

Matthew Burt

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Applied Social Psychology Aug 2022 - Present

Claremont Graduate University

Chair: Michael Hogg, Ph.D.

Master of Arts, Applied Social Psychology Aug 2022 - May 2025

Certificate: Inclusive Excellence in College Teaching

Claremont Graduate University

Thesis: *Humor Can Improve Intergroup Relations? A Study of Laughter Between Ingroup and Outgroup Members*

Chair: Michael Hogg, Ph.D.

Master of Arts, Psychology (Academic Research) Aug 2020 - Aug 2022

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

Thesis: *Comedians are Leaders: Comedians' Use of Humor Makes Us Feel Like We Matter*

Chair: Amber Gaffney, Ph.D.

Bachelor of the Arts, Psychology Aug 2017 - Aug 2022

California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

Research Interests

Humor and Leadership • Humor and Outgroup Perception • Communication Accommodation Theory • Contact Theory: Imagined and Vicarious Contact • Uncertainty Identity Theory • Social Identity Theory •

Teaching Interests

Social Psychology • Research Methods • Psychology of Humor • Intro to Psychology • Group Processes

Publications in Preparation

1. **Burt, M.**, Huang, L., & Giles, H. Communication Accommodation Theory: Incorporating Humor and Laughter into the Interpersonal Aspect of CAT. In preparation.

Scholarly Presentations (Peer-Reviewed)

Poster Presentations

1. **Burt, M.** (2025, May) *Humor can improve intergroup relations? A study of laughter between ingroup and outgroup members*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Western Psychological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
2. **Burt, M.**, Reynolds, H., Souter, S. S., Kathari, R., Lopez, A., Syfers, L., & Gaffney, A.M., (2022, February) *Who's got your vote? Exploring the use of rhetoric and its impact on uncertain voters*. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
3. Estrada, D.A., Conso, M.C., McDowell, J., **Burt, M.**, Alcaraz, D., & Gaffney, A.M. (2021, February) *We are the machine: Examining influential factors behind identifying with an extremist*

government. Poster session presented at the annual conference of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, virtually.

Research Experience

Social Identity Lab | Claremont Graduate University, CA Aug 2022 - Present

Research Assistant

- **Principal Investigator:** Dr. Michael Hogg
- Assist fellow graduate students on research and lab studies, discuss and educate lab members on current ongoing social psychology research and research articles, both past and present.

Social Identity Lab | Cal Poly Humboldt, CA

Aug 2020 - Aug 2022

Research Assistant

- **Principal Investigator:** Dr. Amber Gaffney
- Assisted fellow graduate students on research and studies in the lab, helped to maintain the lab website, presented and discussed current research regarding social psychology and social identity with fellow students.

Teaching Experience & Professional Service

Scripps College | Claremont, CA

August 2025 - present

Visiting Lecturer/Co-Teacher

CORE 003 SC16: *Shame: Social Stigma/Moral Pain?*

- **Professor:** Chloé Vettier, Ph.D.
- **Responsibilities:** Assist in preparation for the course, teach all classes in person during scheduled class times, hold regular office hours, grade student assignments (including resolving any incompletes that you may approve), and attend department meetings if requested by the chair.

Department of Psychology | Claremont Graduate University, CA

Jan 2025 - May 2025

Graduate Assistant

PSYCH 323: Group Processes and Intergroup Relations

- **Professor:** Michael Hogg, Ph.D.
- **Responsibilities:** Build and maintain Canvas course, present article breakdowns, moderate class discussions, lead exam review seminars, collaborate with professor about course details, answer academic or professional inquiries.

Office of Admissions/Advancement: Assistant Recruiter | Claremont, CA

June 2025 - Present

Graduate Assistant

- **Supervisor:** Gabriella Esqueda
- **Responsibilities:** Conduct outreach to prospective students, represent school at college fairs and at campus events, support the Office of Admissions with processing work, and assist in the execution and planning of events.

Office of Admissions and Visitor Information Support | CGU, CA

Jan 2023 - June 2025

Graduate Assistant

- **Supervisor:** Misti Hatfield

- **Responsibilities:** Monitor and respond to prospective and admitted students' emails, calls, and walk-ins, assist directors of admissions and academic admissions representatives in various application steps and work around the office.

Department of Psychology | Cal Poly Humboldt, CA

Jan 2021 - May 2022

Graduate Assistant

Social Psychology; Social Influence and Persuasion; Social Psychology Discussion

- **Professor:** Dr. Amber Gaffney
- **Responsibilities:** Assisted professor with grading of student work, organizing and planning study sessions for exam preparation, holding weekly office hours for students to ask questions regarding relevant coursework.

Editorial Appointments

Journal of Environmental Psychology | Elsevier

Mar 2025 - Present

Manuscript Reviewer

- **Editor in Chief:** Dr. Wesley Schultz
- **Responsibilities:** Review manuscripts submitted to the journal Group Processes and Intergroup Relations (Impact Factor: 6.1). Critique submissions, offer edits, and give feedback to Journal Editors to accept, revise, or reject the manuscript.

Group Processes and Intergroup Relations | Sage

Oct 2024 - Present

Manuscript Reviewer

- **Editor in Chief:** Dr. Michael Hogg
- **Responsibilities:** Review manuscripts submitted to the journal Group Processes and Intergroup Relations (Impact Factor: 4.3). Critique submissions, offer edits, and give feedback to Journal Editors to accept, revise, or reject the manuscript.

Leadership & Community Service

Psi Chi International Honors Society in Psychology | CGU, CA

Oct 2023 - Present

Emeritus Supporting Role

May 2025 - Present

- **Supervisor:** Dr. Jason Siegel
- **Responsibilities:** Offer guidance, suggestions, and insight to the leadership team, assist in running events, and coordinating with faculty about concerns with students.

President

Aug 2024 - May 2025

- **Supervisor:** Dr. Jason Siegel
- **Responsibilities:** Work with members of the leadership team to schedule events, attend and participate in faculty staff meetings, begin, run, and end Psi Chi events.

Secretary

Oct 2023 - Aug 2024

- **Supervisor:** Dr. Jason Siegel
- **Responsibilities:** Kept an organized list of meeting notes, acted as a bridge between Psi Chi leadership and CGU students, maintained the Psi Chi email inbox, and sent announcements to campus

Training & Certifications

Center for Academic & Faculty Excellence
Claremont Graduate University
 College Teaching Certificate

May 2025

Honors & Awards

2020 **Dean's List**, received for obtaining above a 3.50 GPA, Cal Poly Humboldt.

2018 **Dean's List**, received for obtaining above a 3.50 GPA, Cal Poly Humboldt.

Relevant Coursework

Cal Poly Humboldt	Advanced Social Psychology Social Influence and Persuasion Human Development Learning and Motivation Sensation and Perception Health Psychology Environmental Psychology Dynamics of Abnormal Psychology Psychology Tests and Measures
CGU	Group Processes and Intergroup Relations Overview of Social Psychology Extremism Attitudes and Social Influence Applying Principles of Social and Behavioral Change Data Analytics in Practice Psychology Research Methods Secondary Data Analysis Environmental Psychology Intermediate Statistics Analysis of Variance Regression/Multivariate Topics Categorical Data Analysis

References

Dr. Michael Hogg, Professor of Psychology, Claremont Graduate University
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Dr. Jason Siegel, Professor of Psychology, Claremont Graduate University
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Dr. Wesley Schultz, Full Research Professor, Claremont Graduate University
 Email: Wesley.schultz@cgu.edu

