

Brennan Miller

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Social Psychology, Race and Racism, Inequalities, Neurosociology, Emotions, Quantitative Research Methods

Education

- 2021 (Expected) PhD in Sociology, Kent State University
Dissertation:
 How is Status Information Interpreted?
Committee members:
 Carla Goar (Chair), Will Kalkhoff, Jennifer C. Mueller (Skidmore College), Angela Neal-Barnett, and Tiffany Taylor.
- 2016 M.A., Sociology, Kent State University
Thesis:
 Emotional and Neurological Responses to the Persistence of Identity Non-verification.
Committee members:
 Will Kalkhoff (Chair), Kristen Marcussen, and Richard Serpe.
- 2007-2009 B.A., Sociology, California State University, Fresno
 Certificate in American Humanics: Nonprofit management

Funded Grants

- 2020 **Miller, Brennan J.** (PI) and Carla Goar (PI). "How is Status Information Interpreted?" National Science Foundation's Dissertation Improvement Award. (\$16,000).
- 2019 Graduate Student Senate Research Award. (\$2,000). Kent State University, Kent, OH.
- 2018 Goar, Carla and **Brennan J. Miller**. University Research Council Research Reward. (\$3,500). Kent State University, Kent, OH.

2018 Graduate Student Senate Research Award. (\$2,000). Kent State University, Kent, OH.

Publications (Peer-Reviewed Articles)

2020 Kalkhoff, Will, David Melamed, Joshua Pollock, **Brennan J. Miller**, Jonathan Overton, and Matthew A. Pfeiffer. "Cracking the Black Box: Capturing the Role of Expectation States in Status Processes" *Social Psychological Quarterly*.

2019 **Miller, Brennan J.**, Will Kalkhoff, Joshua Pollock and Matthew A. Pfeiffer. "Persistent Identity Threats: Emotional and Neurological Responses." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. *Best Student Article Award winner for the Section on Evolution, Biology and Society.

2017 Fisk, Susan R., **Brennan J. Miller**, and Jonathan Overton. "Why Social Status Matters for Understanding the Interrelationship Between Testosterone, Economic Risk-Taking, and Gender." *Sociology Compass*.

Publications (Book Chapters)

Forthcoming **Miller, Brennan J.**, Carla Goar, and Jennifer C. Mueller. "White Social Psychological Thought: The White Epistemic Maneuvers of a Subfield" in *The Racial Structure of Sociological Thought* edited by Jennifer C. Mueller and Victor Ray.

Forthcoming **Miller, Brennan J.** and Will Kalkhoff. "Negotiating a Non-Verified Identity: Emotional, Cognitive, and Behavioral Responses" in *Advances in Group Processes*. Vol. 37.

2016 Kalkhoff, Will, Richard T. Serpe, Joshua Pollock, **Brennan J. Miller** and Matthew Pfeiffer. "Self-Motives and the Neural Processing of Identity-Relevant Feedback: An Electroencephalographic Study." *Advances in Identity Theory and Research*, vol. 2., edited by Jan E. Stets and Richard T. Serpe.

In Progress

Under Review Markowski, Kelly L. and **Brennan J. Miller**. "Replacing What is Lost, Placing What Never Was: Mentorship Loss and Other Sequences on Minority Students' Persistence Intentions in STEM."

In progress **Miller, Brennan J.** and Kelly L. Markowski. "Black/Latino/a Scientist or Black/Latino/a and Scientist? Identity Integration, Threat, and Self-Esteem among Minority STEM Students."

In progress **Miller, Brennan J.** and Timothy J. Owens. "The Duality of White Racial Identity and Social Class."

Other Publications

- 2016 **Miller, Brennan J.** 1. "Identifying Privilege and White Fragility." Class Activity published in *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (<http://trails.asanet.org>)

Research Experience

- 2014-Present Research Team Coordinator, *Kent Electrophysiological Neuroscience Laboratory*. Duties: conducting experiments, training team members, laboratory scheduling, and organizing team meetings.
- 2017-Present Research Assistant for the Team Perceptions in Difficult Task Situations, Kent State University. Under direction of Dr. Will Kalkhoff. Duties: conduct experiments, training, recruiting, and data analysis/coding.
- 2015-2016 Research Assistant for the Exploring Reactions to the Criminal Appearance study, Kent State University. Under direction of Dr. Will Kalkhoff. Duties: conduct experiments, training, recruiting, and data analysis/coding.
- 2014-2016 Research Assistant for the Neurodynamics of Status study, Kent State University. Under direction of Dr. Will Kalkhoff. Duties: conduct experiments, training, recruiting, and data analysis/coding.
- 2014-2015 Research Assistant for the Personality and Identity study, Kent State University. Under direction of Dr. Will Kalkhoff. Duties: conduct experiments, training, recruiting, and data analysis/coding.
- 2015-2016 Research Assistant for the Compassion for the Compassionate study, University of Akron. Under direction of Dr. Matt Lee and Rebecca Erickson. Duties: conduct interviews, qualitative analysis, and quantitative analysis.
- 2013-2016 Research Assistant for the Neurodynamics of Relational Cohesion study, State University. Under direction of Dr. Will Kalkhoff. Duties: conduct experiments, training, recruiting, and data analysis/coding.

Teaching Experience

- 2018-Present Instructor, *Sociological Analysis, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Gender*, Kent State University, Dept. of Sociology.
- 2014-2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Quantitative Methods in Sociology, Multivariate Techniques*, and *Advanced Data analysis*, Kent State University, Dept. of Sociology. Duties: teaching the graduate-level statistics laboratory on quantitative analysis.

Presentations

- 2020 Markowski, Kelly L. and **Brennan J. Miller**. “Black/Latino/a Scientist or Black/Latino/a and Scientist? Identity Integration, Threat, and Self-Esteem among Minority STEM Students.” American Sociological Association Conference Meeting in San Francisco, CA. *Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2019 **Miller, Brennan J.** “Race in Schools: The Unique Effects of Stereotype Threat and Acculturation for Black and Latino Students Self-Views and School Outcomes.” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
- 2019 Schnellinger, Rusty, and **Brennan J. Miller**. “Neighborhood Disorder, Deviance, and the Development of Self-Control: The Role of Parental Factors?” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
- 2019 Markowski, Kelly L. and **Brennan J. Miller**. “Mentorship in STEM: A Longitudinal Look at Sequences, Loss, and Quality on Persistence Intentions” American Sociological Association Conference Meeting in New York, NY.
- 2018 **Miller, Brennan J.** and Rusty Schnellinger. “Neighborhood Perceptions and Deviant Trajectories: Are Deviant Life-course Trajectories Buffered by Collective Efficacy?” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.
- 2018 **Miller, Brennan J.** “The Duality of White Racial Identity and Social Class.” Southern Sociological Society Conference Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 **Miller, Brennan J.** “White Entrapment: Racial Contestation and Accountability.” American Sociological Association Conference Meeting in Montréal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2017 **Miller, Brennan J.** “The School-to-Prison Pipeline: School Discipline as an Exclusionary Labeling Event.” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. **Sociological Science Association Doctoral Paper Award Winner*.
- 2016 **Miller, Brennan J.** and Will Kalkhoff “Negotiating a Non-Verified Identity: Behavioral Investment and Cognitive Consistency.” Identity Conference Meeting in Kent, OH.
- 2016 **Miller, Brennan J.** “Negative Self-Feelings in the Racialized Social Structure: The Varying Effects of Family and School Perceptions on Negative Self-Feelings for Whites, Blacks, and Latinos.” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

2015 **Miller, Brennan J.** “White Entrapment: Accountability in Racial Contestation.”
Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

Service

To the Profession

2019-2020 Graduate Student Advisory Committee (GSAC), *Chair*, American Sociological Association – Social Psychology Section.

2018-2019 Graduate Student Advisory Committee (GSAC), *Officer*, American Sociological Association – Social Psychology Section.

2018-2019 Southwestern Sociological Association (SSA), *Student Representative*, Southwestern Social Science Association.

2018-2019 Sociologist for Women in Society (SWS), *President*, Kent State University, Dept. of Sociology.

2017-2019 Graduate Executive Committee (GEC), *Doctoral Student Representative*.

2015-2018 Graduate Peer Mentor Program (GPMP) in Sociology, *Director/Creator* of GPMP Kent State University, Dept. of Sociology.

2014-2015 Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC), *Master’s Student Representative*.

To the Community

2016-Present Resume Support, Towards Employment. Duties: assist individuals near or below the poverty limit and/or have a criminal record construct resumes for employment.

2011-2013 Majaree Mason Center, Cultural Awareness Committee Board Member.

2010 Consultant Team Member for Community Benefit Organization, Highway City Community Development.

2009-2010 Feasibility Study, First 5 of Fresno County: Highway City Community Development Childcare Sustainability Study.

Honors and Awards

2020 Fellowship in the Study of Role-Taking (\$1,000), **Brennan J. Miller** (Co-PI) and Katharine Gary (Co-PI), Australia National University, Canberra, Australia.

- 2020 Outstanding Doctoral Student in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Kent State University.
- 2018 Outstanding Graduate Student Volunteer, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, Kent, OH.
- 2017 Pass with Distinction, Kent State University Comprehensive Examination in Race and Ethnicity.
- 2015 Elaine M. Schock Award for Outstanding Master's Student in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Kent State University.
- 2014 Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honors Society.
- 2014 Travel Grant (\$500), Kaplan Longitudinal Multigenerational Study Meeting, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association.

Southwestern Social Science Association.