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## Appointments and Education

2012-2013 **Post-doctoral research associate.** PIIRS. Princeton University.

2011-2012 **Scholar-in-residence.** School of Communication. American University.

2007-2012 **Ph.D.** Environmental Sciences, Studies & Policy. University of Oregon.  
Dissertation: Affective and moral roots of environmental stewardship:  
The role of obligation, gratitude and compassion  
Committee: Sara Hodges, Azim Shariff, Paul Slovic, Ron Mitchell, Kari Norgaard

2007-2008 **M.S.** Psychology. University of Oregon.  
Thesis: Did you just see that? Making sense of environmentally relevant behavior  
Advisor: Bertram Malle

2003-2007 **B.A.** Psychology. Vassar College.  
Departmental and general honors.  
Advisors: Randy Cornelius, Susan Trumbetta

## Professional and Teaching Experience

2012 **Consultant.** FrameWorks Institute. Washington, DC.

2012 **Consultant.** ecoAmerica. Washington, DC.

2010-2012 **Gallup research scholar.** Gallup. Princeton, NJ.

2010-2011 **Director.** Campus Conservation Corps. University of Oregon.

2010 **Instructor.** Psychology of Climate Change, Env. Studies. Univ. of Oregon.

2009-2010 **Graduate teaching fellow.** Intro to Env. Studies; Statistics. Univ. of Oregon.

2008-2009 **Graduate intern.** Institute for a Sustainable Environment. Eugene, OR.

2008- **Senior staff, lead statistician.** PolicyInteractive. Eugene, OR.

## Awards, Grants, Honors, Scholarships

- 2012            **Outstanding student paper award.** Amer. Psych. Assoc. Divisions 9 & 34.  
2011            **Best paper award.** 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology.  
2011            **Seed grant** (\$3,000). Institute of Cognitive and Decision Sciences.  
2011            **Betty Foster McCue Dissertation Fellowship.** University of Oregon.  
2011            **Marthe E. Smith Memorial Science Scholarship.** University of Oregon.  
2011            **Gregores Graduate Student Award.** University of Oregon.  
2007-2012     **Donald and Coeta Barker Foundation Awards** (\$3,100).  
2010            **Clarence & Lucille Dunbar Scholarship.** University of Oregon.  
2007-2012     **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.** NSF.  
2007            **Phi Beta Kappa** (inductee). Vassar College  
2007            **Psi Chi National Honors society** (inductee). Vassar College.

## Journal and Chapter Publications

Howe, P.D., Markowitz, E.M., Lee, T., Ko, C., Leiserowitz, A. (In press). Global perceptions of local temperature change. *Nature Climate Change*.

Bowerman, T. & Markowitz, E.M. (In press, 2012). The attitude-action gap: Toward a better understanding of “how much is enough.” *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*.

\*Response to invited commentary on Markowitz & Bowerman (2012, ASAP).

Markowitz, E.M. & Bowerman, T. (In press, 2012). How much is too much? Examining the public’s beliefs about consumption. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*.

Nisbet, M.C., Markowitz, E.M., Kotcher, J.E. (In press, 2012). Winning the climate change conversation: Framing and moral messaging in public campaigns. In L. Ahern & D.S. Bortree (Eds.), *Talking green: Exploring contemporary issues in environmental communications*. New York: Peter Lang.

Yang, Y. & Markowitz, E.M. (In press, 2012). Direct and indirect effects of parental attitudes on children’s active school travel: Evidence from a community sample. *Transportation Research Record*.

Markowitz, E.M. (2012). Is climate change an ethical issue? Exploring young adults’ beliefs about climate and morality. *Climatic Change*, 114, 479-495.

Markowitz, E.M., Goldberg, L.R., Ashton, M.C. & Lee, K. (2012). Profiling the 'pro-environmental individual': A personality perspective. *Journal of Personality, 80*, 81-111.

Markowitz, E.M. & Malle, B.F. (2012). Did you just see that? Making sense of environmentally relevant behavior. *Ecopsychology, 4*, 37-50.

Markowitz, E.M. & Shariff, A.F. (2012). Climate change and moral judgment. *Nature Climate Change, 2*, 243-247.

Swim, J., Markowitz, E.M., & Bloodhart, B. (2012). Psychology and global climate change. In S. Clayton (Ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Environmental Psychology*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Trumbetta, S.T., Markowitz, E.M., Gottesman, I.I. (2007). Marriage and genetic variation across the lifespan: Not a steady relationship? *Behavior Genetics, 37*, 362-375.

Markowitz, E.M., Willemsen, G., Trumbetta, S.L., van Beijsterveldt, T.C.E.M., Boomsma, D.I. (2005). The etiology of mathematical and reading (dis)ability covariation in a sample of Dutch twins. *Twin Research and Human Genetics, 8*, 585-593.

## **Publications Under Review and In Prep**

Markowitz, E.M., Slovic, P., Vastfjall, D. & Hodges, S.D. (In prep). Are pandas like people? Compassion fade in the environmental domain.

Saucier, G., Markowitz, E.M., et al. (In prep). Isms dimensions: Testing invariance across eight diverse populations.

Nisbet, M.C. & Markowitz, E.M. (In prep). Beyond partisanship: Perceptions of positive and negative implications of science shape public support for stem cell research.

Lee, T., Markowitz, E.M., Leiserowitz, A., Howe, P., & Ko, C. (In prep). Who feels threatened by climate change? A cross-national multilevel analysis of climate change threat perceptions.

Markowitz, E.M., Shariff, A.F., & Hodges, S.D. (In prep). Who cares about the future? Those who feel grateful towards the past.

## **Other Publications and Reports**

Nisbet, M.C., Markowitz, E.M., Hestres, L., & Payne, A. (2012, July). Innovations in mobilization and communications: A case study analysis. Report commissioned by ecoAmerica/MomentUs.

Nisbet, M.C., Markowitz, E.M., Hestres, L., & Payne, A. (2012, July). Policy reform: A case study analysis. Report commissioned by ecoAmerica/MomentUs.

Nisbet, M.C., Markowitz, E.M., Hestres, L., & Payne, A. (2012, July). Public participation and social change: Literature review to inform climate campaigns. Report commissioned by ecoAmerica/MomentUs.

Markowitz, E.M. (2012, June). Why few Americans view climate change as a moral problem. Age of Engagement Blog, guest post.

Markowitz, E.M. & Shariff, A.F. (2012, October). Climate change and the human moral judgment system. *Climate Policy & Science* (online).

Markowitz, E.M. (2010). Exploring Oregonians' beliefs about consumption and climate change: Is there common ground after all? *Ecotone*.

Markowitz, E.M., Clement, M.T., & Bowerman, T. (2009). Are environmental sociologists looking at reducing consumption? *Environment, Technology and Society Newsletter, Fall*, 6-7.

Markowitz, E.M. & Doppelt, R. (2009). Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through behavioral change: An assessment of past research on energy use, transportation and water consumption. Published online, *Climate Leadership Initiative*.

## **Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures**

Markowitz, E.M. (2012, October). *Communicating 'uncertainty' to an uncertain public*. Invited lecture. Princeton University.

Markowitz, E.M. (2012, October). *The psychology of climate change: A brief introduction*. Invited lecture. Princeton University.

Markowitz, E.M., Lee, T.M., Howe, P.D., Ko, C., & Leiserowitz, A. (2012, August). *Who worries about climate change? A cross-national, multilevel study*. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Orlando, FL.

Markowitz, E.M. (2012, July). *Climate change and the human mind: Psychological barriers and opportunities*. Society for Conservation Biology North America Congress, Oakland, CA.

Markowitz, E.M. (2012, June). *Who cares about the future? Those with an eye towards the past*. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Biennial Conference, Charlotte, NC.

\*Best student paper award.

Markowitz, E.M., Slovic, P., Vastfjall, D., Hodges, S.D. (2012, January). *Are pandas like people? Compassion collapse in the environmental domain*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference Sustainability Psychology Pre-conference, San Diego, CA.

Markowitz, E.M. (2012, January). *Climate change and the human moral judgment system: Psychological challenges and opportunities*. Invited lecture. University of California, Irvine, School of Social Ecology, Irvine, CA.

Markowitz, E.M. (2011, November). *"Of pandas and people": Examining the role of affect in environmental decision making*. Invited lecture. Pennsylvania State University, Department of Psychology, State College, PA.

Markowitz, E.M., Slovic, P., Vastfjall, D., Hodges, S.D. (2011, November). *Are pandas like people? Compassion collapse in the environmental domain*. Poster presented at Society for Judgment and Decision Making 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Markowitz, E.M., Slovic, P., Vastfjall, D., Hodges, S.D. (2011, September). *Are pandas like people? Compassion collapse in the environmental domain*. Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology, Eindhoven, Holland.

\*Best conference paper award.

- Markowitz, E.M. (2011, April). *Is climate change an ethical issue? Moral philosophy, psychology and climate ethics*. Society for Human Ecology Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Markowitz, E.M. (2011, January). *Is climate change an ethical issue? Examining young adults' beliefs about climate and morality*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference 'Justice & Morality' Pre-Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Markowitz, E.M. & Hodges, S.D. (2011, January). *When does ideology matter? Exploring relationships among beliefs about climate change*. Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Yang, Y. & Markowitz, E.M. (2010, October). *Effects of parent environment and travel attitude on children's active school travel*. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning 2010 Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Nigg, J., Markowitz, E.M. & Swim, J. (2010, June). *What psychological angles on climate change should be pursued?* Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2010 Conference, Portland, OR.
- Markowitz, E.M. (2010, June). *Finding a place for psychology in the environmental studies and sciences curricula*. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2010 Conference, Portland, OR.
- Markowitz, E.M. (2010, April). *Psychological perspectives on climate change: A brief introduction*. University of Oregon Graduate Research Forum, University of Oregon, Eugene.
- Markowitz, E.M. & Hodges, S.D. (2010, January). *What do you think about climate change? Social psychological influences on belief formation*. Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Markowitz, E.M. & Malle, B.F. (2009, February). *Did you just see that? Explanation and detection of environmentally relevant behaviors*. Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Markowitz, E.M. & Malle, B.F. (2008, May). *Did you just see that? Recognizing environmental behaviors in others*. Joint Campus Conference, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

Markowitz, E.M. & Cornelius, R. (2007, March). *Multiple paths to ecological behavior: Why specificity matters*. Poster presented at Psi Chi Regional Conference, SUNY New Paltz, NY.

Trumbetta, S.T., Markowitz, E.M., Gottesman, I.I. (2005, November). *Marriage and genetic variation across the lifespan: Not a steady relationship?* Poster presented at Behavior Genetics Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA.

Markowitz, E.M., Willemsen, G., Trumbetta, S.L., van Beijsterveldt, T.C.E.M., Boomsma, D.I. (2005, September). *The etiology of mathematical and reading (dis)ability covariation in a sample of Dutch twins*. Poster presented at URSI Symposium, Vassar College.

Trumbetta, S.T., Markowitz, E.M., Gottesman, I.I. (2004, September). *Marriage and genetic variation across the lifespan: Not a steady relationship?* Poster presented at URSI Symposium, Vassar College.

## **Conference Symposia and Panels Organized**

*Psychological factors shaping the perception of climate change*. (2012, August). Symposium session held at American Psychological Association Annual Convention. Co-chaired with Peter Howe (Pennsylvania State University).

*Bringing psychology into ESS (Environmental Studies and Sciences)*. (2010, June). Multiple-session symposium held at the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2010 Conference. Co-organized with Joel Nigg (Oregon Health and Sciences University) and Christine Manning (Macalester College).

*Interdisciplinary perspectives on climate change*. (2010, April). Panel discussion held at the University of Oregon First Annual Graduate Research Forum.

## **Professional & University Service**

Ad hoc reviewer  
*Climatic Change*  
*Conservation Letters*  
*Ecopsychology*

*Journal of Environmental Psychology*  
*Journal of Personality*  
*Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*

*Ethics, Policy & Environment*  
*Human Ecology Review*

*Social Cognition*  
*Environment & Behavior*

#### University of Oregon

- 2009-2011 **Thesis advisor.** Hale Forester, Chelsea Mackin, Lauren Wirtis.
- 2009-2010 **Graduate student representative.** Sociology/ENVS joint search committee.
- 2009-2010 **Member.** Student sustainability advisory committee.
- 2009-2010 **Member.** Environmental studies program executive committee representative.
- 2008-2009 **Chair.** Student sustainability fund.
- 2008-2009 **Member.** Environmental studies graduate program admissions committee.
- 2007-2008 **Member.** Energy conservation and alternative futures fund.

### **Professional Memberships**

- 2012- Association for Psychological Science.
- 2012- Society for Conservation Biology.
- 2012- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.
- 2009- Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences.
- 2008- American Psychological Association.
- 2008- Society for Personality and Social Psychology.
- 2008- APA Division 34 (Environmental, Population & Conservation Psychology).