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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

2018 - Present	Emory University, Atlanta, GA Ph.D. Candidate, Psychology Advisors: Scott O. Lilienfeld, Ph.D. (1961 – 2020) Arber Tasimi, Ph.D.
2016 - 2018	Emory University, Atlanta, GA M.A., Psychology Advisor: Scott O. Lilienfeld, Ph.D. (1961 – 2020)
2012 - 2016	Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY B.A., Psychology/Philosophy

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2021	Quantitative Theory and Methods Advanced Graduate Completion Fellowship, <i>Emory University</i> (\$23,831)
2020	Heritage Dissertation Research Award, <i>Society for Personality and Social Psychology</i> (\$2000)
2020	Hayek Fund for Scholars, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> (\$2000)
2020	Hayek Fund for Scholars, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> (\$1000)
2020	Graduate Student Travel Award, <i>Society for Personality and Social Psychology</i> (\$500)
2019	WA Skeptics Award, <i>Western Australian Skeptics</i> (Co-Investigator; \$25,000)
2015 – 2016	Scholars and Artists Summer Fellowship, <i>Binghamton University</i> (\$3000)

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Costello, T.H., Bowes, S.M., Stevens, S.T., Waldman, I.W., Tasimi, A., & Lilienfeld, S.O. (In press). Clarifying the structure and nature of left-wing authoritarianism. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. [\[Preprint\]](#)

Bowes, S.M., **Costello, T.H.**, Lee, C., Davis, D.E., McElroy-Heltzel, S., & Lilienfeld, S.O. (In press). Stepping outside the echo chamber: Is intellectual humility associated with reduced partisan bias? *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Costello, T.H., & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). Social and economic political ideology consistently operate as mutual suppressors: Implications for personality, social, and political psychology. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. Advance online publication. [\[PDF\]](#)

Bowes, S.M., **Costello, T.H.**, Ma, W., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). Looking under the tinfoil hat: Clarifying the personological and psychopathological correlates of conspiracy beliefs. *Journal of Personality*. Advance online publication. [\[PDF\]](#)

Bowes, S.M., Blanchard, M.C., **Costello, T.H.**, Abramowitz, A.I., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). Intellectual humility and between-party animus: Implications for affective polarization in two community samples. *Journal of Research in Personality*. Advance online publication. [\[PDF\]](#)

Costello, T.H., Bowes, S.M., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). "Escape from Freedom": Authoritarianism-related traits, political ideology, personality, and belief in free will/determinism. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 86, 1-16. [\[PDF\]](#)

Bowes, S.M., Ammirati, R.J., **Costello, T.H.**, Basterfield, C., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). Cognitive biases, heuristics, and logical fallacies in clinical practice: A brief field guide for practicing clinicians and supervisors. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*. Advance online publication. [\[PDF\]](#)

Costello, T.H., Watts, A.L., Murphy, B.A., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2019). Extending the nomological network of interpersonal sexual objectification to psychopathic and allied traits. *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*, 11, 237-248. [\[PDF\]](#)

Lilienfeld, S.O., Watts, A.L., Murphy, B., **Costello, T.H.**, Bowes, S.M., Smith, S.F., Latzman, R.D., Haslam, N., Tabb, K. (2019). Personality disorders as Emergent Interpersonal Syndromes: Psychopathic personality as a case example. *Journal of Personality Disorders*, 33, 577-622. [\[PDF\]](#)

Costello, T.H., Smith, S.F., Bowes, S., Riley, S., Berns, G., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2019). Risky business: Psychopathy, framing effects, and financial outcomes. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 78, 125-132. [\[PDF\]](#)

Murphy, B.A., **Costello, T.H.**, Lilienfeld, S.O. (2018). Is empathic contagion helpful or harmful: Overlooked heterogeneity in the Empathy Index. *Psychological Assessment*, 30, 1703-1708. [\[PDF\]](#)

Bowes, S., Watts, A.L., **Costello, T.H.**, Murphy, B.A., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2018). Psychopathy and entertainment preferences: Clarifying the role of abnormal and normal personality in music and movie interests. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 129, 33-37. [\[PDF\]](#)

Costello, T.H., Unterberger, A., Watts, A.L., & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2018). Psychopathy and pride: Testing Lykken's hypothesis regarding the implications of fearlessness for prosocial and antisocial behavior. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 9, 185. [\[HTML\]](#)

Murphy, B.A., **Costello, T.H.**, Watts, A.L., Berg, J.M., & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2018). Strengths and weaknesses of two empathy measures: A comparison of the measurement precision, construct validity, and incremental validity of two multidimensional indices. *Assessment*. [\[PDF\]](#)

INVITED COMMENTARIES

Lilienfeld, S.O., **Costello, T.H.**, Bowes, S.M., Strother, A. (2020). Has psychology found its conscience? *European Journal of Personality*. Advance online publication.

Lilienfeld, S.O., Watts, A.L., Murphy, B., **Costello, T.H.**, Bowes, S.M., Smith, S.F., Latzman, R.D., Haslam, N., Tabb, K. (2019). Psychopathy as an Emergent Interpersonal Syndrome: Further reflections and future directions. *Journal of Personality Disorders*, 33, 645-652. [\[PDF\]](#)

Lilienfeld, S. O., & **Costello, T. H.** (2017). From crisis to salvation. *PsycCritiques*, 62, 30-34.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Lilienfeld, S.O., Basterfield, C., Bowes, S.M. & **Costello, T.H.** (2020). *Nobelists Gone Wild: Case Studies in the Domain-specificity of Critical Thinking*. In B. Sternberg & D. Halpern (Eds.), *Critical thinking in psychology* (2nd Edition). Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press.

CONSORTIUM COLLABORATIONS

Tierney, W., Hardy, J., Ebersole, C.R., Leavitt, K., Viganola, D., Clemente, E.G., Gordon, M., Drebert, A., Johannesson, M., Pfeiffer, T., Hiring Decisions Forecasting Collaboration, Uhlmann, E.L. (in press). Creative destruction in science. *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*.

POPULAR PRESS

Lilienfeld, S.O., Bowes, S.M., **Costello, T.H.**, Strother, A. (2020, March/April). *Intellectual Humility: A Guiding Principle for the Skeptical Movement*. *Skeptical Inquirer*.

Basterfield, C., Lilienfeld, S.O., Bowes, S & **Costello, T.H.** (2020, May/June). *The Nobel Disease: When Intelligence Fails to Protect Against Irrationality*. *Skeptical Inquirer*.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

TALKS

Costello, T.H. (2021). Authoritarianism across the political spectrum. Data blitz presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Political Psychology Preconference*.

Costello, T.H. (2020). Clarifying the structure and nature of left-wing authoritarianism. Symposium presentation delivered at the *43rd Annual Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists Conference*.

Costello, T.H. (2020). A meta-analytic review of ideological symmetries and asymmetries in need for certainty. Single paper presentation delivered at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention*. New Orleans, LA. [[Slides](#)]

Costello, T.H., Liu, C., Bowes, S.M., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). A meta-analytic review of ideological symmetries and asymmetries in need for certainty. Symposium presentation delivered at the *Heterodoxy in Psychology Conference*. Los Angeles, CA.

Costello, T.H. (2018). Initial evidence for a multidimensional conception of left-wing authoritarianism. Contributed talk at the *Heterodoxy in Psychology Conference*. Los Angeles, CA.

Costello, T.H. (2015). The phenomenological bunker. Paper presented to the *Oneonta Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*. Oneonta, NY.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Bowes, S.M., **Costello, T.H.**, & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). Dogmatic but inaccurate: Examining the associations among intelligence, cognitive styles, and conspiracist ideation. Virtual poster presented at the *Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention*.

Costello, T.H., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). Development and preliminary validation of the Left-wing Authoritarianism Index. Poster presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Political Psychology Preconference*. New Orleans, LA. [\[PDF\]](#)

Bowes, S.M., Blanchard, M., **Costello, T.H.**, & Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). Intellectual humility and between-party animus: Is intellectual humility associated with reduced affective polarization? Poster presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Political Psychology Preconference*. New Orleans, LA.

Bowes, S.M., Blanchard, M., **Costello, T.H.**, Lilienfeld, S.O. (2020). Stepping outside the echo chamber: Is intellectual humility associated with reduced political bias? Poster presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention*. New Orleans, LA.

Costello, T.H., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2019). Development, evaluation, and validation of the Left-wing Authoritarianism Index. Poster presented at the *31st Association for Psychological Science Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C.

Bowes, S. M., Watts, A. L., **Costello, T. H.**, Murphy, B. A., & Lilienfeld, S. O. (2018). Psychopathy and entertainment preferences: Clarifying the role of abnormal and normal personality in music and movie interests. Poster presented at the *30th Association for Psychological Science Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA.

Costello, T.H., Watts, A.L., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2018). Sexual solipsists: Implications of psychopathic personality features for interpersonal sexual objectification perpetration. Poster presented at the *30th Association for Psychological Science Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA.

Costello, T.H., Aghjayan, A.G., Watts, A.L., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2017). Examining the role of psychopathy-related traits in predicting sexual objectification perpetration. Poster presented at the *29th Association for Psychological Science Annual Conference*. Boston, MA.

Costello, T.H., & Lynn, S.J. (2016). Where there's a will: Encouraging belief in determinism fosters hopelessness. Poster presented at *Binghamton University Research Days*. Binghamton, NY.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Patrick Lab, Florida State University

CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

Costello, T.H. (2019). Authoritarianism: Construct elaboration and scale development. Talk delivered to *Emory University Department of Psychology*. Atlanta, GA.

Costello, T.H., Lilienfeld, S.O. (2019). Development, evaluation, and validation of the Left-wing Authoritarianism Index. Symposium talk delivered for the augural *Learning about Laney: Preview Visitation*. Atlanta, GA.

Costello, T.H. (2019). The Rigidity of the Right reconsidered: A meta-analytic review of ideological symmetries and asymmetries in need for certainty. Presentation delivered for *Emory University Research Day*. Atlanta, GA.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2018 – 2019 Grady Hospital, Behavioral Health, Atlanta, GA
Practicum Student

2017 – 2019 Emory University Psychological Clinic, Atlanta, GA
Practicum Student

TEACHING

2021	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Psychology
2019	Teaching Assistant, The Psychology of Scientific and Unscientific Thinking
2018	Graduate Instructor, Research Methods
2018	Teaching Assistant, Psychobiology and Cognition
2017	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Psychology

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

[A theory about conspiracy theories.](#) Benedict Carey. *New York Times*. September 28th, 2020.

[Culture beat: Left-wing authoritarians are real.](#) Post Editorial Board. *New York Post*. May 29th, 2020.

[Is there such a thing as a left-wing authoritarian?](#) Andre Spicer. *New Statesman*. May 26th, 2020.

[New study finds authoritarian personality traits are associated with belief in determinism.](#) Eric Dolan. *PsyPost*. May 18th, 2020.

[Opening minds.](#) *National Affairs*. Kevin Lewis. May 15th, 2020.

[Researchers identify key personality correlates of interpersonal sexual objectification.](#) James Ives. *The Medical News*. January 27th, 2020.

[How personality predicts seeing others as sex objects.](#) *MedicalXpress*. January 27th, 2020.

STATISTICAL PROFICIENCIES

Latent variable models (e.g., SEM, ESEM, bifactor models)

Item response theory

Meta-analysis (e.g., multivariate, multi-level)

Factor analysis (e.g., EFA, CFA)

Multiple regression

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

MPlus, R, Python, JASP, SPSS, Data Visualization (e.g., ggplot2, Adobe Illustrator, Plotly), Qualtrics, Survey Monkey, Amazon's Mechanical Turk.

TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

International Workshop on Statistical Genetic Methods for Human Complex Traits, *Institute for Statistical Genetics*, February 2020.

Developing Noncognitive Scales: Research-Based Recommendations, *Association for Psychological Science*, May 2019.

AD-HOC REVIEWER

Assessment, Current Psychology, Personality and Individual Differences, Social Psychological and Personality Science.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Psychological Science

Association for Research in Personality

International Society of Political Psychology

Society for Personality Assessment

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

REFERENCES

Dr. Scott O. Lilienfeld

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NOTE: Scott recently passed away, but a reference letter is available upon request from Dr. Sherryl Goodman of Emory University at psysg@emory.edu.

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