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Doctor of Philosophy (2009) Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada

Dissertation Title: Extrinsic contingency focus and reactions to idealized body images in advertising media.

Bachelor of Arts (2001) Awarded with Distinction
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada,

Academic Employment

Associate Professor, *Grand Valley State University*, Psychology (08.2014 – Present)

Assistant Professor, *Grand Valley State University*, Psychology (08.2008 – 08.2014)

Teaching/Research Assistant, *University of Alberta*, Psychology (08.2003 – 08.2008)

Research Consultant, *University of Alberta*, Art and Design (07.2005 – 06.2008)

Instructor, *University of Alberta*, Psychology (01.2007 – 08.2007)

Research Grants

Grand Valley State University (05.2014-09.2014) Student Summer Scholars Program (S3) *I can't remember: The effects of lying and machiavellianism on people's ability to recall past events.* [Co-Supervisor – Michael Wolfe, PhD; Student - Isaac Simon], \$6,000 USD.

Grand Valley State University (05.2014-09.2014) Student Summer Scholars Program (S3) *Desire for cognitive consistency as a potential explanation for poor recollection of past beliefs* [Co-Supervisor – Michael Wolfe, PhD; Student – John Hessler], \$6,000 USD.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (07.2009–06.2010) – Killam Cornerstone Grant “*Luxury of the North*” [Co-Investigator; PI- Tim Antoniuk], \$45,100 CAD. (\$28,000 CAD in kind support from Droog)

Honors and Awards

Delta Zeta Teaching Award, *Grand Valley State University*, 2011/2012

Skitch Travel Award, *University of Alberta*, 2004/2007/2008

Graduate Student Association Professional Development Grant, *University of Alberta*, 2005/2007

Graduate Intern Tuition Award, *University of Alberta*, 2003/2005/2006

Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship, *Province of Alberta*, 2006

Mary Louise Imrie Graduate Student Award, *University of Alberta*, 2004

Peer Reviewed Publications

Wolfe, M. & Williams, T. J. (2017). Poor metacognitive awareness of belief change. *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, TBA. DOI: 10.1080/17470218.2017.1363792

Wolfe, M. & Williams, T. J. (2017). Effects of text content and beliefs on informal argument evaluation. *Discourse Processes*, TBA. DOI: 10.1080/0163853X.2017.1319654

Hayes, J., Schimel, J., Williams, T. J., Howard, A., Webber, D. & Faucher, E. (2015). Worldview accommodation: Selectively modifying committed beliefs provides defense against worldview threat. *Self and Identity*, 14, 521 -548.

Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J. & Usta, M. (2014). Following and resisting body image ideals in advertising: The moderating role of extrinsic contingency focus. *Self and Identity*, 14, 398-418. DOI: 10.1080/15298868.2013.836133

*Included in the 2014 edition of the Routledge Behavioral Science Journals “Most Read” collection.

Galen, L., Williams, T. J. & Ver Wey, A. (2014). Personality ratings are influenced by religious stereotype and group identity bias. *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 24, 282-297. DOI:10.1080/10508619.2013.837658

Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J. & Faucher, E. (2012). The effects of existential threat on reading comprehension of worldview affirming and disconfirming information. *European*

Journal of Social Psychology, 42, 602-616.

- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J. & Martens, A. (2010). The moderating role of extrinsic contingency focus on reactions to threat. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 40, 300-320.
- Hayes, J., Schimel, J., & Williams, T. J. (2008). Fighting death with death: The buffering effects of learning that worldview violators have died. *Psychological Science*, 19, 501–507.
- Hayes, J., Schimel, J., Faucher, E. H., & Williams, T. J. (2008). Evidence for the death thought accessibility hypothesis II: Threatening self-esteem increases the accessibility of death thoughts. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 44, 600-613.
- Strachan, E., Schimel, J., Arndt, J., Williams, T., Solomon, S., Pyszczynski, T., & Greenberg, J., (2007). Terror Mismanagement: Mortality salience exacerbates phobic and compulsive behaviors. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 33, 1137-1151.
- Schimel, J., Hayes, J., Williams, T. J. & Jahrig, J. (2007). Is death really the worm at the core? Converging evidence that worldview threat increases death-thought accessibility. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 92, 789-803.
- Schimel, J., Wohl, M. J. A. & Williams, T. J. (2006). Terror management and trait empathy: Evidence that mortality salience promotes reactions of forgiveness among people with empathic (vs. non-empathic) worldviews. *Motivation and Emotion*, 30, 217-227.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel J., & Gillespie, M. (2003). The security of obedience: Evidence that mortality salience promotes conformity to authority among individuals raised by authoritarian parents. In J. Gifford & G. Zuzulka-Mailloux. Eds. *Culture and the State: Alternative Interventions, Vol. 4*. Edmonton, AB: University of Alberta CRC Studio.

White Papers

- Brace, K., McHolme, L., Smith, T. & Williams, T. J. (2013). Community Literacy Initiative: Literacy Needs and Opportunities in Grand Rapids Hope Zones. Grand Rapids, MI. Literacy Center of West Michigan. <http://www.literacycenterwm.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/2014-Hope-Zone-CNA-Report.pdf>
- McHolme, L. & Williams, T. J. (2013). Community Literacy Initiative: Literacy Volunteer Survey Report. Grand Rapids, MI. Literacy Center of West Michigan. <http://www.literacycenterwm.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Literacy-Volunteer-Report1.pdf>

Presentations

- Williams, T. J. (April, 2017). *The Role of Fear and Existential Anxiety in Social and Political Judgement*. Paper presented by invitation at the Center for Inquiry Lecture Series, Grand Rapids, MI
- Williams, T. J. (February, 2017). *The Role of Fear and Existential Anxiety in Social and Political Judgement*. Paper presented by invitation at the Back to Basics Lecture Series (Sponsored by the Haustein Center), Grand Rapids, MI
- Wolfe M. B., Williams, T. J., Confer, S., Johnson, B. & Lambert, K. (August, 2017). *Metacognitive awareness of belief change*. Paper presented at the 27th Conference of the Society for Text & Discourse, Philadelphia, PA.
- Williams, T., Dillard, A. & Confer, S. (June, 2017). *The influence of gender and expressed emotion on judgments of individuals with disabilities*. Poster presented at the 1st International Symposium on Intergroup Communication. Thessaloniki, Greece.
- Wolfe M. B., Williams, T. J., Rydecki, K. & Loutzenhiser, D., (July, 2016). *Argument evaluation biases change following belief change*. Paper presented at the 26th Conference of the Society for Text & Discourse, Kassel, Germany.
- Williams, T. J., Dillard, A., Toth, M., & Confer, S., (June, 2016). *The intersection of emotion, gender and physical ability on the judgement of others*. Poster presented at the 77th conference of the Canadian Psychological Association, Victoria, BC.
- Wolfe M. B., Simon, I. D., Williams, T. J., & Hessler, J. K., (August, 2015). *Lying and telling the truth: Machiavellianism as a moderator of the influence of lying on later memory*. Paper presented at the 25th conference of the Society for Text & Discourse, Minneapolis, MN.
- Williams, T. J., Dillard, A. & Desautels, A. (2015, February). *The role of facial expressions on perceptions of individuals with disabilities*. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- Simon, I., Hessler, J., Williams, T. J. & Wolfe, M. B. (2015, February). *Machiavellianism moderates the relationship between lying and recall of past events*. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- Hessler, J., Simon, I., Wolfe, M. B., Williams, T. J. & Moore, S. (2015, February). *The role of cognitive consistency in memory for beliefs after belief change*. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- Williams, T. J. (August, 2014). *Information Literacy in the Field of Psychology*. Invited Panel Discussant. Michigan Instruction Exchange (MIX) Conference, Allendale, MI.

- Wolfe M. B., Williams, T. J., Geers, C. G., Hessler, J. K., & Simon, I. D. (August, 2014). *Belief change and memory for previous beliefs after comprehension of contentious scientific information*. Paper presented at the 24th conference of the Society for Text & Discourse, Chicago, IL.
- Williams, T., Hessler, J., Simon, I., Hayes, J. & Schimel, J. (2014, February). *I am top shelf: The effect of image oriented advertising and extrinsic contingency focus on attitudes toward high and low status consumer products*. Poster presented at the Attitudes Pre-conference at the 14th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Austin, TX.
- Williams, T., Galen, L. & Ver Wey, A (2014, February). *Ratings of prosocial personality traits are contaminated by religious stereotype bias*. Poster presented at the 14th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Austin, TX.
- Williams, T., Lehnert, K., Cowart, K., Schimel, J. & Hayes, J. (2013, January). *The role of extrinsic contingency focus in consumer product preferences*. Poster presented at the 13th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, New Orleans, LA
- Williams, T., Main, J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J. & Moore, S. (2012, May). *Smashing the Clay Feet of our Idols: Exploring the Role of Romantic Relationships in Assuaging Death Anxiety"*, Poster presented at the 85th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J. & Faucher, E. (2012, January). *The effects of existential threat on reading comprehension of worldview affirming and disconfirming information*. Poster presented at the 12th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, San Diego, CA
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J., Faucher, E. & Usta (2011, October). *Extrinsic contingency focus and reactions to idealized body images in media*. Paper presented by invite at Michigan State Departmental Seminar, Lansing, MI.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., & Hayes, J. *The facilitating and inhibiting effects of existential threat on reading comprehension*. (2011, May). Poster presented at the 84th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Schimel, J., Williams, T. J., & Hayes, J. *The facilitating and inhibiting effects of existential threat on reading comprehension*. (2011, March). Invited Presentation at the 25th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Williams, T. J., Gilson, M., Kielbasa, R., & Roehlofs, S. (2011, January). Examining the role of extrinsic and intrinsic contingency focus on informal social contact. Paper presented at the 2011 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Attitudes Pre-Conference, San Antonio, TX.

- Williams, T. J., Hayes, J., Wilmot, H., Schloegl, B., & Heinlen, S. (2011, January). *Exploring the relationship between extrinsic contingency focus, threat and the desire for social inclusion*. Poster presented at the 12th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Hayes, J., Schimel, J., Williams, T. J., & Faucher, E. (2010, January). *Mortality salience, self-esteem, and defenses against worldview threat: An exploration into defensive accommodation*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Schimel, J., Williams, T. J., Hayes, J. & Faucher, E. (2010, January). *The MacGyver Effect: Evidence that Mortality Salience Facilitates Cognitive Performance on Meaningful Tasks*. Paper presented at the 11th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Williams, T. J., Usta, M., Häubl, G. & Schimel, J. (2010, January). *The Epistemic Function of Familiarity vs. Novelty Seeking in Terror Management*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Martens, A., Schmeichel, B., Jonas, E. & Williams, T. J. (2009, February). *Is thinking about mortality a unique psychological threat (or just quantitatively more threatening than other topics)?* Poster presented at the 10th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Williams, T. J., Usta, M., Häubl, G. & Schimel, J. (2008, November). *Vanilla or mango: Existential Anxiety, Structure, and Novelty Seeking*. Poster presented at the Annual Society for Judgment and Decision Making Research Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Hayes, J., Schimel, J. & Williams, T. (2008, May). *The psychology of terror: Worldview threat and defense*. Paper presented at the 2nd Annual Human Condition Conference Series. Barrie, Ontario.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J. & Faucher, E. (2008, February). *I am my own person: Exploring defensive behavior among individuals with low extrinsic contingency focus*. Poster presented at the 9th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J. & Faucher, E. (2008, January). *Extrinsic Contingency Focus and Reactions to Idealized Body Images in Media*. Paper presented by invite at the Psychology Departmental Seminar, Edmonton, AB.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., Hayes, J. & Faucher, E. (2008, January). *Extrinsic Contingency Focus and Reactions to Idealized Body Images in Media*. Paper presented by invite at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI.

- Usta, M., Williams, T. J., Schimel, J. & Haubl, G. (2007, January). *The Effects of Mortality Salience and Need for Structure on Variety Seeking: The Moderating Role of Structure in the Information Presentation Format*. Poster presented at the Judgment and Decision Making Pre-Conference at the 8th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Memphis, TN.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., & Hayes, J. (2007, January). *Conformity and reactance to socially idealized body images in media: The moderating effects of extrinsic contingency focus*. Poster presented at the 8th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Memphis, TN.
- Hayes, J., Schimel, J. & Williams, T. J. (2007, January). *The existential basis for self-esteem: Threatening self-esteem increases death-thought accessibility*. Poster accepted for presentation at the 8th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, Memphis, TN.
- Williams, T. J., Hayes, J., Schimel, J. & Kendall, S. (2006, June). *Shadows of imperfection: The effects of mortality salience on romantic relationship investment*. Poster presented at the 67th Annual Canadian Psychological Association Conference, Calgary, AB.
- Hayes, J., Williams, T. J. & Schimel, J. (2006, June). *The effect of worldview threat on death thought accessibility*. Poster presented at the 67th Annual Canadian Psychological Association Conference, Calgary, AB.
- Antoniuk, T., Williams, T. & Johnston, J. (2006, May). *Ant_ID: Morphing Products*. Exhibition at the 18th Annual International Contemporary Furniture Fair, New York, NY.
- Hayes, J., Schimel, J. & Williams, T. (2006, March). *Assessing the death-thought accessibility hypothesis*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., & Hayes, J. (2005, October). *The Impact of media and differential Sources of Self-Esteem upon Health-Related Behaviors*. Poster presented at the 2nd International Conference for Health Promoting Universities, Edmonton, AB.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., & Hayes, J. (2005, June). *The extrinsic self: Defensiveness and the differential sources of self-esteem*. Paper presented at the 66th Annual Canadian Psychological Association Conference, Montreal, QC.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., & Hayes, J. (2005, June). *Ignorance is existential bliss: The effects of mortality salience upon the processing of worldview inconsistent information*. Paper presented at the 66th Annual Canadian Psychological Association Conference, Montreal, QC.
- Williams, T. J., Hayes, J. & Schimel, J. (2005, April). *Ameliorating defensive behavior through intrinsic self-affirmation*. Poster presented at the 19th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.

- Williams, T. J., Hayes, J., Kendall, S. & Schimel, J. (2005, April). *Smashing the clay feet of our idols: The role of close relationships in assuaging death anxiety*. Poster presented at the 19th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Williams, T. J. & Schimel, J., (2005, January). *The differential sources of self-esteem: Measuring the intrinsic vs. extrinsic self*. Poster presented at the 6th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Schimel, J. & Williams, T. J. (2005, January). *The cognitive and social benefits of affirming the intrinsic vs. extrinsic self*. Poster presented at the 6th Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J. & Campbell, R. G. (2004, March). *The development and validation of the differential sources of self-esteem scale (DSSES)*. Paper presented at the 18th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Campbell, R.G., Williams, T.J., & Gillespie, M. (2004, March). *Reification of latent constructs: Sense of control as a case study*. Paper presented at the 18th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J. & Gillespie, M. (2003, May). *The security of obedience: Evidence that mortality salience promotes conformity to authority among individuals raised by authoritarian parents*. Paper presented at the Culture and the State: Past, Present, and Future Conference, Edmonton, AB. (Invited Exhibition)
- Williams, T. J., Schimel, J. & Gillespie, M. (2003, March). *The security of obedience: Evidence that mortality salience promotes conformity to authority among individuals raised by authoritarian parents*. Paper presented at the 17th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Gillespie, M., Williams, T. J., & Schimel, J. (2002, November). *Bringing the terror back into terror management theory: Mediating and moderating effects of emotional arousal in the relation between mortality salience and conformity to a cultural norm*. Paper presented at the W. David Pierce Research Colloquium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

Media Interviews

- Fracassi, J. (2017, February). *GVSU professor to discuss "Fear and Anxiety" as part of lecture series* [Newspaper] Grand Valley Lanthorn.
- Grand Valley State University (2015, May 8). *Faculty Spotlight*. [Webpage profile; YouTube]. <https://www.gvsu.edu/admissions/spotlight.htm?spotlightId=B22D2E63-FA90-B92B-94D693F3990ECBA0>

Kalinoski, S. (2012, April 11). *The Psychology of Gas Prices*. [Television broadcast]. Grand Rapids, MI: WZZM13

Mitchell, L. (2012, October 28). *Film Projection Series Sparks Cross-Discipline Dialogue*. [Newspaper] Grand Valley Lanthorn.

Martinez, S. (2011, December, 14). *Secret Santa Giving Continues: More than 40 layaway bills paid off at Grand Rapids Kmart*. [MLive Online Newspaper] Retrieved from http://www.mlive.com/business/west-michigan/index.ssf/2011/12/secret_santa_giving_at_grand_r.html

Otman, H. (2010, December, 5). *Like a Little Invades GVSU Campus*. [Newspaper] Grand Valley Lanthorn.

Student Presentations

Bunker, C., Tarbutton, A. & Lambert, K. (2017, April). Situational Self-Awareness as a Moderator of Death Thought Accessibility. Poster presented at the 22nd Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI

Johnson, B., Lambert, K. & Robbins, J. (2017, April). Metacognitive Awareness of Belief Change. Poster presented at the 22nd Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI

Confer, S. & Toth, M, J. (2016, April). Exploring the role of emotion and gender in judgements of individuals with disabilities. Poster presented at the 21st Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI

Simon, I. & Hessler, J. (2015, April). Examining the Effects of Personality and Deception in the Role of Narrative Recall. Poster presented at the 20^h Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI

Hessler, J., & Simon, I. (2015, April). Belief Memory Bias. Poster presented at the 20^h Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI

Simon, I., Hessler, J., Williams, T., Schimel, J. & Hayes, J. (2014, April). I am top shelf: The effect of image oriented advertising and extrinsic contingency focus on attitudes toward high and low status consumer products. Poster presented at the 19th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI

Desautels, A., Naftaly, J., Dillard, A., & Williams, T. (2014, April). Is it okay to be sad?: Perceptions of the emotions of individuals with disabilities. Poster presented at the 19th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI

Hessler, J., Geers, C. A., Simon, I., Williams, T. & Wolfe, M. (2014, April). Belief change and memory for previous beliefs after comprehension of contentious scientific information. Poster presented at the 19th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day,

Allendale, MI

- Sharp, M., Main, J., Lehnert, K., Cowart, K. & Williams, T. (2013, April). *The role of extrinsic contingency focus in consumer product preferences*. Poster presented at the 18th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI
- Ward, B., Kleber, J., Main, J., Johnson, C., Simoni, M., Williams, T. & Usta, M. (2013, April). *The effects of mortality salience, need for structure, and the choice environment on consumers' novelty seeking*. Poster presented at the 18th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Overmyer, Cody, Longman, M., & Kruzan, K., Main, J. & Williams, T. (2012, April). *Interactive Effects of Extrinsic Contingency Focus and Inclusion/Exclusion on Consumer Product Preferences*. Poster presented at the 17th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Atzinger, C., Haley, E., Lehnert, K., Cowart, K., Main, J., Drahos, M., Mead, M. & Williams, T. (2012, April). *Mortality Salience, Mood Regulation and Materialism*. Poster presented at the 17th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Overmyer, Cody, Longman, M., & Kruzan, K., Main, J. & Williams, T. (2012, April). *Interactive Effects of Extrinsic Contingency Focus and Inclusion/Exclusion on Consumer Product Preferences*. Paper presented at the 6th Annual Grand Rapids Honors Student Research Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Wilmot, H., Schloegl, B., & Heinlen, S., Main, J. & Williams, T. (2011, April). *Exploring the relationship between extrinsic contingency focus, threat and the desire for social inclusion*. Poster presented at the 16th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Kielbasa, R., Powers, K., Gilson, M., Roelofs, S., Swem, J., Apruzzese, N., Dubuc, J., Hammond, C., Main, J. & Williams, T. (2011, April) *Mortality salience, extrinsic contingency focus and the desire for social connectivity*. Poster presented at the 16th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Cohn, M., Swem, J., Main, J. & Williams, T. (2011, April) *The Effects of Mortality Salience on the Ability to Encode Information*. Poster presented at the 16th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Pentecost, A., Pugh, S. & Williams, T. (2011, April) *Extrinsic Contingency Focus and Helping Behavior: An Exercise on the Influence of Attractiveness Priming*. Poster presented at the 16th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Willis, A., Harris, J., Ogunawo, A. & Hoffman, L. (2010, May). *The role of anxiety on perfectionist individuals predisposed to disordered eating*. Poster presented at the 19th Annual UCLA Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

- Smith, L., Koutouzos, C. & Galen, L. (2010, April). *Terror management theory and the just world belief as a cultural worldview*. Poster presented at the 15th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI. *Primary Supervisor Luke Galen
- Willis, A., Harris, J., Ogunawo, A. & Hoffman, L. (2010, April). *The role of anxiety on perfectionist individuals predisposed to disordered eating*. Poster presented at the 15th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Ecklesdafer, T., Doughty, D., Christofferson, C. & Jakubiec, B. (2009, April). *The substance of death: The effect of mortality salience on substance use*. Paper presented at the 14th Grand Valley State Annual Student Scholarship Day, Allendale, MI.
- Shen, L., Williams, T. J., Usta, M., Schimel, J. & Haubl, G. (2007, March). *Appearance counts: The role of presentation style, mortality salience and personal need for structure on variety seeking*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Leland, D., Williams, T. J., Schimel, J. & Hayes, J. (2007, March). *The moderating effects of extrinsic contingency focus on reactions to idealized media*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Gusnowski, A., Williams, T. J., Schimel, J. & Hayes, J. (2007, March). *The moderating effect of mortality salience and social anxiety on avoidant behavior*. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Oates, B., Hayes, J., Schimel, J. & Williams, T. (2006, March). *Threatening self-esteem increases the accessibility of death thoughts*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Walters, K., Oates, B., Hayes, J., Williams, T. & Schimel, J. (2006, March). *Effects of existential threat on transference: Perceived similarity between romantic partner and opposite-sex parent*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Kleparchuk, C., Williams, T. J., Schimel, J. & Hayes, J. (2006, March). *Craving Meaning: The impact of mortality salience on the processing of worldview consistent and inconsistent information*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.
- Shen, L., Usta, M., Williams, T. & Schimel, J. (2006, March). *“Stick with what you know” –The effects of mortality salience and need for structure on variety seeking*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.

Jahrig, J., Hayes, J., Williams, T. J. & Schimel, J. (2005, April). *The effect of threatening cultural worldviews on death- thought accessibility*. Poster presented at the 19th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.

Forsyth, S., Williams, T. J., Schimel, J., & Hayes, J. (2005, April). *The DSSSES and the impact of media images on consumer behavior*. Poster presented at the 19th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.

Teaching Experience

Psychology 400: *Advanced Research Methods in Psychology*. Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.

Psychology 300: *Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology*. Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.

Psychology 101: *Introduction to Psychology*. Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.

Psychology 105: *Individual and Social Behavior*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewing

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology

Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology

Self and Identity

European Journal of Social Psychology

Political Psychology

Motivation and Emotion

Canadian Psychological Association (Social/Personality)

Departmental Service Roles

Psi Chi Faculty Mentor – Grand Valley State Chapter

Projection Film Series – Faculty Advisor

Inclusion Advocate – Department of Psychology

Awards of Distinction – Faculty Interviewer

Grand Valley Nerf Club – Faculty Advisor

Community Service Roles

Community Literacy Initiative – Research Consultant

West Michigan Mountain Bike Association – Research Consultant

Professional Affiliations

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)

Ernest Becker Foundation (EBF)

Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA)