

Sally B. Barker¹

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2019-2024 (Aug.) **Ph.D. in Psychological Sciences**, The University of Maine
Dissertation: *Participating in Types of Interreligious Dialogue: The Role of Religious Identity and Threat*
Advisor: Jordan P. LaBouff
- 2016-2019 **M.S. in Research Psychology**, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Thesis: *Interreligious Dialogue in the Religious Styles Perspective: A Qualitative Analysis of Instrumental Cases*
Advisor: Ralph W. Hood Jr.
- 2012-2016 **B.S. in Psychology**, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Relevant Employment

- Oct 2023-April 2024 **Independent Consultant, The Pew Charitable Trusts**
Review of Religious Tolerance Interventions
- 2019-2024 **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Psychology, University of Maine
- 2021-2022 **Instructor of Record**, Research Methodology, University of Maine

Academic Appointments

- 2022-2024 **Janet Waldron Doctoral Research Fellow** (\$50,000)
- 2022-2023 **Visiting Scholar, Courtesy Adjunct Faculty**
Department of Psychology, Ohio University
Sponsor: Kimberly Rios; Conformity, Attitudes, Threat, and Stereotypes Lab
- 2019-2024 **Lab Director**, Culture, Religion, Attitudes, and Beliefs Lab
- 2016-2019 **Lab Director**, The Ralph W. Hood Jr. Psychology of Religion Lab

External Research Funding

- 2022 Interfaith Youth Core (Interfaith America). Leveraging Our Religiously Diverse Landscape Toward Community Wellbeing Grant.
The Intersection of Interfaith Dialog and Sexual Health (\$6000). Principal Investigator: Sonja Birthisel, The Wilson Center for Spiritual Exploration and Multifaith Dialog.
- 2021 The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). Grant-in-Aid.
Understanding Caste-ism: The Role of Perceived Threat and Identity Centrality in Intra-group Bias Among Hindus in India (\$1000). Principal Investigator: Sally Barker, Co-PI: Navdeep Kaur, Otago University

¹published under Sally B. Swanson prior to 2020

- 2021 American Psychological Association Div. 36 Social Justice Task Force. Diversity Scholars Grant.
Caste-ism in India: Correlates of Hindu Intra-group Relations, Intersectionality, and Threat Perceptions (\$1000). Principal Investigator: Sally Barker, Co-PI: Navdeep Kaur, Kurukshetra University.
- 2020-2021 International Research Network for the Study of Science & Belief in Society (INSBS). Seed Funding. *The Impact of Higher Education on the Science-Religion Relationship: A Social Identity Perspective* (£4,973). Principal Investigator: Sally Barker, Co-PI: Jordan LaBouff, University of Maine.

Community Engagement Funding

- 2023 Interfaith America. Interfaith America with Eboo Patel Podcast Engagement Award (\$250)

Grant Funded Research Positions

- 2017-2019 **Graduate Research Assistant**, John Templeton Foundation (#60783 - \$1,688,097)
Promoting Research and Discovery on Global Religion (Roger Finke, The Pennsylvania State University, PI, and Christopher Bader, Chapman University, co-PI)
- 2017-2019 **Curriculum Developer**, Training Course for Faith Development Research in the USA, John Templeton Foundation (#60806 - \$1,462,694)
Faith Development Revisited. Longitudinal, Cross-cultural and Multi-method Research on the Development of Religious Styles (Heinz Streib, Universität Bielefeld, PI, and Ralph W. Hood Jr., University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, co-PI)
- 2016-2018 **Project Manager**, John Templeton Foundation (#52249 - \$212,937)
Developmental change in Spirituality: Longitudinal study of faith biographies, religious schemata and their psychological correlates and predictors (Heinz Streib, Universität Bielefeld, PI, and Ralph W. Hood Jr., University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, co-PI)
- 2016-2018 **Project Manager**, John Templeton Foundation (#51968 - \$253,305)
Jesus in the Mind's Eye (Jeff Larsen, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, PI, and Ralph W. Hood Jr., University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, co-PI)
- 2016-2017 **Project Manager**, Fuller Theological Seminary
A discussion of Indigenous—Chinese cultural elements behind the inapplicability of the Religious Orientation Scale in China (Juan Cao, Fudan University, PI)

Publications (*First-author student mentee)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

10. Paweł Łowicki, P. & **Barker, S. B.** (2024). If not belief in God, then what? Identifying factors that contribute to well-being among Polish nonbelievers. *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*.

9. LaBouff, J. & **Barker, S. B.** (under review). The Effect of Exposure to Religious Diversity in Educational Settings.
8. Ross, D.F, Pica, E., Pozzulo, J., Clark, M., **Swanson, S.**, Warren, A., Metzger, R., Silver, C., & Sinclair, H. (2022). The impact of disguise on the identification of familiar faces. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11896-022-09552-4>
7. Davis, E. B., Lacey, E. K., Heydt, E. J., LaBouff, J. P., **Barker, S. B.**, Van Elk, M., & Ladd, K. L. (2022). Sixty years of studying the sacred: Auditing and advancing the psychology of religion and spirituality. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/rel0000485>
6. Foerder, P., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Collins, D. (2020). Space use and enrichment in a North American River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*) exhibit. *Journal of Zoo and Aquarium Research*, 8 (2). <https://doi.org/10.19227/jzar.v8i2.402>
5. Coleman, T. J., III, Bartlett, J. E., Holcombe, J. M., Atkinson, A. R., **Swanson, S. B.**, Silver, C. F., & Hood, R. W. Jr., (2019). Absorption, Mentalizing, and Mysticism: Sensing the presence of the divine. *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*, 5 (1). <http://10.1558/jcsr.37551>
4. *Meyer, M. C., Chesser, S., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Forbes, S. (2019). Political attitudes of the young electorate in the 2016 presidential election and parental influences on political identity formation. *Modern Psychological Studies*, 25 (1). <https://scholar.utc.edu/mps/vol25/iss1/3>
3. Chesser, S., **Swanson, S. B.**, Garey, E., & Hood Jr, R. W. (2018). Religious and non-religious predictors of life satisfaction in a sample of American college students. *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13674676.2018.1504905>
2. Keller, B., Bullik, R., Klein, C., & **Swanson, S. B.** (2018). Profiling atheist world views in different cultural contexts: Developmental trajectories and accounts. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, 10 (3), 229-243. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/rel0000212>
1. Arrowood, R. B., Coleman III, T. J., **Swanson, S. B.**, Hood Jr, R. W., & Cox, C. R. (2018). Death, quest, and self-esteem: re-examining the role of self-esteem and religion following mortality salience. *Religion, Brain & Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2016.1238843>

Unrefereed Reports

1. **Barker, S. B.** (2024). *Evidence Base on The Efficacy of Religious Tolerance Programs*. Internal Report produced for the Pew Charitable Trusts: Supported by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Books

1. Streib, H., Keller, B., Bullik, R., Steppacher, A., Silver, C. F., Durham, M., **Barker, S. B.**, & Hood Jr., R. W. (2021). *Deconversion Revisited. Biographical Studies and Psychometric Analyses Ten Years Later*. Brill Germany/Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. <https://doi.org/10.13109/9783666568688>

Book Chapters and Reference Modules

8. **Barker, S. B.** (in press). Mysticism Scale. In P. C. Hill, R. W. Hood Jr., K. A. Harris, and J. Jong (Eds.), *Measures of Religiousness and Spirituality*. Springer.
7. **Barker, S. B.** (in press). Religious Schema Scale. In P. C. Hill, R. W. Hood Jr., K. A. Harris, and J. Jong (Eds.), *Measures of Religiousness and Spirituality*. Springer.
6. **Barker, S. B.** (in press). Faith Development Scale. In P. C. Hill, R. W. Hood Jr., K. A. Harris, and J. Jong (Eds.), *Measures of Religiousness and Spirituality*. Springer.
5. **Barker, S. B.** (in press). Revised Faith Development Scale. In P. C. Hill, R. W. Hood Jr., K. A. Harris, and J. Jong (Eds.), *Measures of Religiousness and Spirituality*. Springer.
4. **Barker, S. B.** (in press). Fowler Scale. In P. C. Hill, R. W. Hood Jr., K. A. Harris, and J. Jong (Eds.), *Measures of Religiousness and Spirituality*. Springer.
3. **Barker, S. B.** (in press). Faith Situations Questionnaire. In P. C. Hill, R. W. Hood Jr., K. A. Harris, and J. Jong (Eds.), *Measures of Religiousness and Spirituality*. Springer.
2. Bullik, R., Keller, B., & **Barker, S. B.** (2021). "Values for me are that I keep on living well with my environment. [...] But I also feel I have to keep an eye on my life, so that I for myself can live happily." Entering Old Age and Becoming Wise: The Case of Sophia. In Streib, H., Keller, B., Bullik, R., Steppacher, A., Silver, C. F., Durham, M., **Barker, S. B.** & Hood Jr., R. W. *Deconversion Revisited: Biographical Studies and Psychometric Analyses Ten Years Later*. Göttingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. <https://doi.org/10.13109/9783666568688.235>
1. Hood Jr., R. W. & **Swanson, S. B.** (2018). Psychology of Religion. *Reference Module in Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-809324-5.21942-1>

Measurement Instruments

1. Coleman, T. J. III., van Mulukom, V., Holcombe, J., Silver, C. F., **Swanson, S. B.**, Hood, R. W., & Jong, J. (2017). *The Humanism Scale (H-Scale)*. A measure of humanism as a nonreligious worldview. <https://osf.io/y8mkp/>

Conference Presentations

Symposia Chaired

2. *Religious Identity, Stereotypes, and Intergroup Relations* (October, 2020). To be conducted digitally at the Society of the Scientific Study of Religion annual conference, canceled due to COVID-19.
1. *Seekers and Sadhguru: Mysticism, Mentalizing, and Identity Fusion* (October, 2018). The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Panel Participation

2. *Terror Management Theory: A Practical Review of Research and Application* (October, 2020). Author meets critic panel accepted to be conducted digitally at the Society of the Scientific Study of Religion annual conference. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
1. *Life-span Development in Psychology of Religion Research* (August, 2019). Researcher panel at the pre-conference workshop at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion in Gdańsk, Poland.

Paper Presentations (*First-author student mentee)

31. **Barker, S. B.** & LaBouff, J. P. (August, 2023). *Participating in Types of Interreligious Dialogue: The role of Religious Identity and Threat*. Paper presented at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion conference in Groningen, Netherlands.
30. LaBouff, J. P., **Barker, S. B.**, & Morgan, A. B. (August, 2023). *White Christian Nationalism and Prejudice Towards Black Americans*. Paper presented at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion conference in Groningen, Netherlands.
29. **Barker, S. B.**, & LaBouff, J. P. (July, 2023). *Interreligious Dialogue and a Multi-Religion Approach to Science-Religion Compatibility*. Paper presented at the International Research Network for the Study of Science & Belief in Society annual conference in Exeter, United Kingdom.
28. **Barker, S. B.**, LaBouff, J. P., & Rios, K. (July, 2022). *The Impact of Identity Salience on perceptions of the Religion-Science Relationship*. Paper presented at the International Research Network for the Study of Science & Belief in Society conference in Birmingham, United Kingdom.
27. **Barker, S. B.**, LaBouff, J. P., Tidd, A. J., Nielsen, M. E., & Hood Jr., R. W. (February, 2021). *Interreligious Dialogue: The Effect of Desire to Engage on Meaningful Event Experience and Prejudice*. Data Blitz presented at the Religion and Spirituality Pre-conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in San Francisco, California.
26. **Swanson, S. B.** & LaBouff, J. P. (October, 2020). The Impact of Exposure to Religious Diversity in Higher Education on Interreligious Relations. In S. B. Swanson (Chair), *Religious Identity, Stereotypes, and Intergroup Relations*. Symposium accepted to be conducted digitally at the Society of the Scientific Study of Religion annual conference. Canceled due to COVID-19.
25. **Swanson, S. B.**, LaBouff, J. P., & Hood Jr., R. W. (August, 2019). Interreligious dialogue and religious identity. In M. Nielsen (Chair), *Developments in the interpretation of religion and spirituality*. Symposium conducted at The International Association for the Psychology of Religion in Gdańsk, Poland.

24. Keller, B., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood Jr., R. W. (August, 2019). The “strange” as threat, provocation, or option for healing: Mental health and interreligious dialogue in multiple deconversions in Germany and the U.S. In R. Bullik (Chair), *Religious Development and Xenosophia: Encounters with the Strange*. Symposium conducted at The International Association for the Psychology of Religion in Gdańsk, Poland.
23. Bullik, R. & **Swanson, S.B.** (August, 2019). Introduction into the new Manual / Interviewing, FDI Evaluation, Case Study Writing and cross-cultural perspectives. In H. Streib (Organizer), *Life-span Development in Psychology of Religion Research*. Pre-conference workshop conducted at The International Association for the Psychology of Religion in Gdańsk, Poland.
22. **Swanson, S. B.** & Eldridge, J. A. (October, 2018). Talking to the others: Conflict resolution through inter-religious dialogue in Faith Development theory. In C. Silver (Chair), *Inter-religious Dialog, Triangulation of Theory and Methods, Results from the Bielefeld-Chattanooga Longitudinal Research* Collaboration. Symposium conducted at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Las Vegas, Nevada.
21. **Swanson, S. B.** & Coleman III, T. J. (October, 2018). Group identity and Guru identity: Characterizing participants in an experiential two-day yogic science course. In S. B. Swanson (Chair), *Seekers and Sadhguru: Mysticism, Mentalizing, and Identity Fusion*. Symposium conducted at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Las Vegas, Nevada.
20. Eldridge, J. A., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Coleman III, T. J. (October, 2018). Measuring experiential experiences. In S. B. Swanson (Chair), *Seekers and Sadhguru: Mysticism, Mentalizing, and Identity Fusion*. Symposium conducted at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Las Vegas, Nevada.
19. *Tavernas, Y. & **Swanson, S. B.** (October, 2018). The most mystical: Examining ceiling effects on mysticism scores in the ISHA Inner-engineering course with Sadhguru. In S. B. Swanson (Chair), *Seekers and Sadhguru: Mysticism, Mentalizing, and Identity Fusion*. Symposium conducted at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Las Vegas, Nevada.
18. **Swanson, S. B.** (August, 2018). Longitudinal trajectories of Faith Development: Case examples and general trends. In H. Streib & R. W. Hood Jr. (Chairs), *Longitudinal cross-cultural study of spiritual and religious developments*. Symposium conducted at the American Psychological Association in San Francisco, California.
17. Ross, F. D., Warren, A. R., Metzger, R., Pica., E., **Swanson, S. B.**, Sinclair, H., & Eggenberger-Lipschitz, A. (March, 2018). *I know that masked man! Effects of disguise on recognition of familiar faces*. Presented at American Psychology and Law Society Division 41 Annual Conference in Memphis, Tennessee.
16. Hood Jr., R. W. & **Swanson, S. B.** (October, 2017). *On William James, A Transitional Model Congruent with Religious Styles, and Criticisms of Spiritual Vs. Religious Models of Religiosity*. Presented at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Washington, DC.

15. Silver, C. F., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood Jr., R. W. (August, 2017). *Following an Immigrant: Religion, Identity, and Social Concerns in Longitudinal Perspective*. Presented at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion in Hamar, Norway.
14. Silver, C. F., Olson, M. A., & **Swanson, S. B.** (August, 2017). *Jesus in Context: Are Mental Images of Jesus Malleable?* Presented at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion in Hamar, Norway.
13. **Swanson, S. B.**, Pummerer, L., Nielson, M., & Hood Jr., R. W. (April, 2017). *Quantifying Fowler's Faith Development Interviews with LIWC Text Analysis*. Presented at Division 36 Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality Mid-year conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
12. *Dempsey, M., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood Jr., R. W. (April, 2017). *Attachment Styles to the Father Figure as Seen Through Faith Development Interviews*. Presented at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Research Dialogues in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
11. Coleman, T. J. III., van Mulukom, V., Holcombe, J., Silver, C. F., **Swanson, S. B.**, Hood., R. W. Jr., & Jong, J., (March, 2017). The Humanism Scale: Measuring nonreligious worldviews. In T. Coleman and V. van Mulukom (organizers) *Whence Atheism? Beliefs, Reasons, and Control in Nonbelief*. Symposium conducted at the 2017 International Convention for Psychological Science, Vienna, Austria.
10. Pummerer, L., **Swanson, S. B.**, Nielson, M., & Hood Jr., R. W. (January, 2017). *Text Analysis of Faith Development Interviews using Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC)*. Data Blitz presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Pre-Conference Psychology of Religion and Spirituality in San Antonio, Texas.
9. Coleman III, T. J., **Swanson, S. B.**, Holcombe, J., Cao, J., Giamundo, D., & Hood Jr., Ralph W. (August, 2016). *When Shiva talks back: Absorption, mentalizing and mysticism*. Presented at the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion conference in Vancouver, Canada.
8. Silver, C. F., Olson, M. A., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Fritzlen, K. (October, 2016). *The automatic pilot, it's deflating: Social Cognition and The MODE Model approach to Right Wing Authoritarianism*. Presented at Society for Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.
7. Coleman III, T. J., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Guevara, C. (October, 2016). Framing Special Experiences: A longitudinal study of nonreligious worldviews. In B. Keller (organizer) *Faith Development and Religious Styles 1: Results from Longitudinal Research*. Symposium conducted at the 2016 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia.
6. **Swanson, S. B.** & Wollert, M. (October, 2016). *When religious worldview's collide: Longitudinal perspectives on problem solving.* Presented at Society for Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.
5. **Swanson, S. B.** (April, 2016). *Six Billion People Can't Be Wrong: The Psychology of Religion, Politics, and the Structure of Attitudes*. Presented at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Research Dialogues in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

4. Arrowood, R., Coleman, T., Shelton, J., **Swanson, S. B.**, Weber, J., and Hood Jr., R. (March, 2016). *A Real-world Analysis of Worldview Defenses Following Mortality Salience*. Presented at Southeastern Psychological Society Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.
3. Arrowood, R.B., Coleman III, T. J., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood Jr., R. W. (April, 2015). *Optimism in the Face of Death: Morality Salience and Religiosity's Effects on Optimism*. Presented at the Southern Anthropological Society Conference in Athens, Georgia.
2. **Swanson, S. B.**, Arrowood, R.B., & Hood Jr., R. W. (October, 2015). *Death Awareness, Decreased Creativity, and Intrinsic Religiosity*. Presented at the Society for Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting in Newport Beach, California.
1. Arrowood, R. B., Coleman, C. J. III, **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood, R. W. Jr. (October, 2015). *Death induced optimism: The effects of mortality salience on optimistic religious belief and religious adherence*. Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, New Port Beach, California.

Poster Presentations (*First-author student mentee)

27. *Morgan, A., LaBouff, J. P., & **Barker, S. B.** (April, 2024). *Holy Alliances, Unholy Biases: Christian Nationalism's Role in Prejudice*. Presented at the University of Maine 2024 Student Symposium in Orono, Maine. ***UMaine Student Symposium undergraduate award winner (\$500)**.
26. *Slavin, S., Morgan, A., **Barker, S. B.**, Chazin-Knox, K., & LaBouff, J. P. (April, 2024). *Religious Self-Identity and Transphobia* Presented at the University of Maine 2024 Student Symposium in Orono, Maine.
25. *Cox, J., **Barker, S. B.**, & LaBouff, J. P. (April, 2024). *Religious Self-Identity and Transphobia* Presented at the University of Maine 2024 Student Symposium in Orono, Maine.
24. *Morgan, A., LaBouff, J. P., & **Barker, S. B.** (April, 2023). *Religious Self-Identity and Racism*. Presented at the University of Maine 2023 Student Symposium in Orono, Maine.
23. *Casey, D.C., **Barker, S. B.**, & LaBouff, J. P. (April, 2022). *Effects of Religious and Science Identity on Compatibility*. Presented at the University of Maine 2023 Student Symposium in Orono, Maine.
22. **Swanson, S. B.** & LaBouff, J. P. (February, 2021). *Do Highly-Identified Scientists See More Conflict between Science and Religion?* Presented at the digital Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference.
21. *Tran, J., Sweeney, K., Williams, A., Sinclair, H., Mehiel, N., Angel, S., **Swanson, S.**, Ross, D., Warren, A., & Metzger, R. (March, 2019). *Who is that Masked Man? A Replication of Greene and Robinson (1993)*. Presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida.

20. Ross, D., Metzger, R., Sinclair, H., **Swanson, S. B.**, Warren, A., Silver, C. F., Pica, E., & Eggenberger, A. (March, 2019). *Who is that Masked Man? The Effect of Different Disguises on Recognition of Familiar Faces*. Presented at the American Psychology and Law Society Division 41 Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon.
19. **Swanson, S. B.**, Eldridge, A. J. Howard, S. M., & Hood Jr., R. W. (February, 2019). *Perceived Efficacy of Interreligious Dialogue in Narratives of Conflict Resolution Between Religion or Worldviews*. Presented at the Religion and Spirituality Pre-conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in Portland, Oregon.
18. *Howard, S. M., Hanson, A., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood Jr., R. W. (February, 2019). *Motivation and Perspective Taking in Experiential Narratives at an Interreligious "Meet Your Muslim Neighbor" Event*. Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in Portland, Oregon.
17. *Hanson, A., Howard, S. M., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood Jr., R. W. (February, 2019). *Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis of Personality Traits and Perspective Taking Prompting Changes in Relationships and Worldview in Faith Development Interviews*. Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in Portland, Oregon.
16. **Swanson, S. B.**, Coleman III., T., Hood Jr., R. W., Holcombe, J. M., Cao., J., & Giamundo, D. (August, 2018). *Mentalizing, Absorption, and Mysticism in Meditators at a Highly Experiential Ritual Event*. Presented at the American Psychological Association in San Francisco, California.
15. *Sinclair, H., Angel, S., Eggenberger-Lipschitz, A., **Swanson, S. B.**, Warren, A., Ross, D., Pica, E., & Metzger, R. (March, 2018). *Recognition of Familiar Faces: Undisguised Versus Disguise*. Presented at Southeastern Psychological Society Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.
14. *Eggenberger, A., Sinclair., H., Angel, S., **Swanson, S. B.**, Warren, A., Ross, D., Pica., E., & Metzger, R. (March, 2018). *Decision Time Differences in the Recognition Stocking-Mask Disguised Faces*. Presented at Southeastern Psychological Society Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.
13. **Swanson, S. B.**, Mackey, C., Dempsey, M., & Hood Jr. R. W. (March, 2018). *"World Peace is Such a Sham:" Conflicts in Responding to Questions of Disagreements in World View or Religion*. Presented at Religion and Spirituality Pre-conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
12. *Dempsey, M., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood Jr. R. W. (March, 2018). *My Father and the Father: Examining Narratives of Attachment in Faith Development Interviews*. Presented at Religion and Spirituality Pre-conference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
11. Silver, C. F., Olson, M., Larsen, J., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Hood Jr., R.W. (March, 2018). *Social Perceptions of the Divine: Implicit Trait Associations with the Concepts of God and Jesus*. Presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

10. Ross, D. F., Warren, A., **Swanson, S. B.**, & Weber, J., (April, 2017). *(I think) I know that masked man! How disguise influences identification of familiar faces*. Presented at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Research Dialogues in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
9. Arrowood, R., Cox, C., Shelton, J., Hood Jr. R.W., Coleman III., T., **Swanson, S. B.**, Weber, J., Kersten, M. & Routledge, C. (January, 2017). *The Interaction between Real-World Death Manipulations and Negative Affect on Mortality Awareness and Worldview Defense*. Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Antonio, Texas.
8. **Swanson, S. B.**, Arrowood, R., & Hood Jr., R. W. (April, 2016). *Killing Creativity: Decreased Creativity in RAT Test after Death Awareness and Intrinsic Religiosity*. Presented at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Research Dialogues in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
7. **Swanson, S. B.** & Foerder, P. (April, 2016). *Effects of Enrichment on North American River Otter's Space Use in the Tennessee Aquarium*. Presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.
6. Arrowood, R., Shelton, J., & **Swanson, S. B.** (April, 2016). *From the Eulogy to the Grave*. Presented at Southeastern Psychological Society Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.
5. Arrowood, R., **Swanson, S. B.**, Weber, J., Nida, A., Coleman, T., & Hood Jr., R. (April, 2016). *Dead Tired: Too Depleted for Worldview Defense*. Presented at Southeastern Psychological Society Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.
4. **Swanson, S. B.**, Arrowood, R., & Hood Jr., R. W. (January, 2016). *Death Awareness, Decreased Creativity, and Intrinsic Religiosity*. Presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention in San Diego, California.
3. Foerder, P., & **Swanson, S. B.** (June, 2015). *The Effects of Design and Enrichment on Space Use in the Tennessee Aquarium Otter Exhibit*. Presented at Animal Behavioral Society Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska.
2. **Swanson, S. B.** & Foerder, P. (April, 2015). *Space Use in the Otter Exhibit at the Tennessee Aquarium*. Presented at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Research Dialogues in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
1. **Swanson, S. B.** & Foerder, P. (April, 2015). *Mating Behaviors in a Pair of Captive Red Wolves (Canis Rufus)*. Presented at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Research Dialogues in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Invited Talks

4. *Q&A with Sally Barker*. Religion Funders Gathering Evidence for Countering Religious Bias & Promoting Religious Pluralism. The Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia. April 16, 2024.
3. *"Trust or Threat?: The Effect of Religious Garb on Impression Formation in Inter-religious Relations in the United States."* Religion and Intergroup Relations (RAIR) meeting. May 20, 2022.

2. *Interfaith and Interreligious Dialogue*. Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga. June 25, 2017.
1. *Psych Night 2016: Ready for UTC*. Chattanooga State College, March 21, 2016.

Media Coverage

- Joyner, S. (2021). Downloaded Worldwide: The world's only open-access journal for undergraduate research in psychology by students from across the globe, Modern Psychological Studies, is run by UTC students. *Chattanooga Magazine*. Retrieved from https://blog.utc.edu/magazine/downloaded-worldwide/?fbclid=IwAR388wByn4rw3_s_4-CxSXNFrsqaF9chZL2-l1iRMrtGHh_u4BwczX6Y2oQ
- Dolan, E.W. (2018). Those Who Embrace Religious Uncertainty Report Lower Self-Esteem Following Reminders of Death. *PsyPost*. Retrieved from <https://www.psypost.org/2018/08/those-who-embrace-religious-uncertainty-report-lower-self-esteem-following-reminders-of-death-52051>
- Toomey, C. (2016). UTC celebrates faculty and student research. *UTC News Releases*. Retrieved from <https://blog.utc.edu/news/2015/04/utc-celebrates-faculty-and-student-research/>

Teaching Experience

University of Maine

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| Fall 2021-Spring 2022 | Instructor of Record , Research Methodology (PSY 245) |
| Spring 2020 | Co-Instructor , Senior Seminar in the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (PSY 491). Instructor, Dr. LaBouff |
| Fall 2019-Spring 2020,
Winter 2021-2024 | Teaching Assistant , Introduction to Psychology (PSY 100).
Supervisors: Dr. LaBouff, Dr. Dufour, Dr. Guenther |
| Fall 2020-Spring 2021 | Teaching Assistant , Research Methodology (PSY 245). Supervisor: Dr. LaBouff |

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| Summer 2018-Spring 2019 | Instructor of Record , Modern Psychological Studies (PSY 3580) |
| Fall 2016-Spring 2017 | Lab Instructor , Intro to Statistics in Psychology Lab (PSY 2040L)
Section Instructor: Dr. Katherine H. Rogers |
| Fall 2016-Fall 2017 | Teaching Assistant , Modern Psychological Studies (PSY 3580)
Instructor: Dr. David Ross |
| Fall 2015-Spring 2016 | Teaching Assistant , Social Psychology (PSY 3310) Instructor: Dr. David Ross |
| Fall 2015 | Teaching Assistant , Research Methodology (PSY 2020) Instructor: Dr. Jill Shelton |

Editorial Activities

- 2022 – Present **Co-Guest Editor**, *Religions*, Special Issue "Psychology of Religion and Spirituality: Perspectives for Interdisciplinary Research" with Paweł Łowicki, Guest Editor
https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/Psychology_Spirituality
- 2015 - 2017; **Editor-in-Chief**, *Modern Psychological Studies*, an undergraduate research journal peer-reviewed by an undergraduate editorial board <https://scholar.utc.edu/mps/>

Other Relevant External Positions

- 2021-2022 **Graduate Student Representative**, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Psychology of Religion and Spirituality Preconference
- 2021 **Website Designer**, Open Science of Religion (funded by (John Templeton Foundation #60806); openscienceofreligion.com)
- 2016-2017 **Conference Organizer**, APA Division 36 Mid-year Conference on Spirituality and Religion held on April 7-8, 2017 in Chattanooga, TN

Departmental Service

- 2020 – 2021 **Organizer**, UMaine Psych Sciences Writing Group
- 2020 – 2021 **Organizer**, UMaine Social Psychologist Work Group
- 2016 – 2019 **Graduate Student Advisor**, UTC Psi Chi Chapter
- 2016 – 2017 **Graduate Student Advisor**, *Modern Psychological Studies*
- 2016 – 2017 **Representative**, UTC Graduate Student Association
- 2017 **Student Mentor**, UTC Research Psychology Masters Program
- 2015 – 2016 **Secretary**, UTC Psi Chi Chapter
- 2014 – 2016 **Editorial Board Member**, *Modern Psychological Studies*

Awards and Honors

- 2024 **Graduate Student Mentorship Award**
 Awarded by undergraduate mentee, Alexandria Morgan
- 2021 **Diversity Scholars Grant**
 Awarded by the American Psychological Association Division 36 Social Justice Task Force
- 2021 **SPSP Annual Convention Graduate Registration Award**
 Awarded by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- 2020 **Graduate Travel Award**
 Awarded by the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2016 **Graduate Student Association Travel Award**
 Awarded by UTC Graduate Student Association
- 2016 **Outstanding Senior Award in B.S. Psychology**
 Awarded by the UTC Psychology department
- 2014 **Elected to Psi Chi**

Professional Memberships and Networks

International Network for Belief and Science in Society

International Association for the Psychology of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (APA Div. 36)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues