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Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Psychology <i>Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA</i>	Sept 2020 – Present
Assistant Professor of Psychology <i>Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA</i>	Sept 2017 – August 2020
Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology <i>Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA</i>	Sept 2016 – August 2017
Assistant Professor of Psychology <i>Concordia University Chicago, Oak Park, IL</i>	August 2015 – August 2016
Research Professional <i>University of Chicago, Chicago, IL</i>	July 2014 – August 2015

Professional Experience

Director of Undergraduate Research <i>Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA</i>	Sept 2019 – Present
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Education

Post-doctoral Research Fellow <i>University of Chicago, Booth School of Business</i>	2014 – 2015
PhD Social Psychology <i>University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK</i>	2014
MSc Social Cognitive Neuroscience (First Class Honors) <i>University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK</i>	2011
BA Psychology (Magna Cum Lade) <i>Carroll College, Helena, MT</i>	2010

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Lopez, R., **Tausen, B. M.**, Traub, G., Marathia, E., & Saunders, B. (2023). Connecting to our future, healthier selves: Associations between self-continuity measures and eating behaviors in daily life. *Current Research in Behavioral Sciences*. Online first publication. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.crbeha.2023.100128>

Tausen, B. M., *Lee, J. H., *Dischinger, A. S., & *Dennis, I. A. (2023). When dehumanization does (and does not) matter. Exploring the relationship between social justice, avoidant behaviors, and intentions to help individuals experiencing homelessness. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*. <https://doi.10.1111/jasp.12971>

Tausen, B. M. & *Funabashi, A. (2023). Faith in Action? Exploring the relationship between public and private religiosity, race, and social justice importance among Christian college students. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00916471221149123>

Tausen, B. M., *Misgano, M., & *Wilson, B. (2023). Campus racial climate, psychological well-being, and race-based traumatic stress symptoms among monoracial Black and biracial

Black college students following heightened exposure to police brutality. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-022-01503-3>

- Tausen, B. M.,** Douglass, K. M., *Hodges, R, *Rivera, I., & *Thomas, C. (2022). Dining Against Dehumanization: A mixed-methods and interdisciplinary approach to assessing the humanizing effects of sharing a meal with individuals experiencing homelessness. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00916471221130325>
- Tausen, B. M.** (2022). Thinking About Time: Identifying prospective temporal illusions and their consequences. *Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41235-022-00368-8>
- Kim, P. Y., & **Tausen, B. M.** (2021). White College Students' Ethnocultural Empathy Toward Asian Americans During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Asian American Journal of Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/aap0000246>
- Tausen, B. M.,** *Charleson, M., & *Fingerhut, L. (2021). Proximity With Limited Humanity: How hosting a tent city can reduce, but not eliminate, dehumanization. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 49, 2853-2873. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22630>
- Tausen, B. M.,** Jin, J., Kim, P. Y., Law, K., & Kendall, D. (2020). Academic community support, campus racial climate, and subjective well-being during the COVID-19 outbreak among Asian American college students, *Journal of Asian American Studies*, 23, 367-385.
- Tausen, B. M.,** Csordas, A., & Macrae, C. N. (2020). The mental landscape of imagining life beyond the current lifespan: Implications for construal and self-continuity. *Innovation in Aging*, 4, <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaa013>
- Tausen, B. M.,** *Carpenter, S., Macrae, C. N. (2019). Just another variant of psychological distance? The role of visual perspective in mental simulation. *Psychology of Consciousness: Theory, Research, and Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cns0000210>
- Tausen, B. M.,** Miles, L. K., *Lawrie, L., & Macrae, C. N. (2018). It Wasn't Me: The role of perspective in self-perceptions of agency and responsibility. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 63, 89-98.
- Steinmetz, J., **Tausen, B. M.,** Risen, J. (2018). Mental Simulation of Visceral States Affects Preferences and Behavior. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 44, 406-417.
- Macrae, C. N., Mitchell, J. P., Golubickis, M., Ho, N. S. P., Sherlock, R., Parlongo, R., Simpson, O. C. M., **Christian, B. M.** (2017). Saving For Your Future Self: The Role of Imaginary Experiences. *Self and Identity*, 16, 384-398.
- Macrae, C. N., Mitchell, J. P., McNamara, D. L., Golubickis, M., Andreou, K., Moller, S., Peytcheva, K., Falben, J. K., **Christian, B. M.** (2016). Noticing Future Me: Reducing Egocentrism Through Mental Imagery. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 42, 855-863.
- Christian, B. M.,** Miles, L. K., *Kenyeri, S. T., *Mattschey, J., & Macrae, C. N. (2016). Taming temptation: Visual perspective impacts consumption and willingness to pay for unhealthy foods. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, 22, 85-94.
- Macrae, C. N., Mitchell, J. P., *Tait, K. A., McNamara, D. L., *Golubickis, M., **Christian, B. M.** (2015). Turning I into me: Imagining your future self. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 37, 207-213.

- Christian, B. M.**, Parkinson, C., Macrae, C. N., Miles, L. K., Wheatley, T. (2015). When imagining yourself in pain, visual perspective matters: The neural and behavioral correlates of simulated sensory experiences. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 27, 866-875.
- Marie, D., **Christian, B. M.**, Lumsden, J., & Miles, L. K. (2014). Teaching qualitative methods in the contemporary context: An ecological framework. *Psychology Teaching Review*, 20, 147-152.
- Macrae, C. N., **Christian, B. M.**, *Karanasiou, M., *Troksiarova, L., & Miles, L. K. (2014). When do I wear me out? Mental simulation and the diminution of self-control. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 143, 1755-1764.
- Miles, L. K., **Christian, B. M.**, *Masilamani, N., *Volpi, L., & Macrae, C. N. (2014). Not so close encounters of the third kind: Visual perspective and imagined social interaction. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 5, 558-565.
- Christian, B. M.**, Miles, L. K., Parkinson, C., & Macrae, C. N. (2013). Visual perspective and the characteristics of mind wandering. *Frontiers in Psychology*. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2013.00699
- Christian, B. M.**, Miles, L. K., *Fung, F. H. K., *Best, S., Macrae, C. N. (2013). The shape of things to come: Exploring goal-directed prospection. *Consciousness and Cognition*, 22, 471-478.
- Macrae, C. N., *Sunder Raj, R., *Best, S., **Christian, B. M.**, & Miles, L. K. (2013). Imaginary sensory experience can shape person perception: It's a matter of visual perspective. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 49, 595-598.
- Christian, B. M.**, Miles, L. K., Macrae, C. N. Your Space or Mine? Mapping self in time. (2012). *PLoS one*, 7 (11), e49228.

Manuscripts Under Review or In Preparation

- Tausen, B. M.**, Douglass, K. M., Kendall, D., *Thomas, C., *Rivera, B., & *Hodges, B. (in prep). Mutually Human: Probing the components of mutuality present in humanizing interactions.
- Tausen, B. M.**, Harris, K., Hiroyasu, C., & Bell, J. (in prep). Resilient in the face of negative interactions? How social justice motivations moderate the relationship between valence and treatment of individuals experiencing homelessness.

*Denotes undergraduate or graduate student collaborators

Invited (Non-Peer-Reviewed) Publications

- Douglass, K. & **Tausen, B. M.** (in press). We Belong Together: The collaborative challenges and humanizing possibilities of interdisciplinary research. *Christian Scholar Review*.
- Tausen, B. M.** & Douglass, K. (2021). Can the tools of social-cognitive psychology inform spiritual formation practices? Theological Puzzles, St. Andrews, UK.
- Macrae, C. N., **Christian, B. M.**, & Miles, L. K. (2014). Imagination and behavioral control. In J. P. Forgas and E. Harmon-Jones (Eds.), *The control within: Motivation and its regulation*.

Professional Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Douglass, K. M., & **Tausen, B. M.** Dehumanization and Neighbor Love: The collaborative challenges of interdisciplinary work between practical theology and social cognitive psychology. *New Visions in Theological Anthropology*, St. Andrews, UK, June 2022.
- Douglass, K. M., & **Tausen, B. M.** Dehumanization and Neighbor Love: The collaborative challenges of interdisciplinary work between practical theology and social cognitive psychology. Association of Practical Theology Virtual Conference, April 2022.
- *Semere, R., *Taylor, K., & **Tausen, B. M.** Indirectly dining against dehumanization: Exploring boundary conditions of vicarious contact with individuals experiencing homelessness. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, February 2022.
- *Dischinger, A., *Lee, J., & **Tausen, B. M.** When dehumanization does (and does not) matter: Exploring the relationship between social justice motivations, avoidant behaviors, and intentions to help individuals experiencing homelessness. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, February 2022.
- *Wilson, B., *Misgano, M., & **Tausen, B. M.** Campus racial climate, psychological well-being, and race-based traumatic symptoms among Black, Biracial Black and non-Black college students following the heightened racial trauma in Spring 2020. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, February 2022.
- Tausen, B. M.** Don't be silent: Perceptions of leader support predicted the well-being of Asian college students following the Coronavirus outbreak. #Hateisavirus: Asian and Asian American college students' experience of racism during the Covid-19 pandemic symposium, Western Psychological Association, Virtual Conference, April 2021.
- *Dennis, I., *Dishinger, A., & **Tausen, B. M.** Dehumanizing from a distance: Perceptions of human uniqueness traits and the importance of social justice issues predict negative attitudes and avoidant behaviors towards individuals experiencing homelessness. Eastern Washington University, Virtual Conference, May 2021.
- *Higgs, J., *Todd, *D., & **Tausen, B. M.** Homeless and Human? Exploring morality and warmth as boundary conditions of vicarious contact. Eastern Washington University, Virtual Conference, May 2021.
- *Dennis, I., & **Tausen, B. M.** Dehumanizing from a distance: Perceptions of human uniqueness traits predict avoidant behaviors and unsupportive attitudes towards individuals experiencing homelessness. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Virtual Conference. February 2021.
- *Carpenter, S. L., **Tausen, B. M.**, & Kim, P. Y. Using visual perspective to increase intentions to seek psychological help among college students. Western Psychological Association, Virtual Conference. October 2020.
- *Zion, N. M. & **Tausen, B. M.** Exploring social distance as a boundary condition of indirect contact. Western Psychological Association, Virtual Conference. October 2020.
- Tausen, B. M.** Misperceiving time: Temporal analogues of spatial distortions and their consequences. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA. February 2020
- *Roth, A. & **Tausen, B. M.** Just as Human as Me: How direct and indirect contact impact the dehumanization of individuals who are homeless. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA. February 2020

- Tausen, B. M.,** *Charleson, M., & *Fingerhut, L. Proximity and (Some) Humanity: Hosting a tent city can reduce, but not eliminate dehumanization. Group Processes and Intergroup Relations Preconference. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR. February 2019
- *Charleson, M., & *Fingerhut, L., & **Tausen, B. M.** Proximity and (Some) Humanity: Hosting a tent city can reduce, but not eliminate dehumanization. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR. February 2019.
- Tausen, B. M.** Using ‘Jack’ and ‘Jamal’ to Demonstrate Implicit Racial Bias in the Classroom. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR. February 2019
- Tausen, B. M.,** & *Charleson, M. Denying human like needs to individuals that are homeless. Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR. April 2018
- *Charleson, M., & **Tausen, B. M.** Effects of target race and perceived outcome on perceived valence and similarity. Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR. April, 2018.
- Christian, B. M.,** Miles, L. K., *Lawry, L., Macrae, C. N. It Wasn’t Me: The role of perspective in self-perceptions of agency and responsibility. Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA. April, 2017.
- Christian, B. M.,** Miles, L. K., *Kenyeri, S. T., *Mattschey, J., & Macrae, C. N. Taming Temptation: Visual perspective impacts consumption and willingness to pay for unhealthy foods. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA. January, 2016.
- Christian, B. M.** & O’Brien, E. Temporal Scrunching: The visuospatial representation of time at a distance. Mental Time Travel and Subjective Time Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA. February, 2015.
- Christian, B. M.,** Miles, L. K., Mattschey, J., & C. N. Macrae. Curbing Consumption: Visual perspective and eating behavior. European Association of Social Psychology Poster Session, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July, 2014.
- Christian, B. M.,** Parkinson, C., Miles, L. K., Macrae, C. N., & Wheatley, T. Pain, Pain Go Away, Social Affective Neuroscience Society Poster Session, San Francisco, CA. April, 2013.

Invited (Non Peer-Reviewed) Presentations

- Tausen, B. M.** Cultivating moral character in children. Faith Formation Summit, Seattle, WA. May 2023.
- Tausen, B. M.,** Lee, J. H., Dischinger, A. S., & Dennis, I. A. When dehumanization does (and does not) matter. Exploring the relationship between social justice, avoidant behaviors, and intentions to help individuals experiencing homelessness, Seattle Pacific University Faculty Scholarship Fair, Seattle, WA. April 2023.
- Christian, B. M.** Perspective Matters. Booth School of Business, University of Chicago Brown Bag Series, Chicago, IL. September, 2014.
- Christian, B. M.,** Miles, L. K., Mattschey, J., & C. N. Macrae. Curbing Consumption: Visual perspective and eating behavior. University of Aberdeen Graduate Seminar Series, Aberdeen, United Kingdom, March, 2014.
- Christian, B. M.,** Miles, L. K., & Macrae, C. N. Pain, Pain Go Away. University of Aberdeen Graduate Seminar Series, Aberdeen, United Kingdom. January, 2013.

Christian, B. M., Miles, L. K., & Macrae, C. N. Matters of Perspective. Dartmouth College Invited Speaker, Hanover, NH, USA. August, 2012.

Christian, B. M., Miles, L. K., Macrae, C. N. A Matter of Perspective. University of Aberdeen Graduate Seminar Series. Aberdeen, United Kingdom. February, 2012.

Christian, B. M., Miles, L. K., & Macrae, C.N. It's About Time. University of Aberdeen Graduate Seminar Series. Aberdeen, United Kingdom. May, 2011.

Christian, B. M. I Don't Think I know: Metacognition and Theory of Mind. Carroll College Honors Thesis Seminar. Helena, Montana. May, 2010.

Teaching Experience

Seattle Pacific University

Burning Issues Seminar: Love of Neighbor	2021
Advanced Research Methods	2021 – Present
General Psychology	2016 – Present
Social Psychology	2017 – Present
Independent Research	2016 – Present
Research Experience	2016 – Present
<i>Personal Growth and Civic Development</i>	2017
Freshman Colloquium - How Happiness Happens	2017
Freshman Colloquium - How (Not) To Read Minds	2016

Concordia University Chicago

General Psychology	2015 – 2016
Senior Seminar	2015 – 2016
Interface Between Psychology and Christianity	2015 – 2016
Group Dynamics	2016

The University of Aberdeen

Level 1 Methodology Practicals	2011 – 2014
Level 1 Theory Workshops	2011 – 2014
Level 3 Qualitative Methods Practicals	2013 – 2014
Level 3 Quantitative Methods Practicals	2013 – 2014
Level 3 Research Methods (Guest Lecturer)	2014
Level 4 Senior Honors Theses Projects	2012 – 2014

DePaul University

Social Cognition Graduate Seminar (Guest Lecturer)	2015
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University of Chicago

Managing in Organizations (Teaching Assistant)	2015
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Supervision of Undergraduate Honors & Masters Theses Projects

Savannah Carpenter	2019 – 2020
Visual Perspective and its Effects on Help Seeking Attitudes	
Mikayla Logue	2019 – 2020
Technology and The Meaningfulness of Interpersonal Relationships	
Tihomira Tomova	2013 – 2014
Good Days and Bad Days: Episodic Content and the Spatialization of Time	
Louisa Lawrie	2013 – 2014
The Effects of Visual Perspective in Mental Simulation on Judgments of Responsibility	
Judith Mair	2013 – 2014
Tactile Adaptation: Imagining and Feeling Warmth from Different Perspectives	
Zivile Jackunaite	2013 – 2014
Are Boosts in Self-esteem Perspective Sensitive?	
Nomita Masilamani	2012 – 2013

Research Grants

Christian Parenting and Caregiving: The Faith Formation Project, 2022-2027 (Senior Researcher; \$1.2 million funded by the Lily Endowment led by Dr. Kathrine Douglass)

Exploring the components of humanizing interactions, 2021-2022 (Co-Investigator; £25,000; New Visions in Theological Anthropology)

Exploring the relationship between community support and mental well-being for Black students during national protests against police brutality, 2021-2022 (Primary Investigator; \$4,059; SPU Faculty Research Grant)

Loving our neighbors as ourselves: Can the tools of social-cognitive psychology inform spiritual formation practices? 2021-2022 (Co-Investigator; £3,500; New Visions in Theological Anthropology Summer Fellowship)

Love of neighbor: Psychological and theological perspectives, 2021-2022 (Co-Investigator; £2000; New Visions in Theological Anthropology Course Development Grant)

Just as human as me: How direct and indirect contact impact the dehumanization of individuals who are homeless, 2019-2020 (Primary Investigator; \$5,049; SPU Faculty Research Grant)

SPU Stories – A digital platform to fight stereotypes using personal narratives, 2018-2019 (Primary Investigator; \$2000; SPU Innovation Grant)

The effect of perspective on judgments of intentionality and responsibility for same-race and other-race targets, 2016-2017 (Primary Investigator; \$1475; Society for Personality and Social Psychology Small Grant Award)

Awards and Fellowships

Lilly Faculty Fellows Program (\$12,000)	2023 – Present
SPU Theological Integrations Fellowship	2021 – Present
St. Andrews University NViTA Fellows Program	2020 – 2022
Concordia University Faculty Grant Competition (\$1200)	2016
Society for Personality and Social Psychology Teacher/Scholar Travel Award (\$500)	2015
Experimental Psychology Society Study Visit Grant (£1420)	2013
Guarantors of Brain (£800)	2013
University of Aberdeen Psychology Research Committee Funding Award (£1400)	2013
University of Aberdeen Principal's Excellence Fund Award (£500)	2013
University of Aberdeen Principal's Excellence Fund Award (£500)	2012
University of Aberdeen Psychology Studentship Award (£42,000)	2011 - 2014
College of Life Sciences and Medicine International Student Award (£45,000)	2011 - 2014
Scotland Saltire Scholarship (£2,000)	2010 - 2011

Media Coverage

Teaching Cross-Cultural Psychology, Podcast Interview Guest, September, 2023

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/a-conversation-with-dr-brittany-tausen/id1705791574?i=1000628843167>

Psychonomic Society, Featured Content, September 13th, 2022

<https://featuredcontent.psychonomic.org/i-dont-have-time-for-this-unless-it-could-take-more-time/>

Experimentations, Psychology Today, February 21st, 2022

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/experimentations/202202/its-about-time-how-temporal-illusions-shape-felt-reality>

3aw Breakfast Australia, Live Radio Interview November 4, 2016

<http://www.3aw.com.au/news/3aw-breakfast-ross-and-john-podcasts-20141214-126v6a.html>

Herald Sun Australia

<http://www.globalheadlines.uk/news/16203560/04-11-2016--NEWS--Look-at-yourself-to-lose-kilos.html#.WBuf9OErL8P>

Express UK

<http://www.express.co.uk/life-style/diets/728114/Lose-weight-imagine-STUFFING-face-eating-sweets-research>

British Psychological Society Blog

<http://digest.bps.org.uk/2013/01/time-travel-study-shows-my-years-take.html>

Cognitive Neuroscience Society Blog

http://www.cogneurosociety.org/imagination_for_pain_christian/

Psychiatry Advisor

<http://www.psychiatryadvisor.com/ptsd-trauma-and-stressor-related/mental-imagery-psychiatric-disorders/article/417482/>

Memberships

Western Psychological Association	2016 – Present
Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2012 – Present
European Association for Social Psychology	2010 – Present

Peer Review Experience

Language, Cognition and Neuroscience
European Journal of Social Psychology
British Journal of Psychology
Appetite
Cerebral Cortex
Western Psychological Association Program Review Committee

Continuing Education

Best Teacher Training, Seattle Pacific University	2019
Teaching Essentials I, Seattle Pacific University	2016
Teaching Essential II, Seattle Pacific University	2016
Online Teaching Certification Course, Concordia University	2015