

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Experimental Psychology** (expected) 2026
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Minor: Applied Statistics
Advisor: Andrew Hales, Ph.D
- Master of Arts, Experimental Psychology** 2023
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Advisor: Andrew Hales, Ph.D
Thesis: *Distraction by Any Other Name? The Impact of Music on Social Exclusion Recovery*
- Bachelor of Science, Psychology** 2021
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
Minors: Sociology, Marketing

ADDITIONAL TRAININGS

- Summer School: “Social Connections and Well-Being in the Digital Era”** Summer 2023
Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, Lake Como, Italy
Sponsored by: University of Milano-Bicocca and Italian Association of Psychology
- Social-Personality Undergraduate Research (SPUR) Program** 2021
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Sponsored by: Society of Personality & Social Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Relationships; Social connection and exclusion; Media/technology use

PUBLICATIONS

- Wicks, S. G., Hales, A. H., & Wesselmann, E. D.** (*accepted in principle*). Does content matter? Examining the influence of event-focused prayer on recovery from ostracism. *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*. [Registered report].
- Hales, A. H., **Wicks, S. G.**, Wood, N. R., & Mohammadi, S. (2024). Phubbing responses in real-time: rapid recovery from a single phub and declining affect with repeated phubs. *Social Influence*, 19(1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/15534510.2024.2414958>

Wicks, S. G., Hales, A. H., & Hennes, E. P. (2023). Does disseminating (mis)information restore social connection during a global pandemic? *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, e12825. <https://doi.org/10.1111/spc3.12825>

Wood, N. R., Leckfor, C. M., **Wicks, S. G.**, & Hales, A. H. (2023). Ghosting from the workplace: The impact of feedback (or lack thereof) on applicants' psychological needs satisfaction. *Routledge Open Research*, 2(3), 3. <https://doi.org/10.12688/routledgeopenres.17725.1>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

* Denotes mentee

Wicks, S. G., *Paul, M., & Sinclair, H. C. (*under revision, R&R*). Balancing relationships: What happens when your friends and romantic partners don't get along?

Wood, N. R., **Wicks, S. G.**, Beam, A. J., Mudryk, E., *Fitts, E., & Hales, A. H. (*under review*). What could have been: Predicted and actual exclusion by potential romantic partners and platonic friends.

Wicks, S. G., & Hales, A. H. (*under review*). Examining the impact of happy and sad music on ostracism recovery.

BOOK CHAPTER

Wicks, S. G., Mohammadi, S., Wood, N. R., & Hales, A. H. (*in press*). Social ostracism as an existential threat. In K. E. Vail, D. R. Van Tongeren, R. J. Schegel, J. Greenberg, L. A. King, & R. M. Ryan (Eds.). *Handbook of the science of existential psychology*.

PRESENTATIONS

* Denotes mentee

Wicks, S. G., & Sinclair, H. C. (2025, February). *Singled Out: The roles of social network opinions on singlehood outcomes among heterosexual and sexually diverse individuals* [Poster presentation]. Close Relationships Pre-conference at the 2025 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, Denver, CO.

Wicks, S. G., Hales, A. H. Bernstein, M. J., & Williams, K. D. (2025, February). *AIE: Abbreviation-Induced Exclusion* [Poster presentation]. 2025 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, Denver, CO.

Wicks, S. G., Hales, A. H., Wood, N. R., & Mohammadi, S. (2024, November). *Three, Five, Four, Phub: Rapid Recovery from a Single Phub and Accumulating Displeasure from Repeated Phubs* [Poster presentation]. 2024 Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists conference, Memphis, TN.

- Wicks, S. G.**, Wood, N. R., Beam, A. J., Mudryk, E., Fitts, E., & Hales, A. H. (2024, July). *What could have been: Rejection from potential romantic and platonic partners* [Poster presentation]. 2024 International Association for Relationship Research conference, Boston, MA.
- Wicks, S. G.**, Richmond, B. S., & Sinclair, H. C. (2024, May). *Swipe White: Examining the effects of implicit and explicit biases in online dating* [Poster presentation]. European Association of Social Psychology and International Association for Relationship Research joint symposium “What’s Love Got To Do With It (Part II): Inequality in Close Relationships” (virtual).
- Wood, N. R., Hales, A. H., **Wicks, S. G.**, & Mohammadi, S. (2024, April). *Real-time responses to single and persistent phubbing* [Data blitz]. 2024 University of Mississippi Conference on Psychological Science, Oxford, MS.
- *Duckworth, G., *Chen, K., **Wicks, S. G.**, Rios, J. W., & Hales, A. H. (2024, April). *Dark intentions: Associations between dark personality traits, ostracism motives, and frequency for ostracizing others* [Poster presentation]. 2024 University of Mississippi Conference on Psychological Science, Oxford, MS.
- *Chen, K., *Duckworth, G., **Wicks, S. G.**, Wood, N. R., & Hales, A. H. (2024, April). *From objects to outcasts: Associations between workplace objectification and ostracism* [Poster presentation]. 2024 University of Mississippi Conference on Psychological Science, Oxford, MS.
- Wicks, S. G.**, Utley, J. W., & Sinclair, H. C. (2024, February). *Strength means blessed with an enemy? The negative and positive impact of enemy relationships on basic psychological needs* [Poster presentation]. Close Relationships Pre-conference at the 2024 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, San Diego, CA.
- Wicks, S. G.**, & Hales, A. H. (2024, February). *Distraction by any other name? Examining the impact of music on social exclusion recovery* [Poster presentation]. 2024 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, San Diego, CA.
- Wicks, S. G.**, & Hales, A. H. (2023, November). *Examining the impact of music on ostracism recovery* [Poster presentation]. 2023 Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists conference, Charlotte, NC.
- Wicks, S. G.**, & Hales, A. H. (2023, September). *“Patch It Up”: Examining the effect of music listening on social exclusion recovery* [Data blitz]. 2023 Mississippi Psychological Association convention, Tupelo, MS.
- Wicks, S. G.**, & Hales, A. H. (2023, April). *One good thing about music: Moving music and social exclusion recovery* [Data blitz]. 2023 University of Mississippi Conference on Psychological Science, Oxford, MS.

- Rios, J. W., Shaw, C. M., **Wicks, S. G.**, & Smith, C. V. (2023, April). *Gender, Greek life, and sexual motivation* [Data blitz]. 2023 University of Mississippi Conference on Psychological Science, Oxford, MS.
- Wicks, S. G.**, & Sinclair, H. C. (2023, March). *Refining the Enemy Impact Inventory: Integrating ostracism detection theory to better understand the impact of enemy relationships* [Poster presentation]. 2023 International Convention of Psychological Science, Brussels, Belgium.
- *Paul, M., **Wicks, S. G.**, & Sinclair, H. C. (2023, March). *Love Me, Choose Me: When asked to choose between your partner and your friend, who would you choose.* [Poster presentation]. 2023 International Convention of Psychological Science, Brussels, Belgium.
- Wicks, S. G.**, & Hales, A. H. (2023, February). *You are now listening: Examining the influence of music on recovery from social rejection* [Poster presentation]. 2023 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, Atlanta, GA.
- *Paul, M., **Wicks, S. G.**, & Sinclair, H. C. (2023, February). *It goes both ways: Friend opinions affect romantic relationship outcomes and romantic partner opinions affect friendships* [Poster presentation]. 2023 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, Atlanta, GA.
- Rios, J. W., Shaw, C. M., **Wicks, S. G.**, & Smith, C. V. (2023, February). *Gender, Greek life, and sexual motivation* [Poster presentation]. 2023 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, Atlanta, GA.
- *Paul, M., **Wicks, S. G.**, & Sinclair, H. C. (2022, July). *Balancing Relationships: What happens when your friends and romantic partners don't get along?* [Paper presentation]. 2022 International Association for Relationship Research conference (virtual).
- Wicks, S. G.** (2022, April). *Virtual ostracism, rejection, and the willingness to spread COVID-19 misinformation* [Data blitz]. 2022 University of Mississippi Conference on Psychological Science, Oxford, MS.
- Wicks, S. G.**, Hales, A. H., & Hennes, E. P. (2022, February). *Online ostracism, rejection, and the willingness to spread COVID-19 misinformation* [Poster presentation]. Attitudes and Social Influence pre-conference at the 2022 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Wicks, S. G.**, Hodum, H., Szkody, E., & McKinney, C. (2021, February). *Empathy and support: How supportive are you?* [Poster presentation]. 2021 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention (virtual).
- Wicks, S. G.**, Szkody, E., Steele, E. H., & McKinney, C. (2021, February). *Parental coping suggestions, perceived social support, & emotion regulation among emerging adults*

[Poster presentation]. 2021 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention (virtual).

Wicks, S. G., Dao, V., Szkody, E., & McKinney, C. (2020, October). *The influence of supportive messages on the interpretation of personality traits among emerging adults*. [Poster presentation]. 2020 Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists conference (virtual).

Wicks, S. G., Utley, J. W., & Sinclair, H. C. (2020, October). *O, I am fortune's fool: The influence of implicit theories of destiny and growth in moderating of parental disapproval on commitment to one's romantic relationship* [Poster presentation]. 2020 Mississippi State University Fall Undergraduate Research Symposium, Starkville, MS.

Wicks, S. G., Szkody, E., & McKinney, C. (2020, February). *Family cohesion and flexibility, conformity, and emotion regulation in emerging adults* [Poster presentation]. 2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychology convention, New Orleans, LA.

Wicks, S. G., Moussa Rogers, M., & McKinney, C. (2019, April). *Overprotective parenting and parental warmth: Implications for child anxiety and peer bonding* [Poster presentation]. 2019 Mississippi State University Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium, Starkville, MS.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Affiliate	2022-Present
University of Missouri - Social Cognition of Social Change Lab	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Erin Hennes, Ph.D	Columbia, MO
Graduate Research Assistant	2021-Present
University of Mississippi - Social Connections and Influence Lab	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Andrew Hales, Ph.D	Oxford, MS
Graduate Student Affiliate	2022-2023
University of Mississippi - Ishtar Lab	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> C. Veronica Smith, Ph.D	Oxford, MS
Undergraduate Research Assistant	2020-2021
Mississippi State University - Social Relations Collaborative	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> H. Colleen Sinclair, Ph.D	Starkville, MS
Undergraduate Research Assistant	2018-2021
Mississippi State University - Making Sense of Us: A Child and Family Research Lab	
<i>Principal Investigator:</i> Cliff McKinney, Ph.D	Starkville, MS

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

University of Mississippi: Personality (undergraduate)	Fall 2024
University of Mississippi: Research Methods (undergraduate) (<i>delivered weekly lab instruction</i>)	Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Guest Lectures and Invited Talks

University of Mississippi: Psychology Club (undergraduate) "Falling for You: A Discourse on Romantic Relationships"	Fall 2024
University of Mississippi: Personality (undergraduate) "Personality and Relationships"	Spring 2024
"Music and Personality"	Spring 2022
University of Mississippi: Social Psychology (undergraduate) "Romantic Relationships: What Is Love?"	Spring 2024
"Romantic Relationships & Mating"	Fall 2023
University of Mississippi: Introduction to Psychology (undergraduate) "Operant Conditioning and Social Learning"	Spring 2023
University of Mississippi: Quantitative Methods in Psychology I (graduate) "Chi-Squared Tests"	Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant

University of Mississippi: Developmental Psychology	Spring 2021
University of Mississippi: Introduction to Psychology	Fall 2021
Mississippi State University: Freshman Year Experience Freshman Success Strategies	Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
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Athletic Tutor

Mississippi State University: Introduction to Gender Studies	Summer 2021
Mississippi State University: Introduction to Statistics	Summer 2021
Mississippi State University: Intermediate Algebra	Summer 2021

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Society for Southeastern Social Psychologists Poster Award	2024
Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Internship (\$4,000)	2024
John Templeton Foundation Open Science of Religion Project (\$21,000) <i>Role:</i> Co-Investigator (Principal Investigator: Dr. Andrew Hales) <i>Project:</i> Does content matter? Examining the influence of event-focused prayer on recovery from ostracism.	2024
International Association for Relationship Research Student Funding Award	2024
Mississippi Psychological Association Data Blitz Second Place	2023
Mississippi Psychological Association Student Travel Award	2023
University of Mississippi Achieving Equity Grant (\$7,950) <i>Role:</i> Co-Investigator (Principal Investigator: Dr. Andrew Hales)	2023

<i>Project: AIE (Acronym-Induced Exclusion): Unfamiliar language as an obstacle to inclusivity.</i>	
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$159,000)	2023
<i>Project: The role of observer supportive messages on ostracism recovery</i>	
University of Mississippi Encouraging Fellowship & Grant Scholarship (\$1,000)	2022
American Psychological Association & Psi Chi Junior Scientist Fellowship (\$1,000)	2021
<i>Project: Cyberostracism, rejection, and the willingness to spread misinformation</i>	
University of Mississippi Provost's Elite Scholar Designation (\$30,000)	2021
University of Mississippi Excellence in Inclusivity Fellowship (\$12,000)	2021
Society of Personality & Social Psychology Undergraduate Research Program (\$1,500)	2021
Society of Personality & Social Psychology Diversity Undergraduate Registration Award	2021
Mississippi State University Spirit of State Award	2021
Mississippi State University Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society	2021
Mississippi State University Dean's Scholar	Spring 2019-Spring 2021
Mississippi State University Honors Research Travel Award (\$1,500)	Spring 2020, 2021
Mississippi State University Shackouls Honors College	2017-2021
Mississippi State University Psi Chi Excellence Award	2020
Mississippi State University President's Scholar	Fall 2017-Fall 2018, Spring 2020

MENTORSHIP

Mentored Award

Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College Research Fund (*Katy Chen*) 2024

University of Mississippi

Katy Chen (undergraduate directed research co-advisor, Honor's thesis) Spring 2024-Present
 Gabrielle Duckworth (undergraduate directed research co-advisor) Spring 2024

The Ohio State University

Alex Shaheen (undergraduate directed research co-advisor) Fall 2023
 Zhaoji Jiang (undergraduate directed research co-advisor) Fall 2023

SERVICE

Editorial Board

Personality and Social Psychology Review Emerging Editor Board

Journal Reviewing

Group Processes & Intergroup Relations

Personality and Social Psychology Review (2)

Social and Personality Psychology Compass (3)

Discipline-Related Service - Society of Personality & Social Psychology

Assistant Director, Social-Personality Undergraduate Research Program 2024

Facilitator, Social-Personality Undergraduate Research "Thriving in Grad School" Panel 2024

Site Volunteer, Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists Conference 2024

Facilitator, Social-Personality Undergraduate Research Competitive Fellowship Panel	2024
Facilitator, Social-Personality Undergraduate Research “Applying to Grad School” Panel	2024
Editorial Assistant, <i>Character & Context</i> Research Blog	2021-2023
Panelist, Social-Personality Undergraduate Research “Applying to Grad School” Panel	2021

Institutional Service - University of Mississippi

Representative, College of Liberal Arts Research & Creative Scholarship Council	2023-Present
Poster Judge, Psychology Department Research Day	2024
Undergraduate Advisor, Psychology Department Summer Orientation	2023
Graduate Peer Mentor, Psychology Department Diversity Committee	2022-2023
Graduate Student Member, Psychology Department Communications Committee	2021-2023
Volunteer, Mississippi Day Psychology Department	2023
Panelist, Psychology Department Research Day Graduate Panel	2023
Panelist, Psi Chi & Psychology Club "Day in the Life of a Grad Student" Panel	2023
Panelist, Psychology Department Research Day Graduate Panel	2022

Other Relevant Service Work

Invited Speaker, John Hopkins’ Center for Talented Youth Summer Program Psychology	2024
Panelist, Mississippi State University Psi Chi Graduate Student Panel	2022
Panelist, Mississippi State University Undergraduate Research Experience Panel	2021

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association (APA)
 International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)
 International Singles Studies Association (ISSA)
 Association for Psychological Science (APS)
 Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA)
 Society of Personality & Social Psychology (SPSP)
 Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology
 Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists (SSSP)

SKILLS

Organization: Project management, research training, verbal and written communication, grant writing, mentorship, teaching

Methodology: experimental design, laboratory studies, measurement development, online studies, explicit and implicit measures, qualitative coding, survey design

Statistics: data cleaning & visualization, factor analysis, generalized linear modeling, meta-analysis, multilevel modeling, multiple regression, non-parametric methods

Software: R, Jamovi, JASP, Microsoft (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), SPSS, JavaScript (intermediate), HTML & CSS (intermediate), Qualtrics, Prolific, Amazon MTurk, Open Science Framework (OSF)

Additional Skills: web development, web site management, content management, social media management

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Online Teaching Endorsement, University of Mississippi	2024
Emerging Teaching Credential, University of Mississippi	2024
Fundamentals of Teaching Credential, University of Mississippi	2023
Foundations of Digital Marketing, Google Digital Garage	2021
Social Media Marketing Certification, HubSpot	2021
Content Marketing Certification, HubSpot	2021
Inbound Marketing Certification, HubSpot	2021
Social Media Marketing Certification, Hootsuite	2021
Hootsuite Platform Certification, Hootsuite	2021

REFERENCES

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