

## Tara Lesick

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### Education

- Ph.D. Social Psychology, Anticipated May 2026  
Florida State University
- M.A. General Experimental Psychology, May 2021; GPA = 3.9  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- B.A. Psychology and Pre-Law, Dec 2018; GPA = 3.9  
William Peace University

### Publications

- Hawkins, H-C, C., Lesick, T. L., & Zell, E. (in press). Implicit self-esteem following a romantic partner's success: Three replications and a meta-analysis. *Personal Relationships*.
- Zell, E., & Lesick, T. L. (in press). Big five personality traits and performance: A quantitative synthesis of 50+ meta-analyses. *Journal of Personality*.
- Zell, E., & Lesick, T. L. (in press). Ignorance of history and political differences in perception of racism in the United States. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*.
- Lesick, T. L., & Zell, E. (2021). Is affirmation the cure? Self-affirmation and European-Americans' perception of systemic racism. *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*, 43(1), 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01973533.2020.1811092>
- Zell, E., & Lesick, T. L. (2021). Taking social comparison to the extremes: The huge fish tiny pond effect in self-evaluations. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(6), 1030–1038. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550620956535>

### Conference Presentations

- Lesick, T. L., Maranges, H. M., & March, D. S. (February, 2022). Political Orientation Moderates Dangerous vs. Negative Associations with Black vs. White. *Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. San Francisco, CA.
- Lesick, T. L., Maranges, H. M., & March, D. S. (October, 2021). Political Orientation Moderates Dangerous vs. Negative Associations with Black vs. White. *Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Southeastern Social Psychology*. Online.

Lesick, T. L., & Zell, E. (February, 2021). Race-ethnicity and the big-fish-little-pond effect. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Online.

Lesick, T. L., & Zell, E. (October, 2020). Is affirmation the cure? Self-affirmation and European Americans' perception of systemic racism. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Southeastern Social Psychology*. Online.

Zell, E., & Lesick, T. L. (February, 2020). The huge fish tiny pond effect in self-evaluations. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. New Orleans, LA.

Lesick, T. L., & Zell, E. (October, 2019). Self-affirmation and perception of racism. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Southeastern Social Psychology*. Johnson City, TN.

### **Research Experience**

*Graduate Research Assistant, Florida State University*  
March Research Lab, Dr. David March, August 2021 – Present

*Graduate Research Assistant, UNC Greensboro*  
Self and Social Perception Lab, Dr. Ethan Zell, August 2019 – May 2021  
Social Cognition Lab, Dr. Brittany Cassidy, Spring 2020 – May 2021

### **Teaching Experience**

*Departmental Assistant, Florida State University*  
CLP 4143 Abnormal Psychology: Fall 2021  
SOP 3004 Social Psychology: Fall 2021  
SONA Systems: Fall 2021

*Teaching Assistant, UNC Greensboro*  
PSY 211 Statistics in Behavioral Science Research: Fall 2020  
PSY 609 Statistical Methods in Psychology I: Fall 2020  
PSY 121 General Psychology: Fall 2019, Spring 2020

*Tutor, UNC Greensboro*  
PSY 211 Statistics in Behavioral Science Research: Fall 2020

*Tutor, William Peace University*  
Pre-Law and Psychology courses: Spring 2016-Fall 2018

### **Relevant Courses**

Current Issues in Social Psychology  
Seminar in Current Research Topics  
Teaching of Psychology  
Contemporary Problems  
Data Visualization and Presentation  
R for Education and the Social Sciences  
Statistical Methods in Psychology I and II  
Research Methods in Psychology  
Proseminar in Experimental Psychology I and II

### **Technical Skills**

Inquisit, Prolific, Qualtrics, Direct RT, MTurk

### **Professional Affiliations**

Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)  
Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists (SSSP)  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)  
Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP)

### **Departmental Service**

Graduate Student Association Representative: Fall 2020- May 2021  
Norman Anderson Travel Award Committee Member: Spring 2020- May 2021

### **Honors and Awards**

SPSP Diversity Graduate Travel Award: Fall 2021

- Awarded only to members of an underrepresented group in social/personality psychology

PIE Teaching Training Recognition: Fall 2021

- Recognition only to those who completed the PIE Teaching Conference and demonstrated dedication to teaching

Omicron Delta Kappa Member: Fall 2017-present

- Invitations only to those in the top 35% of their class and demonstrate leadership

Alpha Chi National Honor Society Member: Spring 2016-present

- Invitations only to those ranked in the top 10 percent of students on campus

William Peace University Marshal: Spring 2016-Spring 2017

- Invitations only to the top five members of the sophomore and junior class based on cumulative GPA