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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Virginia, Social Psychology 2009-2014

M.A., University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Experimental Psychology 2006-2009

B.S., Allegheny College, Psychology 2003-2006

### CURRENT WORK

**Founder & Director**, Ground Truth 2023-Present

- > Independent advisor, speaker, and expert witness on technology, people, and society.
- > Builder of data literacy tools for the general public (e.g., [show-me-the-data.com](https://show-me-the-data.com))
- > Author of research reports and op-eds (e.g., [techpolicy.press/author/matt-motyl/](https://techpolicy.press/author/matt-motyl/))

**Senior Advisor**, [Neely Center for Ethical Leadership & Decision-Making at the University of Southern California](#) and the [Psychology of Technology Institute](#) 2023-Present

- > Built the Neely Social Media Index and led a 2 year longitudinal survey of US adults' experiences with social media platforms
- > Advising product teams at technology companies on how to improve user experiences

### PRIOR RELEVANT APPOINTMENTS

**Resident Research & Policy Fellow**, Integrity Institute 2023-2025

- > Advised the US Senate Judiciary Committee on improving child safety, and the European Commission on classification, measurement, and data processes related to harmful content on social media
- > Authored a [handbook](#) chapter for the European Digital Media Observatory to assist researchers studying risks and harms outlined in the Digital Services Act.

**Senior Staff Quantitative User Experience Researcher**, Meta Platforms 2019-2023

- > Led civic integrity & health research, including work for the White House COVID-19 Response Taskforce

**Visiting Scientist**, Stern School of Business, New York University 2017-2019  
> Designed and ran randomized control trials of an app designed to facilitate constructive dialogue  
> Served as Research Director for the OpenMind Platform (now named the Constructive Dialogue Institute)

**Professor**, University of Illinois at Chicago 2014-2019  
> Delivered award-winning lectures in psychology and political science to classes of ~150 students  
> Conducted hundreds of studies and published 60+ peer-reviewed articles cited >23k times with an h-index of 36 (98th percentile among psychologists)

## PUBLICATIONS

Citations: 23,089 (Google Scholar)

H-Index: 36 (i.e., 36 papers cited at least 36 times)

I10-Index: 50 (i.e., 50 papers cited at least 10 times)

Social Science Research Network Author Percentile: 99 (ranked 2,728 of the 428,373+ authors in terms of paper downloads)

### *Publications*

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### *Journal Articles*

Kushlev, K., Moon, K., **Motyl, M.**, Fast, N. J., & Schroeder, J. (in press). The relationship between social technology use and life satisfaction. A five-wave panel study of US adults. *Nature: Human Behavior*.

Rodriguez, M., **Motyl, M.**, & Schroeder, J. (in press). From social media to empathic artificial intelligence: Applying past lessons to future technologies.

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Sklenar, A. M.\*<sup>\*</sup>, McCurdy, M. P.\*<sup>\*</sup>, Frankenstein, A. N.\*<sup>\*</sup>, **Motyl, M.**, & Leshikar, E. D. (2021). Person memory mechanism underlying approach and avoidance judgments of social targets. *Social Cognition*, 39, 747-772.

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#### *Book Chapters*

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#### *Data Archives*

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#### Commentaries

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*Papers Under Review*

- Ugurlu, O., **Motyl, M.**, & Schroeder, J. (under review). Forecasting the future of connectedness and well-being in an increasingly online world.

**SELECT INVITED ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Banatao Institute, University of California - Berkeley (12/2025)
- Stanford University Cyberpolicy Law Center (10/2025)
- Trust & Safety Research Conference, Stanford University (9/2025)
- Computers, Privacy, & Data Protection (5/2025)
- OfCom (4/2025)
- HumanTech Summit, Poland (12/2024)
- Bamako Forum on Digital and Social Cohesion, Mali (11/2024)
- Stanford University Cyberpolicy Law Center (9/2024)
- Trust & Safety Research Conference, Stanford University (9/2024)
- Trust & Safety Professional Association Annual Conference, (7/2024)
- European Digital Media Observatory Annual Conference (5/2024)
- Symposium on Comment Section Research, Plurality Institute (5/2024)
- Democracy & Tech Convening, Aspen Institute (4/2024)
- Berkman Klein Center, Harvard University (3/2023)
- Psychology of Technology Institute (2023)
- Stanford University (2023)
- The University of Toronto (2022)
- SUNY-New Paltz (2020)
- New York University (2019)
- Yale University (2019)
- Harvard University (5/2019)
- Northwestern University (5/2019)
- Rutgers University (3/2019)
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (2/2019)
- Michigan State University (1/2019)
- Future of Speech Online @ Newseum (12/2018)
- Center for Democracy & Technology (12/2018)
- Stanford University (11/2018)

Communities Overcoming Extremism (11/2018)  
Society for Experimental Social Psychology (10/2018)  
North American Menopause Society (10/2018)  
Bridge Alliance (7/2018)  
New York University (6/2018)  
Center for Democracy & Technology (6/2018)  
Heterodox Academy Open Mind Conference (6/2018)  
Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement Meeting (6/2018)  
Facebook (5/2018)  
Swarthmore College (5/2018)  
Social Media Week New York City (4/2018)  
Michigan State University (3/2018)  
National Press Club, Washington, D.C. (2/2018)  
Virginia Commonwealth University (12/2017)  
Loyola University – Chicago (12/2017)  
Michigan State University (12/2017)  
Purdue University (10/2017)  
IVY Thought Leader (9/2017)  
American Political Science Association (9/2017)  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (7/2017)  
Purdue University (4/2017)  
University of Minnesota (4/2017)  
Murray State University (3/2017)  
University of California at San Diego (2/2017)  
University of Oregon (2/2017)  
National Press Club (1/2017)  
Jefferson Scholars Foundation, Charlottesville, VA (10/2016)  
University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign (10/2016)  
Midwest Psychological Association (5/2016)  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (4/22/2016)  
DePaul University (3/2016)  
University of Iowa (12/2015)  
Northwestern University (11/2015)  
Purdue University (2/2015)  
Union College (11/2014)  
Loyola University (10/2014)  
University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign (12/2013)  
University of Illinois – Chicago (12/2013)  
University of California – Irvine (12/2013)  
Stony Brook University (12/2013)  
National Press Club (4/2012)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Instructor:

- Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes Proseminar (Fall 2017)
- Attitudes and Social Cognition Proseminar (Spring 2017)

#### Undergraduate Instructor:

- Cultural Psychology (Summer 2016, Summer 2017)
- Social Psychology (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
- Lab in Social Psychology (Fall 2015, Spring 2017)
- Independent Undergraduate Research Supervisor (Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
- Social Ecological Psychology (Summer 2015)

#### Workshops:

- Improving Research Reproducibility with RMarkdown (2018)
- Intro to R (2016, 2017, 2018)
- Advanced R (Co-instructor 2017, 2018)
- Geospatial Statistics in R (2016, 2017, 2018)
- Using Big Data to Answer Important Social Science Questions (2015, 2016)

#### Dissertation Committee Member:

- Lagnajita Chatterjee (2019-2020)
- Anthony Washburn (2018)
- Brittany Hanson (2017-2018)
- Carlos Salas (2017)
- Lindsay Bynum (2016)

#### Master's Thesis Committee Member:

- Kathryn Howard (2019)
- Zach Melton (2017-2018)
- JP Prims (2017-2018)
- Tim Carsel (2017)
- Drexler James (2016)
- Anthony Washburn (2014)

#### Master's Thesis Committee Chair

- Kathryn Howard (2018)
- Zachary Melton (2017-2018)
- JP Prims (2017-2018)

#### Preliminary Exam Committee Member:

- Vinod Nair Das (2017-2018)
- Anthony Washburn (2017)
- Brittany Hanson (2016)

#### Graduate Advisor:

- Zach Melton (primary)
- JP Prims (primary)
- Kathryn Howard (primary)

#### Undergraduate Research Advisor:

- Kenneth Vail, Assistant Professor, Cleveland State University
- Kristel Gerow, PsyD Candidate
- Lauren Howe, PhD candidate at Stanford University
- Julian Wills, PhD student at New York University
- Julia Yuras, analyst at the National Security Agency
- Peter Soroka, Navy SEAL
- Emily Hearle, Teach for America
- Scott Bowman, Teach for America
- Elizabeth Garrett, undergraduate at University of Virginia
- Lyndsay West, undergraduate at University of Virginia
- Jessica Collier, PhD student at Duke University
- Zach Melton, graduate student at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Jamie Neering, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Alexis Golden, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Aashutos Patel, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Sonia Dellatorre, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Iliana Blanco, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Nica Lorenz Lim, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Amani Zara, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Adriana Jones, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Letoria Overton, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Mimar Abraham, undergraduate at University of Illinois at Chicago
- Brandon Garcia
- Aditya Lakkamsani
- Ummsalmah Abdulbaseer
- Fawn Wong

#### Honor's Thesis Supervisor

- Nica Lorenz Lim (2016)
- Aditya Lakkamsani (2016)
- Letoria Overton (2018)
- Salmah Abdulbaseer (2018-2019)

#### Teaching Assistant:

- Cognition (Spring 2012)
- Social Psychology (Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring, 2011)
- Modern Sexuality (Spring 2006)

#### Lab Instructor:

- Research Methods and Data Analysis (Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009)
- Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis (Fall 2009, Spring 2013)
- Introduction to Graduate Statistics (Fall 2008)
- Advanced Graduate Statistics and Methods (Spring 2009)
- Values and Bias in Public Policy (Fall 2012)
- Social Psychology (Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring, 2011)

#### Tutor:

- American National Government (Fall 2002, Spring 2003)

#### Guest lectures:

- The cycle of science (Advanced Undergraduate Research Methods, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)
- Practical psychometrics (Advanced Undergraduate Psychology Statistics, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)
- The bright side of existential terror: How death helps us embrace life (Graduate Proseminar in Social Psychology, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)
- Morality and Terrorism (Social Psychology, Colorado State University)
- Conflicts of ideology and morality, and peace-promoting interventions (Political Psychology, Metro State College in Denver)
- Superordinate threats in the reduction of intergroup violence (Social Psychology, Colorado State University)
- The psychology of polarization and demonization (The Village Square, Tallahassee, FL)
- Political Psychology (Chicago, IL)
- Big Data: The Next Frontier (Chicago, IL)

#### **RECENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Expert Working Group on Recommender Systems member, Knight-Georgetown Institute (2024-Present)
- Editorial Board Member (4):
  - *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* (2016-2020)
  - *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy* (2016-2020)
  - *Social Psychological and Personality Science* (2015-2020)
  - *Frontiers in Personality and Social Psychology* (2014-2020)
- Ad hoc journal reviewer (44): *Nature*, *Science*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of the Sciences*, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Psychological Science*, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *Personality and Social Psychology Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Psychology*, *Emotion*, *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, *American Politics Research*, *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, *Social Justice Research*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Analyses of*

*Social Issues and Public Policy, Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology, British Journal of Social Psychology, British Journal of Psychology, European Journal of Social Psychology, Journal of Communication, Journal of Politics, Journal of Political Science, PS: Political Science and Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, Journal of Terrorism Research, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Social Psychology, Social Psychology, Sage Open, PLoS One, Social Science Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Environment & Behavior, Political Geography, Political Behavior, Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*

- Ad hoc grant proposal reviewer: *National Science Foundation, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, Israeli Science Foundation*
- Fellow of the Psychology of Technology Institute, 2022-present
- Member of the Integrity Institute, 2021-present
- Executive Director of Civil Politics, 2018-2019
- Research Director, Open Mind, 2017-2019
- Board Member of Civil Politics, 2009-Present
- Leadership Council Board Member, Better Angels, 2015-present
- University Liaison for Midwestern Psychological Association, 2016-2019
- Poster Award Reviewer, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2012-2020
- Faculty Luncheon Mentor, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 2014-2020
- Faculty Mentor, Society for Personality and Social Psychology's Summer Program for Undergraduate Research, 2016-2020

## **PAST PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Editorial Board Member for *New School Psychology Bulletin (NSPB)*, Fall 2006 – Spring 2008
- Precinct Chair, Colorado's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Colorado Springs, CO
- Election Judge, Colorado Springs, CO
- Elected member of the El Paso County Democratic Party's Central Steering Committee, Colorado Springs, CO

## **FUNDING**

*Advancing the scientific understanding and practice of intellectual humility* (funded; 2019-2022). Sir John Templeton Foundation (Co-Is: Matt Motyl, Caroline Mehl, Jonathan Haidt): \$2,600,000.

*Research & Development for Two Transformative Tools* (2018-2019). The Stanton Foundation (Co-I: Matt Motyl, Deb Mashek, OpenMind): \$96,500.

*Helping People Get Along Better: Techniques to promote civility within organizations* (2017-2019). Einhorn Family Charitable Trust (PI: Matt Motyl): \$36,000.

*Improving power estimation in real data* (reviewed; not funded). National Science Foundation (PI: Matt Motyl, Co-PI: Alex Demos).

*The origin of identity enclaves: Socioecological cues, belonging, and selective migration*. (reviewed; not funded). National Science Foundation (PI: Matt Motyl): \$437,237.

*(Ideo)Logical reasoning: Ideology impairs sound reasoning*. (2015). Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (Co-Is: Anup Gampa, Sean Wojcik, Pete Ditto, & Brian Nosek).

*The cognitive costs of being an ideological misfit.* (2013-2014). Jefferson Scholars Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (PI: Matt Motyl): \$45,000.

*Basic psychological needs fuel culture wars.* (2012-2013). Political Psychology at the University of Virginia's Election Studies Grant (PI: Matt Motyl): \$1,000.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- All Tech is Human
- Integrity Institute
- Council on Tech and Social Cohesion
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science
- Association for Psychological Science
- Midwest Psychological Association
- International Society for Political Psychology
- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Society for Personality and Social Psychology Diversity and Climate Committee *Admired Scholar*, 2019
- *Frank Prize in Public Communication*, Finalist, 2018
- Named *IVY Thought Leader*, 2017
- *Silver Circle Award for Excellence in Teaching*, as voted on by graduating seniors, 2017
- Association for Psychological Science's *Rising Star Award*, for innovative work that has already advanced the field and signals great potential for continued contributions for early post-PhD researchers, 2016
- Co-author of Reproducibility Project: Psychology that was named [#8 of Top 100 Stories of 2015 by Discover Magazine](#), [#6 by Science News](#), [#5 in Altmetric100](#), [Nature Magazine's Top Science Stories of 2015](#), and a [runner-up for Breakthrough of the Year by Science Magazine](#)
- Jefferson Scholar Foundation's Dissertation Year Fellowship, awarded to one student each year at the University of Virginia, 2013-2014
- Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology, University of California at Davis, 2013
- Huskey Graduate Research Oral Presentation Award, first place, 2013
- Student Choice Colloquium Speaker, University of Virginia, Fall 2012
- Election Studies Grant, Political Psychology Institute at the University of Virginia, Fall 2012
- Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Stanford University, 2012
- Nominated and inducted into The Raven Society, the University of Virginia's most prestigious honor Society, University of Virginia, Fall 2011
- University of Virginia Award for Excellence in Scholarship in the Sciences Award, awarded to one student at the University of Virginia each year, 2011

- Robert J. Huskey Travel Grant, University of Virginia, 2009, 2010
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award, awarded to one graduate student each year in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, 2009
- University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Graduate Research Fellowship, 2008-2009
- APA Travel Award, Student Science Council, 2008
- Peace Psychology APA Research Award, 2008
- Psi Chi National Honor Society, 2004/Present  
Allegheny College Chapter President 2005/2006
- Departmental Honors in Psychology, Allegheny College, 2005/2006
- Distinguished Honors in Psychological Research, Allegheny College, 2005/2006
- Herbert Kliens Faculty Prize for Outstanding Psychological Scholarship, Allegheny College, 2005/2006