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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023-	**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
	Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2023-	**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
	Department of Psychology, University of Kaiserslautern-Landau (RPTU)
2021-2023	**Research Affiliate**
	Center for the Science of Moral Understanding, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

EDUCATION

2020-2023	**Ph.D.** Social Psychology, University of Kaiserslautern-Landau (RPTU) (Advisor: Dr. Christian von Sikorski), *summa cum laude.*
2018-2020	**M.Sc.** Social and Behavioral Sciences (Specialization in Social Psychology), Tilburg University
2013-2017	**B.A.,** Psychology (major), Anthropology (minor), Drew University, *summa cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Psychology, Morality, Victimhood, Polarization, Interventions, Media Effects

PRACTITIONER AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

One America Movement..(2022-present)
Beyond Conflict…..(2022-present)
Narrative4...(2024-present)

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates shared first-authorship.

Kubin, E., & von Sikorski, C. (accepted). The Polarizing Content Warning: A new media strategy for reducing affective polarization. *Human Communication Research.*

Gray, K.* & **Kubin, E.*** (accepted). Victimhood: The Most Powerful Force in Morality and Politics. *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology*. Preprint available at: https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/2n9m5

Kubin, E., & von Sikorski, C. (2023). The complex relationship between media and political

polarization: Understanding how the media can affectively (de)polarize citizens. *International Journal of Communication*, *17,* 5207-5222. 1932-8036/20230005

***Kubin, E.,** *Kachanoff, F., & Gray, K. (2023). Threat rejection fuels political dehumanization. *Social Psychological and Personality Science, 14*(5), 487–500. https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550621106892

Kubin, E., Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (2023). Reducing political dehumanization by pairing facts with personal experiences. *Political Psychology, 44*(5), 1119–1140. https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12875

Rogers, B., Chicas, H., Kelly, J. M., **Kubin, E.,** Christian, M., Kachanoff, F. J., Berger, J., Puryear, C., McAdams, D., & Gray, K. (2023). Seeing your life story as a Hero's Journey increases meaning in life. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. https://doi.org/10.1037/pspa0000341

Azevedo, F., Pavlović, T., Rego, G., Ay, C., Gjoneska, B., Etienne, T., ... **Kubin, E.,** ... Sampaio, W. (2023) Social and moral psychology of COVID-19 across 69 countries. *Nature Scientific Data, 10*(272). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-023-02080-8

Pavlović, T., Azevedo, F., De, K., Riaño-Moreno, J., Maglić, M., Gkinopoulos, T., ... **Kubin, E.,**... Van Bavel, J. J. (2022). Predicting attitudinal and behavioral responses to COVID-19 pandemic using machine learning. *PNAS Nexus, 1*(3), pgac093. https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgac093

Van Bavel, J. J., Cichocka, A., Capraro, Sjåstad, H., Nezlek, J. B., Alfano, M., ... **Kubin, E**., ...Boggio, P. S. (2022). National identity predicts public health support during a global pandemic. *Nature Communications, 13,* 517. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-27668-9

Kubin, E., Puryear, C., Schein, C., & Gray, K. (2021). Personal experiences bridge moral and political divides better than facts. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 118*(6), 1–9. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2008389118

Kubin, E. & von Sikorski, C. (2021). The role of (social) media in political polarization: A systematic review. *ANNALS of the International Communication Association, 45*(3), 188–206. https://doi.org/10.1080/23808985.2021.1976070

Brandt, M. J. & **Kubin, E.** (2021). Ratings of reasons for disagreement about 95 attitude object pairs and 190 attitude objects. *Journal of Open Psychology Data, 9*(4), 1–7. https://doi.org/10.5334/jopd.53

Brandt, M. J., Turner-Zwinkels, F. M. & **Kubin, E**. (2021). Political Psychology Data from a 26-wave Yearlong Longitudinal Study (2019–2020). *Journal of Open Psychology Data, 9*(2), 1–12. https://doi.org/10.5334/jopd.54

Van Tongeren, D. R., **Kubin, E.,** Crawford, J. T., & Brandt, M. J. (2020). The role of religious orientation in worldview conflict. *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion* 231-242. https://doi.org/10.1080/10508619.2020.1744317

Kubin, E. & Brandt, M. J. (2020). Identifying the domains of ideological similarities and differences in attitudes. *Comprehensive Results in Social Psychology, 4*(1), 53–77. https://doi.org/10.1080/23743603.2020.1756242

Randhavane, T., Bera, A., **Kubin, E.,** Wang, A., Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2019). Pedestrian dominance modeling for socially-aware robot navigation. In *International Conference on Robotics and Automation* (ICRA), 5621-5628, https://doi.org/10.1109/ICRA.2019.8794465

Randhavane, T., Bera, A., **Kubin, E.,** Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2019). Modeling data-driven dominance traits for virtual characters using gait analysis. In *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 27*(6) 2967-2979. https://doi.org/10.1109/TVCG.2019.2953063

Bera, A., Randhavane, T., **Kubin, E.,** Shaik, H., Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). Data-driven modeling of group entitativity in virtual environments. In *Proceedings of the 24th ACM Symposium on Virtual Reality Software and Technology*, 1-10. https://doi.org/10.1145/3281505.3281524

Bera, A., Randhavane, T., **Kubin, E.,** Wang, A., Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). The socially invisible robot: Navigation in the social world using robot entitativity. In *Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS),* 4468–4475, https://doi.org/10.1109/IROS.2018.8593411

Bera, A., Randhavane, T., **Kubin, E.,** Wang, A., Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). Classifying group emotions for socially-aware autonomous vehicle navigation. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Conferences on Computer Visions and Pattern Recognition Workshops* (pp. 1039–1047)

Cheung, E., Bera, A., **Kubin, E.,** Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). Identifying driver behaviors using trajectory features for vehicle navigation. In *IROS IEEE/RSK International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems,* 3445-3452, https://doi.org/10.1109/IROS.2018.8594348

Cheung, E., Bera, A., **Kubin, E.,** Gray, K., & Manocha, D. (2018). Classifying driver behaviors for autonomous vehicle navigation. In *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS),* 3445-3452

BOOK CHAPTERS

von Sikorski, C., & **Kubin, E.** (accepted). Repeating Patterns? Effects of Communication Patterns in Media Coverage About Muslims, Islam, and Islamist Terrorism. *Pattern Theory in Language and Communication.* de Gruyter Mouton.

von Sikorski, C., & **Kubin E.** (2021). Are we living in a post scandal era? High-choice media environments, political polarization and their consequences for political scandals. In: Haller A., Michael H., Seeber L. (eds) *Scandology 3.* Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-85013-54

Grants

*Testing the Morality and (Mis)Perception Model of Polarization
Across Cultures and Contexts* ($250,000).. (2023-2024)
Templeton World Charity Foundation
Co-Principle Investigators (Kurt Gray and Emily Kubin)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Master's Courses:
External Organization Communication ....5 semesters
Internal Organization Communication ....1 semester

Bachelor's Courses:
Current Topics in Communication Science: Political Polarization................................1 semester
Current Topics in Communication Science: Political Psychology................................1 semester
Empirical Internship...5 semesters

Master Thesis Supervision:
First Advisor:
Jennifer Zlobin (2024). *How personal experiences can build and break bridges. The importance of truth in our lived experiences.*
Moritz Rusch (2024). *Partisan Misperception Warning: How shifting intergroup perceptions can reduce anti-democratic attitudes.*

Second Advisor:
Moritz Kuhn (2024). *Wokeness and political attitudes.*
Magdalena Molkenthin (2023). *And they lived happily ever after: How the direction of strategic narratives affects the acceptance for climate protection measures in society.*
Jonas Brammer (2022). *Bringing the individual back into the group: The effect of personal experiences on affective polarization.*
Marina Schmidt (2021). *Content of news coverage impacts affective polarization, tolerance, and dehumanization: What role do personal experiences and facts play?*

CHAIRED SYMPOSIUMS

Strategies to Reduce Our Moral and Political Divides. Chaired Symposium at the International Conference of Psychological Science. Brussels, Belgium. March 2023.

Public Opinion and Polarization. Chaired Symposium at the International Society of Political Psychology. Virtual conference. July 2020.

New Interventions for Tackling Political Polarization. Chaired Symposium at the International Conference of Psychological Science. Paris, France. March 2019

ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS

Victimhood Narratives in Morality and Politics. Organized with Mario Gollwitzer and Marlene Voit. Munich, Germany. June 2024.

PRESENTATIONS

Kubin, E., von Sikorski, C. & Gray, K. (February, 2024). *The Power of Experience Sharing in Seemingly Intractable Conflicts.* Presented at the Conflict and Conflict Resolution Preconference for the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention. San Diego, California.

Kubin, E., von Sikorski, C., & Gray, K. (February, 2024). *Political Censorship Feels Acceptable When Ideas Seem Harmful and False.* Presented at the Symposium entitled "Justice or Silencing? Shaming and Censorship in a Polarized Environment" at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention. San Diego, California.

Huh, E., **Kubin, E.,** & von Sikorski, C. (August, 2023). *Can AI Journalism Reduce Hostile Media Perceptions? Findings from Two Experiments*. Presented at the Korean Communication Association Annual Conference. Seoul, South Korea.

Huh, E., **Kubin, E.,** & von Sikorski, C. (August, 2023). *Can AI Journalism Reduce Hostile Media Perceptions? Findings from Two Experiments.* Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Washington D.C., United States.

Versteegen, L., **Kubin, E.,** & Gray, K. (July, 2023). *How self-disclosure bridges divides: A strategy for increasing political respect and willingness to interact.* Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology. Montreal, Canada.

von Sikorski, C., & **Kubin, E.** (May, 2023). *The Polarizing Content Warning: How the media can reduce affective polarization.* Presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada.

von Sikorski, C., **Kubin, E.,** & Gray, K. (May, 2023). *Reducing political dehumanization by pairing facts with personal experiences.* Presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada.

Versteegen, L., **Kubin, E.,** & Gray, K. (April, 2023). *How self-disclosure bridges divides: A strategy for increasing political respect and willingness to interact.* Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois, United States.

Puryear, C., **Kubin, E.,** Schein, C., Bigman, Y., & Gray, K. (March, 2023). *Bridging political divides by correcting the basic morality bias.* Presented at the International Conference of Psychological Science. Brussels, Belgium.

Kubin, E., Versteegen, L., & Gray, K. (March, 2023). *How self-disclosure bridges divides: A strategy for increasing political respect and willingness to interact.* Presented at the

International Conference of Psychological Science. Brussels, Belgium. March 2023.

Puryear, C., **Kubin, E.,** Schein, C., Bigman, Y., Ekstrom, P., & Gray, K. (March, 2023). *Bridging political divides by correcting the basic morality bias.* Presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention. Atlanta, Georgia.

Kubin, E., von Sikorski, C., & Gray, K. (July, 2022). *Understanding and reducing the censorship of political opponents.* Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Conference, Athens, Greece.

Kubin, E., Puryear, C., Schein, C., & Gray, K. (June, 2022). *Personal Experiences Bridge Moral and Political Divides Better than Facts*. Presented at the Center for the Science of Moral Understanding Annual Conference, Durham, North Carolina, United States.

Kubin, E., Puryear, C., & Gray, K. (July, 2021). *The Power of Personal Experience (not Facts) in Reducing Political Polarization: Implications for Scientists.* Presented at the International Society for Political Psychology Annual Convention (virtual conference).

Gray, K., Rogers, B., Chicas, H., **Kubin, E.,** Christian, M., & McAdams, D. (February 2021). *From timeless myths to personal meaning: The benefits of the Hero's Journey as a Narrative frame.* Presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention (virtual conference).

Gray, K., **Kubin, E.,** Puryear, C., & Schein, C. (February 2021). *Personal Experiences Bridge Moral and Political Divides Better Than Facts.* Presented at the Social Cognition pre-conference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention (virtual conference).

Kubin, E. (July, 2020). *Minimizing the Consequences of Polarization: Highlight Experiences, Not Facts.* Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Convention (virtual conference).

Gray, K., **Kubin, E.,** Schein, C., Puryear, C. (May, 2020). *Increasing political tolerance by emphasizing experience, not facts.* Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.

Gray, K., **Kubin, E.,** & Schein, C. (May, 2019). *Increasing political tolerance by emphasizing experience, not facts.* Presented at the Association for Psychological Science 2019 Annual Convention, Washington D.C., United States.

Kubin, E. & Gray, K. (March, 2019). *Increasing political respect through the rationality of personal experience.* Presented at the International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, France.

Schein, C., **Kubin, E.,** Bigman, Y., & Gray, K. (July, 2019). Bridging political divides by focusing on shared moral values. Paper presented at *International Association for*

Conflict Management. Dublin, Ireland.

Schein, C., **Kubin, E.,** Goranson, A., Dillard, L., & Gray, K. (May, 2019). *Superhumanizaition of caregivers: The downsides of being perceived as super strong.* Presented at the Association for Psychological Science 2019 Annual Convention, Washington D.C., United States.

POSTER SESSIONS
† indicates student advisee

Pratt, S., **Kubin, E.,** Gray, K. (Feburary, 2024). *Harm Denial: A Source of Political Animosity and a Potential Solution.* Presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention. San Diego, California.

†Wahba, M., **Kubin, E.,** Merz, P., †Davis, C., Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (April, 2023). *Understanding user comments and their effects: A systematic review.* Presented at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Celebration of Undergraduate Research Chapel Hill, NC, United States.

Kubin, E., Gray, K., & von Sikorski, C. (Feburary, 2023). *Reducing Political Dehumanization By Pairing Facts with Personal Experiences.* Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Atlanta, GA, United States.

Kubin, E., Kachanoff, F., & Gray, K. (March, 2022). *Threat Rejection Fuels Political Dehumanization.* Presented at the German Political Psychology Network, Chemnitz, Germany.

Kubin, E., Kachanoff, F., & Gray, K. (February, 2021). *Political opponents are condemned and dehumanized when they seem indifferent to realistic but not symbolic risks: Evidence from the COVID-19 pandemic.* Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (virtual conference).

Kubin, E., Schein, C., Goranson, A., Dillard, L., & Gray, K. (March, 2018). *Superhumanization of caregivers: The downsides of being perceived as super strong.* Presented at the Attitudes & Social Influence Pre-Conference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta GA, United States.

Morgan, G. S., & **Kubin, E.** (March, 2018). *Who is intolerant? Political ideological symmetries in predictions about intolerance.* Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta GA, United States.

Kubin, E., Sheskin, M., & Johnson, S. G. B. (July 2017). *Understanding others' arguments.* Poster presented at the meeting of Development Labs at Yale University, New Haven CT, United States.

Kubin, E. (April 2017). *Community based research: Exploring motives of charitable behaviors*

and perceptions of poverty. Poster presented at the annual Civic Engagement Awards and Showcase, Madison NJ, United States.

Kubin, E. (April 2017). *The cross-pressure model of ideology and charitable giving: Exploring the role of religiosity and attributions for poverty.* Poster presented at the Tri-Collegiate Psychology Student Research Symposium, Madison NJ, United States.

Kubin, E. (March 2017). *The party over policy effect: Implications for attributions of poverty.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston MA, United States.

Kubin, E., Eason, A., Sommerville, J., & Kaiser, C. (August 2016). *Same race friendship expectation: The moderating role of neighborhood segregation.* Poster presented at annual meeting of Early Childhood Cognition Lab at the University of Washington, Seattle WA, United States.

Kubin, E., & Morgan, S. G. (March 2016). *Symmetries and asymmetries in people's predictions about opponents' intolerance.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York NY, United States.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
Editorial Service
Guest Co-Editor, *International Journal of Communication*
(Special Issue on Role of Media in Political Polarization) ....(2021-2023)

Ad-Hoc Reviewer
Communications Psychology
New Media & Society
Trends in Cognitive Sciences
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Psychological Science
Social Psychological Bulletin
Information, Communication, and Society
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Journal of Media Psychology
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Open Science Journal
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Mass Communication and Society
Cognition
Social and Personality Psychology Compass

Award Committees
BPSA Award for Innovation in Behavioral Policy..(2024)
BPSA Award for Innovation in Behavioral Policy..(2023)
Frank Research Prize in Public Interest Communications..(2022)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Outstanding Research Award.................(2022)

Additional Service
Scholars Council, Braver Angels .... (2022-present)
SPSP Peer Advisor..(2024-present)

INVITED TALKS

Drew University, September 2024
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, June 2024
Flinders University, March 2024
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, May 2023
University of Bristol, March 2023
Max Planck Institute for Human Development, February 2023
Fredrich-Schiller Universität Jena, January 2023
New York University, June 2022
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, May 2022

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lab Manager
Mind Perception and Morality Lab
PI: Dr. Kurt Gray
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
2017- 2018

Research Assistant

PI: Dr. Jan-Willem van Prooijen	Cognition and Development Lab
Vrije University	PI: Dr. Frank Keil
Summer 2019	Yale University
	Summer 2017
Early Childhood Cognition Lab	Moral and Political Psychology Lab
PI: Dr. Jessica Sommerville	PI: Dr. G. Scott Morgan
University of Washington	Drew University
Summer 2016	2015-2016

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS & ADDITIONAL GRANTS

2024	Media, Democracy and Citizens Travel Grant (€500)
2023	Media, Democracy and Citizens Travel Grant (€500)
2022	Strengthening Democracy Challenge ($650)
2022	The Behavioral Science and Policy Association Publication Award for Innovation in Behavioral Policy
2022	Finalist, *Frank* 2022 Public Interest Communication Award ($1,500)
2021	Department of Psychology Teaching Award
2021	Media, Democracy and Citizens Research Grant (€7,600)

2017	Psi Chi Regional Travel Grant ($337)
2017	Phi Beta Kappa International Honor Society
2017	James A. McClintock Award for Excellence in Psychology
2015	Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology
2013-2017	Drew University College of Liberal Arts Dean's List
2013-2017	Civic Honors Scholar ($5,000 per year)

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

Works Written for General Audiences
Can the media bridge political divides? (2023). *SPSP Character & Context Blog*
What can bridge political divides? (2022). *SPSP Character & Context Blog*
Fighting partisan hatred with... social media? (2021). *Moral Understanding Blog*

Selected Works Featuring Research:
To lead a meaningful life, become your own hero (2023). *Scientific American*
Want to give your life more meaning? Think of it as a 'Hero's Journey' (2023). Why sharing personal stories is more important than facts in bridging political divide (2021). *USA Today*
Exchanging stories builds respect (2021). *Psychology Today*
Authoritative Anecdotes and Feeble Facts (2021). *Psychology Today*

Podcasts:
US 2.0: What We Have in Common (2024). *Hidden Brain*
Social Media in an Era of Extremism (2023). *Let's Talk Polarization*
Threat Rejection, COVID-19, and Dehumanization (2022). *Multi-Faith Matters*
A Whistleblower, Facebook, Social Media & Polarization (2021). *Tech Policy Press*
What does research say about how social media affects polarization (2021). *People Who Read People*

Other Interviews:
Media can battle polarization by telling personal stories (2023). *News Nation*
Political Polarization, Dehumanization, and the Media (2022). *The Dissenter*

OTHER SKILLS, & CERTIFICATIONS

Proficient in: SPSS, Qualtrics, R, and grant writing
Languages: English (native speaker), German (lower intermediate).