

# Abstracts

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### 2022 MTPA CONFERENCE

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**Academic Classroom Building (ACB)  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee  
Saturday April 23, 2022**

-and-

**A virtual event hosted by  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee  
Saturday April 23, 2022**

### REGISTRATION/WELCOME

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*Registration  
Lobby, First Floor  
Academic Classroom Building  
8:30 am-10:00 am*

*Virtual Welcome and Orientation  
Academic Classroom Building 104 and Zoom  
8:45 am-9:00 am*

### POSTER SESSIONS

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*Lobby and Atrium, First and Second Floors  
Academic Classroom Building and Zoom  
Poster session I  
9:00 am-9:45 am*

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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*Academic Classroom Building 104 and Zoom  
10:00 am-11:00 am  
Jessica Michelle Gaby, Ph.D.  
Department of Psychology, Middle  
Tennessee State University*

**Student Research: How and Why to  
Get Involved, and What It's Like  
When You Do**

### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

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*Academic Classroom Building  
Concurrent sessions  
11:15 am-12:15 pm  
Session I—Room 110 and Zoom  
Session II—Room 112 and Zoom*

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POSTER SESSION I

9:00 am-9:45 am; Lobby and Atrium, First and Second Floors

1001 (L)

**Mental Health in Relation to Remote**

**Learning.** Haley Flanagan (she/her) and Emily Walsh (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Thomas Brinthaup (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1002 (L)

**Drug Prevalence and Behavioral Threat in Officer-Involved Lethal Shootings of Unarmed Citizens.**

Morgan Whaley (she/her) and Dr. John Pennington (he/him), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. John Pennington (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1003 (L)

**The Effects of Misdiagnosis: A Two-Way Street.** Jacob Cuva (he/him) and Cheyenne Sweeley, *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Thomas Brinthaup (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1004 (L)

**COVID-SHIPS.** Brenna Baines (she/her) and Emari Heath (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Thomas Brinthaup (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1005 (L)

**Gender Differences Between Instagram Use and Self-Esteem.** Alexa Davis (she/her),

Florence Ononuju (she/her), and Destini Okoro (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Thomas Brinthaup (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1006 (L)

**Trusting the Halo.** Deavin Myatt (she/her) and Savannah Fike (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Thomas Brinthaup (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1007 (L)

**The Effect of Parenting Styles on Emotion Regulation in Young Adulthood.**

Beylan Carlton (she/her) and Victoria Brown (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Thomas Brinthaup (he/him; faculty advisor,

*Middle Tennessee State University*)

1008 (L)

**Leader and Follower Identity Invention: How Internal and External Constraints Influence Identity Dynamics.**

Rachel C. Strong<sup>1</sup> (she/her), Denise M. Ealy<sup>1</sup> (she/her), Erika P. Allen<sup>1</sup> (she/her), Karolina W. Nieberle<sup>1</sup> (she/her), Dr. Philip A. Allen<sup>2</sup> (he/him; faculty/advisor), and Dr. James R. Houston<sup>1</sup> (he/him; faculty/advisor), <sup>1</sup>*Middle Tennessee State University*, <sup>2</sup>*University of Akron*

Dr. James R. Houston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1009 (V)

**Correlation Between Demographic Information and Constructs Measured by the Generic Conspiracy Belief Scale.**

Nicholas Trogdon (he/him), Eric Jefferson (he/him), Michelle Martinez (she/her), and Rosa Cruz (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Stuart Bernstein (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1010 (V)

**How Many Items Does It Take to Reliably Measure Introversion?**

Anna Brown (she/her), Dinorah Calderon (she/her), Matt Martin (he/him), and Lily Crawford (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Stuart Bernstein (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1011 (V)

**Organizational Climate Variables and Performance as Predictors of Voluntary and Involuntary Turnover Among Nurses.**

Anna White (she/her), Dr. Glenn Littlepage (he/him), and Dr. Michael Hein (he/him), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Glenn Littlepage (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1012 (V)

**Do You Have the Grit? A Resilience Test of Perseverance.**

Aimee Mears (she/her), Kaitlyn Peck (she/her), and Safa Ali (they/them), *Middle Tennessee State University*

Dr. Stuart Bernstein (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee University*)

1013 (V)

**An Examination of Conspiracy Ideation and Intent to Engage in Criminal Behavior: A Replication of Jolley et al.** Ashton Hoover (she/they), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. William Langston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1014 (V)

**Effects of COVID-19 on Short Term Memory.** Kaitlin Thomas (she/her) and Oliver Wright (he/him), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. Thomas Brinthaupt (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1015 (V)

**Machiavellianism and Mind Games.** Jennifer Cherrone (she/her), Davey Masters (she/her), Brielle Weddle (she/her), and Sakira Transou (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. Stuart Bernstein (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

1016 (V)

**The Effect of Gender on Narcissism Using the Dirty Dozen and Hypersensitive Scales.** Atheer Hamed (she/her), Jordan Crenshaw (he/him), and Joseph Webb (he/him), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. Stuart Bernstein (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

10:00 am-11:00 am; Room 104

**Student Research: How and Why to Get Involved, and What It's Like When You Do**

### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

11:15 am-12:15 pm; Concurrent, Various Rooms

• ACB Room 110 •

(11:15)

**Are the Kids All-Mindful? An Exploratory Study on Mindfulness Levels in College-Aged Students.** Hailey Hall (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. William Langston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

(11:25)

**Adult Reading Comprehension and Life Outcomes: Preliminary Analysis.** Dara U. Zwemer (they/she), Dr. Emily A. Farris (she/her), and Dr. Timothy N. Odegard (he/him), *Middle Tennessee State University Center for Dyslexia*  
Dr. Emily A. Farris (she/her; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University Center for Dyslexia*)

(11:35)

**Creativity, Flexibility, and Aging.** Denise Ealy (she/her) and Dr. James R. Houston (he/him), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. James R. Houston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

(11:45)

**The Validity and Reliability of the Situational Optimism Scale.** Cindi Brown (she/her) and Dr. Alexander Jackson (he/him), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. Alexander Jackson (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

(11:55)

**The Roles of Interpersonal Stress and Sleep in Suicidality Among Sexual Minority Youth.** Savannah Gibbs (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. William Langston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

• ACB Room 112 •

(11:15)

**Effects of Demographic Variables on Belief Change.** Madilyn Evans (she/her), Marguerite Smith (she/her), Shontris Mason (she/her), and Ashi Patel (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. William Langston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

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**Evidence Changes Belief in Pyramid Power.** Maggie Sanders (she/her), Daniela Vazquez (she/her), Mayra Alberto (she/her), and Luke Akridge (he/him), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. William Langston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

(11:35)

**Prior Belief and Personality.** Madalyn Krummel (she/her), Alyson Adams (she/her), and Eryn Sorrells (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. William Langston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)

(11:45)

**Personality and Belief Change Correlations.** Karsen Neal (she/her), Sofie Boyer (she/her), and Taylor Clonce (she/her), *Middle Tennessee State University*  
Dr. William Langston (he/him; faculty advisor, *Middle Tennessee State University*)