

Kelsey Braun, PhD

Assistant Professor of Psychology



Biography

Kelsey Braun, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Psychology. Dr. Braun earned her bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in sociology, from University of Texas at San Antonio. She then completed her master's degree in general psychology, with a concentration in applied social issues, from University of Houston- Clear Lake. During her master's program, she engaged in research that examined intergroup and intragroup biases, ally behavior, prejudice reduction, and inclusive pedagogy. Subsequently, Dr. Braun completed her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology at East Tennessee State University, where she focused on the impact of societal structures on mental health disparities between groups. She has extensive training in mixed methods research, which utilizes both quantitative and qualitative methodology. When she is not teaching, Dr. Braun enjoys spending time in nature, exercising, writing, and meditating.

Teaching and Research Interests

Teaching Interests: Introduction to Psychology, History/Systems in Psychology, Social Psychology, Health Psychology. **Research Interests:** Intersectionality, In-group/Out-group biases, Mental health disparities, Campus climate.

Publications and Presentations (last five years)

Publications

- Tang, Y., Julian, C., **Braun, K.** *et al.* (2023). Multiple stigmas and their dimensions: The mediating role of self-compassion in reduced resilience. *Adversity & Resilience Science*, 5.
- Braun, K.** (2022). An Intersectional Study of Perceived Academic Climate and the Imposter Phenomenon in Psychology Students. *ETSU Digital Commons, Doctoral Dissertation*.
- Case, K.A., Rios, D., Lucas, A., **Braun, K.**, Enriquez, C. (2020). Intersectional patterns of prejudice confrontation by White, heterosexual, and cisgender allies. *Journal of Social Issues. Applications of Intersectionality to Critical Social Issues, Special Issue*.
- Williams, S., Job, S. Todd, E., & **Braun, K.** (2020). A critical deconstructed quantitative analysis: Sexual and gender minority stress through an intersectional lens. *Journal of Social Issues, Applications of Intersectionality to Critical Social Issues, Special Issue*.

Presentations

Castelblanco, S., Blackhart, G., **Braun, K.** *et al.* (2024, March). *Virtual Nature Interventions and Health Outcomes: A Systematic Scoping Review* (Paper Presentation). Southeastern Psychological Association. Orlando, FL.

Braun, K. (2021, March). *Sexual Minority Stress through an Intersectional Lens*. Presentation at Appalachian Research Forum, Johnson City, TN.

Williams, S. & **Braun, K.** (2021, March). *Considering the Intersection of Sexual and Gender Identity in Health*. Presentation for LGBTQI+Quillen+, affiliated with ETSU Health Professional Schools, Johnson City, TN.

LMU and other Professional Service

Mini-Grants Committee, LMU, 2022- 2024

Research and Scholarship Committee, LMU-AHSS, 2023- Current

Psychology Club - Faculty Advisor, LMU, 2023-Current

Title IX Committee, LMU, 2024-Current