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## Education

- University of Arizona – PhD Expected 2023  
*Social Psychology Graduate PhD Program*  
*Minor: Public Health: Health Behavior Health Promotion*  
*Advisor: Daniel Sullivan, PhD*
- University of Arizona – M.A. Expected 2020  
*Social Psychology Graduate PhD Program*  
*Master's Thesis: "The psychological experience of water contamination:  
Implications for mental health, coping, and resilience"*  
*Advisor: Daniel Sullivan, PhD*  
*GPA: 4.0*
- California State University, Fresno – B.A., Summa Cum Laude 2014-2018  
*President's Honors Scholar*  
*Major: Psychology*  
*Minor: Spanish*  
*Certificate: Global Awareness*  
*Honors Thesis: "Time Perspective and Subjective Wellbeing: A Multi-group  
Comparison"*  
*Honors Advisor: Robert Levine, PhD*  
*GPA: 4.0*

## Research Interests

Cultural existential psychology, Environmental psychology, Decolonial psychology, Culture, Social class, Psychology of time, Time-space distancing, Chronic environmental contamination, Environmental justice, Stress and mental health, Health disparities, Debt, Public health, Geographical psychology, Community-based participatory action research

## Papers Under Review

2020

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Young, I.F., Keefer, L.A., Palitsky, R., Stewart, S., Goad, A., & Sullivan, D. (revise and resubmit). Time-space distancing as a decolonial approach to psychology. *Review of General Psychology*.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Calloway, E., Sullivan, D., Clausen, W., Tucker, P.G., Rayman, J., Gerhardstein, B. (revise and resubmit). Chronic environmental contamination: A systematic review of psychosocial health consequences. *Science of the Total Environment*.

Sullivan, D., **Schmitt, H.J.**, Calloway, E., Clausen, W., Tucker, P.G., Rayman, J., Gerhardstein, B. (under review). Chronic environmental contamination: A narrative review of psychosocial health consequences, risk factors, and pathways to community resilience. *Social Science and Medicine*.

Calloway, E., Chiappone, A.L., **Schmitt, H.J.**, Sullivan, D., Gerhardstein, B., Tucker, P.G., Rayman, J., Yaroch, A.L. (in prep). Exploring community psychosocial stress during chronic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination: Lessons learned from a qualitative study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

2020

Palitsky, R., **Schmitt, H.J.**, Sullivan, D., & Young, I.F. (2020). An existential analysis of responses to the 2020 coronavirus outbreak. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0022167820946900>

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Keefer, L., Sullivan, D., Stewart, S. & Young, I. (2020). A brighter future: The effect of social class on responses to future debt. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, 8(1), 78-107.  
<https://doi.org/10.5964/jspp.v8i1.1195>

Sullivan, D., Palitsky, R., & **Schmitt, H.J.** (2020). The spatialization and temporalization of environmental suffering. *Narrative Inquiry*, 30(2), 271-293.  
<https://doi.org/10.1075/ni.18054.sul>

## Invited Book Chapters

2019

Palitsky, R., Sullivan, D., Young, I., & **Schmitt, H.J.** (2020). Religion and the construction of identity. In C. Routledge & K. Vail (Eds.), *The science of religion, spirituality, and existentialism* (pp. 207-222). Elsevier.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-817204-9.00016-0>

## Popular Press

2019

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Young, I., & Sullivan, D. (2019, December). Colonized immortality striving and racial dehumanization in *Sorry to Bother You. Ernest Becker Foundation Newsletter*, 26(3), 6-7.

## Papers in Preparation

2020

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Sullivan, D., & Powell, A. (in prep). Social class and the shame of indebtedness.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Sullivan, D., & Keefer, L.A. (in prep). Time-space distancing and coping with financial stress.

Sullivan, D, **Schmitt, H.J.**, & Goad, A.N. (in prep). Space and time in suffering narratives: The socio-material force theory of identity.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Sullivan, D., Black, A. (in prep). Centering time and space in analyses of power. *Journal of Theoretical Social Psychology*.

**Schmitt, H.J.** & Sullivan, D. (in prep). Chronic Environmental Contamination: Implications for Mental Health, Coping, and Resilience.

## Acknowledgements

2020

Sullivan, D. (2019). Social psychological theory as history: Outlining the critical-historical approach to theory. *Personality and Social Psychology Review*, 24(1), 78-99.

## Selected Presentations

2021

**Schmitt, H.J.**, & Sullivan, D. (2021, February). *Indebtedness Predicts Worse Mental Health for Poorer, but not Wealthier Counties in the US*. Symposium talk to be presented at the annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

2020

**Schmitt, H.J.** (2020, October). *Chronic Environmental Contamination: Psychosocial Health Consequences, Risk Factors, and Pathways to Community resilience*.

Symposium talk to be presented at the annual convention of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, & Sullivan, D. (2020, February). *Social Class and the Shame of Indebtedness: Uneven Neoliberal Subjectivity*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Young, I.F., Sullivan, D., & **Schmitt, H.J.** (2020, February). *The Dramaturgical Perspective in Relation to Well-being*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Young, I.F., Sullivan, D., & **Schmitt, H.J.** (2020, February). *The Dramaturgical Perspective: A "Pressure Valve" for Stress*. Data blitz presented at the annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Existential Preconference, New Orleans, LA.

2019

**Schmitt, H.J.** (2019, May). *Debt, Guilt, and Social Class*. Data Blitz talk given at the University of Arizona Psychology Department Annual Student Data Blitz, Tucson, AZ.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Keefer, L., Sullivan, D., Stewart, S., & Young, I. (2019, May). *Responses to the Prospect of Debt Vary as a Function of Social Class*. Poster presented at the Jack Brehm Social Psychology Conference, Lawrence, KS.

2018

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Levine, R. (2018, May). *The Relationship of Time perspective to Concern for Environmental Degradation*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Lachs, L. (2018, May). *The Effect of Virtual Reality and Music on Time Perception and Level of Immersion*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

**Schmitt, H.J.** (2018, April). *Meatless Mondays: An Analysis of Personal Environmental Footprints*. Talk presented at Sustainability and Behavior Analysis Summit, Fresno, CA.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Levine, R. (2018, April). *Time Perspective and Environmental Concern*. Paper presented at the California State University Honors Conference 2018, Northridge, CA.

2017

Hoge, C., **Schmitt, H.J.**, Botwin, M. (2017, May) *Capabilities Approach to Intersexual Flirtation*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

Hoge, C., **Schmitt, H.J.**, Botwin, M. (2017, April) *The Reproductive Success of Male R&B and Hip-Hop Artists: An Evolutionary Perspective*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Levine, R. (2017, May). *The Relationship of Time to Subjective Wellbeing in Three Groups: Homeless People, College Students, and Fijian Villagers*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

**Schmitt, H.J.**, Levine, R. (2017, April). *Time Perspective and Well-Being: A Multi-Group Comparison*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA.

## Honors, Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow 2020-2023

- Five-year fellowship for those “anticipated to become knowledge experts who can contribute significantly to research, teaching, and innovations in science and engineering”

University of Arizona GPSC Research and Project Grant 2020

- \$1,460 awarded by the Graduate and Professional Student Council at the University of Arizona to fund ongoing investigations of the psychological experience of debt

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) 2019-2020  
Community Stress and Resilience Initiative

- Team member on \$53,000 grant to investigate the mental health impacts of chronic environmental contamination

University of Arizona GPSC Research and Project Grant 2019

- \$975 awarded by the Graduate and Professional Student Council at the University of Arizona to fund ongoing investigations of the psychology of social class

- Outstanding Jazz Ensemble Member 2018
- Recognized for contributions in music and leadership to the Jazz Ensemble at California State University, Fresno
- Edward V. Tenney Scholarship 2018
- Awarded to graduating seniors in psychology at California State University, Fresno who show promise to make an impact on the field of psychology
- Carl E. Levin Scholarship 2017
- Awarded by the College of Science and Mathematics at California State University, Fresno
- Alan Button/Benjamin Burton Renaissance Person Award, 2017
- Awarded by the Department of Psychology at California State University, Fresno for embodying the notion of a renaissance person through diverse interests and excellence in many areas
- Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship 2017
- Awarded by the California State University, Fresno chapter of the Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Psychology Department Honors Program 2016-2017
- Completed year-long honors program at California State University, Fresno by conducting a research project, writing a senior thesis, and presenting at a conference
- Faculty Sponsored Student Research Award 2016
- \$1,000 awarded by the College of Science and Mathematics at California State University, Fresno to support student research and travel expenses for conferences. This award supported travel expenses to APS 2017 in Boston to present two separate posters
- Vivian I. Pickford Memorial Scholarship 2016
- Awarded by the Department of Psychology at California State University, Fresno for excelling in the classroom and as a department citizen
- Smittcamp Family Honors College Scholarship 2014-2018
- Received four-year scholarship covering tuition and housing at California State University, Fresno based on academic performance and community service in high school

## University Service

Mass Survey Coordinator 2018-Present

- Managed survey submissions, constructed survey, and disseminated data to all contributing psychology labs at the University of Arizona each semester

## Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Mentoring undergraduate Research Assistants 2018-Present

Honors Theses Advised

- Adeena Black Expected 2021
- Destiny Murray Expected 2020
- Andy Powell 2020
  - “The unequal experience of indebtedness: An investigation into the psychological effects of debt on the lower class”
- Elizabeth Raab 2020
  - “The effects of time space-distanciation on financial stress-related coping styles”

Teaching of Psychology course completed at the University of Arizona 2019

- Completed module on online teaching
- Developed teaching portfolio
- Gave guest lecture and was evaluated on delivery, clarity, and content

Teaching Assistant: Psychology of Terrorism 2019, 2020

- Assisted with grading and running review sessions

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Social Psychology 2019

- Assisted with grading, reviewing course material, and developing tests
- Guest lecture “The Social Psychology of Prosocial Behavior”

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Psychology 2018

- Assisted with grading and running review sessions
- Guest lecture: “Introduction to Social Psychology”

## Research Experience

### Graduate Student, NSF Graduate Research Fellow

- Dr. Daniel Sullivan, University of Arizona 2018-Present
- Lab member of the Cultural-Existential Psychology Lab at the University of Arizona

### Research Assistant

- Dr. Robert Levine, California State University, Fresno 2016-2018
- Undergraduate honors thesis completed with this professor

- Dr. Lorin Lachs, California State University, Fresno 2017-2018
- Assisted with research in the Perception and Virtual Reality Lab on perception of the passage of time using virtual reality and music

- Dr. Michael Botwin, California State University, Fresno 2016-2018
- Assisted with research in the Personality and Evolutionary Psychology Lab on evolutionary psychology, mating Intelligence, reproductive success, flirting behaviors, and happiness

- Dr. Martin Shapiro, California State University, Fresno 2016-2018
- Assisted with research in the Psychophysiology Lab on income inequality, unfairness, physiological indicators of stress, time perspective, self-deception, and delay discounting

- Dr. Paul Price, California State University, Fresno 2015-2016
- Assisted with research in the Judgment and Reasoning Lab on perception of chance

## Skills

### R, SPSS

- Multiple graduate-level statistics courses
- Moderation, mediation, missing data
- Meta-analysis
- Spatial Regression

### Qualitative Analysis

- Analysis of qualitative interviews from culturally diverse community samples

### Spanish Language Skills

- Spanish Minor at California State University, Fresno
- 5-week volunteer trip to Cusco, Perú



## Field Research

- Community action research in southside Tucson on the experience of chronic water contamination
- Interviews conducted in Fresno, California with homeless individuals
- Interviews conducted in rural Fiji