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EDUCATION

- PhD** **Syracuse University**, Social Psychology *Expected May 2026*
Concentration in Advanced Quantitative Methods in Psychology
Certificate in University Teaching
Dissertation: “Can the Enlightenment Effect Affect Confrontation of Prejudice in a Pluralistic Ignorance Setting?”
Advisor: Leonard S. Newman, Ph.D.
- MS** **West Chester University (WCU)**, Psychology *May 2021*
Thesis: “Adolescent Resilience in the Holocaust Diaries of Anne Frank and Renia Spiegel”
Advisor: Lauri L. Hyers Ph.D.
- MA** **West Chester University**, Holocaust and Genocide Studies *May 2021*
- BA** **Bridgewater College**, Global Studies *May 2019*
Minors in Peace Studies and Psychology
Honors Thesis: “Friends and Killers: Decision Makers at the Wannsee Conference”
- International**
- Oxford University (U.K.)**, Women’s Experiences during the Holocaust *Summer 2018*
- Philipps Universität (Germany)**, Peace and Conflict Studies *Spring 2017*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests are broadly focused on attitudes, prejudice, and discrimination. Specifically, I am interested in the content, consequences and prevention of misperceived attitudes towards social groups. The implications of this line of work focus on how incorrect assumptions lead to conflict and developing interventions to prevent those consequences.

PUBLICATIONS

- Newman, L.S., **Walmer, J.M.** In search of the enlightenment effect. (2025). *Social and Personality Psychology Compass* 19, 6.
- Perez, J*, Newman, L.S., **Walmer, J.M.** (2025). Acknowledging a stutter affects the impression one makes in a job interview. *International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders* 60(3).
- Deaton, E*, Newman, L.S., **Walmer, J.M.**, Chu, C* (2024). A surprising gender difference in the portrayal of baseball and softball players. *Journal of Sport Behavior*.
- Newman, L.S., Marsden, A.D., **Walmer, J.M.** (2024). Up-right placement for honored individuals: A replication and a wrinkle. *North American Journal of Psychology* 26(1), 61-68.
- Walmer, J. M.** & Hyers, L.L. (2022). The resilience of adolescent girls: An archival diary study of the protective advantages of ordinary adolescence in the Holocaust-era diaries of Anne Frank and Renia Spiegel. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma* 15(2), 375-389.
- Hyers, L. L. & **Walmer, J.** (2021). Ensuring the continued success of diary research in higher education. In X. Cao & E. Henderson (Eds.). *Higher Education Diary Research*, London, United Kingdom: Routledge.

*Undergraduate Mentees.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Newman, L.S., **Walmer, J.M.**, Bakina, D.A. Motivated disregard for human sex trafficking. (Revise and resubmit).

Walmer, J.M., McLaren, R.S., Jaurique, A., Marsden, A.D., Burke, S. E. Partisan ingroup and outgroup perception accuracy: Understanding how Americans (mis)perceived attitudes toward social groups during the 2020 election. (under review).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREP

Walmer, J.M., Newman, L.S., McLaren, R.S., Burke, S.E. How does attribution theory change our understanding of stereotype content?

Walmer, J.M., Burke, S.E., McLaren, R.S. How does personal attitudes, perception of ingroup attitudes, and perception of outgroup attitudes toward politicized social groups predict policy support?

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

Walmer, J. M., Burke, S. E., & McLaren, R. S. (2025, June). Perceptions of outgroup attitudes toward social groups: A MUSES analysis. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Portland, OR.

Walmer, J., Burke, S.E., Newman, L.S., McLaren, R.S. (2024, June) *How Does Attribution Theory Change Our Understanding of Stereotypes?* Presented at Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Walmer, J. (2020, May). *Resilience during the Holocaust: A qualitative analysis of victim diaries and how their context impacted resilience.* Accepted at the Psychology & Peace Conference, San Antonio, TX, (cancelled).

Walmer, J. (2020, April). *An ethical and trauma-informed approach to peace education.* Paper accepted at 2020 Visions: Where Do We Go from Here? Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, South Bend, Indiana, (cancelled).

Walmer, J. (2020, November). *The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and cases of rape: How the definition of rape evolved in the courtroom.* Paper presented at the History of Violence against Women: From Theoretical to Empirical Perspectives, Virtual.

Walmer, J. (2020, July). *Rwanda's post-genocide transitional justice.* Paper presented at the New Directions in Humanities Conference, Virtual.

Walmer, J. (2020, March). *Memorialization of the Holocaust: A holistic approach to remembering the Holocaust through commemoration and education.* Paper presented at the 25th Annual James A. Barnes Graduate Student History Conference, Virtual.

Walmer, J. (2019, May). *Friends and killers: Decision makers at the Wannsee Conference.* Paper presented at ASPIRE conference, Bridgewater, Virginia.

Walmer, J. (2019, April). *Friends and killers: Decision makers at the Wannsee Conference.* Paper presented at Virginia Collegiate Honors Council conference, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Departmental Research Talks

- Walmer, J.M. (2025, October). *Climbing the Steps of Crouse College: My Enlightenment Effect Journey*. Social Psychology Departmental Proseminar, Syracuse, NY.
- Walmer, J.M. (2025, February). *My MUSES-ings: Ingroup and Outgroup (mis)perceptions of attitudes toward politicized social groups*. Social Psychology Departmental Proseminar, Syracuse, NY.
- Walmer, J.M. (2023, December) *Stereotype content model and attribution theory*. Social Psychology Departmental Proseminar, Syracuse, NY.
- Walmer, J.M. (2023, February) *My data aren't supported but my feelings are valid: A look at liberalism, desirability of control and attitudes toward human trafficking*. Social Psychology Departmental Proseminar, Syracuse, NY.
- Walmer, J.M. (2022, April). *Why do people downplay the severity of human trafficking*. Social Psychology Departmental Proseminar, Syracuse, NY.

Conference Posters

- Walmer, J. M.**, Marsden, A. D., Jaurique, A., Burke, S. E., & McLaren, R. S. (2025, June). Pluralistic ignorance and outgroup perception accuracy during the 2024 Presidential Election: A MUSES Analysis. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Portland, OR.
- Raynor, C.* & **Walmer, J.** (2025, February). *Assessing behavioral patterns in criminal profiling: Errors and gaps in identifying serial offenders*. Forensic Science Undergraduate Research Symposium, Syracuse, New York.
- Walmer, J.M.**, Marsden, A.D., Jaurique, A., Burke, S.E., McLaren, R.S. (2024, February). *Pluralistic ignorance and outgroup perception accuracy during the 2020 election: A MUSES analysis*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Political Psychology Pre-Conference and Main Conference), San Diego, California.
- Newman, L. S., Marsden, A. D., **Walmer, J. M.**, An, S.* , Bruk, A. B.* , Crouse, C. G.* , Fakhri, N. K.* , Kunda, L. G.* , Nie, J.* , & Tian, T* . (2023, February). *Up-right placement for honored individuals: A replication and a wrinkle*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Walmer, J.M.** & Newman, L.S. (2023, February). *Why do people downplay the severity of human trafficking? A look at political affiliation and perceptions of control*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Walmer, J.** & Hyers, L.L. (2021) *Themes of resilience in archival diaries of adolescent girls*. Poster presented at the Association of Psychological Science Convention, Virtual.
- Walmer, J.** and Hyers, L. L. (2020, March). *Sources of resilience in the Holocaust: Diaries of Anne Frank and Renia Spiegel*. Poster presented at the Association of Women Psychology Conference, Austin, Texas.
- Walmer, J.** (2019, April). *Leadership identity: Who and what makes you feel like a leader?* Poster presented at Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologist Conference, Newport News, Virginia.

Conference Symposium

- Beckman, S., Syropoulos, S., & **Walmer, J.** (2022, August). *Building a Peaceful Organization: Reflections and Next Steps for APA Division 48 Student Committee*. Symposium presented as part of APA Division 48 Program at the 2022 APA Convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Conference Panel

Kalb, M., Lacey, M., Miller, C., Savage, S., **Walmer, J.** (2018, April). *History unfolded: Citizen historians, public history, and the Holocaust*. Panel presented at APSIRE conference, Bridgewater, Virginia.

*Undergraduate Mentees.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: *Developed and implemented the entire curriculum for course*

Foundations of Human Behavior (First year course, $N = 25$)	Summer 2024
Lab in Forensic Psychology (Advanced Seminar for Majors, $N = 25$)	Spring 2024
Social Psychology (Required Course for Majors, $N = 25$)	Summer 2023
Foundations of Human Behavior (First year course, $N = 25$)	Summer 2022

Lab/Recitation Instructor

Responsibilities: *Developed and led 1-hr/week sections on discussion and applied activities, graded assignments and exams, held weekly office hours*

Research Methods (Required Course for Majors, 3 sections of 20)	Fall 2025
Research Methods (Required Course for Majors, 3 sections of 20)	Fall 2023
Research Methods (Required Course for Majors, 3 sections of 20)	Spring 2023
Research Methods (Required Course for Majors, 3 sections of 20)	Fall 2022
Foundations of Human Behavior (First year course, 4 sections of 25)	Spring 2022
Foundations of Human Behavior (First year course, 4 sections of 25)	Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: *Graded assignments and exams/ held weekly office hours*

Social Psychology (Required Course for Majors, 2 sections of 120)	Spring 2025
Social Psychology (Required Course for Majors, 2 sections of 120)	Fall 2024
Holocaust and Genocide Studies-related courses (Elective courses) – WCU	2020 – 2021

Guest Lecture

Responsibilities: *Developed and implemented 1-hour lecture*

Social Psychology, <i>Social Psychology Beyond the Classroom</i> ($N = 120$)	Spring 2025
Social Psychology, <i>Prejudice, Stereotyping, and Election Research</i> ($N = 120$)	Fall 2024
Research Methods, <i>Survey Design</i> ($N = 60$)	Fall 2023
Research Methods, <i>Threats to Internal Validity</i> ($N = 60$)	Spring 2023
Research Methods, <i>Threats to Internal Validity</i> ($N = 120$)	Spring 2023
Research Methods, <i>Descriptive Statistics</i> ($N = 60$)	Spring 2023

MENTORSHIP

Graduate Student Mentorship

Psychology Department Peer Mentor	2024 – 2025
All-University Teaching Mentor	2022 – 2025

Undergraduate Student Mentorship

Psychology Graduate Student Committee for Diversity & Inclusion	2025 – Present
Scientific Poster Workshop for Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows	2024
Courtney Raynor – Senior Capstone in Forensic Science	2024
Chace Chu – Qualtrics and Research Design Training	2023

GRANTS

External Grants – Funded

Society of Personality and Social Psychology Graduate Registration Award	2024
Scheidt Teaching and Research for Atrocity Prevention (\$1000)	2022
Scheidt Family Institute on Genocide Studies and Prevention Fellow	2022

Internal Grants (Syracuse University) – Funded

Dean’s Fellowship (\$14,420)	2026
Summer Dissertation Fellowship (\$4500)	2025
Atrocity Studies Travel Grant	2025
Social Psychology Area Travel Grant	2025
Professional, Academic, and Creative Work Award	2025
Professional, Academic, and Creative Work Award	2024
Professional, Academic, and Creative Work Award	2023

HONORS AND AWARDS

Professional

Spector/Warren Fellowship for Holocaust and Human Rights Education	2024
New Directions in the Humanities Emerging Scholar	2020

West Chester University

Graduate Student Association Award for Scholarship	2021
Graduate Student Association Award for Scholarship	2020
Frederick Douglass Institute Fellow	2020
Graduate Dean’s Professional Award	2020

Bridgewater College

Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honors Society	2018
Flory Fellows Honors College	2015 – 2019

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Service to the Field

International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS)

IAGS 2025 Conference Submission Reviewer	2025
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Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

SPSP 2024 Conference Poster Submission Reviewer	2024
SPSP 2024 Undergraduate Poster Award Reviewer	2024

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

SPSSI 2025 Conference Submission Reviewer	2025
SPSSI 2024 Conference Submission Reviewer	2024
SPSSI 2023 Conference Submission Reviewer	2023

The Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence (APA Division 48)

APA Conference Division 48 Poster Competition Review	2022
Graduate Student Steering Committee (Founding Member)	2020 – 2023

Editorial Board

Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma	2023 – Present
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Service to University***Service to Syracuse University Psychology Department***

Psychology Department Committee on Diversity and Inclusion	2024 – Present
Psychology Action Committee: Secretary	2024 – 2025
Psychology Action Committee: Social Area Representative	2021 – 2022

Service to Syracuse University

Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Award Selection Committee	2023 – Present
Teaching Mentor Selection Committee	2023 – 2024
Syracuse University Graduate Employee Union Bargaining Committee	2023 – 2024
Graduate Student Organization Outreach Committee, Member	2022 – 2023
Graduate Student Organization Outreach Committee, Vice Chair	2021 – 2022

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues	2021 – Present
Society of Personality and Social Psychology	2021 – Present
International Association of Genocide Scholars	2019 – Present
The Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence	2019 – Present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Prejudice Research Weekly Discussion Group	2021 – Present
Advanced Statistics and <i>R Training</i> Weekly Workshops	2021 – Present
Future Professoriate Program (FPP)	2022 – 2025
Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) FPP	2022 – 2024
At-Risk Mental Health for Faculty and Staff	December 2022
Civically Engaged Pedagogy	December 2022
Tools for Implementing Civic Engagement	November 2022
Safe Space Training	March 2022
How to Conduct Inclusive Searching	March 2022
Pronouns and Preferred Name Workshop	January 2022
Teaching of Psychology (PSY 605)	2021 – 2022
Green Dot Graduate Assistant	2019 – 2021
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape Sexual Assault Counselor Training	2020

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Data Analysis and Visualization Tools: R, MPlus, Tableau, SPSS, Excel

Data Analysis Expertise: e.g., generalized linear models, multiple regression analysis, generalized linear mixed models, multilevel modeling, structural equation modeling, exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis, mediation/moderation, cluster analysis, thematic analysis

Design: WordPress, Canva

English: Native Language

German: Intermediate Reading and Listening, Novice Speaker and Writer