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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Social Psychology, Purdue University**  
*Advisor:* Dr. Thekla Morgenroth

Expected May 2029  
West Lafayette, IN

**B.S., Brain and Behavioral Sciences, summa cum laude, Purdue University**  
Biological Sciences Minor

May 2022  
West Lafayette, IN

*Honors Thesis:* Explaining social costs for confronting intergroup bias:  
The role of impugning the egalitarian self-image  
*Advisor:* Dr. Margo J. Monteith

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Intergroup relations; stereotyping/prejudice; diversity science; LGBTQ+ experiences

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**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Psychological Sciences Graduate Research Innovation Award, <i>Purdue University</i> (\$1,000)	2025
HHS Graduate Excellence Fellowship, <i>Purdue University</i> (\$60,000)	2024-2026
Presidential Scholarship, <i>Purdue University</i> (\$16,000)	2018-2022
Marquis Scholarship, <i>Purdue University</i> (\$16,000)	2018-2022
Dean's List and Semester Honors, <i>Purdue University</i>	2018-2022

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**RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

**Miller, M.**, Means, K.K., Kirby, T.A., & Morgenroth, T. (in progress; writing). How the spectrum framing of sexual orientation impacts sexual minorities.

**Miller, M.**, Hammer, M., & Zou, L.X. (in progress; Study 3 data analysis). Do gay people face discrimination in jobs perceived as influencing others' values?

Noland, E.S., **Miller, M.**, Monteith, M.J., & Li, A. (in progress; writing). Examining the role of perceived impugning of one's egalitarian self-image in the emergence of social costs.

Zhang, J., **Miller, M.**, & Kirby, T.A. (in progress; Study 2 data analysis). Laypeople's response to corporate DEI Rollback.

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**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**Miller, M.**, Means, K.K., Kirby, T.A., & Morgenroth, T. (accepted Feb. 2026). *How the Spectrum Framing of Sexual Orientation Impacts Sexual Minorities*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Poster Presentation, Chicago, IL.

Hammer, M., **Miller, M.**, & Zou, L.X. (accepted Feb. 2026). *Do Gay People Face Discrimination in Jobs Perceived as Influencing Others' Values?* Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Poster Presentation, Chicago, IL.

**Miller, M.**, & Zou, L.X. (Feb. 2025). *Do Gay People Face Discrimination in Jobs Perceived as Influencing Others' Values?* Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Poster Presentation, Denver, CO.

**Miller, M.**, & Zou, L.X. (Apr. 2024). *Do Gay People in Communal Roles Elicit Greater Symbolic Threat and Sexual Prejudice?* University of Virginia Diversifying Scholarship Research Conference, Online Synchronous Poster Presentation.

- Miller, M., & Zou, L.X.** (Feb. 2024). *Do Gay People in Communal Roles Elicit Greater Symbolic Threat and Sexual Prejudice?* Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Poster Presentation, San Diego, CA.
- Miller, M., Noland, E.S., & Monteith, M.J.** (Feb. 2023). *Explaining Social Costs for Confronting Intergroup Bias: The Role of Impugning the Egalitarian Self- Image.* Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Conference, Poster Presentation, Atlanta, GA.
- Miller, M., Noland, E.S., & Monteith, M.J.** (Apr. 2022). *Explaining Social Costs for Confronting Intergroup Bias: The Role of Impugning the Egalitarian Self- Image.* Purdue Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Poster Presentation, West Lafayette, IN.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Graduate Assistant**, Department of Psychological Sciences, *Purdue University*  
UNICORN Lab | PI: Thekla Morgenroth, Ph.D. Jan 2026 – Present  
Diversity, Identity, & Prejudice Lab | PI: Teri A. Kirby, Ph.D. Aug 2024 – Dec 2025
- Lab Manager**, Psychology Department, *University of Maryland* Jul 2022 – Jul 2024  
Diversity and Intergroup Relations Lab | PI: Linda X. Zou, Ph.D.
- Research Assistant**, Department of Psychological Sciences, *Purdue University* Aug 2019 – May 2022  
Monteith Intergroup Relations & Inclusion Lab | PI: Margo J. Monteith, Ph.D.

## SERVICE EXPERIENCE

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- Community Success Committee**, *Purdue University*  
Co-chair of the Mentorship Subcommittee 2025  
Member of the Mentorship Subcommittee 2024 – 2025
- Application Statement Feedback Program**  
Statement Reviewer 2024

## MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

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- Anthony Prabhu-Hensley, *Fall 2025-Present* Purdue Psychology Mentorship Program
- Katie Friese, *Fall 2025* NextGen Psych Scholars Program
- Jordan Taliaferro, *Fall 2024* NextGen Psych Scholars Program

## REFERENCES

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- Dr. Teri A. Kirby**  
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- Dr. Linda X. Zou**  
Assistant Professor, University of Maryland  
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