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EDUCATION

Yale University — PhD in Psychology

2026 –

Advisor: Dr. Melissa Ferguson

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor — B.S. in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience

2020 – 2024

High Distinction & Highest Honors in Major, GPA: 3.96

Advisor: Dr. Amie M. Gordon

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Psychology and law · morality · victim blaming · implicit social cognition · law and human behavior · AI and society

FORMAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

July 2024 - July 2026	Lab Manager, Deepest Beliefs Lab The Ohio State University PI: Kurt Gray, PhD
July 2022 - May 2024	Lab Manager, Well-Being, Health, and Interpersonal Relationships Lab University of Michigan PI: Amie M. Gordon, PhD
Aug 2021 - July 2022	Recruitment and Participant Coordinator, Well-Being, Health, and Interpersonal Relationships Lab University of Michigan PI: Amie M. Gordon, PhD
April 2021- Aug 2021	Research Assistant, Well-Being, Health, and Interpersonal Relationships Lab University of Michigan PI: Amie M. Gordon, PhD
Sept 2020 - Aug 2021	Research Assistant, Follow the Leader University of Michigan PI: Elizabeth Trinh

AWARDS and HONORS

2026	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
2026	Best Poster Award, Moral Psychology Pre-Conference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
2024	W.B. Pillsbury Award for Best Honors Thesis in the BCN major, University of Michigan
2024	Highest Honors in Psychology, University of Michigan
2024	Al Cain Honors Award, University of Michigan
2024	UofM Conference Travel Award, University of Michigan
2024	Finalist for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Undergraduate Student Poster Award
2023	Louis Bernstein Undergraduate Psychology Award (\$2,000) for Senior Thesis, University of Michigan
2023	Martha Muenzer Memorial Award in Psychology (\$2,000) for Senior Thesis, University of Michigan

2023	James B. Angell Scholar , University of Michigan
2022	UofM Conference Travel Award , University of Michigan
2022	LSA Spring/Summer Scholarship , University of Michigan
2019	National Merit Commended Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

- Brandon, R. E., From, A., Reynaga, M., **Devine, H.**, Gordon, A. M., & Edelstein, R. (2025). Testosterone changes in couples in response to a caregiving task with an infant simulator. *Human Nature*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12110-026-09520-5>
- Womick, J., Kubin, E., Goya-Tocchetto, D., Restrepo Ochoa, N., Rebollar, C., Kapsaskis, K., Pratt, S., **Devine, H.**, Payne, B. K., Vaisey, S., & Gray, K. (2026). Liberals and conservatives see different victims: Moral disagreement is explained by different assumptions of vulnerability. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672261422957>
- Gray, K., **Devine, H.**, & Kubin, E. (2026). The psychology of victimhood in the law. *Policy Insights from the Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 13(1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/23727322251405850>
- Dillion, D., **Devine, H.**, & Gray, K. (2025). Pet owners often see dogs as soulmates and value them more than human lives. [Manuscript under review]. https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/hcbrs_v1

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Shastry, M., **Devine, H.**, Jolink, T., & Gray, K. (2026, July). *Preliminary findings on empathic AI and social support in romantic relationships*. Spotlight talk presented at the Mind & Machine Alignment Summit, Columbus, OH.
- Devine, H.** & Gray, K. (2026, May). *Testing whether fear causally drives victim-blaming using virtual reality*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science annual convention (APS), Barcelona, Spain.
- Devine, H.** & Gray, K. (2026, March). *Prepared or pre-paranoid? Psychological consequences of true crime consumption*. Poster presented at the American Psychology Law Society Conference (AP-LS), Reno, NV.
- ⁺ **Devine, H.** & Gray, K. (2026, February). *How true crime shapes moral judgments of victims*. Poster presented at the Moral Psychology pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Chicago, IL. [Poster PDF](#)
- Devine, H.** & Gray, K. (2025, March). *A guilty gait: How AI algorithms influence human judgments of deception*. Poster presented at the American Psychology Law Society Conference (AP-LS), San Juan, Puerto Rico. [Poster PDF](#)
- Dileo, R., Diamond, E., From, A., **Devine, H.**, Gordon, A. M., & Edelstein, R. (2025, March). *Sleep, conflict, and physiological synchrony in couples*. Oral presentation given at the Society for Biopsychosocial Science and Medicine annual conference, Seattle, WA.
- Devine, H.**, Meyer, M., & Gordon, A. M. (2025, February). *Keep your friends close, but your rights closer: Social support and compliance with consent requests*. Flash talk given at the Social Psychology in Legal Contexts pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Denver, CO. [Slideshow PDF](#)
- Devine, H.** & Gray, K. (2025, February). *Don't blame me, fear made me crazy: How fear of crime shapes victim blaming*. Poster presented at the main conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Denver, CO. [Poster PDF](#)
- Devine, H.**, Meyer, M., & Gordon, A. M. (2024, March). *Consent in the company of others: How social influences change intrusive requests*. Poster presented at the American Psychology Law Society Conference (AP-LS), Los Angeles, CA.
- Devine, H.**, Meyer, M., & Gordon, A. M. (2024, February). *Consent in the company of others: How social influences change intrusive requests*. Poster presented at the main conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), San Diego, CA. [Poster PDF](#)

Devine, H., From, A., Reynaga, M., Edelstein, R., & Gordon, A. M. (2023, February). *Falling asleep at the stroller: Sleep quality and childcare division*. Poster presented at the main conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Atlanta, GA. [Poster PDF](#)

† Awarded Best Poster

MENTORED PRESENTATIONS

Jenkins, D., **Devine, H.,** & Gray, K. (2026, July). *The moral psychology of self-harm and suicide*. Talk and poster presented at the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) Research Symposium, Columbus, OH.

† Patel, S., **Devine, H.,** & Gray, K. (2025, April). *Blame or support? How moral judgments shape health policy attitudes*. Poster presented at the UNC Undergraduate Research Symposium, Chapel Hill, NC.

† Parrish, K., **Devine, H.,** & Gray, K. (2025, April). *Moral justifications of vigilante revenge*. Poster presented at the UNC Undergraduate Research Symposium, Chapel Hill, NC.

Cedergrund, A., **Devine, H.,** & Gray, K. (2025, April). *Fear and punishment: How perceptions of crime influence our reactions to criminality*. Poster presented at the UNC Undergraduate Research Symposium, Chapel Hill, NC.

Spallas, M., Goodman, E., Rogoff, W., **Devine, H.,** Rossmailer, A., Molnar, A., & Meyer, M. (2024, April). *If someone asked for your phone, what would you do?* Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI.

Goodman, E., Rogoff, W., Spallas, M., **Devine, H.,** Rossmailer, A., Molnar, A., & Meyer, M. (2024, April). *From request to response: Examining the requestee's role in consent situations*. Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI.

‡ Kolias, E., **Devine, H.,** & Gordon, A. M. (2023, April). *An attitude of gratitude: The impact of feeling appreciated by a romantic partner on stress levels following an acute stressful event*. Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI.

Harwin, C., **Devine, H.,** & Gordon, A. M. (2023, April). *The support of a clouded mind: Do depressive symptoms undermine one's ability to provide support?* Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI.

Weng, S., **Devine, H.,** & Gordon, A. M. (2023, April). *Teamwork is the dreamwork: Its transformation before and throughout parenthood*. Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI.

† Supported by a grant awarded to an "excellent undergraduate research project."

‡ Awarded a blue ribbon certificate for excellence in research and presentation.

SCIENCE WRITING

Moral Understanding: The Science of What Divides and Unites Us (Substack).

Gray, K., **Devine, H.,** & Stiehl, M. (2026, May 27). [Original Sin](#)

Gray, K. & **Devine, H.** (2026, May 8). [Give Better Talks](#)

Gray, K. & **Devine, H.** (2026, February 11). [Epstein's Fascination with Moral Psychology](#)

Gray, K. & **Devine, H.** (2025, December 17). [Does lying about Santa hurt kids?](#)

Dillion, D., **Devine, H.**, & Gray, K. (2025, November 5). [1 in 5 Dog Owners Will Save a Puppy's Life Over Yours](#)

Gray, K. & **Devine, H.** (2025, September 23). [Moms vs. Dads: Who's Right in the Parental Blame Game?](#)

Gray, K. & **Devine, H.** (2025, September 4). [Ohio! and the Summer I Turned Sanguine](#)

Gray, K., **Devine, H.**, & Pratt, S. (2025, April 21). [Strip Club Physics](#)

Gray, K., Pratt, S., & **Devine, H.** (2025, February 11). [AI is More Moral than You](#)

Gray, K., Pratt, S., & **Devine, H.** (2024, December 20). [How the DMV Saved Christmas](#)

Gray, K., **Devine, H.**, & Pratt, S. (2024, December 6). [The Assassination of a CEO](#)

Gray, K., Pratt, S., & **Devine, H.** (2024, November 21). [In Defense of Flat Earthers](#)

Gray, K., **Devine, H.**, & Pratt, S. (2024, November 8). [Moving Forward](#)

Gray, K., **Devine, H.**, & Pratt, S. (2024, October 1). [The Psychology of Pettiness](#)

MEDIA COVERAGE

Pond, L. (2026, April 17). [Psychology graduate students, research staff receive NSF fellowships](#). *The Ohio State University College of Arts & Sciences*.

Kessler, S. (2026, March 23). [Jury Duty' season 2 puts reality TV ethics on trial](#). *The Lantern*.

SERVICE

July 2026	Co-Organizer , Mind & Machine Alignment Summit The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH Inaugural three-day summit convening social scientists and AI industry leaders on aligning AI with human values and well-being.
April 2026	Creator of psychology post-baccalaureate job resource guide and Slack workspace
July 2025	Co-Organizer , Science to Impact Symposium The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH Inaugural two-day symposium on translating psychological science for public audiences.
June 2025	Mentored Reviewer , Journal of Empirical Legal Studies
Nov 2024	Mentored Reviewer , Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
Aug 2024	Mentored Reviewer , Nature Reviews Psychology

TEACHING and MENTORING

Teaching

Fall 2024	Teaching Assistant PSYC 574, The Science of Moral Understanding – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Professor: Kurt Gray, PhD
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Mentorship

May 2026 - July 2026	Mentor , Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) The Ohio State University Supervised 2 undergraduate researchers across a 9-week program.
2024 - 2025	Research Mentor , Deepest Beliefs Lab University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Mentored 3 undergraduate research assistants.
2022 - 2024	Research Mentor , Well-Being, Health, and Interpersonal Relationships Lab University of Michigan Supervised and trained 15 undergraduate research assistants.

SKILLS

Software:	Qualtrics, Prolific, CloudResearch, RStudio, SPSS
Physiological:	AcqKnowledge (continuous heart rate collection), MindWare (heart rate scoring), Viso/Noldus, hormonal assaying