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Academic Employment

Assistant Professor, Psychological Science & Neuroscience, Belmont University (2022-present)

Education

Ph.D., Psychology, University of Washington (2022)
Social & Personality Psychology | Quantitative Psychology Minor
B.A., Psychology, Biola University (2017)
Biblical Studies Minor | *Summa Cum Laude*

Research Grants

John Templeton Foundation (2024-2027)
Does living a religiously inspired life reduce affective polarization through instilling virtues of compassion and intellectual humility? Grant ID: 63244
Principal investigator with C.R. Kaiser – \$575,655 (across both PI sites)
National Science Foundation (2020-2022)
Graduate Research Fellow – \$138,000

Awards & Affiliations

University of Washington, Affiliate Assistant Professor of Psychology (2025-Present)
Institute for Research in Psychology and Spirituality (IRPS), Travel Grant Recipient - \$500 (2026)
American Marketing Association – Best in Track Paper, Consumer Behavior, 2025 AMA Winter Academic Conference, for “Past, Present, and Future Purchases: Understanding Product Longevity with the Copernican Principle” (2025)
SCORE Project for Advancing Research on Religion and Cooperation (SPARRC) Methodology Workshop Travel Grant - \$3,000 (2025)
University of Washington Psychology Department Scholars Award – \$25,000 (2019)
Biola University Emerson Award – “Outstanding Student in Psychology” (2017)
Biola University Epsilon Kappa Epsilon Honor Society (2017)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Muhsin, H.,⁺ Hammack, V.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (in press). Mad women, scared men: Exploring the social penalties of counter-stereotypical emotions. *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*.
Smiley, A.H., Lansford, C.A. & Bowes, S.M. Political heterogeneity in American churches and affective polarization. *Scientific Reports* (2026).
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-026-73886-w>
Fisher, M., & **Smiley, A. H.** (2026). The continuity heuristic: Temporal extrapolation in consumer judgment. *Journal of Consumer Psychology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/jcpy.70032>

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⁺Mentored undergraduates

- Smiley, A. H., & Kaiser, C. R.** (2026). Partisan communities and affective polarization. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 17(2), 169-180.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/19485506251339520>
- Croke, B. R.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (2025). Empowered to choose: Investigating job autonomy and parental burnout in the context of work-family conflict. *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*, 30(4), 382–390. <https://doi.org/10.24839/2325-7342.JN30.4.382>
- Smiley, A. H.,*** Glazier, J. J.,^{*} & Shoda, Y.^{*} (2023). Null regions: A unified conceptual framework for statistical inference. *Royal Society Open Science*, 10(11).
<https://doi.org/10.1098/rsos.221328>
- Grossman, I., Rotella, A., Hutcherson, C. A., ... **Smiley, A. H.**, ... Wilkening, T. (2023). Insights into accuracy of social scientists' forecasts of societal change. *Nature Human Behavior*, 7(4), 484-501. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-022-01517-1>
- Smiley, A. H.,*** & Fisher, M.^{*} (2022). The golden age is behind us: How the status quo impacts the evaluation of technology. *Psychological Science*, 33(9), 1605–1614.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/09567976221102868>
- Fisher, M., **Smiley, A. H.**, & Grillo, T. L. H. (2021). Losing knowledge in information: How searching the Internet deters learning. *Memory*, 30(4), 375-387.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09658211.2021.1882501>.

Articles Under Review

- Smiley, A. H.,** Schneider, M. J., & Kaiser, C. R. (in principle acceptance). Does Religious Behavior Reduce Affective Polarization? Evidence from a Daily Diary Study [Stage 1 Registered Report]. *Psychology of Religion & Spirituality*.
- Guthrie, S. J.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (under review). Biblical Manhood: Does Religiosity Moderate the Precarious Manhood Thesis?

Articles in Preparation

- Smiley, A. H.,** Kaiser, C. R., & Schneider, M. J. (in prep). Family Ties: Perceived College Student-Parent Political Differences and Relationship Quality. Pre-print:
<https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/cz2kj>
- Smiley, A. H.,** Schneider, M. J., & Kaiser, C. R. (in prep). Does Observing Major Religious Holidays Reduce Affective Polarization?
- Smiley, A. H.** (in prep). Do Democrats go to Heaven? Christian Nationalism and Affective Polarization in American Christians.

Public Scholarship (not peer-reviewed)

- Smiley, A. H.** (2026, January). How Trump-first politics impact Greenland and Tennessee. *The Tennessean*.
<https://www.tennessean.com/story/opinion/contributors/2026/01/25/donald-trump-andy-ogles-american-voters-greenland/88321932007/>

Smiley, A. H. (2025, August). Neighbors Have Different Politics? You Might Be Less Politically Biased. *Character & Context Blog*. <https://spsp.org/news/character-and-context-blog/smiley-political-bias-neighborhood-diversity>

Conference Talks & Workshops

- Kaiser, C. R., **Smiley, A. H.**, & Schneider, M. J. (2026, October). Can Religious Behavior Reduce Political Polarization? Symposium talk presented at *Society of Experimental Social Psychology 2026*, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- Smiley, A. H.**, Schneider, M. J., Kaiser, C. R., Lansford, C. A., & Bowes, S. M. (2026, February). Religious Engagement and Affective Polarization in American Christians. Symposium talk presented at *Society for Personality & Social Psychology 2026*, Chicago, IL.
- Smiley, A. H.** (2026, January). Christian nationalism and political bias within the Church. Oral presentation at *Institute for Research in Psychology and Spirituality 2026*, Biola University, La Mirada, CA.
- Fisher, M., & **Smiley, A. H.** (2025, June). Past, Present, and Future Purchases: Understanding Product Longevity with the Copernican Principle. Paper presented at *Association for Consumer Research Latin America 2025*, São Paulo, Brazil.
- Fisher, M., **Smiley, A. H.**, & Kasser, J. (2025, February). Past, Present, and Future Purchases: Understanding Product Longevity with the Copernican Principle. Paper presented at *2025 American Marketing Association Winter Conference*, Phoenix, AZ.
- Shoda, Y. **Smiley, A. H.**, & Glazier, J. J. (2025, February). Null Regions Framework: Alternative to Traditional Null Hypothesis Significance Testing. Workshop presented at the *Society for Personality & Social Psychology 2025*, Denver, CO.
- Jones, W.,⁺ Best, W., **Smiley, A. H.**, & Shoda, Y. (2023, November). Inter-Rater Reliability: Evaluating Alternatives to Cohen's Kappa. Pre-recorded presentation at *Electronic Undergraduate Statistics Research Conference 2023*, Virtual.
- Smiley, A. H.**, & Kaiser, C. R. (2023, March). Across the Aisle and Over the Fence: Geographic Sorting and Affective Polarization. Workshop at *Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting 2023*, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
- Kaiser, C. R. & **Smiley, A. H.** (2023, March). Does engaging in community service decrease affective polarization? Workshop at *Polarization Research Lab Annual Meeting 2023*, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.
- Smiley, A. H.**, Glazier, J. J., & Shoda, Y. (2022, February). A more meaningful statistical inference using Minimum-Effect Significance Testing. Workshop/tutorial at the *Society for Personality & Social Psychology 2022*, Virtual.
- Smiley, A. H.**, Glazier, J. J., & Shoda, Y. (2021, June). Minimum-Effect Significance Testing (MEST) and Equivalence Testing: A Unified Framework and a Hands-On Tutorial. Workshop at the *Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science 2021*, Virtual.

- Smiley, A. H.,** & Kaiser, C. R. (2019, May). Diversity Awards and College Admissions Decisions. Paper presented at *University of Washington Graduate Research Festival*, Seattle, WA.
- Burns, J.,* **Smiley, A. H.,*** Harlander, K., & Madge, B. (2016, April). Effects of Attractiveness and Gender on Name Recall. Paper presented at the *Psi Chi Undergraduate Research Conference*, Whittier, CA.

Conference Poster Presentations

- Castillo, S.,⁺ Schneider, M. J., Yi, A., **Smiley, A. H.,** & Kaiser, C. R. (2026, February). Religious Engagement and Affective Polarization. *Society for Personality & Social Psychology 2026*, Chicago, IL.
- Ficzere, C. H., & **Smiley, A.H.** (2025, July). Sense of Purpose in Pharmacy Students. *AACP Pharmacy Education 2025*, Chicago, IL.
- Avery, C.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (2025, March). Church Political Heterogeneity and Political Polarization. *Eastern Psychological Association 2025*, New York, NY.
- Muhsin, H.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (2025, March). Mad Women, Scared Men: Exploring the Social Penalties of Counter-Stereotypical Emotions. *Eastern Psychological Association 2025*, New York, NY.
- Tatum, A.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (2025, March). Childhood Divine Power Perceptions Impact on Young Adulthood Religiosity. *Eastern Psychological Association 2025*, New York, NY.
- Sanchez-Guevara, M.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (2025, March). The Impact of Depression on Moral Dilemmas' Responses. *Eastern Psychological Association 2025*, New York, NY.
- Castillo, S.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (2025, March). All Aboard the Bipartisan Bus: Argument Congruence and Support for Public Transit. *Eastern Psychological Association 2025*, New York, NY.
- Guthrie, S.,⁺ **Smiley, A. H.,** & Hocking, J. E. (2025, March). From Purity to Proposals: Drive to Marry in Christian Undergraduates. *Eastern Psychological Association 2025*, New York, NY.
- Clapper, A.,⁺ **Smiley, A. H.,** & Oliver, M. D. (2025, March). Cultural Values and Maintaining the Status Quo. *Eastern Psychological Association 2025*, New York, NY.
- Avery, C.,⁺ & **Smiley, A. H.** (2024, March). When Democrats and Republicans Share a Pew: Out-Party Exposure and Affective Polarization. *Eastern Psychological Association 2024*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Naik, J.,⁺ Liu, Y.,⁺ Zhu, J.,⁺ **Smiley, A. H.,** Shoda, Y. (2023, February). The quality of popular press reporting on scientific findings: A comparative analysis of psychological and biomedical online news coverage releases. *Society for Personality & Social Psychology 2023*, Atlanta, GA.
- Liu, Y.,⁺ Naik, J.,⁺ **Smiley, A. H.,** Zhu, J.,⁺ & Shoda, Y. (2023, February). Cautionary information about scientific findings: Why should we want them in press releases? *Society for Personality & Social Psychology 2023*, Atlanta, GA.

- McKee, C.,⁺ Lao, Y.,⁺ Naik, J.,⁺ Liu, Y.,⁺ **Smiley, A. H.**, Zhu, J.,⁺ & Shoda, Y. (2023, February). Scientific Reporting on Health Outcomes in Popular Press Articles. *Society for Personality & Social Psychology 2023*, Atlanta, GA.
- Smiley, A. H.**, & Kaiser, C. R. (2022, February). A house divided? How politics affect college student-parent relationships. *Society of Personality & Social Psychology 2022*, Virtual.
- Smiley, A. H.**, & Kaiser, C. R. (2020, February). Do diversity awards cause racial bias in simulated college admissions decisions? *Society for Personality & Social Psychology 2020*, New Orleans, LA.
- Williams, J. K., Eltiti, S., Dacorro, L., Giordano, F., & **Smiley, A. H.** (2017). Gratitude Increases Early Attention to Emotional Pictures but Does Not Affect Later Emotional Processing: Evidence from Event-Related Potentials. *Society for Psychophysiological Research*, Vienna, Austria.
- De la Peña, C., Eltiti, S., Williams, J. K., Dacorro, L., **Smiley, A. H.**, Giordano, F., & Holmes, L. (2017). Effect of Induced Gratitude on the Breadth of Visual Attention and Emotional Processing. *Association for Psychological Science*, Boston, MA.

Media Coverage

- The Tennessean* (2024): [Belmont University receives grant to study how religion can reduce political polarization](#)
- New Scientist* (2022): [People prefer tech they think is old – even when it's actually not](#)
- Nautilus* (2022): [Why are people biased against new technology?](#)

Invited Talks (External)

- Invited Panelist (2026, February). *Careers in Psychology Panel*, Biola University (virtual).
- Church Political Heterogeneity and Affective Polarization (2025, March). *Building Knowledge Lab Meeting (PI: Lisa Fazio)*. Vanderbilt University.
- Invited Panelist (2025, February). *Edwards Sponsored Alumni Career Panel – Academic Careers*, University of Washington (virtual).

Invited Talks (Belmont University)

- Working with Office of Sponsored Programs (2026, May). *Biomedical Incubator Symposium*.
- Masks & Minds: The Power of Deindividuation (2026, February). *WELL Core Talk*.
- Bridging the Partisan Divide: Why Dialogue Matters & How to Start it (2025, November). *WELL Core Talk*.
- Loving thy Neighbor Across the Partisan Divide (2025, March). *WELL Core Talk*.
- A Scientist's Journey: Change and Luck (2024, June). *SURFS Faculty Talk*.
- Survey Design: Practical Tips for Better Surveys (2024, May). *CPHS Lunch & Learn*.
- Loneliness in Middle Tennessee (2024, April). *Belmont Data Collaborative Fellows Meeting*.
- The Psychology of Political Polarization (2024, March). *WELL Core Talk*.
- Keynote Address (February 2024). *Belmont University Psi Chi Induction Ceremony*.

Faith & Science Faculty Q&A (2023, January). *Belmont CSM Faith & Science Club*.

Teaching

Instructor of Record – Belmont University (2022-present)
 HON 3340 – Honors Scientific Inquiry Seminar x3
 PSY 4895 – Data Science of Human Behavior x4
 PSY 4895 – Judgment and Decision-Making x3
 PSY 4300 – Social Psychology x3
 PSY 3950/2950 – Psychology of Good & Evil (in London, UK)
 PSY 3895 – Social & Cultural Morality x2
 PSY 3895 – Professional Development Data
 PSY 2400 – Research Methods x12
 PSY 1150 – Scientific Psychology x2
 PSY 1155 – Scientific Psychology Lab x2
 PSY 1100 – General Psychology x2
 PSY 1000 – Introductory Seminar in Psychology
 Graduate Teaching Assistant – University of Washington (2018–2020)
 PSY 522 & 524 –Intro to Statistics and Data Analysis (PhD level)
 PSY 315 – Understanding Statistics in Psychology
 PSY 305 – Developmental Psychology
 PSY 101 – Introduction to Psychology
 Statistics Tutor, Department of Psychology – Biola University (2017)
 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant – Biola University (2015)
 Psych 211 – Statistics with Computer Applications Lab

University Service

Belmont University
 Global Honors Faculty Fellow (2026-Present)
 Founder, Belmont Behavioral Research Group (2026-Present)
 Psychological Science Major Academic Advisor (2023-Present)
 Psych/Neuro Student Conference Coordinator (2023-present)
 Psychology Departmental Review Committee (DRC) Reviewer (2022-present)
 Chair, Psych/Neuro Student Travel Subcommittee (2025-2026)
 Belmont University Bell Core Committee (2025-2026)
 Data Fellow, Belmont Data Collaborative (BDC; 2022-2025)
 SPARK Moderator (2025)
 CSM Day of Service – Girls Inc. (2025)
 SURS Moderator (2022-2025)
 CSM Student Success Committee (2023-2024)
 Psychology/Neuroscience Faculty Search Committee Member x3 (2022-2024)
 Belmont Pre-Professional Interview Chairperson x2 (2023-2024)
 Belmont Pre-Professional Interviewer (non-chair) x2 (2023-2024)

BURS Moderator (2023-2024)
 Belmont Data Collaborative Imagine Nashville Committee (2024)
 Prospective Student Phone Calls (2024)
 Co-Chair, BDC Undergrad. Curriculum Subcommittee (2023)
 Early Scientist Program Mentor (2023)
 Belmont Preview Day Presenter and Panelist (2023)
 University of Washington
 Peer-Reviewer, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Applications (2021)
 Member, Social Identity Lab Post-Doc Search Committee (2021)
 Social & Personality Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator (2020)

Professional and Volunteer Service

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer
Psychological Science (2026)
Cognition (2026)
Psychological Methods (2026)
Political Psychology
Communications Psychology
The Quantitative Methods for Psychology
Social Psychological and Personality Science
Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology
Pathways to Research
 Conference Symposium Chair
Society for Personality & Social Psychology (2026)
 Other Professional Service
 Curator for Polarization Research Lab's [Library of Partisan Animosity](#) (2023)
 Church Service: Rolling Hills Community Church – Nashville West
 Usher Team Lead (2026-present)
 First Impressions Team (2023-present)
 Partner (RHCC's equivalent of "member"; 2023-present)
 Easter Jam Volunteer (2026)
 Community Group Leader (2025)
 Nashville Neighbors, Siloam Health (2024)

Freelance Consulting

Ken Bell for Bellingham Port Commissioner, District 2 – data analysis and campaign strategy consultant (2021)
 David Freeman for Whatcom County Superior Court Judge – campaign messaging consultant (2020)