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## EDUCATION

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**University of Michigan** (exp. 2022)  
Ph.D., Social Psychology

**University of Michigan** (2019)  
M.S., Social Psychology

**Duke University** (2017)  
M.S., Global Health

**Duke University** (2015)  
B.S., Psychology

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Berg, M.K.**, Kitayama, S., & Kross, E. (under review). How relationships bias moral reasoning: Neural and behavioral evidence.

Kitayama, S., **Berg, M.K.**, & Chopik, W.J. (in press). Culture and wellbeing in late adulthood: Theory and evidence. *American Psychologist*.

Weidman, A.C., Sowden, W.J., **Berg, M.K.**, & Kross, E. (2019). Punish or protect? How close relationships shape responses to moral violations. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

**Berg, M.K.**, Hobkirk, A.L., Joska, J.A., & Meade, C.S. (2016). The role of substance use coping in the relation between childhood sexual abuse and depression among methamphetamine users in South Africa. *Psychological Trauma*.

## AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2020 **SPSP Graduate Travel Award**  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- 2019 **Rackham Precandidate Research Grant**  
University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School
- 2019 **Robert B. Zajonc Scholars Award**  
University of Michigan, Research Center for Group Dynamics
- 2019 **Ruth C. Hamill Graduate Student Research Award**  
University of Michigan, Department of Psychology
- 2017 **Finalist, Fulbright Student Research Grant**  
Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
- 2016 **Duke Global Health International Research Grant**  
Duke Global Health Institute
- 2016 **Duke Global Health Merit Scholarship**  
Duke Global Health Institute
- 2015 **Jerome S. Bruner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research**  
Duke University, Department of Psychology

- 2015 **Philip R. Costanzo Undergraduate Teaching Fellowship**  
Duke University, Department of Psychology
- 2014 **Atlantic Coast Conference Inter-Institutional Academic Collaborative Fellowship**  
Duke University, Office of Undergraduate Research
- 2014 **Bains Family Independent Research Grant**  
Duke Global Health Institute
- 2013 **DukeEngage Immersive Service Grant**  
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

## CAMPUS TALKS

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- 2020 **Does Social Anxiety Facilitate Empathic Understanding? An ERP Investigation**  
Psychology Recruitment Data Blitz, University of Michigan, 21 February 2020
- 2020 **Moral Judgment: A Neuroscientific Perspective**  
Effective Altruism Seminar, University of Michigan, 18 February 2020
- 2019 **Reevaluating the Link between Social Anxiety and Empathic Accuracy**  
Research Center for Group Dynamics, University of Michigan, 2 December 2019
- 2019 **The Neuroscience of Morality & Free Will**  
Social Neuroscience Seminar, University of Michigan, 18 November 2019
- 2019 **Moral Judgments & Decision Making**  
Decision Processes, University of Michigan, 14 November 2019
- 2018 **Cultural Psychology**  
Introduction to Social Psychology, University of Michigan, 15 November 2018
- 2017 **Challenges in Cross-Cultural Interviewing**  
Qualitative Research Methods, Duke University, 14 February 2017
- 2016 **Stigma and Human Rights in Global Mental Health**  
Global Mental Health, Duke University, 3 November 2016

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 **Berg, M.K.**, Kitayama, S., & Kross, E. *How relationships bias moral reasoning: Neural and behavioral evidence*. Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 **Berg, M.K.** & Kitayama, S. *Reexamining the link between social anxiety and empathic ability: An ERP investigation*. Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.
- 2018 **Berg, M.K.** & Kitayama, S. *Can social anxiety improve mentalizing? An ERP investigation*. Talk, Kellogg Culture & Negotiation Conference, Evanston, IL.  
**Berg, M.K.**, Schmidt, A.M., Thapa, K., & Kohrt, B.A. *Cultural concepts of self-esteem: Latent factors and their implications for psychological well-being*. Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 **Berg, M.K.**, Schmidt, A.M., Ramaiya, M.K., Thapa, K., Kaiser, B.N., & Kohrt, B.A. *Cultural concepts of emotion: A mixed-methods study of Nepali adolescents*. Poster, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- 2016 **Berg, M.K.**, Hobkirk, A.L., Joska, J.A., & Meade, C.S. *Substance use coping, childhood sexual abuse, and depression among methamphetamine users in South Africa*. Poster, RTI International Ending Gender Inequalities Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2014 **Berg, M.K.**, Lion, R.R., & Meade, C.S. *Depression as a mediator in the relationship between sexual trauma and substance-related coping behaviors in drug users*. Poster, Duke Center for AIDS Research Fall Scientific Retreat, Durham, NC.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2020 **Empathic Processes**, University of Michigan  
Lead Instructor
- 2019 **Decision Processes**, University of Michigan  
Graduate Student Instructor
- 2018 – 2019 **Introduction to Social Psychology**, University of Michigan  
Graduate Student Manager, 1 semester  
Graduate Student Instructor, 3 semesters
- 2017 **Fundamentals of Global Health**, Duke University  
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- 2016 **Global Mental Health**, Duke University  
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- 2015 **Introduction to Psychology**, Duke University  
Undergraduate Teaching Fellow

## SERVICE & MENTORSHIP

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### Ad Hoc Reviewing

*Nature Human Behavior, Journal for Personality and Social Psychology, Psychological Trauma, Addictive Behaviors*

### Department and University Service

- 2019 – Psychology Graduate Student Association, Co-Chair, University of Michigan
- 2019 – 2020 Psychology Graduate Admissions Committee, University of Michigan
- 2019 Psychology Graduate Orientation Support Team, University of Michigan
- 2017 – Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Mentor, University of Michigan
- 2017 – 2018 Michigan Association of Psychology Scholars, Mentor, University of Michigan

### Research Mentorship

- 2019 – University of Michigan: Honors thesis mentor (Jiayin Yuan)
- 2017 – University of Michigan: 8 undergraduate students

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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- 2019 Neuroscience Practicum Program, Course Design Consultant  
Adelphi University (Supervisors: Damien Stanley, Ph.D., & Dominic Fareri, Ph.D.)
- 2016 – 2018 Certified SAT Tutor  
Varsity Tutors Academic Tutoring & Test Prep
- 2013 – 2015 HIV & AIDS Research Program, Undergraduate Honors Researcher  
Duke University (PI: Christina S. Meade, Ph.D.)
- 2012 – 2014 Volunteer Instructor  
Females Excelling More in Math, Engineering, and Science, Duke University
- 2012 – 2013 Volunteer Tutor  
Partners for Youth Opportunity, Durham, NC

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Psi Chi