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Education

Ph.D. in Social Psychology | University of Massachusetts – Amherst *Expected 2024*
NSF Graduate Research Fellow
Primary Advisor: Dr. Linda R. Tropp
Secondary Advisor: Dr. Buju Dasgupta

M.S. in Social Psychology | University of Massachusetts – Amherst 2022

B.A. in Psychology | Rutgers University – Newark 2015
GPA: 4.0 – Joel Girgus Book Award: Highest graduating GPA in Psychology Department

A.A. in Liberal Arts | Warren County Community College 2012
President's Merit Award: Recognition of Achievement by College President

Fellowships & Grants

National Science Foundation – Graduate Research Fellowship Program (\$138,000)	2019- <i>Present</i>
University of Massachusetts Public Writing Fellow (\$250)	2022
National Science Foundation – Supplemental Internship Funding (\$38,912)	2021-2022
International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy Fellowship	2020
University of Massachusetts Edna M. Dahlquist Scholarship (\$2,000)	2019
Indiana University Professional Development Grant (\$1,000)	2019
The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward (NJ STARS) Scholarship (\$5,000)	2012-2015
Rutgers The Dorothy and David Cooper Scholarship (\$4,425)	2014

Publications

*Denotes shared authorship

+Indicates all authors, aside from the first author, listed alphabetically.

PEER REVIEW JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Burrows, B., Tropp, L.R., **Dehron, T.A.** & Cehajic-Clancy, S. (2022) How Intergroup Contact Shapes Intergroup Attitudes and Construals of Relations Between Ethnic Groups: Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*.

Dehron, T.A., Tropp, L.R., Burrows B., Bilali R., & Ginn, J. (2022), Coming Together After Genocide: How Openness to Communication about Conflict Experiences Shapes Willingness for Social Integration in Post-Genocide Rwanda. *Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1037/pac0000625>

Tiv M., Livert, D., **Dehron, T.A.**, Godbole, M., López-Aybar, L., Sandanapitchai, P., Peterson, L., Ragin, D.F., & Walker, P. (2021) White Paper: Effective Policy Applications of Psychological Science: Drawing Parallels between COVID-19 and Climate Change. *Journal of Science Policy & Governance*. 19(1) <https://doi.org/10.38126/JSPG190110>

BOOK CHAPTERS

Tropp, L.R. & **Dehron, T.A.** (in press), Prejudice Reduction and Social Change. To appear in L. Huddy, D. Sears, J. Levy and J. Jerit (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology*. 3rd edition. New York: Oxford University Press.

Dehron, T., Burrows, B., Tropp, L.R., Bilali, R., & Morrison, G. (2021), Contact-based programs strengthen social cohesion in post-genocide Rwanda. In A. Nordstrom and W. Goodfriend (Eds.), *Innovative Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Programs Across the World*. (pp. 87-100). New York: NY. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003042464>

ARTICLES FOR POLICY MAKERS & PRACTITIONERS

*Tropp, L.R., ***Dehron, T.A.** (2022) Cultivating Contact: A Guide to Building Meaningful Connections Across Groups. Washington D.C.:American Immigration Council.

+Barsa, M., **Dehron, T. A.**, Khedari, V., Landry, A., Pasek, M. H., Phillips, T., Ramsey, J., & Tropp, L. R. (2022) Renewing American Democracy: Navigating A Changing Nation. *Beyond Conflict*. ([View report here](#)).

Mah, A., Bracken, M., **Dehron, T.A.**, Abellera, C., & Cho, G. (2021) Economic empowerment of women through improved child care tax credits. Winner of the Most Effective Policy Memo. Science Communication Competition, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Dehron, T.A., López-Aybar, L., Sandanapitchai, P., Ragin, D.F., Okorodudu C., Livert, D. (2021) Applications of Psychological Science: A Global Perspective on the Excessive Use of Force by the Police ([View article here](#)).

+Okorodudu C., **Dehron, T.A.**, Livert, D., López-Aybar, L., Peterson, L., Ragin, D.F., Ravich, R., Sandanapitchai, P., Tiv., M., (2020) Beyond the Human Rights Rhetoric on “Leaving No One Behind:” Integrating the Elimination of Systemic Racism, and Racial and Ethnic Discrimination, into the Implementation of the SDGs. *Statement in Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations*, UN Headquarters. New York. ([View statement here](#))

Ragin, D., Okorodudu, C., López-Aybar, L., Sandanapitchai, P., Peterson, L., & **Dehron, T. A.**, (2019). Psychological Contributions To Affordable Housing and Social Protection Systems For Migrant/Refugee Populations. *United Nations Commission on Social Development*.

POPULAR PRESS

+Tiv M., **Dehron**, T.A., López-Aybar, L., Peterson, L.M. (2021) SPSSI United Nations NGO Committee Report Draws Parallels between COVID-19 and Climate Change from a Psychological Perspective. SPSSI Forward Newsletter. ([View article here](#))

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Dehron, T.A., Tropp, L.R. & Blinder, S. (2022) Why Does Equality Matter Anyway? How Indifference to Inequality Relates to U.S.-Born White, Latino, and Black Americans' Attitudes Toward Immigration Policy. [Master's thesis, University of Massachusetts–Amherst]

Dehron, T.A., Tropp, L.R. (in progress) Going Deeper and Contending with Difference: The Need for Authenticity in Intergroup Contact Research.

Dehron, T.A., Levenson, N., Tropp, L.R., Abellera, C. & Morhayim, L. (in progress) It's all a matter of perspective: Camera angles during interracial interactions impact White americans' empathy and anger toward White and Black Actors.

Burrows B., **Dehron**, T.A., Chimowitz, H., & Tropp, L.R. (in progress) White people's work: Motivations and experiences of White allies engaging with racial justice dialogues.

Tropp, L.R., **Dehron**, T.A., Knowles, E.D., Ulug, O.M., Marrow, H.B., & Okamoto, D. (in progress) Empathy and Indifference: Dimensions of moral concern as predictors of group-based policy attitudes.

Undergraduate Thesis Advising

Nicole Levenson (2019-2022; University of Massachusetts)

Research Assistant Supervision

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS - AMHERST

Andrew Simonton, Megan Abbott, Yara Akkeh

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Alexa Sucharetza, Allison Li, Apoorva Sarmal, Audrey Fried, Austin Mills, Breanna Gordon, Chelsea Theobald, Christina Alex, Cierra Claypool, Collin Beyers, Daphne Castro Lingl, Diego Arana, Ella Need, Gretchen Nihill, Hadeel Yousef, Hannah Samuels, Izabella Spriggs, Jackie Lisnek, Jessica Carter, Jessie Gonzalez, Kendall Riley, Kenny Suh, Lauren Edwards, Maria Martinez, Natalie Neufeld, Preston Gilts, Rylan Deer, Sydney Whiteford

Courses Able to Teach

Social Psychology | Introduction to Psychology | Research Methods | Intergroup Relations | Prejudice and Discrimination | Improving Group Relations | Political Psychology

Presentations

+ Indicates Undergraduate Student Mentee

INVITED TALKS

Dehron, T.A., Tropp, L.R., Burrows, B., Bilali, R. (2022, May) *Coming Together After Genocide: How Openness to Communication about Conflict Experiences Shapes Willingness for Social Integration in Post-Genocide Rwanda*. Talk at the ISPP Academy Alumni Event.

Dehron, T.A. (2021, July) Survey on Migrant and Refugee Victims of Xenophobia, Racism, and Intolerance in the Context of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Invited Talk at the Promising Practices: Protecting Migrants and Refugee Victims of Xenophobia and Intolerance in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic Side Event at the United Nations High Level Political Forum. ([Click Here for Video of the Event](#))

Dehron, T.A., Tropp, L.R., Burrows, B., Bilali, R. (2021, April) *Coming Together After Genocide: How Contact-Based Interventions Shift Empathy, Emotions, and Prospects for Integration in Post-Genocide Rwanda*. Invited Talk at the Role of Emotions in Intergroup Conflict Preconference, Society for Affective Science.

CONFERENCE TALKS

Burrows, B., **Dehron, T.A.**, Chimowitz, H., & Tropp, L.R. (2022, July). White People's Work: Experiences and Challenges of White Racial Justice Supporters in Conversation with other White People. In L. Hartwich (Chair), *Navigating the Complexities of Allyship: Motivations, Actions, & Outcomes*. [Symposium]. International Society of Political Psychology, Athens, Greece.

Dehron, T.A., Burrows, B., Tropp, L.R. & Cehajic-Clancy, S. (2022, June) Intergroup Contact Shapes Attitudes and Construals of Relations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Paper to be presented at the 2022 Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference.

+Levenson, N., **Dehron, T.A.**, Tropp, L. R. (2022, April) *It's All a Matter of Perspective: An Online Study of How Camera Angle of Filmed Interracial Interactions Impact White Americans' Perceptions*. Talk presented at the University of Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Conference

Tropp, L.R., Burrows, B., **Dehron, T.A.**, & Cehajic-Clancy, S. (2022, February) *How Contact Shapes Attitudes and Construals of Relations Between Ethnic Groups: Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina*. Paper presented at the Conflict and Conflict Resolution SPSP Preconference.

Tropp, L.R., **Dehron, T.A.**, Knowles, E.D. (2021, November) *Empathy and Indifference: Dimensions of moral concern as predictors of group-based policy attitudes*. Social Area Brown Bag, Psychology Department, University of California, Los Angeles.

Sandanapitchai, P., Livert, D., Tiv, M., **Dehron, T.A.**, Lopez-Ayabor, L., (2021, August) *Engaging the World: SPSSI-UN Interns Advocate for Social Justice Globally*. Interactive discussion at the 2021 Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference.

Tropp, L.R., **Dehron, T.A.**, Knowles, E.D., Okamoto, D.G. (2021, August) *The Role of Indifference in Predicting Support for Group-Based Policies*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association.

- Burrows, B., Tropp, L.R., **Dehron**, T.A. & Cehajic-Clancy, S. (2021, August) *Peacebuilding in Context: Benefits and Limitations of Psychological Approaches in Applied Interventions Symposium*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association.
- Tropp, L.R., **Dehron**, T.A., Knowles, E.D., Okamoto, D.G. (2021, July) *The Role of Indifference in Predicting Support for Race and Immigration Policies*. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association.
- Tropp, L.R., **Dehron**, T.A., Knowles, E.D., Ulug, O.M., Marrow, H.B., & Okamoto, D. (2020, November) *Empathy and Indifference: Dimensions of moral concern as predictors of group-based policy attitudes*. Paper presented at the Minority Politics Online Seminar Series.
- Dehron**, T. A., Tropp, L. R., Bilali, R., & Pensky, H. (2020, July), *Coming together after genocide: How interventions promote dialogue and reconciliation between survivors and non-survivors in Rwanda*. Talk presented at the virtual International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting.
- Sandanapitchai, P., **Dehron**, T. A., Lopez-Ayabor, L., Livert, D., Peterson, L., Ragin, D., Ravich, R., Walker, P. (2020, June) *Advancing advocacy in a global context: How to engage the UN*. Interactive discussion at the 2020 Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- Dehron**, T. A., Tropp, L. R., Bilali, R. (2020, June) *Post-genocide Rwanda: The effect of intergroup contact on survivor, bystander, and perpetrator groups*. Paper accepted to be presented at the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- Kroeper, K.M., Green, D.J., Ozier, E.M., **Dehron**, T.A., Quintanilla, V.D., Nelson, A.A., & Murphy, M.C. (2019, April). *Boosting academic performance by increasing the value of teacher-student relationships*. In L. Wallace (Chair) *Psychology of Social Change*. Symposium paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Quintanilla, V.D., **Dehron**, T.A., et al. (2019, June) *Understanding social belonging, mindsets, and relationships in legal education*. Paper presented at the Law and Society Annual Convention, Washington, DC.

CHAired EVENT OR SERVED AS A DISCUSSANT

- Okorodudu, C., **Dehron**, T.A. et al. (2021, July) Transcending the rhetoric on “Leaving No One Behind.” Integrating concrete actions to eliminate systemic racism and racial and ethnic discrimination into the implementation of the SDGs. Chaired Side Event at the United Nations High Level Political Forum. ([Click here for video of this event](#))
- Dehron**, T.A. (2021, May) Invited discussant at Brains, Bodies, Violence & Groups. Human Security, Violence, and Trauma Conference, University of California, Berkeley, CA. ([Click here for video of this event](#))
- Dehron**, T.A. (2021, April) Invited Session Chair at Recalibrating & Rethinking Sustainable Future: The Importance of Health, Wellbeing & Empathy. Chaired Side Event at the United Nations ECOSOC Youth Forum. ([Click here for video of this event](#))
- Lopez-Aybar, L., Livert, D., **Dehron**, T.A. et al. (2021, March) Eliminating the Intergenerational Transmission of Gender-Based Violence Against Women and Girls. Chaired Side Event at the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. ([Click here for video of this event](#))

CONFERENCE POSTERS

- Dehron, T.A.**, Tropp, L.R. & Blinder, S. (2022, July). *Why Does Equality Matter Anyway? How Indifference to Inequality Relates to Americans' Attitudes toward Immigration Policy*. Poster to be presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Athens, Greece.
- Dehron, T.A.**, Tropp, L. R., Bilali, R., & Pensky, H. (2020, February), *Coming together after genocide: How interventions promote dialogue and reconciliation between survivors and non-survivors in Rwanda*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality & Social Psychology Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Dehron, T.A.**, Kroeper, K.M. & Murphy, M.C., (2019, April), *Men are strong, women are weak: Do beliefs about physical ability enable hiring discrimination against women to persist?* Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Walden, Z. **Dehron, T.A.**, Bonawitz, E., (2019, March) *When innovators succeed: Empowering tasks increase preschoolers' exploration*. Poster presented at the Society for Research and Child Development Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Dehron, T.A.**, Kroeper, K.M. & Murphy, M.C., (2019, February), *Men are strong, women are weak: Do beliefs about physical ability enable hiring discrimination against women to persist?* Poster presented at the Society for Personality & Social Psychology Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- Kroeper, K.M., Ozier, E.M., Green, D.J., **Dehron, T.A.**, Quintanilla, V.D., Nelson, A.A., & Murphy, M.C. (2019, February). *Reducing school discipline: Toward building stronger interracial teacher-student bonds*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality & Social Psychology Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- +Kliebhan, G., **Dehron, T.A.**, Quintanilla, V.D, Green, D.J., Williams, H. & Murphy, M.C., (2018, April), *Don't panic! Reappraising stress boosts law graduates' expected performance on the bar exam*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Week, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- Dehron, T.A.**, Quintanilla, V.D., Green, D. J., Williams, H. & Murphy, M.C., (2018, March), *Don't panic! Reappraising stress boosts law graduates' expected performance on the bar exam*. Poster presented at the Law & Social Psychology Preconference, The Society for Personality & Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA. <https://osf.io/wf8gq/>

Media Coverage

The State Bar of California, July 2020, <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/About-Us/News/News-Releases/bar-exam-performance-intervention-shows-promising-results>

The State Bar of California, February 2019, <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/About-Us/News/News-Releases/state-bar-study-expanded-to-july-2019-bar-exam-applicants>

Professional and Institutional Service

AD-HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER

Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Member, PBS Graduate Student Diversity Committee, Undergraduate Mentoring Subcommittee	9/2019- <i>Present</i>
Graduate Student Representative, PBS Diversity Committee	9/2020 - 2/2022
Co-leader, PBS Action Group 6: Promote BIPOC Allyship and Anti-racism	9/2020 - 8/2021
Member, PBS Graduate Student Diversity Committee, Undergraduate Travel Award Subcommittee	9/2019- 9/2020

UNITED NATIONS

Member, UN NGO Committee on Migration	12/2020 - 9/2021
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SPSP

Graduate Student Mentor, SPSP Diversity Mentoring Lunch	02/2021
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Additional Employment Experience

NSF Internship, American Immigration Council	8/2020 – 1/2022
Intern, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues	9/2019 – 8/2021
Project Manager / Lab Manager, Indiana University PI: Mary Murphy	8/2017 – 07/2019
Intern, The White House, Office of Presidential Correspondence	9/2016 – 1/2017
Team Leader, Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)	10/2015 – 8/2016
Research Assistant, Rutgers University PI: Elizabeth Bonawitz	5/2014 – 7/2017

Honors & Awards

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Diversity Graduate Travel Award (\$500)	2020
Indiana University Groups Scholars Program Mentor of the Year	2019
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Diversity Preconference Award (\$150)	2019
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference Fee Waiver (\$225)	2019
Society for Personality and Social Psychology Diversity Undergrad Travel Award (\$500)	2019
The President's Volunteer Service Award - Gold	2016
United States Congress' Congressional Award	2016
Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (\$5,775)	2016

Professional Affiliations

APA Division 8: The Society for Personality & Social Psychology (SPSP)
 APA Division 9: The Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
 APA Division 48: The Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, & Violence
 The International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)
 National Science Policy Network (NSPN)

Skills

Quantitative: Online Surveys, Lab experiments, Field experiments, Generalized linear modeling, Basic multilevel modeling

Qualitative: Focus groups

Interventions: Randomized control trials

Data Collection Platforms: Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk), Cloud Research, Prolific

Statistical Programs: SPSS (proficient), Mplus (proficient), Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC) (proficient), R (Novice)

References

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