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EDUCATION

2024	Ph.D., Social Psychology Florida State University Advisor: Ashby Plant, Ph.D. Dissertation: <i>Trolling for likes: Does approval-seeking motivation fuel political aggression?</i>
2020	M.S., Social Psychology Florida State University
2017	B.A., Psychology (Honors Concentration) University of Tennessee, Knoxville

EMPLOYMENT

2026 – Present	Lecturer (Full-time Teaching Faculty), University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI
2025	Visiting Assistant Professor, Florida State University Tallahassee, FL
2024 – 2025	Adjunct Professor, Florida State University Tallahassee, FL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught:

- Social Psychology (11x)**
- Industrial-Organizational Psychology (5x)**
- Research Methods in Psychology - Lecture (5x)**
- Research Methods in Psychology - Lab (12x)**
- Honors Social Psychology (1x)**
- Evolutionary Psychology (1x – *Spring 2027*)**

Lecturer (Full-time Teaching Faculty), University of Rhode Island

Fall 2026

- Industrial-Organizational Psychology
 - 25 in-person students
- Social Psychology
 - 90 in-person students
- Research Methods in Psychology – Lecture + Lab (two sections)
 - 45 in-person students
 - 38 in-person students

Summer 2026

- Industrial-Organizational Psychology
 - 16 online students (asynchronous)
 - 14 online students (asynchronous)
- Social Psychology
 - 28 online students (asynchronous)

Spring 2026	Research Methods in Psychology – Lecture + Lab
	- 45 in-person students
	Industrial-Organizational Psychology
	- 25 in-person students
	Social Psychology
	- 40 in-person students
Visiting Assistant Professor, Florida State University	
Fall 2025	Research Methods in Psychology - Lecture (two sections)
	- 186 in-person students
	- 129 in-person students
	Industrial-Organizational Psychology
	- 76 in-person students
	Honors Social Psychology
	- 19 in-person students
Adjunct Professor, Florida State University	
Spring 2025	Social Psychology
	- 249 in-person* students
	- *Final week of semester remote (online) due to FSU campus shooting
Fall 2024	Research Methods in Psychology – Lab (four sections)
	- 25 in-person students
	- 24 in-person students
	- 15 in-person students
	- 11 in-person students
Lead Teaching Assistant, Florida State University	
Summer 2024	Teaching Practicum Course (for training new graduate instructors)
	- 10 in-person graduate students
	- Mentored new graduate instructors of record; provided feedback on materials, syllabi, and assessments
Instructor of Record, Florida State University	
Spring 2024	Social Psychology
	- 151 in-person students
Fall 2023	Social Psychology
	- 335 in-person students
Summer 2023	Social Psychology
	- 67 in-person students
Spring 2023	Social Psychology
	- 240 in-person students
Fall 2021	Social Psychology
	- 113 in-person students
Summer 2021	Social Psychology
	- 113 online students
Spring 2021	Social Psychology
	- 200 online students (asynchronous)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Florida State University

- Summer 2020 Research Methods in Psychology – Lab
- 21 online students (asynchronous)
- Spring 2020 Research Methods in Psychology – Lab (two sections)
- 28 in-person/online* students (synchronous)
 - 27 in-person/online* students (synchronous)
 - *All instruction moved online in March due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Fall 2019 Research Methods in Psychology – Lab (two sections)
- 29 in-person students
 - 28 in-person students

Departmental Assistant, Florida State University

- Summer 2020 General (Introductory) Psychology
- Created materials and assessments required for all psychology majors
- Summer 2019 Language: Body, Mind, and World
Psychology of Personality
Introduction to Brain and Behavior
- Performed Teaching Assistant responsibilities (e.g., grading, proctoring, tutoring)
- Spring 2019 Psychology of Personality (2 sections)
Introduction to Brain and Behavior
Social Psychology
- Performed Teaching Assistant responsibilities (e.g., grading, proctoring, tutoring)
- Fall 2018 Psychology of Personality
Moral Psychology
Social Psychology
- Performed Teaching Assistant responsibilities (e.g., grading, proctoring, tutoring)

Student Disability Services Assistant, University of Tennessee

- Summer 2015 General (Introductory) Psychology
- Performed general tutoring assistance

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – 2024 Plant Lab Graduate Team Leader, Florida State University
- Trained, supervised, and collaborated with small, diverse teams of undergraduate research assistants (60+ students over 12 semesters) through all stages of the research process, from brainstorming project ideas to presentation and publication
 - Nurtured interest in and supported undergraduate research on prejudice and intergroup relations across various social and political contexts using wide-ranging methods (e.g., surveys, online and in-person experiments)
- 2019 – 2020 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Graduate Student Mentor, Florida State University

- Mentored undergraduate students on a year-long research project, culminating in its presentation at the University-wide annual undergraduate research conference
- Coached mentees on data collection, quantitative analysis, and presentation of findings

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP AWARDS

- 2025 Outstanding Teaching in the Major Award Nominee
Office of the Provost, Florida State University
- Nominated by undergraduate students for recognition as an outstanding faculty member teaching upper-division courses
- 2019 – 2020 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Grant (\$500)
Florida State University
- Awarded to graduate student mentors to support and train undergraduate research assistants on psychological research projects
- 2019 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Nominee
Program for Instructional Excellence, Florida State University
- Nominated by undergraduate students for recognition as an outstanding graduate teaching assistant

PUBLICATIONS

- Miller, H. M., Hasty, C. R., **Kievit, D. L.**, Plant, E. A., & Maner, J. K. (2025). The role of political partisanship and moral beliefs in leadership selection. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 0(0), 1-11.
- Mallinas, S. R., **Kievit, D. L.**, & Plant, E. A. (2023). Trial by ideology: Ideological differences in responses to errors in determining guilt in the United States. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 108, 104489.
- ***Kievit, D. L.**, *LaCosse, J., Mallinas, S. R., March, D. S., Kunstman, J. W., Zabel, K. L., ... & Plant, E. A. (2023). Changes in nonprejudiced motivations track shifts in the US sociopolitical climate. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, 26(5), 934-952.
- *Authors contributed equally to this work

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Kievit, D. L.**, & Plant, E. A. (2026). *Trolling for likes: Approval-seeking motivation fuels political aggression* [Manuscript in preparation].

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- Kievit, D. L.**, & Plant, E. A. (April, 2021). *Trolling for likes: Approval-seeking motives fuel political hostility*. Oral presentation at the annual Psychology Graduate Research Day, Tallahassee, FL.
- *Best Oral Presentation (Runner-up)
- Kievit, D. L.**, & Plant, E. A. (October, 2020). *Countering perceptions of ingroup encouragement can reduce the desire to politically aggress*. Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychology (SSSP), Virtual Conference.
- Plant, E. A., LaCosse, J., **Kievit, D. L.**, Mallinas, S. R., & Kunstman, J. W. (October, 2020). *Changes in Nonprejudiced Motivations Track Shifts in the U.S. Sociopolitical Climate*.

Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the *Society of Southeastern Social Psychology* (SSSP), Virtual Conference.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Kievit, D. L., Mallinas, S. R., & Plant, E. A. (April, 2022). *“Keep America great!” American exceptionalism predicts voting behavior in the 2020 U.S. presidential election.* Poster presented at the annual Psychology Graduate Research Day, Tallahassee, FL.

Kievit, D. L., & Plant, E. A. (February, 2022). *Approval-seeking motives fuel aggression toward political outgroup members.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* (SPSP), San Francisco, CA.

Altgelt, E. E., **Kievit, D. L.,** Meltzer, A. L., & Plant, E. A. (February, 2021). *People infer mating strategies from political ideologies.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* (SPSP), Virtual Conference.

Kievit, D. L., & Plant, E. A. (February, 2021). *Challenging perceptions of ingroup tolerance for political hostility reduces political aggression.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* (SPSP), Virtual Conference.

Mallinas, S. R., **Kievit, D. L.,** & Plant, E. A. (February, 2021). *Ideological differences in error sensitivity.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* (SPSP), Virtual Conference.

†Cruz, J. L., **Kievit, D. L.,** & Plant, E. A. (April, 2020). *Aggress to impress: Waging political aggression so as to gain favor with the political ingroup.* Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) conference presentations, Tallahassee, FL.

†Denotes undergraduate mentee

Kievit, D. L., & Plant, E. A. (February, 2020). *Trolling for likes: Anticipated social approval promotes political aggression.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* (SPSP), New Orleans, LA.

Kievit, D. L., & Plant, E. A. (April, 2019). *Effects of perceiving societal prejudice on motivation to respond without prejudice.* Poster presented at the annual Psychology Graduate Research Day, Tallahassee, FL.

Kievit, D. L., Mallinas, S. R., & Plant, E. A. (February, 2019). *Perceiving societal prejudice increases internal motivation to respond without prejudice.* Poster presented at the Political Psychology Preconference at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* (SPSP), Portland, OR.

Kievit, D. L., March, D. S., Zabel, K. L., & Olson, M. A. (March, 2018). *Motivation to avoid racial prejudice declined from 2009-2017.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* (SPSP), Atlanta, GA.

Kievit, D. L., Olson, M. A., Zabel, K. L., & March, D. S. (November, 2017). *Motivation to avoid racial prejudice has declined.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists* (SSSP), Atlantic Beach, FL.

*Undergraduate Poster Award Finalist

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018 – 2024 Plant Lab, Ph.D. Student
Primary Investigator: E. Ashby Plant, Ph.D.
Florida State University

- 2021 – 2022 Center for the Science of Moral Understanding, Student Affiliate
Director: Kurt Gray, Ph.D.
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2017 Group Attention & Behavior Lab, Research Assistant
Primary Investigator: Garriy Shteynberg, Ph.D.
University of Tennessee
- 2016 – 2018 Olson Social Cognition & Attitudes Research Lab, Research Assistant
Primary Investigator: Michael A. Olson, Ph.D.
University of Tennessee
- 2016 RecessVOLS Youth Mentoring Program, Field & Research Assistant
Primary Investigator: Chris Elledge, Ph.D.
University of Tennessee & Knox County Schools

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2025 Teaching of Psychology Brown Bag Group
Florida State University
- 2020 – 2023 Diversity in Psychology Organization of Graduate Students
Florida State University
- 2021 COSSA Social Science Advocate on Capitol Hill
Social Science Advocacy Day 2021
Consortium of Social Science Associations
- 2020 – 2021 Social Psychology Area Coordinator
Florida State University
- 2019 – 2020 Graduate Student Mentor
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program
Florida State University
- 2018 – 2019 Proctor Pool Coordinator
Florida State University
- 2017 – 2018 Social & Behavioral Research Group (SBRG)
University of Tennessee
- 2017 Professional Development in Psychological Science
University of Tennessee
- 2016 – 2017 Student Government Association, Senator
University of Tennessee
- 2015 – 2017 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Events Volunteer
East Tennessee JDRF Chapter, Knoxville, TN

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Outstanding Teaching in the Major, FSU
- 2025 Thank-a-Professor Recognition, FSU
- 2023 Thank-a-Professor Recognition, FSU
- 2021 Thank-a-Professor Recognition, FSU

2021	Social Science Advocacy Annual Vignette Competition Winner, SPSP
2021	Best Oral Presentation Runner-up (\$366), FSU Graduate Research Day
2020	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Materials Grant (\$500), FSU
2019	Graduate Student Travel Award (\$500), SPSP
2019	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Nominee, Program for Instructional Excellence
2018	Watson Scholarship (\$1,000), FSU Graduate School
2017	Student Research Award (\$200), University of Tennessee
2017	Undergraduate Poster Award Finalist, SSSP Annual Conference
2016 – 2017	Delta Tau Delta Kershner Scholar
2015 – 2017	Dean's List, University of Tennessee
2014 – 2017	National Society of Collegiate Scholars
2013	Dean's List, University of Tennessee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists (SSSP)