

## **PSY 390 Research Opportunity**

### **Faculty member or graduate student**

Erin Hennes, PhD, Assistant Professor, Social Psychology

### **Description of research area**

Research in the Social Cognition of Social Justice (SCSJ) laboratory focuses on cognitive and motivational biases in information processing and person perception, particularly in the context of contemporary social issues such as environmental sustainability and racial and gender inequality. In particular, we examine the consequences of distortions in basic psychological processes related to information recall, evaluation, and perceptual judgment for attitudes and decision making about real-world problems. We take a statistically-intensive, multi-method approach to data collection that includes laboratory experiments, public opinion surveys, longitudinal field studies, and focus group interviews.

### **Description of undergraduate participation**

Research tasks will be commensurate with experience and ability. New students in the lab will primarily collect data and conduct literature reviews. Additional responsibilities, such as data cleaning, data analysis, stimulus design, and programming will be available for advanced students. Students will receive mentorship in pursuing their own career goals, as well as have the opportunity to receive additional training on topics such as data analysis, study design, and presentational skills. Outstanding students may have the opportunity to apply for paid positions and/or to develop new research as part of an honor's thesis or independent research project in future semesters.

### **Research setting**

Most work will be completed in the SCSJ laboratories in the Psychological Sciences building, but there may be opportunities to collect data in the community or to work remotely.

### **Number of assistants needed**

3

### **Contact information**

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### **To apply**

Please submit your CV/resume, unofficial transcript, a brief description of your research interests and career goals, and the number of hours you would like to work (in the lab, community, and/or from home).

### **Additional comments**

Individuals interested in pursuing careers in academic research and/or who may be interested in working in the lab for more than one semester are particularly encouraged to apply.