

MJ Schneider

March, 2026

EDUCATION

University of Washington

Ph.D. Student

- Primary Advisor - Dr. Cheryl Kaiser

Seattle, WA

September 2023 - Present

University of San Francisco

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

- Summa Cum Laude GPA - 4.00
- Honors Thesis: The impact of age and implicit theories of emotion on jury decision making.

San Francisco, CA

May 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Specialist

Princeton Social Neuroscience Lab

- Conduct research examining the mechanisms of self-concept malleability

June 2021 – June 2023

Princeton, NJ

Research Assistant

The Creative Brain Lab

- Collaborate on projects examining creativity through behavioral and neuroscience methods
- Co-author a book chapter on brain training with Dr. Indre Viskontas for publication

January 2021 – October 2021

San Francisco, CA

Research Assistant

USFCA Aging and Diversity Lab

- Conceptualize and launch empirical studies examining prejudice and its intersections with ageism

May 2020 – May 2021

San Francisco, CA

Lab Manager

USFCA Metacognition and Learning Lab

- Conceptualize and launch empirical studies examining debiasing and alternative reasoning

March 2019 – May 2021

San Francisco, CA

Lab Manager

USFCA Emotion and Cognition Lab

- Pioneer empirical studies examining eyewitness memory and emotion regulation

September 2017 – May 2021

San Francisco, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Smiley, A. H., **Schneider, M. J.**, Kaiser C. (accepted registered report). Does religious behavior reduce affective polarization? Evidence from a daily diary study, *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.

Schneider, M. J., Rubin-McGregor, J. M., Elder, J., Hughes, B., & Tamir, D. (2024). Simulation requires activation of self-knowledge to change self-concept. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.
<https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0001663>

Kite, M., Wagner, L., & **Schneider, M. J.** (2024). Sexual and gender identity prejudice. In T. Nelson (Ed.), *Handbook of Prejudice, Stereotyping, and Discrimination: 3rd Edition*. Routledge & CRC Press.

Schneider, M. J., & Viskontas, I.V. (2022). Brain training and intelligence. In S. Hupp & R. Wiseman (Eds.), *Investigating Pop Psychology: Pseudoscience, Fringe Science and Controversies*. Taylor and Francis. (ISBN: 9780367620684)

PRESENTATIONS

Schneider, M.J., Tamir, D., Hershfield, H. (2026, February). Tracing self-continuity across gender transitions. Symposium talk presented at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Chicago, IL.

Schneider, M.J., Kaiser, C. (2025, February). Self concept and generational status in the transition to college. Poster presented at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.

Song, R., Volpe, L., Gray, C., **Schneider, M.J.** (2024, March). Strengthening course inclusivity through syllabus review. UW Teaching and Learning Symposium, Seattle, WA.

Schneider, M. J., Wilkins, L., Crockett., & Tamir, D. (2024, February). Transformative experiences during COVID-19. Poster presented at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.

Schneider, M. J., Rubin-McGregor, J. M., & Tamir, D. (2023, February). Simulation requires activation of self-knowledge to change self-knowledge. Poster presented at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Schneider, M. J., Rubin-McGregor, J. M., & Tamir, D. (2022, February). Activating self-knowledge to change self-knowledge: The role of implicit vs. explicit activation. Poster presented virtually at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Self and Identity Pre-Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Rubin-McGregor, J. M., **Schneider, M. J.**, & Tamir, D. (2022, February). Leveraging simulation to benefit women in STEM. Poster presented virtually at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Schneider, M. J., Merino, B., Adolfo, M., Martinez, M., Divinigracia, E., & Munnich, E. (2021, June). Does mental simulation of alternative research outcomes reduce bias in predicted results?. Poster presented virtually at the annual Cognitive Science Society Conference, Berkeley, CA.

Nassar, L., Ferko, S., **Schneider, M. J.**, Mall, J., Dellar, A., & Wagner, L. (2021, April). Is 'they' a truly gender neutral pronoun?. Poster presented virtually at the annual Human Behavior Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Schneider, M. J., & Knight, M. R. (2021, April). The impact of age and implicit theories of emotion on jury decision making. Poster presented virtually at the annual American Psychology-Law Society Conference.

Schneider, M. J., Bittner, D., & Knight, M. R. (2020, October). The effects of misinformation and sleep-consolidation on memory accuracy. Poster presented virtually at the annual Western Psychological Association Conference.

Schneider, M. J., Bittner, D., Merino, B., Martinez, M., Cobb, W., & Munnich, E. (2020, July). Why not both: A qualitative analysis of alternative outcomes. Poster presented virtually at the annual Cognitive Science Society Conference.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Washington

2023 – present

Seattle, Washington

- Courses: Fundamentals of Research Design, Abnormal Psychology, Advanced Human Sexuality

Research Assistant Mentor

University of Washington

2023 - present

Seattle, Washington

- Mentor eight undergraduate Research Assistants in the Social Identity Lab

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

University of San Francisco

2018 – 2021

San Francisco, CA

- Courses: Psychology of Prejudice, Thesis Development Seminar, Biological Psychology, Psychological Statistics, Research Design

SERVICE & DIVERSITY

Diversity Steering Committee

University of Washington

2023 – present
Seattle, Washington

- Work with the inclusive pedagogy team to design and implement a syllabus review process in the psychology department.

SPSP Convention Committee

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

2026 – Present
Virtual

- Work as student liaison for the SPSP convention committee coordinating the annual meeting each year

HQ at SPSP

Here and Queer

2021 – 2026
Virtual

- Spearheaded outreach and coordination of networking events for LGBTQ+ social psychologists across the world

President of Psi Chi Honor Society

University of San Francisco

2020 – 2021
San Francisco, CA

- Previous positions held: Marketing Coordinator, Treasurer, Vice-President, Outreach Coordinator

HONORS

TOP RA Scholarship - University of Washington

Dean's Honor Roll - University of San Francisco

Honors College Scholar - University of San Francisco

Honors Program in Psychology - University of San Francisco

Fred Minnegerode Award - University of San Francisco

Father Maraschi Award - University of San Francisco

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Quantitative tools: R, Jamovi, SPSS, Python (basic), HTML (basic), Javascript (basic), AWS, Tableau, computing clusters

Research Methods: Experimental design, usability testing, data management, data visualization

Statistical modeling: Mixed effects models (lme4, simr), EFA/PCA, model comparison (AIC/ BIC/ leverage, cooks distance), mediation (Process), structural equation modeling, NLP, neural networks

Survey and UX Tools: Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk, PsychToolbox, PsychoPy, Prolific, Pavlovia, Cloud Connect, Engage