

MIRANDA REYNAGA

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EDUCATION

University of Utah

Honors Bachelor of Science in Psychology

2017-2020

Honors Thesis Title: Perspectives from Students in the Native American Summer Research Internship Program

University of Michigan

Master of Science in Psychology

2021-2023

Readers: L. Monique Ward and Robin Edelstein

Thesis Title: This Barbie is in STEM: Intersections of media use, race, gender stereotypes, and STEM beliefs

University of Michigan

PhD in Psychology (Personality & Social Contexts)

2021-

Committee: L. Monique Ward (chair), Robin Edelstein, Sonya Dal Cin, Jennifer Stevens Aubrey

Dissertation Title: "Stop shaming us": An analysis of positive sexuality messages on youth television and their influence on young women's emerging sexual attitudes

RESEARCH TOPICS

- Media influences on adolescent and emerging adult beliefs about gender, sexuality, and relationships
- Romantic and sexual content in popular media
- Close relationships including romantic and caregiving relationships

AWARDS/HONORS

The John A. Swets Memorial Award for Excellence in Collaborative Research in Psychological Science (Graduate Student Investigator)

2023

Project Title: A dyadic, experimental approach to understanding biopsychosocial effects of sleep on relationship outcomes

Co-Investigators: Amie Gordon (lead investigator), Robin Edelstein (faculty investigator), Emily Diamond (graduate student investigator), Annika From (graduate student investigator), and Nazanin Kafae (graduate student investigator)

Convocation Student Speaker

2021

Description: Invited to deliver the student address at the University of Utah College of Social and Behavioral Science's graduation ceremony

Darke Honors Essay Award Recipient**2019-2020**

Description: Awarded \$1,500 for essay examining the intersection of medicine and behavioral sciences

Solution Scholar Scholarship Recipient**2018-2020**

Description: Competitive scholarship program (\$2,000) training students to develop solutions to global challenges through research and experiential learning

PUBLICATIONS (presented in reverse chronological order)

From, A., Diamond, E., Kafae, N., **Reynaga, M.**, Edelstein, R., & Gordon, A. (2025). Does similarity matter? A scoping review of perceived and actual similarity in romantic couples. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Ward, L. M., Banks, J., Bridgewater, E. E., & **Reynaga, M.** (2025). Social identity. In E. Scharrer (Ed.). *Children, media, and technology: Access, equity, diversity, and inclusion*. Routledge.

Banks, J., Monier, M., **Reynaga, M.**, & Williams, A. (2024). From the auction block to the Tinder swipe: Black women's experiences with fetishization on dating apps. *New Media & Society*, 14614448241235904. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448241235904>

Ward, L. M., Bridgewater, E. E., & **Reynaga, M.** (2024). Media influences. In W. Troop-Gordon & E. W. Neblett Jr. (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Adolescence* (2nd ed., Vol. 2, pp. 246-256). Academic Press. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-96023-6.00076-2>

Cloyes, K.G., **Reynaga, M.**, Vega, M., Hebdon Thomas, M., Thompson, C., Rosenkranz, S.J., Tay, D., Reblin, M., & Ellington, L. (2023). The burden of having to wonder: Hospice caregiving experiences of LGBTQ+ cancer family caregivers. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*.

Tay, D. L., Reblin, M., Jacob, E., Cloyes K. G., Thomas Hebdon, M., **Reynaga, M.**, Mooney, K., & Ellington, L. (2023). Cancer hospice caregivers' self-care behaviors: The role of caregiving tasks, burden, and mental health. *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing*.

Cloyes, K. G., **Jones, M.**, Gettens, C., Wawrzynski, S. E., Bybee, S., Tay, D. L., Reblin, M., & Ellington, L. (2022). Providing home hospice care for LGBTQ+ patients and caregivers: Perceptions and opinions of hospice interdisciplinary care team providers. *Palliative & Supportive Care*, 21(1), 3-11.

Reynaga, M., Bybee, S., Gettens, C., Tay, D. L., Reblin, M., Ellington, L., & Cloyes, K. G. (2022). "We treat everyone equally": Hospice care team members' language use regarding sexual and gender minority patients and caregivers. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*.

Aaron, S. P., Waters, A., Tolentino, A., Rascon, A., Phan, C., Chen, E., Travers, J., **Jones, M.**, Kent-Marvick, J., & Thomas Hebdon, M. (2022). Complex identities, intersectionality and research approaches in millennial family caregivers in the United States. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*.

- Thomas Hebdon, M. C., **Jones, M.**, Neller, S., Kent-Marvick, J., Thomas, M., Stewart, M., Aaron, S., Wilson, C., Peterson, N., & Ellington, L. (2021). Stress and supportive care needs of Millennial caregivers: A qualitative study. *Western Journal of Nursing Research*.
- Tay, D. L., Iacob, E., Reblin, M., Cloyes, K. G., **Jones, M.**, Thomas Hebdon, M. C., Mooney, K., Beck, A. C., & Ellington, L. (2021). What contextual factors account for anxiety and depressed mood in hospice family caregivers? *Psycho-Oncology*.
- Tay, D. L., Thompson, C. **Jones, M.**, Gettens, C. Cloyes, K. G., Reblin, M., Thomas Hebdon, M. C., Beck, A. C., Mooney, K., & Ellington, L. (2021). 'I feel all alone out here': Analysis of audio diaries of bereaved hospice family caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing*.
- Cloyes, K.G., Tay, D.L., Iacob, E., **Jones, M.**, Reblin, M., & Ellington, L. (2020). Hospice interdisciplinary team providers' attitudes toward sexual and gender minority patients and caregivers. *Patient Education and Counseling*.
- Jones, M.**, Kamimura, A., Levitt, S.E., Juarez, N., & Holsti, M. (2019). Perspectives from students in the Native American Summer Research Internship Program. *Diversity & Equality in Health and Care*, 16(4). doi:10.36648/2049-5471.16.4.195
- Jones, M.** (2018). Improving health outcomes in American Indian/Alaska Native communities: Why investment from local stakeholders is crucial to the tribal consultation process. *Hinckley Journal of Politics*, 19(1). Retrieved from <http://epubs.utah.edu/index.php/HJP/article/view/4126>
- Jones, M.**, Weaver, S., Panahi, S., & Kamimura, A. (2018). Indigenous peoples' health in the United States: Review of outcomes and the implementation of community-based participatory research. *Diversity & Equality in Health and Care*, 15(2). doi:10.21767/2049-5471.1000157

PUBLICATIONS (under review)

- Brandon, R., From, A., **Reynaga, M.**, Devine, H., Gordon, A., & Edelstein, R. (under review). Testosterone changes in couples in response to a caregiving task with an infant simulator. *Hormones and Behavior*.
- Ward, L. M., Bridgewater, E., & **Reynaga, M.** (accepted). Black girl, white world: Media contributions to diverse body concerns for Black women. *Body Image*.

PUBLICATIONS (in preparation)

- Reynaga, M.**, Maciel, I. V., Bridgewater, E. E., & Ward, L. M. (revising manuscript for submission). Am I doing this right?: A content analysis of normative sexual scripts presented on youth-oriented television.
- Bridgewater, E. E., **Reynaga, M.**, Ribeiro Brown, B., & Ward, L. M (manuscript writing). I am, therefore, I choose: An investigation of how youths' social identities drive their media choices and how these choices relate to well-being.

PRESENTATIONS (presented in reverse chronological order)

- Ward, L. M., Bridgewater, E., & **Reynaga, M.** (2025, June). Black girl, white world: Media contributions to diverse body concerns for Black women [Paper presentation]. 75th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Denver, CO, United States.
- Bridgewater, E. E., **Reynaga, M.**, Brown, B. R., & Ward, L. M. (2025, May). I am, therefore, I choose: An investigation of how youths' social identities drive their media choices and how these choices impact well-being [Conference presentation]. Communication Horizons Conference: Media, Health, and Society, University of California, Davis, CA, United States.
- Reynaga, M.**, Ward, L. M., & Bridgewater, E. (2024, April). Reality check: How gender and racial identity moderate relations between reality TV and gender role beliefs [Symposium]. Society for Research on Adolescence 2024 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.
- From, A., Diamond, E., Kafae, N., **Reynaga, M.**, Edelstein, R. S., & Gordon, A. M. (2024, February). Does similarity matter for romantic relationships? Results from a systematic review of 303 studies. [Poster presentation]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, United States.
- Busschots, M., Edelstein, R. S., From, A., & **Reynaga, M.** (2023, April). Unequal distribution of baby care and gratitude to one's partner. [Poster presentation]. Psychology Research Forum, Ann Arbor, MI, United States.
- Wang, A., From, A., **Reynaga, M.**, Edelstein, R. S., & Gordon, A. M. (2023, April). I can't tell if you're listening: Effect of sleep deprivation on perceived partner responsiveness. [Poster presentation]. Psychology Research Forum, Ann Arbor, MI, United States.
- Scott, G., **Reynaga, M.**, From, A., Edelstein, R. S., & Gordon, A. M. (2023, April). We're having a baby! Cortisol, narcissism, and conflict. [Poster presentation]. Undergraduate Research Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI, United States.
- Dubois, J., **Reynaga, M.**, From, A., Edelstein, R. S., & Gordon, A. M. (2023, April). Is it naptime yet? Exploring the impact of sleep on infant caregiving. [Poster presentation]. Undergraduate Research Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI, United States.
- Cuenca, H., **Reynaga, M.**, From, A., Edelstein, R. S., & Gordon, A. M. (2023, April). Infant simulators, stress, and the transition to parenthood. [Poster presentation]. Undergraduate Research Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI, United States.
- Reynaga, M.**, Ward, L. M., & Rowley, S. (2023, March) Not that kind of girl: Intersections of media use, race, gender stereotypes, and STEM beliefs [Symposium]. Society for Research in Child Development 2023 Biennial Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, United States.
- Devine, H., From, A., **Reynaga, M.**, Edelstein R. S., & Gordon, A. M. (2023, February). Falling asleep at the stroller: Sleep quality and childcare division. [Poster presentation]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, United States.
- Cloyes, K. G., Reblin, M., Hebdon, M. T., **Jones, M.**, & Ellington, L. (2022, November). Alignment of communication and support needs between LGBTQ+ family caregivers

of hospice patients and providers [Conference presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN, United States.

- Thomas Hebdon, M. C., **Jones, M.**, Vega, M., Rosenkranz, S., Cloyes, K. G., Reblin, M., Mooney, K., Beck, A., & Ellington, L. (2022, September). Symptoms and emotions: Hospice cancer caregivers' audio diary comparisons. [Poster presentation]. Biennial Conference on Caregiving Research of The National Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Family Support, Pittsburgh, PA, United States.
- Yang, T. A., **Jones, M.**, Piemonte, J. L., & Conley, T. D. (2022, June). Childhood Sexual Abuse and Negative Sexual Messaging, and Adulthood Sexual Satisfaction. [Poster presentation]. 2022 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, San Juan, PR.
- Jones, M.**, Yang, T. A., Piemonte, J. L., & Conley, T. D. (2022, May). Beyond Gender Classification: Alternative Predictors of Submissive Sexual Fantasy. [Poster presentation]. 2022 Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Jones, M.**, Yang, T. A., Piemonte, J. L., & Conley, T. D. (2022, February). Sensing submission: Unpacking preference for submissive sexual fantasies. [Poster presentation]. 2022 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Sexuality Preconference, San Francisco, CA.
- Hebdon, M., **Jones, M.**, Neller, S., Kent-Marvick, J., Thomas, M., Stewart, E., Aaron, S., Wilson, C., Peterson, N., & Ellington, L. (2022, February). Stress and supportive care needs of millennial caregivers: A qualitative analysis [Conference presentation]. Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care, Nashville, TN, United States.
- Tay, D. L., Jacob, E., Reblin, M., Thomas Hebdon, M. C., Cloyes, K. G., **Jones, M.**, Beck, A. C., Mooney, K., & Ellington, L. (2022, February). Cancer hospice caregivers' self-care behaviors: The role of mental health, burden, and perceptions of competency. [Poster presentation]. Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care, Nashville, TN, United States.
- Reblin, M., Jacob, E., Tay, D. L., **Jones, M.**, Cloyes, K. G., Beck, A., Mooney, K., Ellington, L., & Thomas Hebdon, M. C. (2021, November). Patient and caregiver symptom trajectory: The last 2 months of cancer home hospice. [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, United States.
- Cloyes, K. G., **Jones, M.**, Vega, M., Thomas Hebdon, M. C., Thompson, C., Rosenkranz, S., Reblin, M., & Ellington, L. (2021, November). The burden of having to wonder: Minority stress experiences of LGBTQ+ hospice family caregivers. [Paper]. Gerontological Society of America 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ.
- Jones, M.**, Bybee, S., Gettens, C., Tay, D. L., Reblin, M., Ellington, L., & Cloyes, K. G. (2021, April). Hospice care team members' language use when discussing LGBTQ+ patients and caregivers. [Poster presentation]. Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference.
- Tay, D. L., Reblin, M., Cloyes, K. G., Guo, J. W., **Jones, M.**, Hebdon, M., & Ellington, L. (2021, February). When financial health is tied to mental health: Predictors of hospice

cancer caregivers' psychological well-being. [Poster presentation]. American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference.

Cloyes, K. G., Tay, D. L., Gettens, C., **Jones, M.**, Bybee, S., Wawrzynski, S., Reblin, M., & Ellington, L. (2021, February). Exploring hospice providers' thoughts and opinions on care of LGBTQ+ patients and caregivers. [Poster presentation]. American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference.

Guo, J., Reblin, M., Cloyes, K. G., Tay, D. L., **Jones, M.**, Thomas Hebdon, M. C., & Ellington L. (2021, February). Stress and support in family and non-family relationships within hospice cancer survivor social networks. [Poster presentation]. American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference.

Jones, M., Tay, D. L., Gettens, C., Thompson, C., Cloyes, K. G., Reblin, M., & Ellington L. (2021, February). Grieving in a pandemic: How COVID-19 has impacted bereavement for family caregivers of hospice cancer patients. [Poster presentation]. American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference.

Jones, M., Kamimura, A., Levitt, S.E., Juarez, N., & Holsti, M. (2019, April). Perspectives from students in the Native American Summer Research Internship Program. [Poster presentation]. Undergraduate Research Symposium, Salt Lake City, UT, United States.

Jones, M., Weaver, S., Panahi, S., & Kamimura, A. (2018, April). Indigenous peoples' health in the United States: Review of outcomes and the implementation of community-based participatory research. [Poster presentation]. The College of Social and Behavioral Science Research Day, Salt Lake City, UT.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Dates	Amount	Funding Status	Title	Role (PI/Co-PI)
07/22-06/23	\$5,000	Funded	<i>National Center for Institutional Diversity (Anti-Racism Research Grant for Graduate Students)</i>	Co-PI
06/22	\$1,100	Funded	Rackham Graduate School Travel Grant	PI
03/23	\$900	Funded	Rackham Graduate School Travel Grant	PI
01/24	\$1,500	Funded	Rackham Graduate School Pre-Candidate Funding	PI

05/24	\$2,000	Funded	Susan Webb Psychology Graduate Student Fellowship	PI
04/25	\$900	Pending	Rackham Graduate School Travel Grant	PI

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Utah – College of Social and Behavioral Science

Research Assistant – Social Relationships Lab

2018-2019

Learned how to interact with study participants and analyze quantitative data using longitudinal methods

University of Utah – College of Nursing

Research Assistant – The Hospice Today Project

2018-2020

Coordinated between multiple hospice research sites to streamline information and propose best next steps

University of Utah – College of Nursing

Study Coordinator – The Hospice Today Project

2020-2021

Worked on publication dissemination, administration, and project management for an R01 hospice research study

University of Michigan – ADVANCE Program

Graduate Student Researcher

2021-2022

Worked with ADVANCE research staff to analyze campus wide climate assessments and department-specific evaluations with a focus on faculty diversity, equity, and inclusion.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor

Semester	Course Name
Winter 2022	Introduction to Personality Psychology (n=75)
Fall 2022	Introduction to Personality Psychology (n=75)
Winter 2023	Introduction to Developmental Psychology (n=75)
Fall 2023	Introduction to Psychology (n=75)

Instructor of Record

Semester	Course Name
Winter 2024	Sexuality and Media Psychology (n=18)
Fall 2024	Sexuality and Media Psychology (n=30; increased due to demand)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MENTORED

Alicia Wang – Honors Thesis

Michelle Busschots – Honors Thesis

Hannah Cuenca – Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

Jalyn Dubois – Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

Gabrielle Scott – Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

Mallory Barnosky – Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program

Rhea Chhoker – Research Assistant/Honors Thesis

Madeleine Marland – Research Assistant

Aviva Satz-Kojis – Research Assistant

Aidan McKay – Research Assistant

Jamison Clark – Research Assistant/Honors Thesis

Amelia Staggs – Research Assistant

Jessica Gurvitz – Internship Mentor

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Brown Bag Student Co-Chair - Psychology (Personality & Social Contexts)	2022-2023
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Admissions Committee Student Chair - Psychology (Personality & Social Contexts)	2023-2024
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Student Academic Affairs Committee Member	2024-2025
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Departmental Associate – Psychology (Personality & Social Contexts)	2025-2026
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Brown Bag Student Chair - Psychology (Personality & Social Contexts)	2025-2026
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