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FUNDED PROJECTS AND GRANTS

- Routledge, C (PI). The existential psychology of innovation and entrepreneurship. *Challey Institute for Global Innovation and Growth*. 2019-2020.
- Routledge, C (PI) & Nelson T. Meaning motivated community action. *Center for the Study of Public Choice and Private Enterprise*. 2019-2020.
- Routledge, C (PI) & Campbell, K. Drivers of campus intolerance: The psychology of freedom. *Charles Koch Foundation*. 2018-2019.

- Routledge, C. (PI). The effects of loneliness and nostalgia on cognitive and neurological indicators of self-regulation. *NIH Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) Pilot Project Program, NDSU*. 2017-2019.
- Routledge, C. (PI). The secret religious lives of atheists: Existential-threat motivated supernatural thinking amongst religious and non-religious individuals. *The John Templeton Foundation*. 2014 – 2017.
- Routledge, C. Proposal to create an online Cultural Psychology Course. *NDSU College of Science and Mathematics DCE Course Proposal Competition*. 2012.
- Routledge, C. (PI). The secret religious lives of atheists: Moving beyond self-report measures of religion to explore magical thinking in response to existential threat. *The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 2012.
- Routledge, C. (PI). Situationally Motivated Self-Construal and Collective Action: Do extreme collective threats motivate prioritization of group goals via heightened interdependent self-construals? *National Science Foundation*. 2010 – 2011.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS

- Routledge, C. (2019, October). *The search for meaning in the age of abundance*. Policy forum at the Cato Institute. Washington, D.C.
- Routledge, C. (2019, March). *The wandering spiritual mind: Psychology of religion in a secular world*. Invited talk given at Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, Canada.
- Routledge, C. (2019, March). *What existential science can teach us about suicide*. Invited talk given at the Heartland Conference at Kansas City, MO.
- Routledge, C. (2019, February). *The religious mind in a secular world*. Keynote address given at the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference at Portland, OR.
- Routledge, C. (2018, February). *The science of supernatural beliefs*. Invited talk given at Loyola University Psychology Week at Chicago, IL.
- Routledge, C. (2017, August). *Beyond religion: Meaning-motivated magical beliefs among the nonreligious*. Talk given at the annual American Psychological Association Conference at Washington D. C.
- Routledge, C. (2016, May). *Meaning can be found in the strangest places*. Symposium chaired at the annual American Psychological Society Conference at Chicago, IL.
- Routledge, C. (2016, May). Beyond religion: Finding meaning in nontraditional magical beliefs. Talk given at the annual American Psychological Society Conference at Chicago, IL.
- Routledge, C. (2016, March). *Is nostalgia about the past or the future?* Invited lecture for Department of Psychology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

- Routledge, C. (2015, November). *The existential lives of believers and atheists*. Invited lecture for Science, Religion, and Lunch Series. North Dakota State University.
- Routledge, C. (2015, July). *The rise of nerd religion*. Invited public lecture for Nerd Nite, Fargo, ND.
- Routledge, C. (2015, March). *Beyond religion. Toward a new psychology of magical thinking*. Invited public lecture for Letters and Science Distinguished Speakers Series at Montana State University, Bozeman, MT.
- Routledge, C. (2013, December). *The power of the past: How nostalgia improves our psychological and social health*. Public lecture for the North Dakota State University College of Math and Sciences Science Café Series, Fargo ND.
- Routledge, C., Sedikides, C., Wildschut, T., Arndt, J., & Routledge, C. (2013, January). *A nostalgic self is a meaningful self*. Paper presented at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference at New Orleans, LA.
- Routledge, C., Vess, M., & Arndt, J. (2012, January). *The creative spark of death: The effects of personal need for structure and mortality salience on divergent thinking*. Symposium conducted at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference at San Diego, CA.
- Routledge, C., Arndt, J., Sedikides, C., & Wildschut, T. (2009, October). *The past makes the present meaningful: Nostalgia is an existential resource*. Paper presented at the annual Society for Experimental Social Psychology Conference at Portland, Maine.
- Routledge, C. (2009, September). *What motives suicide bombers? Emerging research on the psychology of ideological-driven self-sacrifice*. Public lecture for the September 11th Commemorative Event at Minnesota State University-Moorhead, MN.
- Routledge, C. (2008, December). *The psychology of terrorism: What motivates suicide bombers?* Public lecture for the North Dakota State University College of Math and Sciences Science Café Series, Fargo ND.
- Routledge, C. (2008, July). *In search of the immortal self: Mortality salience increases efforts to affirm the symbolic self at the expense of physical health and safety*. Paper presented at the annual Symposium on Self and Identity at the University of Southampton, UK.
- Routledge, C., Arndt, J., Sedikides, C., & Wildschut, T. (2008, February). *The self in the rearview mirror: The functional landscape of nostalgia*. Paper presented at the annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference at Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Routledge, C., Arndt, J., Sedikides, C., & Wildschut, T. (2006, July). *Protecting the integrity of the self with nostalgia*. Paper presented at the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology Small Group Meeting on Social Psychological Perspectives on Integrity and Self-Integrity at University of Sussex, UK.

AWARDS & HONORS

NDSU Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Lectureship, 2018
NDSU College of Science and Mathematics Paul Juell Award for Excellence in Mentoring, 2018
Waldron Excellence in Research Award, NDSU, 2016
NDSU College of Science and Mathematics Faculty Research Excellence Award, 2012
Fellow, Society of Experimental Social Psychology, 2011
University of Southampton Faculty Achievement Award, 2006
University of Missouri Parents Association Contributions to Undergraduate Education Award, 2004
Donald K. Anderson Graduate Research Assistant Award, Departmental Nominee, 2004

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Courses Taught

Introduction to Psychology	Thinking Psychologically
Research Methods	Social Psychological Approaches to Social Issues
The Psychology of Social Conflict	Advanced Social/Health Psychology
The Self	Cultural Psychology
Personality and Individual Differences	
Experimental Social Psychology	

Reviewing and Editorial Service

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Self and Identity (EB)	Political Psychology
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin (EB)	Media Psychology
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology	Asian Journal of Social Psychology
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology	Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy
Personality and Social Psychology Review	Experimental Aging Research
Psychological Science	Social Psychological and Personality Science
Psychology and Health	Social and Personality Psychology Compass
European Journal of Social Psychology	Basic and Applied Social Psychology
Journal of Research in Personality	British Journal of Social Psychology
Sex Roles	Journal of Consumer Psychology
Journal of Individual Differences	Journal of Social Psychology
American Journal of Psychology	Thinking and Reasoning
Journal of Applied Social Psychology	Emotion
Social Psychology	Journal of Clinical Psychology

Grant Reviewing

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