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EDUCATION

- PhD**, Social Psychology Expected 2021
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
 Dr. Janet Ruscher and Dr. Laurie O'Brien
- MS**, Social Psychology 2019
 Thesis: *Do Stressed Female Role Models Hinder Women's Interest in Male-Dominated Domains?*
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
 Dr. Janet Ruscher and Dr. Laurie O'Brien
- BA**, Art History 2007
College of Charleston, Charleston, SC
Wells College, Study Abroad, Paris, France (2006)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Racist/Sexist language and perceptions of offensiveness**
- **Issues of harm and blamelessness as it relates to offensive language**
- **Gendered environments and their impact on the outcomes of underrepresented groups**

PUBLICATIONS

Merritt, S. K., O'Brien, L. T., Ruscher, J. B. (in press) Creating clever internet memes perpetuates offensiveness. *Western Journal of Communication*.

Merritt, S. K., Hitti, A., Van Camp, A. R., Shaffer, E., O'Brien, L. T. (under review) Maximizing the Impact of Exposure to Science Role Models: Testing an Intervention to Increase Science Identity Among Adolescent Girls. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.

O'Brien, L. T., **Merritt, S. K.** (revise and resubmit) Understanding Attributions to Discrimination in a Multiracial Society: Isolating the Effect of Perpetrator Group Membership. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Van Bommel, T. M., **Merritt, S. K.**, Shaffer, E., Ruscher, J. B. (revise and resubmit) Mimicry and Interaction Expectancies Influence Affect in Interracial Interactions. *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior*.

Kirby, T. A., **Merritt, S. K.**, Baillie, S., Malahy, L. W., Kaiser, C. R. (under review) Combating Bisexual Erasure: The Correspondence of Implicit and Explicit Sexual Identity. *Psychological Science*.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talk

Merritt, S.K. (November, 2018). *Communication Goals in Online Communication: How Humor and Memes Can Lead to Offensiveness*. Paper presented at Tulane University's Colloquium Series, New Orleans, LA.

Poster Presentations

Merritt, S.K., O'Brien, L.T. (June, 2020). *Can Belonging and Authenticity Lead to Science Interest Among Children?* Poster to be presented at the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference. Denver, CO.

Merritt, S.K., Ruscher, J.B. (February, 2020). *Role Model Stress Diminishes Female Pre-med Students' Interest in Medical Careers*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. New Orleans, LA.

Merritt, S.K., Hitti, A. , & O'Brien L.T. (February, 2020). *Female STEM Role Models for Diverse Girls*. Poster presented at the Intervention Science Preconference during Society for Personality and Social Psychology Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Merritt, S.K. & Ruscher J.B. (March 2019) *Perceptions of the Acceptability of Offensive Memes*. Poster presented at the International Convention of Psychological Science. Paris, France.

Merritt, S.K. & O'Brien L.T. (May, 2018) *Are All Discriminators Created Equal? Using a Simple Prototype to Decide*. Poster presented at 30th Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention. San Francisco, CA.

Merritt, S.K., Ruscher J.B., & O'Brien L.T. (January, 2017). *Communication Goals Affect Perceptions of Cleverness for Offensive Material*. Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Antonio, TX.

Merritt, S.K., O'Brien L.T., & Ruscher J.B. (May, 2016). *"But I was just trying to be funny": Communication Goals and Offensiveness*. Poster presented at Association for Psychological Science. Chicago, IL.

Merritt, S.K., Kirby, T.A., Baillie, S.M., Malahay Wu, L., Kaiser, C.R. (February, 2016) *Dispelling Doubts About Bisexuality: Implicit Sexual Identity Matches Self-Identification*. Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Diego, CA.

Merritt, S.K. & Brady, L.M. (May, 2015). *First Generation Achievement & Experience*. Poster presented at Association for Psychological Science. New York, NY.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Teaching Assistant, Dr. Dave Corey <i>Univariate Statistics, Tulane University</i>	Spring 2020
Lead two lab sections in order to facilitate the learning of statistics through the completion of assignments. Responsibilities also included proctoring and grading.	
Teaching Assistant, Dr. Damian Murray <i>Intro to Personality Psychology, Tulane University</i>	Fall 2019

Assist in the teaching of personality psychology for a large lecture class. Tasks involve proctoring, grading, and guest lecturing.

Program Evaluator, Dr. Michelle Sanchez 2018
Tulane Science Scholars Program

Evaluate a summer program for high-school students taking college-level classes at Tulane University. Use pre and post surveys to understand learning objectives, interest in STEM, and students' experiences.

Instructor, Summer Psychology Internship 2018
Center for Public Service, Tulane University

Lead an online class for Tulane psychology majors who are partaking in a summer internship. Use readings related to diversity, multiculturalism, and economic inequality in America to foster online class discussions.

Research Assistant, Dr. Eric J. Bruns 2013
Wraparound Evaluation & Research Lab, University of Washington

Research focused on intervention and therapy initiatives for at-risk youths and their families. Responsibilities included analyzing and managing data, conducting and scoring survey interviews, and developing training materials for Wraparound providers.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS MENTORED

Tulane University:

- **Celeste Reames** 2017-2019
Current position: Masters in Psychology student, Tulane University
- **Mark (Bailey) Graffagnini** 2017-2019
Award: Newcomb Summer Research Internship
Current position: Masters in Psychology, University of New Orleans
- **Taylor Kimball** 2016-2018
Current position: PhD student, organizational behavior, Claremont Graduate University
- **Sidonia Compton** 2016-2018
Current position: Masters in Psychology, Tulane University
- **Victoria Parrilla** 2016-2018
Award: Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation
Current position: Masters Marriage & Family Therapy, University of Southern California
- **Jaelyn Edwards** 2016-2017
Award: Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation
Current position: Clinical Research Coordinator, Stanford University

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Service to Tulane University Psychology Department

Visiting Speaker Committee 2015-present
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Recommend, advise, and organize visiting guest speakers to present at colloquia.

Psychology Department Diversity Taskforce 2017-2018
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Service to Tulane University

Founder & Director 2016-present
WiSE (Women in Science & Engineering) Mentor Program
Match graduate student mentors to undergraduate students in the school of science and engineering

Chair, Social & Wellness Committee 2018
WiSE (Women in Science & Engineering) Mentor Program
Plan & organize networking events surrounding health and career to promote community among graduate students in science and engineering programs.

Member, Graduate Student Library Advisory Committee 2016
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Advise on the character, use, strengths, and weaknesses of the collections, services, policies, and facilities of the university's libraries.

Service to Social Psychology Discipline

Student Poster Award Reviewer 2016
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Evaluate the quality of poster submissions using a judging rubric and give critical feedback in order for the committee to make a decision.

Associations

Society for the Personality and Social Psychology
Association for Psychological Science

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Louisiana Board of Regents Fellowship [\$26,000/yr]	2015-2019
Graduate Studies Student Association Travel Award [\$500/yr]	2016, 2017, 2018
Psychology Department Travel Award [\$350/yr]	2016, 2017, 2019
Tulane School of Science and Engineering Travel Award [\$300/yr]	2016, 2017, 2019
Tulane Flowerree Travel Fund [\$300/yr]	2016, 2017, 2019
Tulane Flowerree Summer Fund [\$3000/summer]	2016, 2017

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Statistical Power Analysis: From Basic to Mixed/Longitudinal Designs
2018

May 24,

Jean Philippe Laurenceau, University of Delaware and Niall P. Bolger, Columbia University
30th Annual Association for Psychological Science Convention**Professional Writing Workshop**

January 9-11, 2017

Dr. Robert Kail, Purdue University
Tulane University**Social Relations Modeling of Dyadic Data Workshop**

May 26, 2016

Dr. Thomas E. Malloy, Rhode Island College
Association for Psychological Science Convention**Ready, Set, Teach workshop**

May 10, 2016

Tulane University

Pacific Conference for Prejudice and Culture

August 29, 2014

Western Washington University

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE & SKILLS

Crisis Line Volunteer

2012-2014

*Crisis Clinic of King County, Seattle, WA***Marketing Coordinator**

2010-2012

*Cotton Incorporated, New York, NY***Marketing & Sales Associate**

2008-2010

*Guarisco Gallery, Washington, DC***Languages**

French-Fluent