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EDUCATION & TRAINING

- 2006 - 2008 Clark University, Ph.D., Social Psychology
Advisor: Joseph de Rivera, Ph.D.
"Transcending the Limits of Compassion: The Influence of Joy on Reactions to the Suffering of Distant Others"
- 2005-2006 Colleges of Worcester Consortium
Courses in College Teaching:
 Seminar in College Teaching
 Preparing to Teach a Psychology Course
- 2003 - 2006 Clark University, M.A., Social Psychology
Advisor: Joseph de Rivera, Ph.D.
"Promoting a Department of Peace: An Exploration of Affective States and Political Perceptions"
- 1999 - 2003 Siena College, B.A.
Major: Psychology

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- August 2010 - Present **Associate Professor**, Metropolitan State University
Courses: General Psychology; Research Methods; Group Dynamics & Facilitation; Positive Psychology; Psychology of Peace, Conflict, & Violence; Motivation, Emotion, Physiology & Behavior; Qualitative Methods
- August 2009- May 2010 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Clark University
Courses: Intro to Psych, Qualitative Methods, and Research Methods in Social Psychology
- Fall 2006 **Instructor**, Clark University
Course: Introduction to Peace Studies/Peace Psychology
- Fall 2003 - Spring 2007 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Clark University

CONSULTANCIES

- 2018-Present Happy with Work, LLC – Curriculum Development and Facilitation
- Self-Care Social, Professional Development Series
- 2011- Present Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation
- Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention, Program Evaluation (2011-Present)
 - Online Education, African Network Course Evaluations (2018)
 - National Seminar for Law Enforcement on Civil and Human Rights Protection, Program Evaluation (2017 & 2018)
 - Online Education, Program Evaluation Planning (2017)
 - Strategic Organizational Evaluation Planning
 - Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK (2017)
 - Venice, Italy (2016)
 - Buenos Aires, Argentina (2013)
 - Deconstructing Prevention Conference: The Theory, Policy and Practice of Mass Atrocity Prevention, Program Evaluation (2013)
- 2007-2010 Angels212, Tiverton, UK - Research Advisor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICES

Professional Organization Member

Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology
Division (APA Div. 48)

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Psychologists for Social Responsibility (PsySR)

Ad-hoc Reviewer

- 2018 Journal of Social and Political Psychology (JSPP)
- 2012 Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology
- 2011- 2012 Journal of Social, Evolutionary and Cultural Psychology (JSEC)
[now Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences]
- 2007 Security Dialogue [International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO)]
- 2007 Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology

Professional Service

2015-Present	With Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights (CLIHHR) and the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) – Co-Editor and Co-Organizer: Public and Mental Health in Atrocity Prevention, Authors Workshop (June 2019) and Anthology (June 2020)
2018	APA Div. 48 - Small Grants Committee, Chair
2017	With the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) and Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights (CLIHHR) – Workshop: US NGO Support Program – Host (2017)
2014	APA Div. 48 - Small Grants Committee
2012-2016	APA Div. 48 - Executive Committee, Secretary
2011-2012	Journal of Social, Evolutionary and Cultural Psychology (JSEC) – (now Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences) – Editorial Board
2011	APA Div. 48 - Communications Action Planning Group
2009-2011	APA Div. 48 - Executive Committee, Internet Editor
2009-2011	APA Div. 48 - Publications Committee
2010	APA Div. 48 - Program Reviewer, APA Convention 2011

Departmental and University Service

2014 – Present	Program Coordinator, Master of Arts in Psychology
2014 – Present	Graduate Programs Committee (GPC)
2018-2019	Faculty Search, Chair
2014 – 2019	Co-Chair, Peace and Social Justice Faculty Work Group
2018	Student Poster Conference: “Best Psychology Poster” Competition, Judge
2015 (June 21-22)	College and University Seminar: Developing Peace and Conflict Studies Programs George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia, USA
2014-2015	Institute for Community Engagement and Scholarship (ICES) Faculty Work Group
2010-2015	International Exchange and Study Abroad Committee (IESA)
2010-2014	Student Conduct Committee
2013	American Democracy Project (ADP) Planning Group, Deliberative Dialogue: “Gun Violence in America” (March 20, 2013)
2012	Health Initiatives Task Force
2011	Hope Within U, Student Organization, Faculty Resource
2011	Alternative Conflict Resolution Development Team

Master's Thesis Directed

- Laura Harder - The Revolving Door: The Missing Link to Assessing Burnout (completed Dec 2014) -
- Andrew Elhadad (in prep) – Self-Regulation, Smoking Cessation and E-cigarette Usage
- Heron Abegaze (in prep) - The Effects of Hair Appearance on Perceived Social Power

Master's Thesis Committee (no directorship role)

- Mohammad Zafar (December 2014/Advisor: Mark Stasson) - Mall of America: Islamic Based Community Intervention for a Healthy Outcome among Somali Youth
- Anne Gettis (June 2012/Advisor: Mark Stasson) - Fostering a Safe and Caring School Environment for Enhanced Student Learning (aka. Kind is Cool/Jeremiah's Hope for Kindness)
- Tierza Loskota (proposed Nov 2012/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) – Investigating Direct and Vicarious Intergroup Contact, Social Dominance Orientation, and Attitude Change Towards People with Disabilities
- Kazune Hokazono (December 2012/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) – Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word: A Cross-Cultural Investigation of Forgiveness in Japan and the United States
- Caron Menard (May 2013/Advisor: Kelly Hazel) – Depression and Suicide in Older Adults
- Maho Aikawa (May 2013/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) - Immigration, Acculturation, and Coping: Effects of Coping Resources on Well-being of Immigrants and Refugees
- Elliot Weiner (May 2013/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman)- Forces of Reason and Passion in Morality: Asymmetrical Effects Across the Spectrum of Ideology and Religiosity
- Julie Ingram (Jan 2014/Advisor: August Hoffman) – What is Success? Consumer Perspective Regarding Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes
- Lindsay Tran (Dec 2014/Advisor: Kelly Hazel) – The Feelings of Gratitude: Effects of Helper Intention on Gender Differences in Gratitude, Indebtedness, and Reciprocity
- Nancy Walter (May 2015/Advisor: Mark Stasson) - Using Deviance Regulation Theory and the Elaboration Likelihood Model in a Campaign to increase Senior Citizen participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Kathryn Herzog (April 2016/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) -- Individual Differences in Conservative Ideology: The Impact of SDO and RWA on Libertarian and Republican Identification
- Piyachat Chatpaitoon (April 2016/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) – The Effects of Logo Refresh on Consumers Loyalty, Attitude, and Future purchasing
- Aaron Szczech-Johnson (April 2016/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) – Having the Power to Beat Death: Examining Social Power as an Existential Anxiety Buffer
- Patrick Curme (April 2016/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) -- Two Moms and a Baby? How Bias Towards Gay and Lesbian Couples Influences Adoption Recommendations
- Princess Nimely (April 2016/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) -- Intergroup Contact Theory: Reducing Prejudice Between African Immigrants and African Americans through Vicarious Contact
- Denise Felder (May 2016/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) – Planning for Success? The Influence of Career Advising on Aspirations of Students from Underrepresented Populations
- Katelyn Schwieters (Sept 2016/Advisor: Kerry Kleyman) – Are You Plugged In? Development and Validation of a “Plugged In” Scale

RESEARCH INTERESTS

A primary focus of my program of research is how empathy and emotion shape, and are shaped by, our capacity to attend to suffering and to effectively work towards its relief.

The alleviation of world suffering requires action on the part of individuals. Yet, for these persons, awareness of and attention to suffering combined with a felt sense of connection may function as both assets and liabilities. While these capacities enable the galvanization necessary to incite actions aimed at the relief of suffering, they may come at powerful costs, undermining the well-being of advocates and the efficacy of their labors. Sustainable social change will require an awareness of the ways in which individual beliefs and behaviors, institutional policies, and cultural norms may hamper the alleviation of suffering

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

- de Rivera, J. & **Mahoney, C.O.** (2018, Aug). Promoting a sense of global community. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 24(3) DOI: 10.1037/pac0000323
- Mahoney, C. O.**, & Harder, L. M. (2017). Emotions, the inner lives of those who work toward suffering relief. In R.E. Anderson (Ed.), *Alleviating World Suffering* (pp. 131-145). Springer International Publishing.
- Twose, G. & **Mahoney, C.O.** (2015). The trouble with truth-telling: Preliminary reflections on truth and justice in post-war Liberia. *Peace and Conflict Studies*.
- Mahoney, C.O.**, Weiner, E., & Loskota, T. (2015). Social norms and social change. In A. Dost-Gozkan & D. Sonmez Keith (Eds.), *Norms, Group, Conflict, and Social Change: Rediscovering Muzafer Sherif's Psychology* (pp. 227-25). Piscataway, NJ: Transaction Publishers.
- Mahoney, C.O.**, & Harder, L.M. (2015). Emotions, empathy, and the choice to alleviate suffering. In R. E. Anderson (Ed.), *World Suffering and Quality of Life (QOL)* (pp.423-425). New York: Springer.
- Mahoney, C. O.** (2013). Why peace? The taming of the aggressive instinct and the evolution of the capacity for cooperation. A review of the better angels of our nature: Why violence has declined. *Peace And Conflict: Journal Of Peace Psychology*, 19(4), 427-429. doi:10.1037/a0034848
- Mahoney, C.O.**, & de Rivera, J. (2008). Promoting a Department of Peace: An exploration of affective states and political perceptions. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology* 14(1), 61-73.

Mahoney, C.O. & Pinedo, T.M. (2007) Human security in communities in Costa Rica and the United States. *Journal of Social Issues* 63 (2), 353–368.

Mahoney, C.O., & Galis, T. (2006). Redefining sudden contact: Comment on Fathali M. Moghaddam's 'Catastrophic evolution, culture, and diversity management policy.' *Culture and Psychology* 12(4), 435-442.

METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

Mahoney, C.O. (2018, May). Alumni Feature, Laura Harder: Giving back to those who serve. *BuzzNews* 1(2).

IN PREPARATION

EDITED BOOKS

Kestenbaum, J.G., **Mahoney, C.O.**, Meade, A., & Fuller, A. (in prep). Public and mental health in mass atrocity prevention. Cambridge University Press.

PRESENTATIONS

PANELS ORGANIZED

Mahoney, C.O. (2011, August). Arriving where we started: Examining and transforming assumptions of community peace work. Chair. Symposium conducted at the annual APA Convention, Washington, D.C.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Harder, L. & **Mahoney, C.O.** (2017, June). The Revolving Door Effect - Learned helplessness and burnout in human services. Paper presented at The 12th International Conference on Occupational Stress and Health, "Work, Stress and Health 2017: Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities," Minneapolis, MN,

Mahoney, C.O. & Harder, L.M. (2015, October). Emotions, empathy, & the choice to alleviate suffering. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life-Studies, Phoenix, AZ.

Kleyman, K., & **Mahoney, C.O.** (2011, March). Teaching the 21st century psychology student. Paper presented at the Minnesota Psychological Association Annual Convention, Plymouth, MN.

Twose, G., & **Mahoney, C.O.** (2010, April). Using positive affect to combat exposure to suffering. Paper presented at the inaugural CResPP Conference. Queens University, Belfast, UK.

CONFERENCE POSTERS

Harder, L.M. & **Mahoney, C.O.** (2015, Feb). Keeping it positive: An experimental study on how burnout impacts the counselor- client relationship. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Long Beach, CA.

Mahoney, C.O. (2009, August). The influence of joy on reactions to the suffering of distant others. Poster presented at the annual APA Convention - Div. 48 Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence, Toronto, Canada.

Mahoney, C.O., & de Rivera, J. (2005, August). Affective states and political perceptions. Poster presented at the annual APA Convention – Div. 48 Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence, Washington, D.C.

Mahoney, C.O., & de Rivera, J. (2005, August). The stages of political action. Poster presented at the annual APA Convention – Div. 48 Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence, Washington, D.C.

Pinedo, T.M., **Mahoney, C.O.**, Ashline, S.U., & de Rivera, J. (2005, August) Community security: An exploratory study. Poster presented at the annual APA Convention – Div. 27 Society for Community Research and Action, Washington, D.C.

INVITED AND CAMPUS TALKS

Mahoney, C.O. (2014, June). From the classroom to the community: Memory and responsibility on the trail of tears. Invited Talk conducted from the Metropolitan State University Behavioral Science Student Association (BSSA) Meeting, St. Paul, MN.

Mahoney, C.O. (2011, March). Motivating distant helping with positive emotion. Paper presented at the Center for Psychological Research Colloquium: “Celebrating Psychological Research at Metropolitan State”, St. Paul, MN.

Mahoney, C.O. (2008, May). Political activism for high school students. Sport in Society's 18th Annual Human Rights Leadership Forum. Lecture conducted from Northeastern University, Boston, MA