcher (\$6,185)**, as part of LVLWGB, NSF Grant, (PI: Dr. Lisa Leombruni with Co-PI: Dr. Heather Hodges).
- 2019 **Graduate Student Researcher (\$7,137)**, as part of “Sociocultural Determinants of Human Motives”, NSF Grant (PI: Dr. David Sherman with Co-PI: Dr. Heejung Kim).
- 2019 **Graduate Student Researcher (\$5,223)**, as part of “Gift Fund; Debris Flow, Project Code KE538”, (PI: Dr. Ed Keller).
- 2018 **Graduate Student Researcher (\$2000)**, as part of “Promoting HPV Vaccination among College Students Via Health Message Framing”, UC Health Psychology Consortium Seed Grant, 2017, \$9,994 (PI: Dr. David Sherman with Co-PI: Dr. Kate Sweeny).

Publications

1. Sherman, D. K., **Shteyn, M. F.**, Han, H., & Van Boven, L. (2020). The exchange between citizens and elected officials: A social psychological approach to lobbying for climate policy. *Behavioural Public Policy*.
2. Sherman, D.K., Updegraff, J., **Handy, M.S.**, Eom, K., & Kim, H. (in press). Beliefs and social norms as precursors of environmental support: The joint influence of collectivism and socioeconomic status. *Personality & Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Manuscripts under Editorial Review or In Preparation

1. Anderson, S.E., **Handy, M.S.**, Gehlbach, H., & Virlar-Knight, D. (in preparation). Psychological distance and the effect of connecting extreme weather events to climate change.
2. Binning, K.R., Conrique, B.I., Areguin, M., Brick, C., Ehret, P., **Handy, M.S.**, Updegraff, J.A., & Sherman, D. K. (in preparation). Health messaging in a diverse society: Effects of gain and loss frames on health behaviors among latina/os in the U.S.
3. **Handy, M.S.**, Block, D.M., Kim, H., Knowles, E.D., Mildenerberger, M., & Sherman, D.K. (in preparation). Regional extreme weather concern and its relation to support for environmental action.

Published Conference Abstracts or Presentations

1. **Shteyn, M.F.** (2020, February). *Regional Extreme Weather Concern and its Relation to Support for Environmental Action*. Single Presenter talk at SPSP’s Symposium on “Harnessing Social Psychology to Address Social Issues and Public Policy,” New Orleans, LA.
2. **Shteyn, M.F.** (2019, August). *Psychological Proximity to Extreme Weather and its Relation to Regional Climate Change Beliefs and Policy Support*. Data blitz talk presented at SPF 2019: Big Data in Personality and Social Psychology, St. Louis, MO.

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3. **Shteyn, M.F.** (2019, February). *Immediacy and Psychological Distance: Effects on Environmental Action*. Poster presentation at the SPSP Sustainability Psychology Preconference, Portland, OR.
4. **Shteyn, M.F.** (2017, January). *Discussing the Null Effects of Construal Level on Task Persistence*. Poster presentation at the SPSP Self-Regulation Preconference, San Antonio, TX.

Research Awards and Academic Honors

- 2020 **Graduate Travel Award Winner**, 2020 SPSP Convention.
- 2019 **Registration Award**, SPSP Summer Psychology Forum: Big Data.
- 2016 **Senior Marshal**, 2016 Psychology Department Commencement Ceremony, University of Maryland.
- 2015 **Summer Scholars Award**, 2015 BSOS Dean's Research Initiative (\$2000), University of Maryland.
- 2014 **College Park Scholars Citation**, Life Sciences Program.
- 2014 **Outstanding Citizenship Award**, College Park Scholars.
- 2012-2016 **President's Scholarship (\$20,000)**, University of Maryland.

Teaching

Teaching Assistant

- 2018, 2021 **Health Psychology**.
- 2018, 2020 **Introduction to Psychology**.

Lab Instructor

- 2020 **Statistical Methods in Psychological & Brain Sciences**.
- 2019 **Addressing Social Problems with Psychological Science**.
- 2018 **Laboratory in Research Methods**.
- 2018 **Laboratory in Advanced Research Methods**.

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2017,2020 **Laboratory in Advanced Research Methods in Social Psychology.**

Mentoring

Present **Mentor of 3 research assistants and leader of weekly academic reading group.**

2018 **McNair Scholar Summer Mentor**, UCSB Academic Research Consortium, Mentored a first-generation, underrepresented student in her applications to Ph.D. programs.

2016 **Appointed Career Panel Speaker**, *Freshman Colloquim*, University of Maryland College Park Scholars Life Sciences.

2013-2014 **Peer Mentor for Freshman Class**, *College Park Scholars Life Sciences*.

Guest Lectures

2019 **Immediacy and Psychological Distance: Effects on Environmental Action**, *Guest lecture for Addressing Social Problems with Psychological Science (PSY160)*, Psychological & Brain Sciences Department, UC Santa Barbara.
*(also cited above under Published Conference Abstracts and Presentations).

2019 **Health Psychology and the Environment**, *Guest lecture for Health Psychology (PSY101)*, UC Santa Barbara.

Professional Activities

2019 **Reviewer for 2 papers for the Journal of Behavioural Public Policy.**

Invited Talks

1. Leombruni, L., Hodges, H., **Shteyn, M.F.**, & Brush, A. (2020, October). *Enhancing Experiential Digital Learning: Exploring the Impact of Interactive & Narrative-Driven Media on Informal STEM Learning in Kids & Young Adults*. Presentation to PBS NOVA Polar Extremes.
2. **Shteyn, M.F.** (2020, February). *Regional Extreme Weather Concern and its Relation to Support for Environmental Action*. Social Psychology Area Meeting presentation, Psychological & Brain Sciences Department, UC Santa Barbara.*(also cited above under Published Conference Abstracts and Presentations)
3. **Shteyn, M.F.** (2020, January). *Construal Level and Work Motivation*. Lab meeting presentation, Management and Organization Department, USC Marshall School of Business.

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4. **Shteyn, M.F.** (2019, May). *Immediacy and Psychological Distance: Effects on Environmental Action*. Graduate student mini-convention presentation, Psychological & Brain Sciences Department, UC Santa Barbara.
5. **Shteyn, M.F.** (2016, April). *Examining the Effects of Combined Construal on Task Persistence*. Poster presentation at the Annual Department of Psychology Poster Presentations, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. *(also cited above under Published Conference Abstracts and Presentations)

Service

2020 **Chair of Symposium, SPSP**, “*Harnessing Social Psychology to Address Social Issues and Public Policy*”, New Orleans, LA.

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