

VANESSA HETTINGER

Curriculum Vitae

Human Behavior, Justice, and Diversity Department
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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Psychology August 2014 – Present
Department of Human Behavior, Justice, and Diversity, University of Wisconsin – Superior

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA PhD earned May 2014
Graduate Program in Psychology (CNS), Social concentration
Dissertation title: Reconceptualizing the Role of Essentialism in Attitudes Toward Gays and Lesbians: The Intersection of Gender and Sexual Orientation.
Advisor: Dr. Joseph Vandello

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA MA earned August 2010
Graduate Program in Psychology (CNS), Social concentration
Thesis title: Influence of Misperceptions About Gay Affluence on Support for Pro-Gay Legal Reform.
Advisor: Dr. Joseph Vandello

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL J.D. earned June 2008
Organizations: *HLS Lambda*, Political Program Co-Chair
Journals: *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*, Article Selection Committee Co-Chair

AMHERST COLLEGE B.A. *cum laude* earned June 2004
Majors: English and Psychology
Thesis: *Effects of Heterosexism and Gender Stereotyping in Constructive Memory*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social cognition; Heterosexism / homophobia; Gender attitudes; Political orientation; Fandom

GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

- *Fellowship to attend 2018 Summer Institute for Academic Feminist Psychologists* 2017
- *Faculty Development Grant, UW-S* 2016
- *SPSP 2017 Teacher/Scholar Travel Award* 2016
- *HIPs Integration Mini-Grant (URSCA), UW-S* 2015
- *Presidential Doctoral Fellowship, USF* 2008 - 2013
- *Harvard Gay and Lesbian Alumni Committee Summer Fellowship, HLS* 2006
- *Amherst College Stonewall Prize, AC* 2004

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Hettinger, V. E. *Unraveling gender essentialism to reduce sexual orientation prejudice.*

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Hettinger, V. E. *Gender essentialism and related attitudes: Investigating potential for change over time.*

Hettinger, V. E., & Bolton Holz, K. *Essentialist gender beliefs and heterosexism: A meta-analysis.*

PUBLICATIONS

Bolton Holz, K., & Hettinger, V. E. (2018). Much ado about “Masculinity”: An exploration of the current state of men and masculinities research. [Review of the book *The psychology of men and masculinities*, edited by R. F. Levant & Y. J. Wong]. *Sex Roles*, 78, 307-308.

Vandello, J. A., & Hettinger, V. (2016). A woman’s honor: Purity norms and male violence. In L. Johnson & D. Demetriou (Eds.), *Honor in the modern world: Interdisciplinary perspectives*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

*Groene, S. L., & Hettinger, V. E. (2015). Are you 'fan' enough? The role of identity in media fandoms. *Psychology of Popular Media Culture*, 5, 324.

Hettinger, V. E., & Vandello, J. A. (2014). Balance without equality: Just world beliefs, the gay affluence myth, and support for gay rights. *Social Justice Research*, 27, 444-463.

Hettinger, V. E., *Hutchinson, D. M., & Bosson, J. K. (2014). Influence of professional status on perceptions of romantic relationship dynamics. *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*, 15, 470-480.

Vandello, J. A., Hettinger, V. E., & Michniewicz, K. (2013). Regional culture. In A. B. Cohen (Ed.), *Culture reexamined: Broadening our understanding of social and evolutionary influences* (pp. 77-91). Washington DC: APA.

Vandello, J. A., Hettinger, V. E., Bosson, J. K., & Siddiqi, J. (2013). When equal isn’t really equal: The masculine dilemma of seeking work flexibility. *Journal of Social Issues*, 69, 303-321.

* Asterisks denote undergraduate mentees.

- Giner-Sorolla, R., Bosson, J. K., Caswell, T. A., & Hettinger, V. E. (2012). Emotions in sexual morality: Testing the separate elicitors of anger and disgust. *Cognition and Emotion*, *26*, 1208-1222.
- Vandello, J. A., & Hettinger, V. E. (2012). Parasite-stress, cultures of honor, and the emergence of gender bias in purity norms: Comment on Fincher & Thornhill. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *35*, 95-96.
- Vandello, J. A., Ransom, S., Hettinger, V. E., & Askew, K. (2009). Men's misperceptions about the acceptability and attractiveness of aggression. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *45*, 1209-1219.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Hettinger, V. (June, 2018). *Reducing heterosexism by challenging gender essentialism*. Poster presented at the 2018 Institute for Academic Feminist Psychologist, Miami, FL.
[Also presented at the 2017 meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Antonio, TX and the 2016 meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.]
- *LaVoie, J., & Hettinger, V. (July, 2016). *Got grit? The answer may depend on your problem-solving ability*. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual University at Buffalo Undergraduate Research Conference, Buffalo, NY.
- Caswell, T. A., Bosson, J. K., & Hettinger, V. (2014). *Not all homosexuals are equally disgusting: Gender differences in sexual prejudice*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.
- Hettinger, V. E., *Hutchinson, D. M., & Bosson, J.K. (February, 2014). *Observing relationships through an old-fashioned lens: Non-traditional status arrangements provoke negative judgments*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Hettinger, V. E., & Vandello, J. A. (January, 2013). *The gay affluence myth and support for gay rights*. Talk presented at the Social Psychology and Law Pre-conference to the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- *Hutchinson, D. M., Hettinger, V. E., & Bosson, J.K. (January, 2013). *Effect of professional status on the perception of relationships*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- *Groene, S. L., Hettinger, V. E., & Bosson, J.K. (January, 2013). *Creation and initial validation of a media fanhood measure*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Hettinger, V. E., & *Groene, S. L. (October, 2012). *Heterosexism research going forward: Meta-analytic evidence of cohort effects in common predictors*. Talk presented at the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Gainesville, FL.
- Hettinger, V. E. (October, 2012). *Effect of relative professional status on perceptions of relationship dynamics*. Talk presented at the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, Gainesville, FL.
- Hettinger, V. E., Vandello, J. A., & Bosson, J. K. (June, 2012). *Equal but still different: Gendered consequences of seeking work flexibility*. Talk presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Charlotte, NC.

- Hettinger, V. E., & Vandello, J. A. (January, 2012). *Gender bias in emphasis on moral purity*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- *Groene, S. L., Hettinger, V. E., & Bosson, J.K. (January, 2012). *Threats to manhood enhance masculine bias in constructive memory*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Hettinger, V. E., & Seybert, J. M. (May, 2011). *Developing a psychometrically efficient measure of heterosexism*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, D.C.
- Hettinger, V. E., & Vandello, J. A. (January, 2011). *Influence of misperceptions about gay affluence on support for pro-gay legal reform*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Caswell, T. A., Bosson, J. K., Giner-Sorolla, R. S., & Hettinger, V. (January, 2011). *Pissed off or grossed out? Distinct elicitors of moral anger vs. disgust by homosexual behavior*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Hettinger, V., & Vandello J. (January, 2010). *The importance of framing: Pairing prescriptive messages with descriptive norms to reduce aggression*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.

PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor for Social Psychology, USF Fall 2011, Spring 2014
- Instructor for Experimental Design and Analysis, USF Fall 2013
- Graduate Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Psychological Science, USF Spring 2010
- Graduate Teaching Assistant for Research Methods in Psychology, USF Spring 2009

RESEARCH MENTORSHIP / SUPERVISION

- Emma Grimm (informal research collaboration) Fall 2015 - Present
- Emma Grimm (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship advisor) Summer 2018
- Emma Holst (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship advisor) Summer 2017
- Jenessa Cabak (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship advisor) Summer 2016
- Jodi LaVoie (McNair advisor) 2015-2016
- Samantha Groene (honor's thesis advisor) 2012 - 2013
- Derek Hutchinson (honor's thesis advisor) 2011 - 2012
- Jasmine Siddiqi (honor's thesis committee member) Spring 2011
- Jeff Hill (honor's thesis committee member) Spring 2011

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Researcher: gender, sexual orientation, and related issues; 2008- 2014
under the supervision of Drs. Joseph Vandello and Jennifer Bosson, USF
- Legal Research Intern for the ACLU of Northern California Summer 2007
- Legal Research Assistant for William Rubenstein, HLS Winter/Spring 2007
- Legal Research Intern for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders Summer 2006

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- IRB Committee Chair, UW-Superior Fall 2017 - Present
- Psychology Program Coordinator, UW-Superior Fall 2016 - Present
- SPSP Undergraduate Poster Award, Volunteer Reviewer Fall 2016, Fall 2017
- IRB Committee, UW-Superior (member) Fall 2015 - Present
- College of Arts and Sciences Grievance Committee, USF (member) Fall 2012 - 2014
- National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology Conference (volunteer) 2010 / 2013
- Undergraduate Research and Arts Colloquium, USF (facilitator) Spring 2012 / 2013
- Graduate Research Symposium, USF (volunteer) Spring 2011
- CNS Weekly Brown Bag Colloquium, USF (coordinator) Fall 2009 / Spring 2010

AD-HOC REVIEWING

Basic and Applied Social Psychology
Cognition and Emotion
Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Political Psychology
Psychological Assessment
Psychology of Men and Masculinity
Sex Roles

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Psychological Science
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Issues, APA D44
Society for the Psychology of Women, APA D35