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Academic Employment & Education

Assistant Professor , University of Massachusetts Amherst	2026-Current
Postdoctoral Research Associate , University of Illinois Chicago	2024-2026
Ph.D. , Social Psychology, University of Virginia - NSF GRFP Recipient	2024
Laboratory Manager , University of Maryland	2016-2018
B.A. , Psychology & Religious Studies, Skidmore College - Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude	2016

Journal Articles

- Caluori, N.**, Gervais, W., Mercier, B., & Shariff, A. (Stage 2 Acceptance; Registered Report). Secret Skeptics? Estimating Underreporting of Atheism Across Six Countries. *Nature Human Behaviour*.
- Kukharkin, A., Barber, F., Cooley, E., **Caluori, N.**, Brown, X., Singh, A., Cipolli, W., & Brown-Iannuzzi, J. (2026). White Americans' feelings of being "last place" are associated with anti-DEI attitudes, Trump support, and Trump vote during the 2024 U.S. presidential election. *Advances in Psychology*.
- Lisnek, J., **Caluori, N.**, Brown-Iannuzzi, J., & Oishi, S. (2024). Investigating How High Perceived Economic Inequality Exacerbates Intergroup Competition, Zero-Sum Beliefs, and Perceived Intergroup Prejudice. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Data & Code\]](#)
- Cooley, E., Brown-Iannuzzi, J.B., **Caluori, N.**, Elacqua, N., & Cipolli, W. (2024). White Americans who perceive themselves to be "last place" in the racial status hierarchy are most drawn to alt-right extremism. *Nature Communications Psychology*. [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Data & Code\]](#)
- Caluori, N.**,* Cooley, E.,* Brown-Iannuzzi, J., Klein, E., Lei, R., Cipolli, W., & Philbrook, L. (2024). Perceptions of falling behind "most White people": Within-group status comparisons predict fewer positive emotions and worse health over time among White (but not Black) Americans. *Psychological Science*, 35(2). [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Data & Code\]](#)
- *Equal contribution
- Savell, S. M., Niguse, M., **Caluori, N.**, Brown-Iannuzzi, J. L., Wilson, M. N., Lemery-Chalfant, K., & Shaw, D. S. (2024). Cascading Influences of Caregiver Experiences of Discrimination and Adolescent Antisocial Behavior. *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*. [\[PDF\]](#)

Lin, Y., **Caluori, N.**, Öztürk, E.B., & Gelfand, M.J. (2022). From virility to virtue: In honor cultures, a shift in focus may promote apologies and conflict resolution. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.*, 119(41), e2210324119. [\[PDF\]](#)

Oishi, S., Bak, H., & **Caluori, N.** (2022). Cultural psychology of inequality: Current and future directions. *Asian Journal of Social Psychology*, 25(1), 103-116. [\[PDF\]](#)

Jackson, J. C.,* **Caluori, N.**,* Gray, K., & Gelfand, M. (2021). The new science of religious change. *American Psychologist*, 76(6), 838 – 850. [\[PDF\]](#)

*Equal contribution

Caluori, N., Brown-Iannuzzi, J., & Cipolli, W. (2021). Economic inequality shapes the relationship between globalization and prejudice. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(6), 1082-1091. [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Data & Code\]](#)

Gervais, W. M., Najle, M. B., **Caluori, N.** (2021). The origins of religious disbelief: A dual inheritance approach. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(7), 1369-1379. [\[PDF\]](#)

Jackson, J. C., **Caluori, N.**, Abrams, S., Beckman, E., Gelfand, M., & Gray, K. (2021). Tight cultures and vengeful Gods: How culture shapes religious belief. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 150(10), 2057-2077. [\[PDF\]](#)

Gelfand, M., **Caluori, N.**, Jackson, J.C., & Taylor, M. (2020). The cultural evolutionary tradeoff of ritualistic synchrony. *Philosophical Transactions B*, 375(1805), 20190432. [\[PDF\]](#)

Caluori, N., Jackson, J.C., Gray, K., & Gelfand, M.J. (2020). Conflict changes how people view God. *Psychological Science*, 31(3), 280-292. [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Data & Code\]](#)

Wilton, L.S., Sanchez, D., Unzueta, M., Kaiser, C., & **Caluori, N.** (2019). In good company: When gender diversity boosts a company's reputation. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 43(1), 59-72. [\[PDF\]](#)

Moss-Racusin, C., Sanzari, C., **Caluori, N.**, & Rabasco, H. (2018). Gender bias produces gender gaps in STEM engagement. *Sex Roles*, 79(11-12), 651-670. [\[PDF\]](#)

Selected Manuscripts in Preparation

Caluori, N. & Brown-Iannuzzi, J.B. (Under review). Perceptions of other nations produce selective cultural transmission. [\[Preprint\]](#)

Katz, M., **Caluori, N.**, & Pasek, M. (Under review). Whose sincerely held beliefs count? Political ideology shapes perceptions of religious exemption requests.

Caluori, N., Zahoor, Z., Moore-Berg, S.L., Katz, M., & Pasek, M. H. (In preparation, draft complete). Cultural and psychological foundations of religious nationalism.

Caluori, N., Brown-Iannuzzi, J.B., Wood, A., Abrams, S., Gray, K., & Jackson, J.C. (In preparation, analyses complete). Webs of culture: A new approach to mapping and modeling religious systems across the globe.

Caluori, N. & Oishi, S. (In preparation, analyses complete). Testing the association between leadership preferences and tolerance for inequality.

Katz, M., **Caluori, N.**, & Pasek, M. (In Preparation, draft complete). Whose sincerely held beliefs count? Political ideology shapes perceptions of religious exemption requests.

Book Chapters

Brown-Iannuzzi, J., Cooley, E., Attick, E., Bissainthe, R., & Caluori, N. (2025). Economic inequality, racial stereotypes, and attitudes toward policies aimed at mitigating inequality. In C. Stern (Ed.), *Handbook of Experimental Social Psychology*.

Gelfand, M., **Caluori, N.**, Gordon, S., Lun, J. (2018). Culture's constraints: The role of situational constraint in cultural systems. In D. Funder, J. Rauthmann, & R. Sherman (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Psychological Situations*. Oxford University Press.

Honors & Awards

2024	UIC Postdoc Travel Award - \$500 <i>University of Illinois Chicago</i>
2023	Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology (SISPP) <i>Society for Personality and Social Psychology</i>
2022	Maury Pathfinder Award for Best Psychology Master's Thesis - \$5,000 <i>University of Virginia</i>
2019	SPSP Student Travel Award - \$500 <i>Society for Personality and Social Psychology</i>
2019-2022	Graduate Research Fellowship <i>National Science Foundation</i>
2018	University of Kentucky Royster Award (\$5,000 /AY) <i>University of Kentucky</i>
2018	University of Kentucky Psychology Fellowship <i>University of Kentucky</i>
2013-2016	Dean's List Honors <i>Skidmore College</i>
2016	Phi Beta Kappa <i>Skidmore College</i>
2016	Psi Chi <i>Skidmore College Chapter</i>
2016	Caren Lane Sass Award in Psychology <i>Skidmore College</i>
2016	Mary Zeiss Stange Award in Religion <i>Skidmore College</i>
2015	Skidmore Travel Award <i>Skidmore College</i>

Grants

SPARRC Initiative Early-Career Funding, Templeton Religious Trust (\$7,935) 2025-2026
How religious hybridization impacts cooperation within and between religious groups
- Principal Investigator

- John Templeton Foundation (\$654,751)** 2025-2028
Allowance for Religious Deviation in a Time of Change: How People Draw and Strategically Manage Fluid Religious Group Boundaries in a Changing World
 - Co-I with Michael Pasek (PI) and Cindel White
- University of Illinois Chicago Seed Grant Program (\$4,800)** 2025-2026
Allowance for Religious Deviation: Developing Measures of a Novel Construct
 - PI with Michael Pasek (Co-PI)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$64,802 CAD ≈ \$46,890 USD)** 2025-2027
Supernatural Attributions, Actions, and Adornments as Cooperative Signals
 - Co-I with Cindel White (PI) and Michael Pasek

Conference Leadership

Psychology of Religion & Spirituality Preconference

Society for Personality & Social Psychology Annual Meeting

- 2027 Co-Chair with Michael Pasek, Jordan Moon, & Matthew Billet
- 2026 Co-Chair with Cindel White, Michael Pasek, & Jordan Moon
- 2025 Co-Chair with Cindel White, Michael Pasek, Jana Berkessel, & Michael Barlev

Chaired Symposia:

Caluori, N. (2026). Who's in and who's out? Understanding dynamic group boundaries and why they matter. Symposium to be presented at the Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Caluori, N. & Jackson, J. C. (2022). Why is religion declining? Interdisciplinary models of secularization. Chairs: Nava Caluori & Joshua Conrad Jackson. Speakers: Nava Caluori, Will Gervais, Peyman Hekmatpour, Samantha Abrams, Joshua Conrad Jackson. Symposium presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Conference Talks

Caluori, N., Pasek, M., & White., C. (2027, October). *Drawing the Line: Dynamic Definitions of the Religious Ingroup*. Talk to be given at the Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Caluori, N., Brown-Iannuzzi, J, Gray, K., Abrams, S., Wood, A., & Jackson, J.C. (2026, September). *When Religions Converge: A Cultural Evolutionary Perspective on Religious Hybridization*. Talk to be given at the 12th Annual Conference on Migration and Diversity: The Cultural Evolution of Migration and Diversity, Berlin, Germany.

Caluori, N. & Brown-Iannuzzi, J. (2026, May). *Perceptions of Other Nations Produce Selective Cultural Transmission*. Talk given at the Cultural Evolution Society meeting in Rabat, Morocco.

Caluori, N., Brown-Iannuzzi, J, Gray, K., Abrams, S., Wood, A., & Jackson, J.C. (2026, February). *Historical and Contemporary Predictors of Religious Similarity Across 35 Nations*. Talk to be given at

the Cultural Psychology & Historical Psychology Preconferences for the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

Caluori, N., Brown-Iannuzzi, J, Gray, K., Abrams, S., Wood, A., & Jackson, J.C. (2025, July). *Predicting Religious Similarity Across Regions*. Talk given at the Regional Cultural Differences Conference, Vancouver, CA.

Caluori, N. & Brown-Iannuzzi, J. (2025, April). *Perceived Influence Of—And Competition With—Different Countries Predict Cross-Cultural Social Learning*. Talk given at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Zahoor, Z., **Caluori, N.,** Katz, M., Moore-Berg, S. L., & Pasek, M. H. (2025, April). Political ideology and perceived threat interactively predict religious nationalism. Talk given at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Caluori, N., Jackson, J.C., Wood, A., Gray, K., & Brown-Iannuzzi, J. (2024, February). *Documenting and Modeling Religious Hybridization*. Talk given at the Religion & Spirituality Preconference for the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Anik, L., **Caluori, N.,** & Brown-Iannuzzi, J. (2023, June). *The Golden Age of Giving? Economic Inequality and Charitable Donations*. Talk given at the European Association for Consumer Research, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Caluori, N., Jackson, J.C., Wood, A., Gray, K., & Brown-Iannuzzi, J (2023, March). *Religious Hybridization in Globalized Societies*. Talk given at the UVA Huskey Research Exhibition, Charlottesville, VA.

Caluori, N., Jackson, J.C., Wood, A., Gray, K., & Brown-Iannuzzi, J (2023, February). *Religious Diversity and Prototypicality*. Talk given at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Caluori, N., Brown-Iannuzzi, J.L., & Gervais, W.M. (2022, February). *Globalization, Religious Prejudice, and Secularization*. Talk given at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Caluori, N., Gelfand, M.J., Jackson, J.C., & Taylor, M. (2021, January). *The Dark Side of Synchrony*. Talk given at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Jackson, J.C., **Caluori, N.,** Gray, K., & Gelfand, M.J. (2021, January). *Forecasting the Future of Religious Belief Using Models of Cultural Change*. Talk given at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Brown-Iannuzzi, J.L., **Caluori, N.,** & Gervais, W.M. (2021, January). *Globalization Predicts Reduced Religiosity Across Time and Cultures*. Talk given at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Brown-Iannuzzi, J.L., **Caluori, N.,** & Gervais, W.M. (2021, January). *Karmic Justifications: Investigating the Relationship Between Economic Mobility & Karmic Beliefs*. Talk given at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

- Caluori, N.,** Gervais, W., & Brown-Iannuzzi, J. (2020, February). *Globalization and Religiosity: An Inverse Relationship Across Time and Cultures*. Talk given at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Caluori, N.,** Gelfand, M., & Sim, Y. (2020, February). *Understanding the Inverse Relationship Between Honor and Apology*. Talk given at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Caluori, N.,** Gervais, W., & Brown-Iannuzzi, J. (2019, February). *Passive and Active Atheism*. Talk given at University of Kentucky Social Psychology Brownbag, Lexington, KY.
- Caluori, N.,** Jackson, J.C., & Gelfand, M., Gray, K. (2018, November). *Conflict Shapes Religious Beliefs*. Talk given at the Lexington Humanist Meeting, Lexington, KY.
- Caluori, N.,** Jackson, J.C., & Gelfand, M. (2017, September). *Intergroup conflict causes belief in powerful gods*. Talk given at the Inaugural Meeting of the Cultural Evolution Society in Jena, Germany.

Conference Posters

- Caluori, N.,** Gervais, W., & Brown-Iannuzzi, J. (2019, February). *Globalization predicts reduced religiosity across time and cultures*. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.
- Caluori, N.,** Dugas, M., Mansour, N., & Gelfand, M. (2018, March). *Understanding forgiveness aversion in a Middle Eastern honor culture*. Poster session to be presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Caluori, N.,** Jackson, J.C., Taylor, M., & Gelfand, M. (2017, May). *Group synchrony reduces creativity and dissent*. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Caluori, N.,** Jackson, J.C., & Gelfand, M. (2017, January). *Mean gods on your side: The role of intergroup threat in the origination of moralizing gods*. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Caluori, N.,** Wilton, L., & Sanchez, D. (2017, January). *When advertising diversity hurts: Contrasting perceptions of gender- and race-inclusive companies*. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Caluori, N.,** Rabasco, H., & Moss-Racusin, C. (2016, March). *Gender bias undermines students' STEM engagement*. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- Caluori, N.,** Rabasco, H., & Moss-Racusin, C. (2016, January). *Gender bias undermines students' STEM engagement*. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Invited Talks

University of Utah, 2024
Elmhurst University, 2024
University of Illinois Chicago, 2025
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2025
University College Dublin, 2025

University Service

Sep 2022-May 2024 Participant Pool Coordinator, Department of Psychology
Sep 2021-May 2022 UVA Department of Psychology DEI Curriculum Committee
Jan 2021-May 2023 UVA Department of Psychology DEI Website & Social Media Committee

Teaching Positions

Average Evaluation: 4.92/5

Spring 2024 PSYC 3310: R Applications in Psychology (Graduate TA)
Fall 2022 PSYC 3439: Research Methods in Social Psychology (Graduate TA)
Winter 2021 PSYC 2559: Introduction to Cognition & Cognitive Biases (Graduate TA)
Fall 2021 PSYC 4546: Psychology of Inequality (Guest Lecturer)

Mentoring

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Students: Ryan Williams, Mihret Niguse, Sally O'Connor

Undergraduate Research Assistants: Sae Kim, Vicky Yang, Daniel Beck, Gabby Cordelli, Sally O'Connor, Ryan Williams, Katherine Bereznicki, Lily Toruteva, Sarita Mehta, Jason La Kier, Emerson Stovner, Dave Gutierrez, Nathan Patterson, Tristan Liu, Kayleigh Harris, Heeju Lim, Laura Hinnenkamp, Amanda Coughlin, Ella Fessler, Annabell Lee, Enya Pfeiffer, Jenny Lim, Nolika Che, Nicole Huffman, Jonas Mendes

Reviewing

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology; British Journal of Social Psychology; PLOS One; Human Nature; Evolutionary Human Sciences; Psychology of Religion and Spirituality; Cross-Cultural Research; Religion, Brain, and Behavior; Psychonomic Bulletin & Review

Professional Memberships

2024- Midwestern Psychological Association
2020- American Psychological Association
2017- Cultural Evolution Society
2017- Association for Psychological Science
2016- Eastern Psychological Association
2016- Society for Personality and Social Psychology