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Academic Positions

- 2018 – present** **Psychology Department, California State University San Marcos**
Assistant Professor of Psychology
- 2013 – 2018** **Psychology Department, Harvard University**
Harvard College Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow & Lecturer

Education

- 2013** **Ph.D. in Social Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
(Advisors: Shinobu Kitayama & Rowell Huesmann)
 - 2011 – 13, Science, Technology & Public Policy Certificate
 - 2008 – 09, Culture & Cognition Certificate
- 2005** **B.A. in Psychology, University of British Columbia**
 - 2004 – 05, UCLA (Visiting Student)
 - 2003 – 04, National University of Singapore (Exchange Student)

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Kunst, J. R., **Kimel, S.Y.**, Alayan, R., & Thomsen, L. (2018). Can Abraham Bring Peace? The Relationship between Acknowledging Shared Religious Roots and Intergroup Conflict. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.
- Kunst, J., Boos, B., **Kimel S.Y.**, Obaidi, M, Shani, M., & Thomsen, L. (2018). Extreme activism supporting others' political struggles: The role of politically motivated out-group fusion. *PLOS ONE*.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Mischkowski, D., Uchida, Y. & Kitayama, S. (2017). Culture, Emotions & The Cold Shoulder: Cultural Differences in the Anger and Sadness Response to Ostracism. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Huesmann, L.R., Kunst, J. & Halperin, E. (2016). Living in a Genetic World: How Learning about Interethnic Genetic Similarities and Differences Affects Peace and Conflict. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.
 - **Featured in The Washington Post**

Kimel, S.Y., Lopez-Duran, N. & Kitayama, S. (2015). Physiological Correlates of Choice-Induced Dissonance: An Exploration of HPA-Axis Responses. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*. 28 (4). 309-316.

McDonald, M., Porat, R., Yarkoney, A., Reifen Tagar, M., **Kimel, S.**, Saguy, T., & Halperin, E. (2015). Intergroup emotional similarity reduces dehumanization and promotes conciliatory attitudes in prolonged conflict. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, 20(1), 125-136.

Kimel, S.Y., Grossmann, I. & Kitayama, S. (2012). When Gift-giving Produces Dissonance: Effects of Subliminal Affiliation Priming on Choices for One's Self versus Close Others. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*. 48(5), 1221-1224.

Qin, J., **Kimel, S.Y.**, Kitayama, S., Wang, X., Yang, X. & Han, S. (2011). How Choices Modify Preferences: Neural Correlates of Choice Justification. *NeuroImage*, 55(1). 240-246,
 • **5-Year Impact Factor: 6.94**

Other Publications

Kunst, J. & **Kimel, S.Y.** (2018). Why do Leftists Engage in Activism for Some Ethnic Groups but not Others? *Character & Context Blog*, Society of Personality and Social Psychology.

Hudson, S. & **Kimel, S.Y.** (2018). New Racism. In: *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. Turner B.S. (Ed); Beverly Hills, CA: Sage.

Kimel, S.Y. & Kunst, J. (2016). Can DNA Ancestry Testing Make You More Racist? *Scientific American*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Kimel, S.Y., Kunst, J., Uenal, F., Sidanius, J., (In prep). Others are what they eat: How disgust towards an ethnic group's food can cause their dehumanization.

Grants, Fellowships & Scholarships

External

2018 **SPSP Small Research Grant (\$1,500)**, Society of Personality and Social Psychology (PI)

- 2009** NSF Graduate Fellowship (Honorable Mention), *National Science Foundation*
- 2008** NSF EAPSI Graduate Student Fellowship (~\$20,000), *National Science Foundation*
- Internal
- 2019** OGSR Grant Writing Bootcamp (\$4,500), *California State University San Marcos*
- 2019** RSCA Grant (\$3,500), *California State University San Marcos*
- 2018** CHABSS Faculty Development Grant (\$1,470), *California State University San Marcos*
- 2018** “Biological Essentialism & Conflict: How Learning about Genetic Roots Impacts Intergroup Relations” (\$5,000), Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative Postdoctoral Award, *Harvard University*
- 2017** “Exploring the Causal Effect of DNA Ancestry Testing on Racism” (~\$40,000), Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative, *Harvard University* (with Jim Sidanius)
- 2013** Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship (\$9,300), *University of Michigan*
- 2012** Hough Summer Research Scholarship for Psychology & Ethics (\$1,000), Psychology Department, *University of Michigan*
- 2012** Rackham Research Grant (\$3,000), Rackham Graduate School, *University of Michigan*
- 2012** Psychology Dissertation Grant (\$1,000), Psychology Department *University of Michigan*
- 2011** Barbara Perry Roberson Fellowship (\$1,000), Psychology Department *University of Michigan*
- 2010** Rackham Spring/Summer Research Grant Program (\$6,000), Rackham Graduate School, *University of Michigan*, Co-Investigator

Research, Travel & Training Awards

Research Awards

- 2012** **Rackham International Research Award (\$10,000)**, International Institute & Rackham Graduate School, *University of Michigan*
- 2011** **Ruth Hamill Award (\$1,000)**, Social Psychology Area, *University of Michigan*
- 2010** **Barbara Oleshansky Award (\$1,000)**, Psychology Department, *University of Michigan*

Travel Awards

- 2012** **SPSP Graduate Student Travel Award (\$500)**, *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*
- 2012** **Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$700)**, Rackham Graduate School *University of Michigan*
- 2010** **Rackham International Conference Travel Grant (\$1,100)**, Rackham Graduate School, *University of Michigan*
- 2008 & 09** **Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$1,200 total)**, Rackham Graduate School *University of Michigan*

Training Awards

- 2011** **Public Interest Caucus' Training Scholarship (\$75)**, *Association of Psychological Science*

Invited Talks

- 2017 & 18** African American Studies Department, *Harvard University*
- 2016** Department of Psychology Brown Bag, *UMass Amherst*
- 2015** Working Group in Political Psychology and Behavior, *Harvard University*
- 2013** Department of Psychiatry, *University of California, San Francisco*
- 2008** Kokoro Research Center, *Kyoto University*

Invitation-Only Conference Participation

“Workshop on the Ethics of Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster DNA Identification” (2011, September). *Carnegie Mellon University*. Pittsburgh.

Conference Talks

McDonald, M., Porat, R., Yarkoney, A., Reifen-Tagar, M., **Kimel, S.**, Saguy, T., Halperin, E., (July, 2015). Intergroup emotional similarity increases humanization and promotes conciliatory attitudes in prolonged conflict. *International Society for Political Psychology*, San Diego.

Kimel, S.Y., Huesmann, L.R., Halperin, E. (2013, January). “Reducing ethnic conflict by emphasizing genetic commonalities: Implications for Middle East peace”. For a symposium entitled “Other types of ‘We’: Discovering new forms of commonalities for improving intergroup relations”, *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, New Orleans. Co-Chairs: Sasha Kimel & Dr. Tamar Saguy.

Kimel, S.Y., Grossmann, I., Kitayama, S. (2010, August). “Feeling threatened during choice: Culture & the effects of subliminal priming on post-choice justification”. Presented at the *Multidisciplinary Decision Science Symposium*, Singapore.

Kitayama, S., Han, S., **Kimel, S.Y.** & Qin, J. (2009, October). “Choice results in enhanced self-relevance and hedonic value: An fMRI study of post decisional dissonance effect in China”. Paper presented at the 2nd Annual Meeting of the *Social and Affective Neuroscience Society*, New York.

Select Other Awards

2017 **Juno Women’s Leadership Residency**, *Omega Institute*

2011 **Psychology Advocacy Training Award**, *American Psychological Association*

Research Experience

International Research

Summer 2012 **Visiting Researcher**, Emotion & Conflict Lab, *Interdisciplinary Center (IDC)*, Israel (Advisor: Eran Halperin)

Summer 2008 **NSF Research Fellow**, Kokoro Research Center, *Kyoto University*, Japan (Advisor: Yukiko Uchida)

2003 – 04 **Visiting Researcher**, *National University of Singapore* (Advisor: Dr. Weining Chang)

Speakeasy Peer Support, *University of British Columbia*

Conference Poster Presentations

- Iannazzi, A., Kunst, J.R., **Kimel, S.Y.** & Sidanius, J. (2018, March) Cultural Differences in Atheist Attitudes Towards Religious Groups. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Portland, Oregon.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Huesmann, L.R. Halperin, E. (2015, February). "Emphasizing Interethnic Genetic Similarities and Differences: Implications for Peace and Violence". Poster to be presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Long Beach, California.
- Kimel, S.Y.** & Huesmann, L.R. (2012, January). "Reducing Ethnic Conflict by Emphasizing Genetic Commonalities". Poster presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Political Psychology Pre-conference, San Diego, California.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Uchida, Y., Kitayama, S., King, A. (2011, April). "Culture, genes and social exclusion: How DNA and exclusion by peers affects emotional reactions across cultures". Poster presented at *the Center for Culture, Mind, and the Brain Annual Conference*, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Varnum, M., Nisbett, R. (2011, January). "American exceptionalism and views of morality: How does priming exceptionalism effect morality in the U.S.?" Poster presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, Texas.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Uchida, Y. & Kitayama, S. (2010, January). "Culture and social exclusion: How being excluded by peers affects biological stress responses across cultures". Poster presented at the 10th Annual Meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Kimel, S.Y.** & Kitayama, S. (2009, February). "Culture and the impact of choice justification on biological stress responses". Poster presented at the 9th Annual Meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Tampa, Florida.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Sieber, W., Norcross, W., Kallenberg, G., Brouillard, C.R. (2007, January) "Self-deception and doubt: How social desirability and the imposter phenomenon influence physicians' self-assessments". Poster presented at the 8th Annual Meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Norenzayan, A., Hansen, I., Brouillard, C.R., Sieber, W.J. (2006, January) "Tightness-Looseness: Initial validation of a measure". Poster presented at the 7th Annual Meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* Cultural Psychology Pre-conference, Palm Springs, Florida.
- Kimel, S.Y.**, Brouillard, C.R., Ching, H., Gelle, S.A., Sandoval, A, Sieber, W.J. (2006, March) "Cultural differences in the estimation of perceived health status". Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Society for Behavioral Medicine*, San Francisco, California.
- Sieber, W., Norcross, W., Kallenberg, G., **Kimel, S.Y.**, Brouillard, C.R., Fernandes-Taylor, S. (2006, April) "Enhancing physician development: Assessing professionalism in licensed family physicians". Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Society for Teachers in Family Medicine*, San Francisco. California.

Primary Instruction

California State University, San Marcos (Psychology Department)

Term & Year	Course # & Name	Units	# of Students	Other Info
Spring 2019	<i>Psych 341 (Social Psychology)</i>	3	35	New Prep
Spring 2019	<i>Psych 341 (Social Psychology)</i>	3	40	New Prep
Fall 2018	<i>Psych 396 (Social Psych Lab)</i>	4	25	New prep; Lecture & Lab Course
Fall 2018	<i>Psych 341 (Multicultural Psychology)</i>	3	45	New prep; Lecture Course

Harvard University (Psychology Department)

Term & Year	Course Name	Units	# of Students	Other Info
Fall 13 -2018	<i>Cultural Psychology</i>	3	5 - 25	Taught 4x; Lecture Course
Spring 2014-17	<i>Psych of the Political Left & Right</i>	3	5 - 20	Taught 3x, Seminar Course
Spring 2015 - 16	<i>Psych of Being Rich or Poor</i>	3	16 - 20	Taught 3x; Seminar Course
Spring 2014	<i>Research Methods</i>	3	25	New prep; Lecture & Lab Course

UMass Boston (Psychology Department)

Term & Year	Course Name	Units	# of Students	Other Info
Fall 2015	<i>Experimental Methods in Social Psychology</i>	3	10	Lecture & Lab Course

University of Michigan (Psychology Department)

Term & Year	Course # & Name	Units	# of Students	Other Info
Winter & Fall 2012	<i>Psych of Careers</i>	3	80	Lecture & Discussion Course
Winter & Fall 2012	<i>Teaching Techniques in Psychology</i>	3	7	Seminar Course

Formal Mentoring Experience

California State University San Marcos

- 2018 – present** **Faculty Mentoring Program** (for first-generation college students)
- 2018 – present** **Psychology Undergraduate Research Mentor** (6 students)
- 2018 – present** **Masters Thesis Supervision** (1 student)

Harvard University

- 2013 – 18** **Psychology Graduate Teaching Supervisor** (4 Graduate Assistants)
- 2013 – 18** **Psychology Research Mentor** (22 Undergraduate and Graduate RAs)
- 2014 – 15** **Honors Senior Thesis Committee**, Psychology Department

University of Michigan

- 2007 – 13** **Psychology Research Mentor** (35 + undergraduate RAs)
- 2010 – 11** **Honors Senior Thesis Co-Advisor**, Psychology Department

Teaching & Advising Recognition and Training

Teaching Training

- 2018** **New Faculty Institute**, *California State University San Marcos*
- 2013 – 15** **Harvard College Fellow Program**, *Harvard University*
- 2013** **Graduate Teaching Certificate**, Center for Research on Learning & Teaching,
University of Michigan
- Winter 2011** **Teaching Writing to Undergraduates Course**, Sweetland Writing Center,
University of Michigan

Teaching Recognition

2014 & 2016 Harvard Certificate of Teaching Excellence, *Harvard University*

2014 Star Family Prize (Nominated), Exemplary Guidance of Harvard Undergrads

2013 Harvard Certificate of Teaching Excellence, *Harvard University*

Service at CSUSM

Departmental

2018 – present Faculty Coordinator, *Annual Psychology Student Research Fair*

2018 – present Psychology Department Policy Committee

College/University

2018 – present Faculty Mentoring Program

Professional Service

Reviewing

2016 – present Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*

2009 – present Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*

2016 Reviewer, *National Multicultural Conference and Summit*

2016 Reviewer, Undergraduate Research, Engaged Scholarship & Social Justice Conference, *Harvard University*

2006 & 2007 Reviewer, Student Research Competitions, Research on Socially and Economically Underrepresented Populations, *Association for Psychological Science*

2006 & 2007 Reviewer, Student Grant Competition, *Association for Psychological Science*

Symposium Organization

Kimel, S.Y. & Saguy, T. (2011, January) “Other types of ‘We’: Discovering new

forms of commonalities for improving intergroup relations". *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. New Orleans.

Other Professional Service

2012 – 13 **Campus Representative, Advocacy Coordinating Team, American Psychological Association of Graduate Students**

2006 – 07 **Committee Chair, Research on Underrepresented Populations, Association for Psychological Science**

Specialized Training

Summer 2011 **Policy Advocacy, American Psychological Association**

Fall 2009 **Salivary Cortisol Analysis, Core Assay Facility, University of Michigan**

Association Memberships

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
Society for the Psychology of Women