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**Education**

B.S.	1993	St. Lawrence University
Ph.D.	2000	Northwestern University Advisor: Dr. Galen Bodenhausen Secondary Advisor: Dr. Wendi Gardner

**Professional Positions**

2022 – Present	Professor, SUNY, University at Buffalo
2008 – 2022	Associate Professor, SUNY, University at Buffalo
2001 - 2008	Assistant Professor, SUNY, University at Buffalo
2000– 2001	Assistant Professor, Michigan State University

**Professional Service**

Past-President (2024-2025) *Midwestern Psychological Association*  
 President (2021-2024) *International Society for Self and Identity*  
 President (2023-2024) *Society for Experimental Social Psychology*  
 Editor (2018-2020) *Character and Context*  
 Editor (2015-2019) *Self and Identity*

**Professional Affiliations**

Midwestern Psychological Association – *Fellow*  
 Society for Experimental Social Psychology -- *Fellow*  
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology -- *Fellow*

**Publications** \* Articles with an asterisk have current or former graduate students as the first authors.

Kimelberg, S., Gabriel, S., & Poulin, M (in press). How Classroom Economic Disadvantage and Social Class Attitudes Shape Parents' Educational Preferences. *Sociological Focus*.

Poulin, M., Minestro, L., Morrison, D., Mei, L., Zedomi, N., Finnerty, K., & Gabriel, S (in press). Trait Mindfulness and Prosocial Behavior: The Moderating Role of Self-Construals and Individualism. *Mindfulness*.

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- Gabriel, S, Young A. F., Naidu, E., Schenider, V. (2023). How Parasocial Relationships Affect our Self-Concepts. *Handbook of Parasocial Experiences*. Rebecca Forster Ed.
- \* Paravati, E. , Gabriel, S. Valenti, J., Valent, K., & Buffone, A. (2022). Social Comparison, Parasocial Relationships, and Attachment Style: How and When do Celebrities Improve Self-Liking? *Journal of Social Psychology*, Nov 24:1-12. doi: 10.1080/00224545.2022.2149385
- Gabriel, S. Green, M., Paravati, E. & Naidu, E. (2022). Using Imaginary Worlds for Real Social Benefits *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 45, E283. doi:10.1017/S0140525X21002181.
- Leary, M. R. & Gabriel, S. (2022). The Relentless Pursuit of Acceptance and Belonging. *Advances in Motivational Science*.
- \* Naidu, E., Paravati, E., & Gabriel, S. (2022). Staying happy even when staying 6 feet apart: The relationship between extroversion and social adaptability. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 190. 111549. 10.1016/j.paid.2022.111549.
- Poulin, M., Ministero, L., Gabriel, S., Morrison, C., & Naidu, E. (2021). Minding Your Own Business? Mindfulness Decreases Prosocial Behavior for those with Independent Self-Construals. *Psychological Science*, 32(11), 1699–1708. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09567976211015184>.
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- Gabriel, S. (2021) Reflections on the 25th Anniversary of Baumeister & Leary's Seminal Paper on the Need to Belong. *Self & Identity*, 20, 1/5.
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- \* Brinkman, C, Paravati, E. & Gabriel, S. (2020). Social Achievement Goals and Social Media. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 111. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2020.106427>.
- Gabriel, S., Naidu, E., Paravati, E., Morrison, C. D., & Gainey, K. (2020). Creating the sacred from the profane: Collective effervescence and everyday activities. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, 15(1), 129–154.
- Gabriel, S., Paravati, E., Green, M. C. & Flomsbee, J. (2018). From Apprentice to President: The Role of Parasocial Connection in the Election of Donald Trump. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 9(3), 299–307.
- Gabriel, S., & Valenti, J., (2018). Social Surrogates and Belongingness Needs. *Frontiers Handbook of Ostracism, Social Exclusion, and Rejection*. Kipling D. Williams & Steve A. Nida, Eds
- \* Kondrak, C. L Seery, M. D., Gabriel, S., & Lupien, S. L. (2017). What's good for me depends on what I see in you: Intimacy avoidance and resources derived from close others. *Self & Identity*, 16(5), 557-579.
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- \* Gomillion, S. Gabriel, S., Kawakami, K. & Young, A. F. (2017). Let's stay home and watch TV The benefits of shared media use for close relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. 34 (6), 855-874.
- Gabriel, S., Read, J. P., Young, A. F., Bachrach, R. L., & Troisi, J. (2017). Social Surrogate Use in Those Exposed to Trauma: I Get By With a Little Help From My (Fictional) Friends. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 36, 41-63.
- \* Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., & Blanton, A. (2016). A Tangible Connection to the Divine:

- An Exploration of the Power and Efficaciousness of Prayer Objects. *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, 27, 111-120.
- Seery, M. D., Gabriel, S., Lupien, S. P., & Shimizu, M. (2016). Alone against the group: A unanimously disagreeing group leads to conformity, but cardiovascular threat depends on one's goals. *Psychophysiology*, 53, 1263-1271.
- \* Buffone, A., Gabriel, S., & Poulin, M. (2016). There But for the Grace of God: Counterfactuals Influence Religious Belief and Images of the Divine. *Social and Personality Psychological Science*, 7, 256-263.
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- \* Troisi, J.D., Gabriel, S., Derrick, J. L., Geisler, A. (2015). Threatened belonging and preference for comfort food among the securely attached. *Appetite*, 90, 58-64.
- \* Gomillion, S., Gabriel, S., & Murray, S. L. (2014). A Friend of Yours is No Friend of Mine: Jealousy toward a Romantic Partner's Friends. *Social and Personality Psychological Science*.
- \* Young, A. F., Gabriel, S., & Schragger, O. (2014). Does This Friend Make Me Look Fat? Appearance-Related Comparisons within Women's Close Friendships. *Journal of Basic and Applied Psychology*, 36, 145-154.
- \* Young, A. F. & Gabriel, S. (2013). Batman to the rescue! The protective effects of parasocial relationships with muscular superheroes on men's body image. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 49, 173-177.
- Gabriel, S., Harris, B., Carvallo, M., & Troisi, J (2012). The Interconnected Self: The Social Individual is more than just Social + Individual, *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 6, 826-839.
- \* Young, A. F., Gabriel, S. & Sechrist, G. (2012). The skinny on celebrities: Parasocial Relationships Moderate the Effects of Thin Media Figures on Women's Body Image, *Social and Personality Psychological Science* 3, 659-666.
- Gabriel, S. & Young, A. F. (2011). Becoming a vampire without being bitten: The Narrative Collective Assimilation Hypothesis. *Psychological Science*, 22, 990-994.
- \* Troisi, J & Gabriel, S (2011). Chicken soup really is good for the soul: Comfort food fulfills the need to belong. *Psychological Science*, 22, 747-753.
- \* Jaremka, L. M., Gabriel, S., & Carvallo, M. (2011). What makes us feel the best also makes us feel the worst: The emotional impact of independent and social experiences. *Self and Identity* 10(1), 44-63

- \* DeHart, T., Pelham, B. W., Fiedorowicz, L., Carvallo, M., & Gabriel, S. (2011). Including others in the implicit self: Implicit evaluation of significant others. *Self and Identity* 10(1), 127-135
- Gabriel, S., Kawakami, K., Bartak, C., Kang, S., & Mann, N. (2010). Negative self-synchronization: Will I change to be like you when it is bad for me? *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 98(6), 857-871.
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- Gabriel, S., Carvallo, M., Jaremka, L., & Tippin, B. (2008). A friend is a present you give to your 'self': Avoidance of intimacy moderates the effects of friends on self-liking. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 44(2), 330-343.
- \* Derrick, J., Gabriel, S., & Tippin, B. (2008). Parasocial relationships and self-discrepancies: Faux relationships have benefits for low self-esteem individuals. *Personal Relationships*, 15(2), 261-280.
- Gabriel, S., Renaud, J., & Tippin, B. (2007). When I think of you, I feel more confident about me: The relational self and self-confidence. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 43(5), 772-779.
- \* El-Alayli, A., & Gabriel, S. (2007). To prove or to improve? Which motive distorts perceptions of personality controllability? *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 33(11), 1572-1586.
- \* Cavallo, M. & Gabriel, S. (2006). No Man is an Island: Dismissive Avoidant Attachment Style and the Need to Belong. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 32, 697-709.
- Gabriel, S., Carvallo, M., Dean, K., Tippin, B. D., & Renaud, J. (2005). How I See "Me" Depends on How I See "We": The Role of Attachment Style in Social Comparison. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 31, 1561-157.
- Gardner, W. L., Gabriel, S., & Dean, K. K. (2004). The individual as "melting pot": The flexibility of bicultural self-construals. *Current Psychology of Cognition*, 22, 181-201.
- \* Jellison, W. A. McConnell, A. R., & Gabriel, S. (2004) Implicit and Explicit measures of sexual orientation attitudes: Ingroup preferences and overt behaviors among gay and straight men. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 30, 629-642.
- Gabriel, S., & Gardner, W. L. (2004). Are there "His" and "Hers" Types of Interdependence? The Implications of Gender Differences in Collective Versus Relational Interdependence for Affect, Behavior, and Cognition. In H. T. Reis & C. E. Rusbult (Eds). *Close relationships: Key readings*. (pp. 405-420). Philadelphia, PA, US: Taylor & Francis.

Gardner, W.L & Gabriel, S. (2004). Gender differences in relational and collective interdependence: Implications for self-views, social behavior, and subjective well-being. In A. Eagly, A. Beall & R. Sternberg, (Eds.) *The Psychology of Gender, 2nd Edition*. (pp. 169-191.) New York, NY: Guilford.

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## **Extramural Funding**

Templeton World Charity: Creating the Sacred from the Profane: The Psychological Mechanisms, Moderators, and Outcomes of Mass Singing Events Held by Koolulam. Funding Period 9/01/2022 - 08/30/2025. 499,754. Primary Investigator.

National Science Foundation *SCC-PG: Towards cybernetic buildings: integrated intelligent sensing to create responsive environments*; Funding Period 10/01/2020 - 09/30/2021; \$150,000. Co-PI. Credit shared equally among the PI and two co-PIs

The Russell Sage Foundation, Presidential Award *The Impact of Implicit Biases about Race and Class on School Choice of Middle and Upper Middle Class Parents in Urban Areas*, January 2017 – July 2018, \$34,500. Primary Investigator

American Sociological Association, Funding to collect pilot data. *Diversity in the Classroom: Measuring the Racial Preferences of Urban Parents*; Funding Period July 2016 – September 2017. \$8,000. Primary Investigator.

Social Science Research Council, New Directions in the Study of Prayer; *The Relationship Between Automatic and Deliberate Cognitions and Prayer*; funding period: August 2012 – August 2014; \$120,206. Primary Investigator

Social Science Research Council, Funding to organize a symposium on *New Directions in the Psychology of Prayer* for the American Psychological Society conference; funding period: September 2015 – August 2016; \$5,800. Primary Investigator

### **Pending**

Submitted 8/2023 National Science Foundation. HNDS-I: P2-ECAff: Proactive, Privacy Enhanced, and Explainable Crowd Affect modelling by trailing Participants Demographic Dimensions \$781,545. Co-PI,

### **Invited Talks**

Gabriel (2025). Collective Effervescence. Presidential Address at Midwestern Psychological Association Meeting.

Gabriel (2023). The Social Self. Invited talk at the Miami University, Ohio.

Gabriel (2022). The Social Self. Invited talk at the University of Texas, Austin.

Gabriel (2021). We Get Knocked Down but We Get Up Again: Six Successful Psychologists Talk about Resilience in the Face of Academic Rejection. Invited talk at the Midwestern Psychological Association Meeting. Online.

Gabriel (2021). Social Contentedness During Times of Social Isolation: Filling the Need to Belong During COVID Quarantine. Invited plenary talk at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference. Online.

Gabriel S. (2021). The Social Self: A Case for a Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Invited talk at University of Essex, Essex, UK.

Gabriel S. (2020). The Social Self: A Case for a Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Invited talk at University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.

Gabriel S. (2020). The Social Self: A Case for a Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Invited talk at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Gabriel S. (2020). The Social Self: A Case for a Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Invited talk at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Gabriel S. (2020). The Social Self: A Case for a Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Invited talk at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

Gabriel, S. (2019). A Case for a Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Invited talk at the Yale University, New Haven, CT

Gabriel, S. (2018). The Social Self: A Case for a Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Invited talk at University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Gabriel, S. (2018). The Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Invited talk at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL

Gabriel, S. (2018). From Apprentice to President: The Role of Parasocial Connection in the Election of Donald Trump. Invited talk at the Society for Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Gabriel, S. (2015) Praying for Wisdom: The effects of Prayer on the use of Deliberative and Associate Information in Decision Making. Invited talk at Indiana University, South Bend, IN.

Valenti, J. & Gabriel, S. (2015). Holding God in the palm of your hands: An examination of prayer objects and psychological contagion. California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA.

Gabriel, S. (2015). An Experimental Examination of Prayer and Cognition...or how I learned to stop worrying and love what I do. Invited talk at the New Directions for the Study of Prayer Conference. New York, NY

Gabriel, S. (2011). Social Surrogacy. Invited talk at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL

Gabriel S (2010). Social Surrogacy. Brown Bag given at York University, Toronto, Canada.

Gabriel, S. (2004). Friends and the Self-Concept. Brown Bag given at York University, Toronto, Canada.

Gabriel, S. (2004). The Social Nature of the Self: Evidence for Primacy of Belongingness Needs. Colloquium given at Miami University, Oxford, OH.

Gabriel, S. (2004). Friends and the Self-Concept: The Effects on the Self-Concept and Self-Esteem. Brown Bag given at Miami University, Oxford, OH.

Gabriel, S. (2003) Friendship and the Self-Concept. Brown Bag talk given at the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY.

Gabriel, S. (2003) Friendship and the Self-Concept. Invited talk at the Self pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Gabriel, S. (2002). Friendship and the Self. Invited talk at the Duck Social Cognition Conference, Nags Hear, NC.

Gabriel, S. (2000). A tale of two selves: A closer look at personal and social identity. Brown Bag talk given at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

### Conference Presentations

Gabriel (2024). Entitativity and Group Behavior. Paper presented at the DUCK Social Cognition Conference

Gabriel (2024). Sharing Social Psychology with the Media Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association.

Gabriel (2023). Collective Effervescence. Paper presented at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology Meeting.

Gabriel (2023). Entitativity and Group Behavior. Paper presented at the Person Memory Interest Group Meeting.

Gabriel (2022). The Social Self and Collective Activities. Paper presented at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology Meeting. Philadelphia PA

Pascuzzi, G., Hirsch, J. & Gabriel, S (2022). The Targets of Parasocial Bonds: A Path to Belonging. (2022, April). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA), Chicago, Illinois.

Naidu, E., Gabriel, S., & Paravati, E. (2022). Extraversion and Behavior During COVID-19. (2022, April). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA), Chicago, Illinois.

Junyi Liu, Esha Naidu, Jialian Wu, Shira Klaiman, Edward Steinfeld, Junsong Yuan, (2022) "Personalized Prediction of Indoor Comfort using Graph Convolutional Matrix Completion", International Conference on Multimedia Information Processing and Retrieval (MIPR), 2022.

Gabriel, S., (2021). Fandoms and the Need to Belong. Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA). Online.

Gabriel, S., (2019). The Social Self: A Case for a Sneaky, Subtle, and Strong Social Self. Society for Experimental Social Psychology Meeting (SESP). Toronto, Canada

Naidu, E., Gabriel, S., & Paravati, E. (2019). Movies Matter: Two Paths to Collective Effervescence. (2019, April). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA), Chicago, Illinois.

Xia, J., DeMarree, K., Gabriel, S., Paravati, E., Green, M. (2019, April). Online Bots Induced Disconsensus: Implications for Attitude Strength and Advocacy. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA), Chicago, Illinois.

Paravati, E., Gabriel, S., & Wiedemann, C. (2019, April). Political Polarization, Parasocial Relationships, and the President's Personal Tweets. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA), Chicago, Illinois.

Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., & Kimelberg, S. (2018). Diversity in the Classroom: Measuring the Racial Preferences of Urban Parents. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Morrison, C.D., & Gabriel, S. (2018). Awe-fully close: Distinguishing collective effervescence and awe. Paper presented at the meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Ministero, L. M. Green, M. C., Gabriel, S., & Valenti, J. (2018). Back where I belong: Personality correlates and outcomes of re-reading, Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Paravati, E. & Gabriel, S. (2018). When Avoidants Want to Avoid Missing Out: FOMO, attachment style, and social behavior. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA), Chicago, Illinois.

Brinkman, C. S., & Gabriel, S. (2018, April). Achieving optimal distinctiveness through religion. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA), Chicago, Illinois

Gabriel, S. (2017). Collective Effervescence: Why Being in a Crowd Feels so Good. Paper presented at Society for Social and Personality Psychology Meetings. San Antonio, TX.

Gabriel, S. (2016). Think, Pray, Decide: The Effects of Prayer on Decision Making. Paper presented at the American Psychological Society Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Kondrak, C. L., Lupien, S., Gabriel, S., & Seery, M. D. (2016, May). Intimacy avoidance and resources derived from close others. Paper presented at annual meeting for the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago IL.

Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., Valent, K., & Buffone, A. (2016). Social Comparison, Social Surrogates, and Attachment Style: How and When do Celebrities Improve Self-Liking? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Gabriel, S. (2015). No Man is an Island: Dismissive Avoidance and the Need to Belong. American Psychological Association Meeting, New York, NY.

Gabriel, S. (2015). Joining Dunder Mifflin, House Stark, or the Sweathogs: Collective narrative assimilation and the need to belong. Paper to be presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL

Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., & Young, A. F. (2015). Narratives have the potential to make people feel more human. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Valenti, J. & Gabriel, S. (2015). Holding God in the palm of your hands: An examination of prayer objects and psychological contagion. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Valenti, J. & Gabriel, S. (2014). Holding God in the palm of your hands: An examination of prayer objects and psychological contagion. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Scientific, Study of Religion, Indianapolis, IN.

Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., & Young, A. F. (2014). Narratives have the potential to make people feel more human. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Behavior and Brain Sciences Symposium, Buffalo, NY.

Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., & Young, A. F. (2014). Narratives have the potential to make people feel more human. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Social Psychologists around Western New York, Rochester, NY.

Valenti, J. & Gabriel, S. (2014). Too full of belonging? Social aversion in securely attached individuals. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., & Young, A. F. (2013). Narratives have the potential to make people feel more human. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Young, A.F., Gabriel, S., & Schlager, O. M. (2013). *Effects of attachment style on appearance-based social comparisons*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Young, A. F., Gabriel, S., & Sechrist, G. B. (2012). *Effects of parasocial relationships with celebrities on women's body image*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., Young, A. F., & Derrick, J. L. (2012). Enrolling at Hogwarts: Social surrogate use and the collective self. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Valenti, J., Gabriel, S., Young, A. F., & Derrick, J. L. (2013). Enrolling at Hogwarts: Social surrogate use and the collective self. University at Buffalo (Behavior and Brain Sciences Symposium), Buffalo, NY.

Gabriel S. (2007). The Need to Belong and Mimicry. Paper presented at the conference of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Gabriel S. (2005). Attachment Style, Friendship, and the Self. Paper presented at the conference of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

El-Alayli, A. & Gabriel, S (2002). Effects of Temporal Self-Focus on Self-Serving Perceptions of Personality Malleability. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Tippin, B. D., Gabriel, S., Renaud, J., Dean, K. K. (2002) Shared aspects of the self: Trait activation in the presence of friends. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Meeting, Savannah, GA.

Renaud, J. M. & Gabriel, S. (2002) The context related nature of attitudes towards close others. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Meeting, Savannah, GA.

Jellison, W. A., McConnell, A. R., & Gabriel, S. (2002). Prejudice against gay men and heterosexual identity. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Meeting, Savannah, GA.

El-Alayli, A. & Gabriel, S (2002) Self-serving perceptions of the controllability of personality attributes. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Meeting, Savannah, GA.

Gabriel, S. (2001). Friendship and the self. Paper presented at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology Meeting, Spokane, WA.

Gabriel, S. & Gardner, W. L., (2000). Bicultural selves: The flexibility of self-construal among Asian-Americans. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Meeting, Nashville, TN.

Gardner, W.L. & Gabriel, S. (1999). Independent versus Interdependent Self-construal as a Moderator of Self-evaluation Processes. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Gabriel, S. & Gardner, W. L. (1999). Gender Differences in Collective versus Relational Interdependence. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Gabriel, S. & Gardner, W. L. (1999). Memory Differences Reflect Gender Differences in Relational and Collective Interdependence. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Gabriel, S. & Bodenhausen, G. V. (1998). Effects of Self-Categorization on Perceptions of Ingroup Behavior. Paper presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.