

Julia Smoot

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2023-Present University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI

Rackham Graduate School: Gender and Feminist Psychology PhD Candidate

- Fourth year doctoral candidate
- Advisor: Dr. Sara McClelland *Associate Professor of Psychology & Women's and Gender Studies*

2022-23 University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI

Rackham Graduate School: M.S. Psychology 2023

- AMDP Program in Personality and Social Contexts Psychology
- Rackham Merit Fellowship Award Winner
- Advisor: Dr. Terri Conley *Gender and Feminist Psychology Area Chair; Professor of Psychology*

2018-22 University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI

College of Literature, Science, and the Arts-

Honors College: Bachelor's of Science 2022

- Mathematical Sciences (Operations Research and Modeling) and Cognitive Science (Decision & Cognition) Double Major
- Minor in LGBTQ+ Studies
- Advisor: Dr. Terri Conley *Gender and Feminist Psychology Area Chair; Professor of Psychology*

Publications & Works in Progress

Smoot, J. E. & McClelland, S.I. (pending review) Distrust of abortion decision makers: A closer look at pro-life and mixed abortion identity perspectives. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*.

McClelland, S. I. & **Smoot, J. E.** (in prep). Studying abortion using feminist methods. In Bullock, H. & Zurbriggen, E. (Eds.) *The Handbook of Feminist Political Psychology*, DeGruyter.

Conley, T., **Smoot, J. E.**, Mikaniki, B., Hernandez, V., Zielger, A. (Accepted, pending publication) What does the Mosher Sex Guilt Inventory measure? Considerations of sexual conservatism, sex guilt, and adverse sexual outcomes. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

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Theses

Smoot, J. (2025) *Mythology and Magical Thinking: How Cultural Beliefs Shape Individual Abortion Attitudes* (Unpublished Master's Thesis)

Smoot, J. (2023) *Measurements of Sex Guilt v.s. Conservatism in Sexually Liberal Individuals: The Revised Mosher Sex Guilt Inventory* (Unpublished Master's Thesis)

Smoot, J. (2022) *Measurements of Sexual Guilt v.s. Conservatism Among Sexually Liberal Individuals: The Revised Mosher Sex Guilt Inventory and Other Measures* (Unpublished Undergraduate Honors Thesis)

Research Interests

- Reproductive Justice
- Abortion Attitudes
- Social Imaginaries
- Medicalization

Research Experience

2023- Present Progress Lab- P.I. Dr. Sara McClelland

- Qualitative interview data analysis using Delve and NVivo
- Study design and execution with existing data sets
- Managing a team of three undergraduate research assistants

2021-2026 Stigmatized Sexualities Lab- P.I. Dr. Terri Conley

- Conducting a 250 participant, in person, prime study to test the validity of a measure of sexual guilt
- Recruiting, mentoring, and training undergraduate research assistants to effectively lead participants through a priming task and computer survey
- Using SPSS software to to analyze data collected with Qualtrics

Honors, Awards, and Nominations

Funding Awards

2023 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant
2022 Lelahni L. Wessinger Fund
2022 Rackham Merit Fellowship

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Professional Memberships

2024 - Present	Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
2024 - Present	National Women's Studies Association
2023 - Present	Association of Women in Psychology
2022 - Present	Society of Personality and Social Psychology

Conference Presentations

June 2026	Society for the Psychology Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) ❖ Rhetorics of [Il]Legitimacy: The Racial Context of Abortion Clinics
June 2025	Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) ❖ Magical Thinking and Abortion Attitudes (15-minute talk)
November 2024	National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) ❖ Mythologies of Mistrust: Abortion Attitudes and Mistrust in Medicine
June 2024	Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) ❖ Measurements of Sexual Guilt vs. Sexual Conservatism (15-minute talk)
March 2023	Association of Women in Psychology (AWP) ❖ Measurements of Sexual Guilt vs. Conservatism Among Sexually Liberal Individuals: The Revised Mosher Sex Guilt Inventory and Other Measures (Poster)
February 2023	Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) ❖ Measurements of Sexual Guilt vs. Conservatism Among Sexually Liberal Individuals: The Revised Mosher Sex Guilt Inventory and Other Measures (Poster)

Teaching Experience- University of Michigan

2026	Introduction to Psychology: Psych 111 <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> <u>Professor Shelly Schreier</u>
	Perspectives in Women's Health: WGS 220 <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> <u>Professor Cynthia Gabriel</u>
2025	Perspectives in Women's Health: WGS 220 <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> <u>Professor Joann Bailey</u>

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Psychology of Women and Gender: Psych 291

Graduate Student Instructor

Professor Sara McClelland

2024

Introduction to Social Psychology: Psych 280

Course Administrator & Graduate Student Instructor

Professor Dina Gohar

2023

Introductory Psychology: Psych 111

Graduate Student Instructor

Professor Shelly Schreier

2022

University of Michigan Bridge Program: Math 103

Course Assistant

University Service and Leadership Experience

2025 - 2026 Psychology Departmental Associate

- Organizing student meetings to discuss coursework, program requirements, and to build community among graduate students
- Serving as a voting member of the faculty committee
- Planning orientation and recruitment weekend social events

2024-2025 Psychology Student Academic Affairs Graduate Student Representative

- Serving on a committee to decide criteria for a new undergraduate student summer funding award
- Contributing to discussions about course requirements for the psychology major
- Meeting with the External Review Committee to discuss future goals for the Psychology department.

2023-2025 Graduate Student Event Coordinator- Department of Women's and Gender Studies (WGS)

- Planning, coordinated, and advertising the 5-part WGS brown bag series. This is a series of talks each with three graduate student presenters and around 25 attendees. Events were carried out with a variety of accessibility standards in mind (social, physical, dietary).

2022- 2024 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Mentorship

- Training and advising undergraduate students in experimental methodology and lab procedures