

CV
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Education

September 2020 – present

PhD Student Political Science

University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden

Supervisors: Maria Solevid (Associate Professor) & Jacob Sohlberg (Associate Professor)

September 2018 – June 2020

Research Masters Social and Behavioral Sciences, Social Psychology Track

Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands

Master's Thesis: "When Inclusion Becomes a Necessity: Distinguishing Assimilation from Inclusion in Optimal Distinctiveness Theory" (Supervisor: Prof. Byron Adams)

September 2016 – June 2017

Erasmus year in undergraduate Psychology Studies (B.Sc.)

University of Southampton, Southampton, UK

October 2014 – July 2018

Bachelors Psychology

University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany

Bachelor's Thesis: "A Needle in a Haystack: The Influence of Future Thought on Delay Discounting in an Online Context" (Supervisor: Prof. Gabriele Oettingen & Malin Chromik)

Research Experience

January 2020 – April 2020

Internal Research Internship IV

Dr. Michael Bender

Department of Social Psychology, Tilburg University

Research Focus: Writing unofficial Peer Reviews on papers submitted for publication and to be reviewed by Michael Bender

October 2019 – November 2019

Internal Research Internship III

Dr. Olga Stavrova

Department of Social Psychology, Tilburg University

Research Focus: Involved in a project on loneliness and self-control.

August 2019 – November 2019

Internal Research Internship II

Dr. Byron Adams

Department of Social Psychology, Tilburg University

Research Focus: Unofficial supervision of 3 Master and 5 Bachelor Students, supervising theory, design, and empirical analyses of their research projects on inclusion, identity, and well-being.

July 2019 – August 2019

External Research Internship

Social Self Lab, Department of Psychology, Northwestern University, Evanston, US

Prof. Wendi Gardner

Research Focus: Collaborating on a chapter on virtuous behavior and well-being.

February 2019 – May 2019

Internal Research Traineeship I

Dr. Byron Adams

Department of Social Psychology, Tilburg University

Research Focus: Theory, design, empirical investigation of the inclusion-identity-well-being complex.

February 2018 – April 2018

Research Assistant in the Motivation Lab

Prof. Gabriele Oettingen

Department of Psychology, New York University

Research Focus: Different tasks in the lab, empirical investigation of the relationship between hope and risk-behavior

June 2017 – May 2018

Research Assistant

Presencing Institute Germany, Hamburg, Germany (Business Consultancy)

Research focus: involved in interview studies and analysis, editing a monograph, etc.

March 2016 – June 2016

Research Assistant

Prof. Gabriele Oettingen

Department of Educational Psychology and Motivation, University of Hamburg

Research focus: involved in a studies on conformity, extremism, motivation, and hope. Support of lecture preparation

February 2014 – August 2014

Research Assistant

Presencing Institute Germany, Hamburg, Germany (Business Consultancy)

Research focus: involved in ongoing research, administration support

Teaching Experience

Master's level:

Master's Theses Supervision (4 as a main supervisor, 4 as co-supervisor)

Bachelor's level:

Spring Term 2022: SK1137, Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective
 Autumn Term 2021: SK1137, Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective
 Spring Term 2021: SK1137, Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective
 Bachelor's Theses Supervision (2 as a main supervisor, 5 as a co-supervisor)

Publications

Versteegen, U. & Versteegen, P.L. (2020). *Social Fields As An Awareness-Based Approach To Reconnect Self, Other, and Whole*. In O. Gunnlaugson (Ed.), *Advances in Presencing*, Volume 3. Vancouver, Can: Trifoss Business Press.

Work in progress

Versteegen, P.L. (revise & resubmit): Those Were the What? Nostalgia's Effect on Radical Right Support Depends on Nostalgia's Content. University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Versteegen, P.L. (revise & resubmit): The Excluded Ordinary? A Theory of Populist Radical Right Voters' Position in Society. University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Versteegen, P. L. & Adams, B. G. (under review). The Inclusion Experience: Just Belonging or Belonging and Uniqueness. University of Gothenburg, Sweden & University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Versteegen, P.L. (under review): Localizing White Identifiers in US Society: Uniqueness and Radical Right Populism. University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Versteegen, P. L. (under review) We Love, They Hate: How Radical Right Voters Use Emotion Narratives to Consolidate Affective Polarization. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Adams, B. G., Meyers, M.C., & Sekaja, L., & Versteegen, P.L., Bajet Mestre, E. (in prep.). Inclusion Identification Model. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, University of Sankt Gallen, Switzerland.

Kubin, E., Versteegen, P. L., & Gray, K. (in prep). Experiences and Facts. University of Koblenz-Landau, Germany, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA.

Leuschner, E. & Versteegen, P. L. (in prep.). What are the Costs of Protests? The Effect of Black Lives Matter Protest on White Identity. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Yetzer, A. & Versteegen, P.L., van Tongeren, D., & Gardner, W. (in prep.). Virtuous Behavior as a Tool for Reestablishing Well-Being. Northwestern University, IL & University of Gothenburg, The Netherlands.

Versteegen, P. L. & Sohlberg, J. (in prep.). Compassion as a Tool to Conquer the Covid-19 Pandemic. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Conferences and Workshops

September 2022 (accepted). Escape From the Center: Expression of Whiteness and Far-Right Support. Paper to be presented at APSA, Montréal, Canada.

August 2022 (accepted). I Worry, Therefore I Vote: Emotional Motivations for Radical Right Support. Innsbruck, Austria.

August 2022 (accepted). The Effect of Black Lives Matter Protest on White Identity. Innsbruck, Austria.

July 2022 (accepted). The Average Who Wanted to Stand Out: Expression of Whiteness and Populist Radical Right Support. Athens, Greece.

- July 2022 (accepted). Exclusion at the Center: A Theory of Populist Radical Right Voters' Position in Society. Athens, Greece. (Poster)
- June 2022 (invited). Exclusion at the Center: A Theory of Populist Radical Right Voters' Position in Society. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- May 2022 (accepted). They Hate While We Love: How Radical Right Voters Use Emotional Ascriptions to Fuel Affective Polarization. GEPOP internal conference. Näås, Sweden.
- April 2021 (accepted). Escape From the Center: Expression of Whiteness and Far-Right Support. Paper to be presented at MPSA, Chicago, US.
- September 2021 (accepted). Looking Back to Cope with the Presence?: Examining Nostalgia as a Driver of Populist Radical Right Support. Paper presented at the EUTOPIA Postgraduate Conference in Political Science and International Studies, Warwick, UK (virtual event).
- August 2021 (accepted). The Different Kinds of Being Left Behind: Examining Nostalgia and Social Inclusion as Drivers of Populist Radical Right Support. Paper presented at European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Innsbruck, Austria (virtual event).
- July 2021 (accepted). The Different Kinds of Being Left Behind: Examining Nostalgia and Social Inclusion as Drivers of Populist Radical Right Support. Paper presented at the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), annual conference, Montréal, Canada (virtual event).
- July 2021 (accepted). My Country, Not My Childhood: The Opposing Relationships of Group-Based and Personal Nostalgia With Populist Radical Right Support. Paper presented at the Essex Workshop "Methods for Comparative Politics" (virtual event).
- June 2021. My Country, Not My Childhood: The Opposing Relationships of Group-Based and Personal Nostalgia With Populist Radical Right Support. Paper presented at the Swedish National Methods Workshop of Political Science PhD Students at Uppsala University, Sweden (virtual event).
- November 2019 – two-day Ph.D. workshop on text analysis, held by London Business School, London, UK.
- March 2019 – Attendant International Congress of Political Science (ICPS) in Paris, France.
- July 2016 – "The Cutting Edge of Positive Psychology" with Prof. Dr. Martin Seligman, Penn University, two-day symposium on Positive Psychology, University of Hamburg, Germany

Research and Travel Grants

- June 2022 – Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse (SEK 50000 (~ €4740.00)). Funding for experiments on inclusion experiences among social majority groups.
- May 2022 – Stiftelsen Wilhelm och Martina Lundgren Vetenskapsfonds (SEK 56000 (~ €5400.00)). Funding for experiments on inclusion experiences among social majority groups.
- June 2021 – ECPR General Conference Participation Grant (£ 50.00). ECPR conference fund.
- June 2021 – Stiftelsen Siamon: SEK 25000.00 (~ € 2454.00). Research fund for field work on Populist Radical Right voting in Germany (together with Gefjon Off).
- June 2021 – Stiftelsen Siamon: SEK 24200.00 (~ € 2376.00). Conference and travel fund.
- April 2021 – Donationsnämndens stipendier, University of Gothenburg: SEK 12321.00 (~ € 1200.00). Conference and Travel fund.
- March 2021 – ISPP Early Career Committee (ECC) Travel Award: \$50.00. ISPP conference fund.
- July 2019 – Travel grant for my research stay in Evanston, US, funded by Tilburg University (€ 1000.00). Travel fund.

February 2018 – Travel Grant for my stay in New York, funded by the hamburgglobal-grant by the DAAD, University of Hamburg, Germany (€ 1,175.00). Travel fund.

September 2016 – Erasmus Grant for my stay in Southampton, funded by the Erasmus+-Grant of the EU, University of Hamburg, Germany

Prizes

May 2022 – Final competitor at the 3 Minutes Competition ([3MT](#)) of Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Memberships

Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) (2022-2024)

American Political Science Association (APSA) (2021-2024)

International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) (2020-2022)

Association for Psychological Science (APS) (2018-2020)

Other skills

Cultural Competence: Certificate Intercultural Competence, awarded after international stays, workshops, and several courses in intercultural competence.

Languages: German (mother tongue), English (Academic fluent), French (Advanced), Italian (Advanced), Spanish (Advanced), Dutch (Beginner), Swedish (Beginner)

IT Skills: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point), LaTeX

Data Analysis: SPSS, Qualtrics, R, STATA (beginner)

Service

June/July 2022 – while cycling to the ISPP conference in Athens, I conducted a [crowdfunding campaign](#) for Ukrainian Scholars at Risk to raise money and awareness for Ukrainian researchers affected by the Russian invasion.

September 2021 – ongoing: Secretary in the PhD council of doctoral students, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

September 2021 – August 2022: Representative for all PhD students at the Faculty of Social Sciences in the council of PhD students at University of Gothenburg.

References

Ph.D. Maria Solevid

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Ph.D. Jacob Sohlberg

Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
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Ph.D. Byron Adams

Work Group Work and Organizational Psychology, University of Amsterdam
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Miscellaneous

July 2016 – present: active Buddhist practitioner. Engaged in various social activist groups aiming to facilitate sustainable, social and a positive life for more people worldwide.

December 2015 – September 2016: Member of student´s representation psychology,
University of Hamburg

January 2014 – August 2015: Licensed fitness coach for High Intensity Fitness Classes, Les
Mills Grit, Bornheim, Germany

June 2013 – November 2013: Host of Sports and Entertainment, alltours Flugreisen (tourist
company), Cala Ratjada, Spain.

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