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ACADEMIC POSITION

Postdoctoral Research Scientist:

Columbia University
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Social Cognitive and Neural Sciences Lab

EDUCATION

2024 - Ph.D. Experimental Social Psychology, University of California, Davis | Advisor: Jeffrey Sherman
2021 - M.A. Psychology, University of California, Davis | Advisor: Jeffrey Sherman
2018 - B.A. Psychology (Summa Cum Laude), Northeastern Illinois University

RESEARCH LABORATORY AFFILIATION

2024-present Social Cognitive and Neural Sciences Lab: Jonathan Freeman
2018-2024 Social Cognition Lab: Jeffrey Sherman
2018-2024 Social Inference Lab: Andrew Todd

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 Dukes Fund Travel Award for Psychology Graduate Students (\$500)
2023 Dukes Fund Travel Award for Psychology Graduate Students (\$500)
2022 Advanced Cyberinfrastructure Coordination Ecosystem Services & Support (ACCESS) Explore Allocation grant (200,000 computing credits)
2019 Dukes Fund Travel Award for Psychology Graduate Students (\$500)
2018 Waterstreet Prize for Most Highly Awarded Psychology Talk, at the Alpha Chi Honors Society National Convention (\$100)
2018 Elected President, National Alpha Chi Honors Society, Northeastern Illinois University Chapter
2015 Presidential Scholarship to Northeastern Illinois University, covering full tuition and course materials for all years of undergraduate degree

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ❖ Person perception; impression formation
- ❖ Context effects; assimilation & contrast
- ❖ Computational models of cognition
- ❖ Stereotyping and prejudice

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

Klein, S. A. W., Charlesworth, T., Banaji, M., Heck, D., & Sherman, J. W. (*under review*) A Role for Self-Regulatory Control in the Absence of Ingroup Preference.

Klein, S. A. W., Chwe, J. A., & Freeman, J. B. (*under review*) Social Impressions Reflect Trajectories Through High-Dimensional Semantic Space

Klein, S. A. W. & Freeman, J. B. (*under review*) Testing Mechanisms of Facial Stereotyping Malleability

Klein, S. A. W., Todd, A. R., Klauer, K. C., Navon, M., & Sherman, J. W. (*under review*) Formally Testing the Competitive Cue Claim in Person Perception Research: Does the Use of Social Categories Diminish the Use of Other Cues?

Oliinyk, S., **Klein, S. A. W.**, Elderkin, M., Todd, A. R. (*under review*) Impressions of People Who Use Opioids Depend on the Origin of Their Use

Klein, S. A. W., Lu, J., Röhner, J. (*in prep*) Limited Awareness of Outgroup Preference: Cognitive and Status-Based Correlates.

PUBLICATIONS

Klein, S. A. W., Lassetter, B., Neel, B., & Todd, A. R. (2026) Integrating Body Information with Faces Directs Attention Away from Race, Altering Racially Biased Weapon Identification, *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*

Elderkin, M., **Klein, S. A. W.**, Oliinyk, S., Gelerian, E., Todd, A. R. (2026). Mental Representations of Middle Eastern Women: Evidence from Two Indirect Methods, *Social Cognition*

Klein, S. A. W. & Sherman, J. W. (2024). Measuring the Impact of Multiple Social Cues to Drive Theoretical Advancement in Person Perception Research, *Psychological Review*

Klein, S. A. W. & Todd, A. R. (2024). Emotion expression salience and racially biased weapon identification: a diffusion modeling approach. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 1-9.

Sherman, J. W., & **Klein, S. A. W.** (2023). The dual-system approach is a useful heuristic but does not accurately describe behavior. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 46, e139.

Calanchini, J., Schmidt, K., Sherman, J. W., & **Klein, S. A. W.** (2022). The Contributions of Positive and Negative Ingroup Evaluation to Implicit Bias Favoring Outgroups. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(40), e2116924119.

Klein, S. A. W. & Sherman, J. W. (2022). Measuring and Modeling Implicit Cognition. In J. R. Thompson (Eds.), *Handbook of Philosophy & Implicit Cognition*. The Routledge Press.

Klein, S. A. W., Hutchings, R. J., & Todd, A. R. (2021). Revising Visual Representations of Faces Based on New Diagnostic Information. *Cognition*, 217.

Sherman, J. W. & **Klein, S. A. W.** (2021). The Four Deadly Sins of Implicit Attitude Research. *Frontiers Psychology*, 11, 3601-3610.

INVITED TALKS

Klein, S. A. W. & Freeman, J. B. (December, 2025). *Impression Formation as a Flexible, Dynamically Unfolding Trajectory*. Invited talk presented at the Impression Formation and Social Neuroscience lab, Virtual.

Klein, S. A. W. & Freeman, J. B. (November, 2025). *The Flexible Mechanics That Shape Our Impressions of Others*. Invited colloquium talk presented at the University of Chicago, Behavioral Science Group, Chicago, IL.

Klein, S. A. W. & Freeman, J. B. (May, 2025). *Mechanisms of Facial Stereotyping Malleability*. Invited talk presented at the Social Cognition Meetup, Virtual.

Klein, S. A. W. (September, 2024). *Measuring Large-Scale Prejudice Data at the Process Level*. Invited talk presented at the Social & Affective Processes Seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY

Klein, S. A. W. (August, 2023). *Measuring the Content and Processes Behind Social Perception*. Invited talk presented to the Social Cognitive and Neural Sciences Lab, Virtual.

Klein, S. A. W. & Sherman, J. W. (March, 2023). *An MPT Approach to Person Perception*. Invited talk presented to the research group of Daniel Heck, Marburg, Germany.

Klein, S. A. W. & Sherman, J. W. (February, 2021). *A Formal Approach to Person Perception*. Invited talk presented to the Riverside Social & Spatial Cognition Lab, Virtual.

SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS

Klein, S. A. W., Todd, A. R., Klauer, K. C., Navon, M., Lassetter, B., Neel, B., Sherman, J. W. (June, 2026). *Testing the Competitive Cue Claim of Person Perception: A Computational Modeling Approach*. Accepted talk at the European Association for Social Psychology Conference, Strasbourg, France.

Klein, S. A. W. (February, 2025). *Informational Components to Racially Biased Decision-Making*. Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Denver, CO.

Klein, S. A. W., Todd, A. R., Sherman, J. W., Klauer, K. C. (May, 2024). *Testing Competing Accounts of Social Perception*. Talk presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Klein, S. A. W. (May, 2024). *Quantifying the Mind: Demonstrating How Mathematical Modeling Advances Social Cognition Research*. Symposium chaired at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Klein, S. A. W., Sherman, J. W., (April, 2024). *Piecing Apart Person Perception: Testing Core Theoretical Assumptions*. Accepted talk at the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Klein, S. A. W., Charlesworth, T., Banaji, M., Sherman, J. W., Heck, D. (February, 2024). *Quantifying the Factors Underlying Social Group Prejudice*. Data blitz presented at the Social Cognition Preconference to the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.

Klein, S. A. W. & Weitz, B. M. (February, 2024). *Social Cognition Across Generations*. Networking event organized at the Social Cognition Preconference to the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.

Cyrus J. M., **Klein, S. A. W., & Sherman W. J.** (August, 2023). *Independent Influences of Chronic and Temporary Accessibility on Social Judgment*. Talk presented at the UCLA National McNair Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Klein, S. A. W., Klauer, K. C., Sherman, J. W. (July, 2023). *Testing the Theoretical Pillars of Person Perception*. Data blitz talk presented at the European Association for Social Psychology Conference, Krakow, Poland.

Klein, S. A. W. & Sherman, J. W. (March, 2023). *Testing the Theoretical Pillars of Person Perception*. Talk presented at the Tagung Experimentell Arbeitender Psychologen Conference, Trier, Germany.

Klein, S. A. W. (February, 2023). *Mapping Attitudes, Beliefs, and Judgments at Scale with Big Data*. Symposium chaired at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

Klein, S. A. W., Charlesworth, T., Banaji, M., Sherman, J. W. (February, 2023). *A Cognitive Atlas of Implicit Bias: Demographics and Biases*. Symposium chaired and talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

Klein, S. A. W. & Sherman, J. W. (April, 2022). *Unconstrained Estimation of Features Underlying Person Perception*. Talk presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Klein, S. A. W., Hutchings, R. J., & Todd, A. R. (April, 2021). *Updating Visual Representations Based on Diagnostic Information*. Talk presented at the Western Psychological Association Annual Conference, Virtual.

Klein, S. A. W., & Sherman, J. W. (March, 2020). *A Formal Examination of Privileged Social Categories*. Accepted to present talk at the Tagung Experimentell Arbeitender Psychologen Conference, Jena, Germany.

Klein, S. A. W., & Sherman, J. W. (May, 2019). *Measuring Biases in Human Identification Machine Learning*. Talk presented at the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, Davis, CA.

Klein, S. A. W. (May, 2018) *Consequences of Differential Behavior Relevancies to Observational Goals*. Talk presented at the Northeastern Illinois University Research Symposium, Chicago, IL

Klein, S. A. W., Finne, S., Burns, B., Dykema-Engblade, A., & Cuevas, L. (May, 2018). *Beverage Consumption Stereotypes of Job Candidates*. Talk presented at the Northeastern Illinois University Student Research Symposium, Chicago, IL

Klein, S. A. W. (April, 2018). *What We See Is What We Get: Observational Goals and Context*. Talk presented at Alpha Chi National Convention, Portland, OR

RESEARCH POSTERS

Klein, S. A. W. & Freeman, J. B. (February, 2025). *Trustworthiness-Based Face-Stereotyping: Testing Mechanisms and Interventions*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Denver, CO.

Cyrus J. M., **Klein, S. A. W., & Sherman W. J.** (May, 2023). *Accessibility Concept: The Influence of Chronic & Temporary Accessibility on Social Judgment*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Conference in Davis, CA.

Klein, S. A. W. & Sherman, J. W. (February, 2022). *Multi-Feature Processing in Person Perception*. Poster presented at the Social Cognition Preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Klein, S. A. W. & Sherman, J. W. (February, 2022). *Information Processing Across Multiple Person Features*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Klein, S. A. W., Hutchings, R. J., & Todd, A. R. (February, 2021). *Updating Visual Representations Based on Diagnostic Information*. Poster presented at The Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Virtual.

Klein, S. A. W., & Sherman, J. W. (February, 2020). *Using Process Dissociation to Estimate Categorization and Individuation*. Poster presented at The Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Organizational Membership

Invited Member, *Towards the Promise of Open Source AI: Co-Creating a Vision for Responsibility and Research Roadmap*

Member, *Association of Psychological Science*

Member, *Society of Personality and Social Psychology*

Founding Member, *Students of Social Cognition (Meetup)*

Teaching

Lab instructor, Statistical Analysis of Psychological Data (Summer, 2022)

Instructor of Record: Tim Bahn

Co-Instructor, Social Psychology Journal Club at UC, Davis (Summer, 2022 - Fall, 2022)

Co-Instructor, R User Group in the UC, Davis Psychology Department (Fall, 2021 - Spring, 2022)

Lab instructor, Data Visualization (Fall, 2019)

Instructor of Record: Victoria Cross

Lab instructor, Statistical Analysis of Psychological Data (Summer, 2019)

Instructor of Record: Madeline Craft

Graduate Student Mentoring:

Juncheng Lu – Columbia University (Fall 2025 – present)

Bastian Weitz – Columbia University (Summer 2024 - present)

Tommi Mayers – UC, Davis (Summer 2022 – Summer 2024)

Eva Meza – UC, Davis (Fall 2023 – Summer 2024)

Siuoneh Didarloo – UC, Davis (Summer 2021 – Summer 2024)

Stephanie Oliinyk – UC, Davis (Summer 2021 – Spring 2025)

Undergraduate Student Mentoring:

Garrett Zebly – UC, Davis (Winter 2024 – Summer 2024)

Sarah Alsaif – UC, Davis (Winter 2024 – Summer 2024)

Joyan M. Cyrus – UC, Davis (Summer 2022 – Summer 2024)

Jessica Orea – UC, Davis (Summer 2022)

Kanvarbir Gil – UC, Davis (Summer 2019 – Summer 2021)

Peer-Reviewing

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Attitudes and Social Cognition

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin

Social Psychological and Personality Science

Scientific Reports

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology

Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Annual Convention