

Patrick J. Oefelein

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2024-Present	Ph.D., Social Psychology Florida State University <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. David S. March, Ph.D.
2021-2024	B.S., Psychology University of Central Florida <i>Honors Thesis:</i> Authority and Politics: The Relation Between Authority and Political Views Within the Identity Styles <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Steven L. Berman, Ph.D.

HONORS AND AWARDS

University Honors <i>University of Central Florida</i>	2024
Honors in the Major <i>University of Central Florida Department of Psychology</i>	2024
Top Honor Graduate <i>University of Central Florida College of Sciences</i>	2024
President's Honor Roll <i>University of Central Florida Office of the President</i>	Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
Dean's List <i>University of Central Florida College of Sciences</i>	Spring 2023, Spring 2024
Lois P. Watson Endowed Fund in Psychology (\$1000) <i>Florida State University</i>	2024
Best Research Talk – Honorable mention (\$100) <i>Florida State University Department of Psychology</i>	2025

PUBLICATIONS

Oefelein, P. J., Hall, J. M., Jean-Francois, I., & Berman, S. L. (*Under Review*). Authority and Politics: The Relation Between Authority and Political Views Within the Identity Styles.

PRESENTATIONS

Oefelein, P. J., Hall, J. M., Jean-Francois, I., & Berman, S. L. (March 2024). *Authority and Politics: The Relation Between Authority and Political Views Within the Identity Styles*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Orlando FL.

Oefelein, P. J., Olivett, V. J., & March, D. S. (February 2025). *Physical Threat Sensitivity is a Psychological Core of Authoritarian Attitudes Across the Left-Right Spectrum*. Poster presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Denver, CO.

Oefelein, P. J., Olivett, V. J., & March, D. S. (April 2025). *Physical Threat Sensitivity is a Psychological Core of Authoritarian Attitudes Across the Left-Right Spectrum*. Talk presented at the Florida State University Department of Psychology Graduate Research Day, Tallahassee, FL.

Oefelein, P. J., Olivett, V. J., & March, D. S. (November 2025). *Physical Threat Bias Drives Authoritarian Attitudes Across the Ideological Spectrum*. Presented in V. J. Olivett (Symposium Chair), *Leveraging Social Cognitive Perspectives Towards Understanding Democratically Maladaptive Political Attitudes*. A symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, St. Petersburg, FL.

Oefelein, P. J., Olivett, V. J., & March, D. S. (February 2026). *Development of the Contamination Threat Bias Scale: A Measure of Perceptual Contamination Threat Bias*. Poster presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024-Present

Graduate Student

The March Lab

Florida State University

PI: Dr. David S. March, Ph.D.

2022-2024

Research Assistant

Berman Identity Lab

University of Central Florida

PI: Dr. Steven L. Berman, Ph.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Fall 2026 – Summer 2026

Cognitive Psychology Lab

Florida State University, Department of Psychology

MENTEES

Shae Steenbergh, FSU Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program scholar

Sarah Padron, FSU Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program scholar

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2025-Present Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists (SSSP)

2024-Present Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

2023-2024 Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA)

QUANTITATIVE TRAINING & SKILLS

Analyses – Descriptives, t-tests, ANOVA, Regression, Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analysis

Software – R, SAS, SPSS