Sarah Ariel Lamer

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

Associate Professor	University of Tennessee, Knoxville Department of Psychology	August 2025 –
Assistant Professor	University of Tennessee, Knoxville Department of Psychology	August 2019 – July 2025

Education

Ph.D. University of Denver — June 2019
Affective, Social, and Cognitive Psychology
Dissertation: *The Cultural Transmission of Gender Roles in Childhood*
Advisor: Max Weisbuch, Ph.D.

B.A. Connecticut College — May 2013
Psychology Major, Certificate in Public Policy and Community Action
Thesis: *The Power of Perspective: Implications of Seeing Gender as Natural or Nurtured*
Chair: Joan Chrisler, Ph.D.

Honors and Awards

UTK Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award	2025
UTK College Convocation Teaching Award	2025
Fellow of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology	July 2024 -
Association for Psychological Science Rising Star	February 2024
UTK Social Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Research Mentor of the Year	May 2023
MPA Diversity Award for Invited Speakers	April 2022
UTK Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Research Mentor of the Year	April 2021
UTK Student Disability Services Disability Champion Award	March 2021
Society for Experimental Social Psychology Dissertation Award Finalist	June 2020
Summer Institute for Social and Personality Psychology Scholar	July 2017
Summa Cum Laude	May 2013

Fellowship & Grants

Funded

Binational Science Foundation
The costs of objectification for the objectifier: How sexual objectification undermines interpersonal interactions ($380,000) — Oct 2026 – Sept 2030
co-PIs: Orly Bareket, Ph.D. & Susan Fiske, Ph.D.

National Science Foundation
Angry crowd bias: Social, cognitive, and perceptual mechanisms ($575,000) — 2022-2025
co-PI: Timothy Sweeny, Ph.D.

Research for Indigenous Social Equity and Action Center
Stoic savages?: Effects of media oversimplification of Native emotions on beliefs about Native American people ($5,280) — 2022-2023
student PI: Haley Beck, M.A.

APA Division 35 Geis Memorial Award ($10,000)	Fall 2018-Spring 2019
Doctoral Fellowship for Inclusive Engagement ($7,000)	Fall 2013-Spring 2018
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship ($134,000)	Fall 2014-Summer 2017
Lawrence Miller Memorial Fund Fellowship ($1,500)	Summer 2015
Summer Research Grant, Graduate Mentor ($12,000)	Summer 2014 – Summer 2017
Program in Community Action & Public Policy, Research Fellowship ($3,000)	Summer 2012

Under Review

National Science Foundation

NSF-BSF: How objectification undermines interpersonal interactions — January 2025
co-PI: Orly Bareket, Ph.D.

Publications

[a] Shared First Authorship *Mentored Graduate Student Author [+]Mentored Undergraduate Student Author [S]Senior Author

[a] **Lamer, S. A.,** [a]Bareket, O., & Fiske, S. (in press). Costs of objectification for the objectifier. *Perspectives on Psychological Science.* (IF=13.9)

*Bonagura, D., *Bluhm, J., [+]Bunnell, C., Lou, W., & [S]**Lamer, S. A.** (2026). Survivors as agents: How linguistic agency impacts support for survivors and perpetrators of sexual assault. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin.* https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672261443036 (IF=4.5)
Open Data: https://osf.io/kg4nx/ Preregistrations: https://osf.io/kg4nx/registrations

Lamer, S. A., Dobbs, S., Goolsby, L., Sweeny, T., & Weisbuch, M. (2026). Perceived crowd cohesion and entitativity. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 124,* 104889. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2026.104889 (IF=4.1)
Open Data: https://osf.io/wtbqk/

Pauker, K., Weisbuch, M., & **Lamer, S. A.** (2026). Social transmission of bias. In B. Gawronski (Ed.), *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology* (Vol. 73). New York, NY: Academic Press. (IF=11.571)

Lamer, S. A., *Preston, G. M., *Bonagura, D., & *Ruskey, M. (2025). Tracing pathways from social ecology to the mind: A cultural snapshots approach to understanding gender stereotype socialization. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass, 19*(7), e70074. https://doi.org/10.1111/spc3.70074 (IF=5.4)

Lamer, S. A., *Beck, H., ten Brinke, L., & *Preston, G. (2025). How culturally prevalent patterns of nonverbal emotion can influence discrimination against women leaders. *Psychology of Women Quarterly, 49*(2), 220-242. https://doi.org/10.1177/03616843251318964 (IF=4.9)
Open Data: https://osf.io/ck2xp/ Preregistration: https://osf.io/e6j3v

Lamer, S. A., [+]Dvorak, P., Biddle, A., Pauker, K., & Weisbuch, M. (2022). The transmission of gender stereotypes through televised patterns of nonverbal emotion. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 123*(6), 1315-1335. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/pspi0000390 (IF=7.3)
Open Data: https://osf.io/yj62x/ Preregistration: https://osf.io/gdsy9

Pauker, K., **Lamer, S. A**., Ansari, S., & Weisbuch, M. (2022). Cultural snapshots: Identifying cultural patterns that influence implicit racial bias. In K. C. McLean (Ed.) *Cultural methods in psychology: Describing and transforming cultures* (pp. 109-145). New York, NY: Oxford University Press. https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780190095949.003.0004

Mihalache, D., **Lamer, S. A.,** Allen, J., Maher, M., & Sweeny, T. (2021). Anger bias in the evaluation of crowds. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, 150*(9), 1870-1889. https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0001025 (IF=4.6)
Open Data: https://osf.io/8npx6/

Lamer, S. A., Suitner, C., Maass, A., *Caccioppoli, R., & +Pradell, H. (2021). The function of vertical and horizontal space to social group identity. *Self & Identity, 20*(6), 774-810. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15298868.2020.1785929 (IF=2.6)

Lamer, S. A. & Weisbuch, M. (2019). Men over women: The social transmission of gender stereotypes through spatial elevation. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 84,* 103828. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2019.103828 (IF=4.1)

Weisbuch, M., Reynolds, J., **Lamer, S. A.,** Kikuchi, M., & Kiyonari, T. (2019). Emotional resemblance: Perception of facial emotion in written English. *Emotion, 20*(7), 1165–1184. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/em0000623 (IF=4.5)

Pauker, K., Brey, E., **Lamer, S. A.** & Weisbuch, M. (2019). Cultural snapshots: A method to capture cultural contexts in children's development. In J. Benson (Ed.), *Advances in Child Development and Behavior* (Vol. 56; pp. 141-181). New York, NY: Elsevier. https://doi.org/10.1016/bs.acdb.2018.11.002 (IF=4.098)

Lamer, S. A., Sweeny, T. D., +Dyer, M. L., & Weisbuch, M. (2018). Rapid visual perception of interracial crowds: Racial category learning from emotional segregation. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, 147,* 683-701. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/xge0000443 (IF=4.6)

Weisbuch, M., Pauker, K. B., Adams, R. B., **Lamer, S. A.,** & Ambady, N. (2017). Race, power, and reflexive gaze-following. *Social Cognition, 35,* 619-638. http://dx.doi.org/10.1521/soco.2017.35.6.619 (IF=1.7)

Lamer, S. A., Weisbuch, M., & Sweeny, T. D. (2017). Spatial cues distort the visual perception of gender. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, 146,* 1366-1371. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/xge0000339 (IF=4.6)

Weisbuch, M., **Lamer, S. A.,** Treinen, E., & Pauker, K. (2017). Cultural snapshots: Theory and method. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass, 11* (9), 1-21. http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/spc3.12334 (IF=5.4)

Chrisler, J.C. & **Lamer, S. A.** (2016). Gender, Definitions of. In N. A. Naples (Ed.) *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies* (pp. 966-968). Oxford: Wiley Blackwell. http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/9781118663219.wbegss171

Lamer, S. A., Reeves, S. L., & Weisbuch, M. (2015). The nonverbal environment of self-esteem: Interactive effects of facial-expression and eye-gaze on perceivers' self-evaluations. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 56,* 130-138. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2014.09.010 (IF=4.1)

Weisbuch, M., **Lamer, S. A.,** & Ford, B. Q. (2013). Memory for eye gaze: Accuracy, bias, and the role of facial emotion. *Social Cognition*, *31*, 686-695. (IF=1.7)

Devlin, A. S., Borenstein, B., & **Lamer, S.** (2012). Attention restoration theory: A role for compelling European architecture? In R. Awwad-Rafferty, & L. C. Manzo (Eds.), *edra 43 Seattle: Emergent Placemaking, Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Environmental Design Research Association* (pp. 42-46).

Submitted

[a] Shared First Authorship *Mentored Graduate Student Author +Mentored Undergraduate Student Author [S]Senior Author

Lamer, S. A. (invited revision). *Assumed but unmeasured: Why theories of gender-role learning need a social-ecological foundation*.

*Bonagura, D. & [S]**Lamer, S. A.** (submitted). *A disfluency-threat model of intermediate identity (mis)categorization.*

*Brayton, E., *Langbehn, A., O'Mara Kunz, E., **Lamer, S.A.,** & Larsen, J. (under review). *"I didn't think I'd be smiling!": Survivor contestants' positive and negative emotional reactions to getting voted off the island.*

Pourramezan Fard, A., Mahoor, M. H., **Lamer, S. A.**, & Sweeny, T. D. (under review). *FGANalyzer: A Framework for analysis and manipulation of GANs latent space for face analysis.*

Other Published Works

Lamer, S. A. (2013). When in Vietnam: Linguistic relativity as a source of east-west cultural differences. *Connecticut College Psychology Department Journal, 25,* 34-57.

Lamer, S.A. (2012). Always greener on the other side: Within-gender and between-gender upward social comparisons. *Connecticut College Psychology Department Journal,* 24, 31-45.

Invited Talks

*Mentored Graduate Student +Mentored Undergraduate Student

Lamer, S. A. (2025, February). *Angry crowd bias: Social, cognitive, and perceptual mechanisms*. Invited talk, Nonverbal Preconference, Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

Lamer, S. A. (2025, February). *How culturally prevalent patterns of nonverbal emotion towards women and men leaders influence preference for leader gender*. Invited talk, Gender Preconference, Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

Lamer, S. A. (2024, October). *How culturally prevalent patterns of nonverbal emotion towards women and men leaders influence preference for leader gender*. Invited talk, Northeastern University Nonverbal Behavior Research Group, Virtual.

Lamer, S. A. (2024, May). *The role of cultural patterns in shared social beliefs*. Invited talk, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL.

Lamer, S. A. (2024, February). *The role of cultural patterns in intergroup cognition*. Invited talk, University of California Riverside Diversity and Inequality Graduate Student Series, Virtual.

Lamer, S. A. (2023, February). *The role of cultural patterns in gender-based stereotype learning*. Invited talk, Advances in Cultural Psychology Preconference, Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Lamer, S. A., +Dvorak, P., Biddle, A., Pauker, K., & Weisbuch, M. (2022, April). *The transmission of gender stereotypes through televised patterns of nonverbal emotion*. Invited talk, Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Lamer, S. A. (2019, August). *The role of cultural patterns in intergroup cognition*. Invited talk, Western Carolina University Colloquium Series, Cullowhee, NC.

Lamer, S. A., Weisbuch, M. & Sweeny, T. D. (2017, April). *An application of the diffusion model to the visual perception of gender*. Invited talk, University of Padova Social Perception Conference, Padova, IT.

Conference Presentations and Posters

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Lamer, S. A., *Bonagura, D., *Bluhm, J., +Bunnell, C., & Lou, W. (2026, October). Survivors as agents: How linguistic agency impacts support for survivors and perpetrators of sexual assault. Talk, Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Montreal, Canada.

*Bonagura, D., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, May). *Emotion through a biased lens: A diffusion modeling approach to understanding emotion judgments of transgender individuals.* Poster, Association for Psychological Science, Barcelona, Spain.

[+]Kostoulas, M., *Bonagura, D., Bareket, O., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, February). *Effects of media exposure and location on objectification of women by men.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

*Ruskey, M., Welchons, B., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, February). *Spatial location changes how faces are perceived.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

[+]Welchons, B., *Ruskey, M., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, February). *Exploring cultural patterns between space and race in children's storybooks.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

*Preston, G., Hoyt, C., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, February). *How (not) to inspire leadership aspirations: When possible selves misalign with women's socialized gender roles.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

*Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, February). *Emotion through a biased lens: Misjudgment and negativity in the judgments of transgender individuals.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

[+]Bunnell, C., *Preston, G., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, November). *Brilliant women and men: How gender-based exemplars of brilliance shape norm beliefs.* Poster, Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, St. Petersburg, FL.

McDonagh, D., *Bonagura, D., Er, G., [s]**Lamer, S. A.,** & Sweeny, T. (2025, May). *Angry crowd bias in the news.* Poster, Vision Science Society, St. Pete Beach, FL.

*Langbehn, A. T., Mohammad, S. M., **Lamer, S. A.**, & Larsen, J. T. (2025, March). Bittersweet: How it feels and when we feel it. Poster, Society for Affective Science Annual Convention 2025, Portland, OR.

*Er, G., **Lamer, S. A.,** Pourramezan Fard, A., Preston, G., Mahoor, M., & Sweeny, T. (2025, February). *An AI Faceset.* Poster, Nonverbal Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO. [Rosenthal Poster Award Recipient]

[+]Bunnell, C., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, February). *Survivors and victims: Mechanisms of linguistic agency in sexual assault.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

*Preston, G., Eccleston, C., Mellinger, C., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, February). *Mechanisms of misattribution: Understanding gender-based biases in source memory.* Talk and poster, Gender Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO. [Graduate Poster Award Recipient]

*Bonagura, D., McDonagh, D., Er, G., Sweeny, T., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, February). *Angry crowd bias in the news.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

[+]Simpson, H. & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, February). *Green is for girls: Interactions between masculine identity and environmental behavior.* Poster, Sustainability Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

[+]Simpson, H. & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, February). *Green is for girls: Interactions between masculine identity and environmental behavior.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

[+]Bunnell, C., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, November). *Survivors and victims: Mechanisms of linguistic agency in sexual assault.* Poster, Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Memphis, TN.

[+]Touzel, W., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, November). *Connections between sexual orientation essentialism and identification of bisexual characters.* Poster, Southeastern Society of Social Psychologists, Memphis, TN.

[+]Manzur, A., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, April). *The double-edged sword of agency in survivors of sexual assault.* Poster, Western Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

*Bonagura, D., *Bluhm, J., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, February). Linguistic agency bias: how culturally-prevalent patterns lead to victim blame. In D. Bonagura & L. ten Brinke (Chairs), *Post-#MeToo: Sexual violence in the current sociocultural landscape.* Talk, Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

*Preston, G., Weisbuch, M., Pauker, K., *Beck. H, & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, February). *I feel what you feel, but only if we look the same: How children's use of racial categorization predicts their empathy towards peer emotions*. Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

[+]De La Cruz, B., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, November). *Emotional biases: How people attribute emotions to transgender women and men.* Poster, Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Charlotte, NC.

*Bonagura, D., *Bluhm, J., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, April). *Survivors as objects: How media coverage of sexual assault impacts perception of sexual assault survivors and perpetrators.* Poster, Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

[+]Preston, G., *Beck, H., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, February). *(Don't) Be Confident: How Racialized-Gender Stereotypes of Agency are Modelled for Children.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

[+]Petrella, G., *Beck, H., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, February). *Stoic Savages?: Analysis of Televised Depictions of Native American Emotions.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

*Bonagura, D. & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, February). *Emotional negativity bias: How people attribute emotions to transgender women.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

[+]Luu, C. Q., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, February). *Women can be masculine, but men can't be feminine: How androgynous representations shape the value of traditionally feminine and masculine traits.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

*Barron, L., Eccleston, C., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2022, February). *The gendered nature of source memory: Gender-based ingroup bias in source memory.* Poster, Gender Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

*Bonagura, D., *Bluhm, J., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2022, February). *Survivors as objects: How media coverage of sexual assault impacts perception of sexual assault survivors and perpetrators.* Poster, Gender Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

*Beck, H., ten Brinke, L. & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2022, February). *How televised patterns of nonverbal emotion lead to discrimination in leadership.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

[+]Preston, G., *Beck, H., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2022, February). *Intersectional stereotype development in childhood: How nonverbal behavior in television can teach racialized-gender stereotypes.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

[+]Luu, C. Q., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2022, February). *Women can be masculine, but men can't be feminine: How androgynous representations shape perceived value of traditionally feminine and masculine traits.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Lamer, S. A. & Eccleston, C. (2021, October). Mechanisms of gender-based memory omissions: When and why women's contributions are overlooked. In S. A. Lamer & R. Neel (Chairs), *Novel approaches and*

mechanisms to understanding social invisibility. Talk, Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Santa Barbara, CA.

Lamer, S. A. & Eccleston, C. (2021, October). Mechanisms of gender-based memory omissions: When and why women's contributions are overlooked. In E. Balcetis (Chair), *Session 1.* Talk, Person Memory Interest Group, Santa Barbara, CA.

*Beck, H., ten Brinke, L., & [S]**Lamer, S. A**. (2021, February). *How culturally-prevalent patterns of nonverbal emotion transmit gender stereotypes of leadership.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Virtual.

*Beck, H., ten Brinke, L., & [S]**Lamer, S. A**. (2020, October). *How culturally-prevalent patterns of nonverbal emotion transmit gender stereotypes of leadership.* Poster, Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Virtual.

Lamer, S. A., [+]Dvorak, P., Biddle, A., Pauker, K., & Weisbuch, M. (2020, February). The transmission of gender stereotypes through televised patterns of nonverbal emotion. In S. A. Lamer (Chair), *Child's eye view: Learning gender stereotypes in the modern era*. Talk, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Lamer, S. A., Sweeny, T. D., Dyer, M. L., & Weisbuch, M. (2019, February). Rapid visual perception of interracial crowds: Racial category learning from emotional segregation. In N. Alt (Chair), *Social vision of groups: Small ensembles to large social networks.* Talk, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Lamer, S. A., Sweeny, T. D., Dyer, M. L. & Weisbuch, M. (2018, March). *Rapid visual perception of interracial crowds: Racial category learning from emotional segregation.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

[+]Babbitt, B., **Lamer, S. A.,** Pauker, K., & Weisbuch, M. (2018, March). *Empathy bias in kids' TV: Emotion mismatching in cross-race interactions.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

[+]Mahanna, M., **Lamer, S. A.,** & Weisbuch, M. (2018, March). *Do spatial associations of gender matter?: Thinking about gender interferes with mathematical reasoning.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Lamer, S. A., Weisbuch, M. & Sweeny, T. D. (2017, January). An application of the diffusion model to the visual perception of gender. In C. Stern (Chair), *The role of space, motivation, and race in group representations.* Talk, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Lamer, S. A., Sweeny, T. D., Dyer, M., Elias, E. & Weisbuch, M. (2016, January). *The statistical eye: How visual perception of diverse crowds influences race bias.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

[+]Babbitt, B., **Lamer, S. A.,** Hoyt, C., & Weisbuch, M. (2016, January). *In a Barbie world: On the implications of sex-typed environments.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Lamer, S. A. & Weisbuch, M. (2015, June). *Policy implications of gendered environments: How visual perception supports social inequity.* Poster, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Washington D.C.

[+]Dvorak, P., **Lamer, S. A.,** & Weisbuch, M. (2015, February). *Emotional responses to gender-stereotypical behavior: Nonverbal sexism among popular television characters.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Lamer, S. A., & Weisbuch, M. (2015, February). On the contagiousness of gendered environments: How visual perception supports social inequity. In A. Skinner & K. Pauker (Chairs), *Bias contagion: Evidence of the*

spread of social bias through subtle social cues. Talk, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

[+]Waters, K., **Lamer, S. A.,** Sweeny, T. D., & Weisbuch, M. (2015, February). *Blinded by height: How gender stereotypes motivate visual processing of faces in space.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Lamer, S. A. (2014, February). *On the contagiousness of gendered environments: How visual perception supports social inequity.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Devlin, A. S., Adler, J., Andrade, C., Browarnik, B., Evans, K., Finch, C., **Lamer, S. A.,** & Watkins, K. (2014, May). *When hospitals have an online presence: How photographs and text influence judgments of care.* Poster, Environmental Design Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

Lamer, S. A., Reeves, S., & Weisbuch, M. (2013, January). *The nonverbal environment of self-esteem.* Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Lamer, S. A., Reeves, S., & Weisbuch, M. (2013, January). *The nonverbal environment of self-esteem.* Poster, Emotion Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Devlin, A. S., Borenstein, B., & **Lamer, S. A.** (2012, May). *Attention restoration and healthcare: Is European architecture a bridge?* Poster, Environmental Design Research Association, Seattle, WA.

Singer, J. A., Labunko Messier, B., Curtiss, C., Nugent, J., Falk, A., **Lamer, S. A.,** Zaveri, A., & Murstein, B. (2010, May). *Casual sex and attachment styles among college students.* Poster, Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

Media Coverage

*Mentored Graduate Student [+]Mentored Undergraduate Student [S]Senior Author

*Bonagura, D. & [S]**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, July 31). The way we report sexual assault shapes who gets blamed [Blog post]. https://spsp.org/news/character-and-context-blog/bonagura-lamer-the-way-people-report-sexual-assault-shapes-who-gets-blamed

Axt, J. (2024, June 26). *Interview with Sarah Lamer* [Interview]. Brief Conversations About Intergroup Relations; McGill University. https://youtu.be/5jSsj63Csrw?si=I2zKQ7k8YEQK2JKm

Lamer, S. A. (2022, June 1). Kids are influenced by TV, but in ways you might not expect [Blog post]. Retrieved from https://spsp.org/news/character-and-context-blog/lamer-television-influence-children-gender

Lamer, S. A. (2019, September 9). Stereotypes in space: How vertical location can transmit gender stereotypes [Blog post]. Retrieved from https://www.spsp.org/news-center/blog/lamer-location-stereotypes

Outreach & Public Presentations

*Mentored Graduate Student Presenter [+]Mentored Undergraduate Student Presenter [S]Senior Author

*Preston, G. & [S]**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, July 18). *Women in leadership research dialogue*. Invited talk, Blanchard's Women in Leadership Group.

Lamer, S. A., *Preston, G., *Bonagura, D., *Ruskey, M., & [+]Welchons, B. (2025, March 14). *What we (don't) see and why.* Science outreach, South Knoxville Elementary 3rd-5th grades.

Lamer, S. A., *Preston, G., *Bonagura, D., *Ruskey, M., & [+]Welchons, B. (2024, November 4). *What we (don't) see and why.* Science outreach, Gap Creek Elementary 3rd-5th grades.

Lamer, S. A., *Preston, G., & *Bonagura, D. (2024, March 22). *What we (don't) see and why.* Science outreach, South Knoxville Elementary 2nd-3rd grades.

University Conference Presentations and Posters

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+Welchons, B., *Ruskey, M., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, April). *A picture is worth a thousand stereotypes: Examining the spatial location of characters in popular children's picture books.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN. [Poster Award Recipient]

+Dobson, M., *Bonagura, D., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, April). *A content analysis of how bisexual characters are portrayed on TV.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN.

+Schumpert, K., *Preston, G., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, April). *Move like a leader: How motion shapes social judgment.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN. [Poster Award Recipient]

+Welchons, B., *Ruskey, M., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, April). *A picture is worth a thousand stereotypes: Examining the spatial location of characters in popular children's picture books.* Talk, Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Knoxville, TN. [Division Award Recipient]

+Dobson, M., *Bonagura, D., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2026, April). *A content analysis of how bisexual characters are portrayed on TV.* Talk, Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Knoxville, TN. [Division Award Recipient]

+Kostoulas, M., *Bonagura, D., Bareket, O., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, April). *Effects of media exposure and location on objectification of women by men.* Poster, Psychology Department Celebration, Knoxville, TN. [Undergraduate Poster Award Winner]

*Bonagura, D., McDonagh, D., Er, G., Sweeny, T., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, April). *Angry crowd bias in the news.* Poster, Psychology Department Celebration, Knoxville, TN. [Graduate Poster Award Winner]

+Bunnell, C., *Preston, G., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, April). *Brilliant men and women: How gender-based exemplars of brilliance shape norm beliefs.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN.

+Kostoulas, M., *Bonagura, D., Bareket, O., Fiske, S., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, April). *Effects of media exposure and location on objectification of women by men.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN.

+Welchons, B., *Ruskey, M., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, April). *Exploring the connection between space and perceptions of race.* Talk, Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Knoxville, TN.

+Kostoulas, M., *Bonagura, D., Bareket, O., Fiske, S., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, April). *Effects of media exposure and location on objectification of women by men.* Talk, Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Knoxville, TN. [Talk Award Recipient]

+Bunnell, C., *Preston, G., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2025, April). *Brilliant men and women: How gender-based exemplars of brilliance shape norm beliefs.* Talk, Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Knoxville, TN. [Talk Award Recipient]

*Bonagura, D., +De La Cruz, B., & S**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, April). *Emotional biases: How people attribute emotions to transgender women and men.* Poster, Psychology Department Symposium, Knoxville, TN. [Graduate Poster Award Recipient]

[+]Simpson, H. & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, April). *Green is for girls: Interactions between masculine identity and environmental behavior.* Talk, Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Knoxville, TN. [Talk Award Recipient]

[+]De La Cruz, B., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, April). *Emotional biases: How people attribute emotions to transgender women and men.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN.

[+]Brock, E., *Preston, G., Sweeny, T., Mahoor, M., Pourramezan Fard, A., Er, G., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, April). *The benefits of large AI sets for facial perception studies.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN.

[+]Bunnell, C., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2024, April). *Survivors and victims: Mechanisms of linguistic agency in sexual assault.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN.

[+]Touzel, W., *Bonagura, D., & **Lamer, S. A.** (2024, April). *Connections between sexual orientation essentialism and identification of bisexual characters.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN. [Poster Award Recipient]

[+]Brock, E., *Preston, G., Sweeny, T., Mahoor, M., Pourramezan Fard, A., Er, G., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, September). *The benefits of large AI sets for facial perception studies.* Poster, Discovery Day Undergraduate Exhibit, Knoxville, TN.

[+]Bunnell, C., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, September). *Survivors and victims: Mechanisms of linguistic agency in sexual assault.* Poster, Discovery Day Undergraduate Exhibit, Knoxville, TN.

[+]Petrella, G., *Beck, H. & [s]**Lamer, S. A**. (2023, May). *Stoic savages?: Media oversimplification of Native American emotions.* Poster, Psychology Department Spring Celebration, Knoxville, TN.

[+]Simpson, H. & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, April). *Green is for girls: Interactions between masculine identity and environmental behavior.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN. [Poster Award Recipient]

[+]Petrella, G., *Beck, H. & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, April). *Stoic savages?: Media oversimplification of Native American emotions.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN. [Poster Award Recipient]

[+]Lerner, S., *Preston, G., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, April). *Changing the channel: The impact of television on children's racial biases in emotion perception.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN. [Poster Award Recipient]

[+]Kilburn, K., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, April). *Anger bias in crowds using visually complex stimuli.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN.

[+]De La Cruz, B., *Bonagura, D., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2023, April). *Emotional biases: How people attribute emotions to transgender women and men.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Knoxville, TN.

[+]Wysor, J., Eccleston, C., & [s]**Lamer, S. A.** (2021, April). *You do what we think: The role of normative beliefs in enacting gender bias.* Poster, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, Virtual. [Poster Award Recipient]

Lamer, S. A., Weisbuch, M., & Sweeny, T. D. (2016, February). *Spatial cues distort the visual perception of gender.* Talk, annual meeting of CU-Boulder and DU Social Psychology Departments, Denver, CO.

Lamer, S. A. & Weisbuch, M. (2015, May). *On the contagiousness of gendered environments: How visual perception supports social inequity.* Poster, Fostering Interdisciplinary Research for (In)Equality panel, Denver, CO.

Lamer, S. A. (2013, April). *The power of perspective: Implications of seeing gender as natural or nurtured.* Talk, Program in Community Action and Public Policy conference, New London, CT.

Lamer, S. A., & Brown, D. (2011, December). *Student voices on student experiences.* Talk, Connecticut College Center for Teaching and Learning Special Event, New London, CT.

Lamer, S. A. (2011, April). *Always greener on the other side: Perceptions of beauty and attractiveness.* Talk, Connecticut College Psychology Department Conference, New London, CT.

Mentorship

Graduate student grants and research awards mentored

Research for Indigenous Social Equity and Action Center Grant | Haley Beck *Stoic Savages?: Effects of Media Oversimplification of Native Emotions on Beliefs about Native American People* ($5,280)	2022-2023
UT Summer Graduate Research Assistantship Fund | Haley Beck *Stoic Savages?: Effects of Media Oversimplification of Native Emotions on Beliefs about Native American People* ($4,500)	Summer 2022
Tennessee Fellowship for Graduate Excellence ($60,000) | Darla Bonagura	2021-2025
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship - Honorable Mention | Haley Beck	2021-2022
Tennessee Fellowship for Graduate Excellence ($40,000) | Haley Beck	2020-2023

Graduate and undergraduate student theses mentored

Darla Bonagura (PhD; UTK): *Misgendering and Negativity: Competing Perceptual Biases in Transgender Emotion Perception*	Anticipated Summer 2027
Chelsea Kratz (BA; UTK): *Gendered Patterns of Gaze in Children's Media*	Anticipated Spring 2027
Megan Ruskey (MA; UTK): *Face Space: Horizontal and Vertical Location Shifts Perceived Racial Prototypicality*	Anticipated Spring 2027
Margaret Dobson (BA; UTK): *Bisexual Media Representations*	Spring 2026
Barrett Welchons (BA; UTK): *Racialized Spatial Agency Bias*	Spring 2026
Kiley Schumpert (BA; UTK): *A Lens Model of Gendered Leadership Evaluations*	Spring 2026
Gillian Preston (MA; UTK): *Gender Biased Source Memory*	Spring 2026
Clara Bunnell (BA; UTK): *Descriptive Norms and Gender-Based Memory Bias*	Spring 2025
Myrsine Kostoulas (BA; UTK): *Sexual Objectification and Eye Gaze*	Spring 2025
Darla Bonagura (MA; UTK): *Survivors as Agents: How Media Coverage of Sexual Assault Impacts Perception of Sexual Assault Survivors and Perpetrators*	Fall 2024
Anhaar Ajaz (BA; UTK): *Gender-Based Memory Bias*	Spring 2024
Hayley Simpson (BA; UTK): *Green is for Girls: Interactions between Masculine Identity and Environmental Behavior*	Spring 2024
Haley Beck (MA; UTK): *Stoic Savages?: Oversimplification of Native Emotions in Commonly Encountered Cultural Environments*	Fall 2022
Bryn Babbitt (BA; Denver): *The Role of Televised Empathy Bias in Developing Children's Racial Attitudes* (Primary Mentor: Max Weisbuch, Ph.D.)	Spring 2018
Michael Mahanna (BA; Denver): *Spatial Associations of Gender: Influences on Mathematical Problem Solving* (Primary Mentor: Max Weisbuch, Ph.D.)	Spring 2018
Rosa Caccioppoli (MA; Padua): *Do We Use Spatial Cues to Cope with Spatial Identity Threat?* (Primary Mentor: Caterina Suitner, Ph.D.)	Spring 2017
Paige Dvorak (BA; Denver): *Gender Stereotypes and Nonverbal Bias in Children's TV Shows* (Primary Mentor: Max Weisbuch, Ph.D.)	Spring 2015

Graduate student thesis committees served on

Kennedy Evins (PhD; UTK): *Paired Alignment at the Intersections*	Anticipated Spring 2028
Sulaimon Kasali (PhD; UTK): *Envy and Prejudice*	Anticipated Spring 2027
Andrew Langbehn (PhD; UTK): *Emotion in Neutral Faces*	Anticipated Fall 2026
Laura Gill (PhD; UTK): *Mechanisms of Long-Term Attitude Change Through Evaluative Conditioning*	Anticipated Fall 2026
Olivia Fleenor (MA; UTK): *Spontaneous Touches and Goal-Directed Reaching Behavior in Premature Infants*	Summer 2026
Trinity Crane (Economics PhD; UTK): *Three Essays in Discrimination and Equity*	Spring 2026
Duangporn Pattankul (MA; UTK): *Changes in Nonprejudice Motives*	Summer 2025
Laura Gill (MA; UTK): *Black and White American's Reactions to Partner Content Strategies in Interracial Interactions*	Summer 2025
Kennedy Evins (MA; UTK): *Paired Alignment*	Summer 2024
Emily Brayton (MA; UTK): *The Best-Worst Experience of My Entire Life: Negative, Positive, and Mixed Emotional Reactions to Getting Voted Off Survivor Island*	Spring 2024

Undergraduate student grants and research awards mentored

University of Tennessee – Knoxville

Advanced Undergraduate Research Assistantship | Chelsea Kratz ($2,500)	Summer 2026
Advanced Undergraduate Research Assistantship | Margaret Dobson ($2,500)	Summer 2025
Advanced Undergraduate Research Assistantship | Barrett Welchons ($2,500)	Summer 2025
Best Undergraduate Psychology Poster | Myrsine Kostoulas	Spring 2025
Award of Excellence for Undergraduate Research Presentation | Clara Bunnell	Spring 2025
Award of Excellence for Undergraduate Research Presentation | Myrsine Kostoulas	Spring 2025
Faculty Research Assistantship Fund | Myrsine Kostoulas ($3,500)	2024 - 2025
Advanced Undergraduate Research Assistantship | Clara Bunnell ($2,500)	Summer 2024
Award of Excellence for Undergraduate Research Presentation | Hayley Simpson	Spring 2024
Award of Excellence for Undergraduate Research Presentation | Willem Touzel	Spring 2024
Undergraduate Research Travel Grant | Brandon De La Cruz ($500)	Fall 2023
Faculty Research Assistantship Fund | Emmanuel Brock ($2,500)	Summer 2023
Advanced Undergraduate Research Assistantship | Clara Bunnell ($2,500)	Summer 2023
Award of Excellence for Undergraduate Research Presentation | Gabrielle Petrella	Spring 2023
Award of Excellence for Undergraduate Research Presentation | Sarah Lerner	Spring 2023
Award of Excellence for Undergraduate Research Presentation | Hayley Simpson	Spring 2023
Advanced Undergraduate Research Assistantship | Hayley Simpson ($1,750)	Spring 2023
Departmental Research Assistantship | Clara Bunnell ($1,500)	Spring 2023
Faculty Research Assistantship Fund | Kaitlyn Kilburn ($1,750)	Spring 2023
Faculty Research Assistantship Fund | Brandon De La Cruz ($1,750)	Fall 2022
Faculty Research Assistantship Fund | Anna Klaes ($2,500)	Summer 2022
Advanced Undergraduate Research Assistantship | Gabriella Petrella ($2,500)	Summer 2022
Departmental Research Assistant Fund | Tierrany McNamee ($1,500)	Spring 2022
Award of Excellence in Arts & Sciences | Jessica Wysor	Spring 2021
Silver Award for Undergraduate Research Presentation | Jessica Wysor	Spring 2021

California State University – Los Angeles

SPSP Undergraduate Research Assistantship (SPUR) | Andrea Manzur	2023

Tennessee State University

Scholarly Trainees Acquiring Research Skills Award | Tamia Eugene	2021-2022

University of Denver

Summer Research Grant | Wesley Mysinger ($3,500)	Summer 2019

Student Scholar Travel Fund | Bryn Babbitt ($978)	Spring 2018
Excellence in Psychology Research | Jess Gerbutovich	Spring 2018
Summer Research Grant | Bryn Babbitt ($3,500)	Summer 2017
Summer Research Grant | Sharon Saltoon ($3,500)	Summer 2016
Partners in Scholarship Grant | Analisa Anastasi ($1,500)	Spring 2016
Student Scholar Travel Fund | Kim Waters ($1,000)	Spring 2015
Student Scholar Travel Fund | Paige Dvorak ($1,000)	Spring 2015
Summer Research Grant | Kim Waters ($3,500)	Summer 2014
Summer Research Grant | Paige Dvorak ($3,500)	Summer 2014

Service

Discipline

Nonverbal Behavior Preconference, **Organizer**	Fall 2021 – Spring 2025
NSF Grant Review Panel, **Member**	2024
Social-Personality Undergraduate Research Program, **Mentor**	Fall 2022 – Fall 2023

Community

Vision Science Community Outreach Program, **Director**	Summer 2023 -
School Science Outreach, **Founder & Workshop Facilitator**	Fall 2015
Vision Science Outreach Team, **Workshop Facilitator**	Spring 2015 – Spring 2019

College/University

Center for the Dynamics of Social Complexity, **Member**	Fall 2024 -
Computation Social Sciences IDP Steering Committee, **Member**	Fall 2024 -
UTK Undergraduate Research Conference, **Judge**	Spring 2023|Spring 2024

Department

NSF GRFP Writing Group, **Organizer**	Fall 2024
SONA Task Force, **Member**	Fall 2022 -
TSU/UTK Scholarly Trainees Acquiring Research Skills (STARS), **Mentor**	Fall 2020 – Fall 2021
Diversity Council, **Climate & Research Subcommittee Chair**	Fall 2020 – Spring 2022
Multicultural Interest Group, **Member**	Fall 2018 – Spring 2019
Gender Issues in Science Discussion Group, **Member**	Spring 2018 – Spring 2019
Specola Lab - Padua, **International Scholar & Thesis Supervisor**	Spring 2017
Inclusive Excellence Committee, **Graduate Student Representative**	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
Graduate Students of the Four Faculties, **Department Representative**	Fall 2013
Psi Chi National Honors Society, **President**	Fall 2012
Psychology Department Journal, **Editor**	Fall 2011
Psychology Department Student Advisory Board, **Member**	Fall 2010

Editorial Roles

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, **Associate Editor**	Spring 2026 -
Personality and Social Psychology Review, **Editorial Board**	Fall 2023 -

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journals

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology	Sex Roles
Journal of Experimental Psychology: General	Psychology of Women Quarterly
Emotion	Social Psychological and Personality Science
Behavior Research Methods	Cognitive Science
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin	Journal of Nonverbal Behavior
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology	Child Development

Grants

National Science Foundation

Israel Science Foundation

Professional Affiliations

Society for Experimental Social Psychology	Summer 2024 -
Association for Psychological Science	Fall 2022 -
Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists	Fall 2020 -
Society for Research in Child Development	Spring 2019 -
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues	Summer 2013 -
APA Division 35 Psychology of Women	Spring 2013 -
Society for Personality and Social Psychology	Fall 2012 -
Association for Women in Psychology	Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

Teaching

Python for Experiment Building (PSYC 601; Graduate Seminar)	Spring 2027 -
Building Your Writing Practice (PSYC 601; Graduate Seminar)	Summer 2026 -
Research Design (PSYC 580; Graduate Seminar)	Spring 2025 -
Cultural Influence & Socialization (PSYC 601; Graduate Seminar)	Spring 2020 –
Introduction to Social Psychology (PSYC 360; Undergraduate Course)	Fall 2019 -

Honors and Awards (Graduate/Undergraduate)

Graduate

Harry Gollob Research Award (for best student publication)	May 2018
Summer Institute for Social and Personality Psychology Scholar	July 2017
SPSP Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award	January 2016
SPSP Graduate Travel Award	January 2016
Department Service Award	May 2014 & May 2016

Undergraduate

NEPA Honorary Undergraduate Scholar Award	July 2013
Academic Honors and Distinction in Psychology	May 2013
Phi Beta Kappa	May 2013
Winthrop Scholar (for being in top 3% of class)	May 2013
Cameron Horner Smyser '92 Award for Scholarly Achievement	May 2013
Hunter Grubb Activist Scholarship	Fall 2012
Center for Teaching and Learning, Research Grant ($750)	Fall 2011
Dean's High Honors	Fall 2009 – Spring 2012
Psychology National Honors Society	Spring 2010

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