

Social Psychologist

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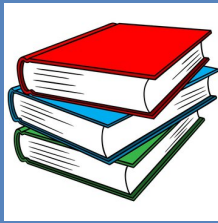
*Please describe the area of psychology you practice.
What does your day-to-day schedule look like?*

I am a social psychologist employed in higher education at a private Christian university in Southern California. In my typical day, I teach a class (e.g., an undergraduate class, Introduction to I/O Psychology), meet with a graduate student to talk about their dissertation, and attend a university-wide committee meeting. I also take time to work on revising my research article through incorporating peer reviewers' feedback.



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Were there specific factors that led you to choose this area of psychology? Was there a critical moment that changed your career trajectory?

I was drawn to social psychology because of my heritage. Born and raised in Poland, early on I heard about the genocides and atrocities committed during World War Two. Social psychology has provided some answers to understanding of human behavior. I chose to pursue an EU funded international/joint PhD in the field of social psychology.



What advice would you give to an ECP who wants to pursue a position or additional training opportunities in this area of psychology?

My advice would be to choose a degree program in social psychology where early on one can be involved in research projects and labs. Hopefully, that should result in publications and a network of connections. I'd highly recommend getting involved in APA, by serving on a committee, representing ECPs within a division or pursuing funding or an award. If possible, I would also suggest finding a mentor and taking advantage of resources that are available to ECPs, such as APA Foundation grants or conference travel funding.