

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

B.A., Psychology
GPA 3.8, *magna cum laude*
Southern Virginia University | 2025

Relevant Courses: Experimental Methods, Behavioral Neuroscience, Sensation and Perception, Advanced Psychological Statistics, Counseling Psychology, Victimology, Social Psychology, Research in Psychology, Emotional Regulation/DBT, Psychology of Addiction, Research Methods, Learning and Behavior, Developmental Psychology, Psychology of Personality, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Abnormal Psychology, History and Systems, Senior Research.

Independent Course

Introduction to Social Psychology | Buena Vista, VA 01/25 – 05/25
Under the direction of Dr. Alan Whitehead, I created a syllabus and planned an independent social psychology course. I completed regular assignments such as notes from textbook readings and application activities of material, as well as learning study techniques and course structure strategies. As part of this course, I created lesson plans and taught four class sessions of Introduction to Psychology, incorporating peer and professor feedback and using teaching strategies to facilitate engagement and learning among undergraduate students.

Research Support, Awards and Honors

SPSP Diversity Undergraduate Registration Stipend, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, October 2025

Leader Servant Award (exemplary campus contribution), Southern Virginia University, Spring 2025

Research Support funds (\$100), Southern Virginia University, January 2024
- *Funds for recruitment for development and validation of a LGBTQIA+ prejudice psychometric project.*

CloudResearch Product Grant (\$500), Psi Chi, December 2024
- *Development and validation of a LGBTQIA+ prejudice psychometric.*

Convention Travel funds (\$250), Southern Virginia University, Fall 2024

Theatre Scholarship (\$1,000 per semester), Southern Virginia University, Spring 2024-Spring 2025

Provost's List (3.5 or above GPA), Southern Virginia University, Fall 2023-Spring 2025

President's List (top 10% of Students), Southern Virginia University, Fall 2023, Spring 2025

Research Experience

Visiting Research Scientist
SPEAR Lab | Cleveland, OH 08/25 – Present
Assisting with research in the Social Psychology & Existential Attitudes Research Lab under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Vail, I am involved in multiple studies investigating existential and social psychology topics including autonomy threats,

concepts of aging, and religion. I run participants through studies and collect and code data, meet regularly with collaborators, and assist in analysis and data visualization.

Research Assistant

Personality Judgment Accuracy of Judges Towards LGBTQIA+ Members | Lexington, VA 10/24 – Present

As a research assistant for Dr. Jacob Gibson on this multi-institutional research study, I am aiding in the literature review, synthesis of research, and drafting the introduction portion of this study, as well as preparing IRB materials and pre-registering this study. I meet regularly with collaborators, engage in discussion and provide feedback around the research process of this study. This study is an intervention experiment and includes randomized controlled trials. Following recruitment, I have been involved in analysis of data in R, which uses multilevel modeling, and writing up the results of this study.

Research Project

Development and Validation of LGBTQIA+ Psychometric | Buena Vista, VA 10/24 – 07/25

As head researcher on this project, I developed the research question and hypothesis, led the literature review. I created and submitted a grant proposal for recruitment funds, and was awarded a \$500 CloudResearch Grant. I designed the study and ran pilot test recruitment and analysis to provide feedback on the psychometric test before main recruitment. I conducted data analysis including confirmatory factor analysis, and drafted the manuscript for publication. Qualtrics and CloudResearch were used for data collection, and R was used for data analysis and psychometric analysis.

Lab Coordinator

SVU Psychology Department | Buena Vista, VA 01/25 – 05/25

I organized regular lab meetings, took notes, and sent out communications. I provided research support for undergraduate research, including assistance with IRB and research funding applications. I prepared presentation materials and managed documentation, as well as organizing and keeping track of current research projects, their status, and who is involved. I assisted the assistant lab coordinator in regularly updating the labs manual of best practices. I aided in data collection and statistical analysis for group research projects, and offered mentorship to newer researchers on creating literature reviews, finding sources, and conducting literature analysis.

Library Reference Assistant

Von Canon Library | Southern Virginia University 02/24 – 05/25

I aided students in developing research questions, refining research topics, and finding areas they were passionate about. I assisted students in finding academic articles for research and school papers, and helped them learn how to navigate academic journal databases and library searches. I helped students find articles that meet the requirements provided by professors, as well as answering research questions for both personal and school projects. I also conducted research consultations for more in depth reference and literature help for advanced student projects and student theses. I occasionally visited classes and spoke on library resources and research help.

Replication Project (CREP)

Replication at SVU of Troy et al., (2017) Study 1. | Buena Vista, VA 08/24 – 04/25

Collaborative Replication and Education Project (CREP) with SVU Psychology Department. Analyzed original study and discussed ways to mitigate limitations. Developed additional hypotheses. Created and programmed Qualtrics form for data recruitment. Assisted in receiving IRB approval. Constructed recruitment strategies and organized tasks for group members. Aided in data analysis. Qualtrics and CloudResearch were used for data collection, and R is being used for data analysis.

Assistant Lab Coordinator

SVU Psychology Department | Buena Vista, VA 08/24 – 12/24

I provided research support for undergraduate research, including assistance with IRB. I assisted the lab coordinator in organizing and leading discussions in bi-weekly research group. I prepared presentation materials and managed documentation, as well as organizing and keeping track of current research projects, their status, and who is involved. I aided in data collection and statistical analysis for group research projects, and offered mentorship to newer researchers on creating literature reviews, finding sources, and conducting literature analysis.

Research Project

Study on Relationship between Prejudice and Screen Time | Buena Vista, VA

06/24 – 12/24

As head researcher on this project, I developed the research question and hypothesis, conducted a thorough literature review, and guided group discussions with my research team. I assigned and organized tasks for my research team which included recruiting participants at our college campus. I assisted newer research group members with IRB application and approval and created recruitment strategies for participants. Throughout this, I guided new researchers throughout the process and explaining and teaching when necessary. I led statistical analysis of data and preparing/creating our project poster. Qualtrics was used for data collection, and SPSS was used for data analysis.

Research Project

Study on Death Anxiety in LGBTQ+ college students | Buena Vista, VA

10/23 – 04/24

As head researcher on this project, I developed the research question and hypothesis, conducted a thorough literature review, and guided group discussions with my research team. I assigned and organized tasks for my research team which included recruiting participants at our college campus. I assisted newer research group members with IRB application and approval and created recruitment strategies for participants. Throughout this, I guided new researchers throughout the process and explaining and teaching when necessary. Qualtrics was used for data collection and SPSS was used for data analysis. I led statistical analysis of data and prepared a project poster, which we presented at ABCT.

Replication Project (CREP)

Replication at SVU of Cameron et al., (2019) Study 1. | Buena Vista, VA

09/23 – 03/24

Collaborative Replication and Education Project (CREP) with SVU Psychology Department. Analyzed original study and discussed ways to mitigate limitations. Developed additional hypotheses. Created and programmed Qualtrics form for data recruitment. Assisted in receiving IRB approval. Constructed recruitment strategies and organized tasks for group members. Aided data analysis.

Work Experience

Math Instructor

Mathnasium | Beachwood, OH

10/25 – Present

I tutor elementary and middle school aged children on math concepts and numerical fluency, providing one on one instruction as well as working with small groups. I teach new math concepts using Socratic questioning, manipulative, and drawings. I answer questions and help the children strengthen problem solving ability and confidence in math.

Behavioral Respite Specialist

Teambuilders Behavioral Health | Santa Fe, NM

05/24 – 08/24

I provided behavioral support and intervention for low SES children with SEDs, utilizing evidence-based techniques and strategies. I addressed and managed behavioral crises, employing de-escalation techniques. In addition, I maintained accurate and detailed records of each child's progress, behavior incidents, and interventions, preparing comprehensive reports for review by healthcare professionals and families. I facilitated activities designed to build social skills and emotional regulation in children.

Leadership Experience

Technical Theatre Assistant

Hunter Mill Family Theatre | Vienna, VA

07/25 – 08/25

I assisted in the production of 'High School Musical Jr' in a children's summer theatre intensive. I mentored children ages 8-16 in technical theatre skills including set construction and design, lighting, and stage managing. I assisted the director in executing her vision. I constructed set pieces and props, utilizing problem solving and creative thinking. I operated the spotlight during performances.

Co-President

Psi Chi | Southern Virginia University

06/24 – 05/25

I provided leadership for the newly fledged Psi Chi chapter at my university. I planned and coordinated Q & A's with professors and other professionals in the psychology field. I planned and presented at graduate school prep nights as well as advertising and increasing club participation and membership. I centered activities around adding benefit and education to undergraduate psychology students, both freshman and sophomores discovering more about the field of psychology, and juniors and seniors seeking help for applying to graduate school and finding jobs post grad. I requested fund allocation and received funding for club activities. I attended university student registered organization meetings as the representative for our Psi Chi chapter.

Assistant Stage Manager

SVU Theatre | Southern Virginia University

02/25 – 04/25

I assisted the stage manager in organizing and managing rehearsals of Roger's and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* I attended meetings with designers and technical crew. I assisted in painting and constructing set pieces, props, and actor organization backstage. I oversaw and managed performances, and communicated with a team of designers and technical crew on changes and implemented directors wishes. I managed actor safety during rehearsals, and assisted backstage crew throughout performances, including shooting prop guns.

Stage Manager

SVU Theatre | Southern Virginia University

02/24 – 05/24

I organized, scheduled, and managed rehearsals of Roger's and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. I organized and supervised meetings with designers and technical crew. I assisted in painting and constructing set pieces, audio mixing, and actor organization backstage. I oversaw and managed performances, and communicated with a team of designers and technical crew on changes and implemented directors wishes. I managed actor safety during rehearsals.

President/Founder

Craft Club | Southern Virginia University

08/23 — 05/24

Created and organized a craft club. Advertised and marketed to gain members and consistently increase attendance. Communicated effectively with school administration in order to have club needs met. Organized and taught bi-monthly crafts and created a peaceful environment for students to meet other students, learn artistic skills, and have fun.

Publications / Manuscripts

Gray, A., Johnson, M., Staples, A., and Caldwell-Andrews, A. (2025). Development and Validation of the LGBTQIA+ Prejudice Scale. *Under Review*.

Paper and Poster Presentations

Poster Presentation at SPSP, Chicago, IL, 02/26. **Gray, A., Johnson, M., Staples, A., and Caldwell-Andrews, A. (2025).** Development and Validation of the LGBTQIA+ Prejudice Scale. *Under Review*.

Keystone Presentation at SVU Undergraduate Research Symposium, 05/25. **Gray, A., Johnson, M., Staples, A., and Caldwell-Andrews, A. (2025).** Development and Validation of the LGBTQIA+ Prejudice Scale. *Under Review*.

Poster Presentation at ABCT, Philadelphia, PA, 11/24. **Gray, A., Robbins, A., Staples, A. (2024).** Death Anxiety in LGBTQ+ college students at a Christian University.

Poster Presentation at SVU Undergraduate Research Symposium, 05/24. **Gray, A., Robbins, A., Staples, A. (2024).** Death Anxiety in LGBTQ+ college students at a Christian University.

Research Interests

Intergroup Relations – Community Psychology — Existential Psychology — Philosophy of Science

Skills

Data Analysis: Microsoft EXCEL, SPSS, R

Data Collection: Qualtrics, CloudResearch

Training & Certifications: CITI Human Research—Social/Behavioral Research Course, Victim Assistance Training OVC

Additional Skills: Canva, Microsoft Suite

Language: Intermediate knowledge of written and conversational Dutch

Professional Memberships

Psi Chi Honors Society

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer

Lights Out Cleveland | Cleveland, OH

09/25 – Present

As a Cleveland MetroParks volunteer, I do shifts several times a week at daybreak involving collecting, documenting and when possible rescuing birds who have flown into buildings in downtown Cleveland during nightly migration. I collaborate with fellow volunteers, handle injured birds, and identify species to assist with collecting data.

Mentor

Research Girl, Inc. STEM Research Mentorship Program | Virtual

01/25 – 04/25

Provided personalized guidance, professional development assistance, and research mentorship to assigned mentees. Organized and arranged regular meetings with mentee to assess progress towards goals and provided advice and support. Guided through developing research questions and literature reviews. Assisted with networking and professional goals. Provided support in research and career related endeavors.

Volunteer

Gerard's House for grieving children | Santa Fe, NM

04/24 – 07/24

Attended and completed volunteer training, learning how to validate and assist children experiencing loss, assist and participate in running grief circles. Assisted in organizing and preparing for grief camps, outreach activities, and teen movie nights. Attended teen activity centered on the grief journey and connecting with peers with similar experiences.

References

Dr. Alison Caldwell-Andrews

Psychology Department Coordinator, Psychology Department

Associate Professor of Psychology

Relationship: Academic Advisor and Research Supervisor

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Dr. Jacob Gibson

Visiting Assistant Professor, Cognitive and Behavioral Science

Relationship: Research Professor

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