

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2009 – present Associate Professor of Psychology, Tufts University, Medford, MA.
2003 – 2009 Assistant Professor of Psychology, Tufts University, Medford, MA.
2002 – 2003 Research Fellow, Research Center for Group Dynamics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

EDUCATION

- 2002 Ph.D., Psychology, University of Michigan.
1999 M.A., Psychology, University of Michigan.
1997 B.A. with honors in Psychology, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
Williams College, Williamstown, MA.

AFFILIATIONS

- American Psychology-Law Society
- Association for Psychological Science
- New England Psychological Association
- Society of Experimental Social Psychology
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2011
 - *Fellow*, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2009
 - *Gerald R. Gill Professor of the Year Award*, Tufts University
Awarded annually to one professor on campus by the Tufts Community Union Student Senate.
 - *Fellow*, Society of Experimental Social Psychology
 - *Honorable Mention*, Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Prize, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
- 2008
 - *Saleem Shah Award for Early Career Excellence in Psychology and Law*, American Psychology-Law Society (APLS)
 - *AS&E Multicultural Service Award*, Tufts University
- 2007
 - *Lerman-Neubauer Prize for Outstanding Teaching & Advising*, Tufts
Awarded to a faculty member “judged by seniors as having had a profound effect on them intellectually, both in and out of the classroom.”
First junior faculty member to win this prize.
- 2006
 - *Minority Affairs Presentation Award*, (APLS)
- 2005
 - *Hall of Diversity Inductee*, Tufts University
- 2003
 - *Second Prize*, Dissertation Award, (SPSSI)
- 2002
 - *Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award*, University of Michigan
Selected as one of Michigan’s 20 best graduate student instructors.
- 2001
 - *Patricia Gurin Distinguished Lecture*, University of Michigan
- 1999
 - *Philip Brickman Memorial Research Prize*, Research Center for Group Dynamics, University of Michigan

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator (2009-2011), Russell Sage Foundation, “Understanding and Improving Students’ Experiences in Racially Diverse College Settings.” Total award: \$122,557.

Principal Investigator (2006-2008), Russell Sage Foundation, “Evaluating Diversity: The Influence of Racial and Gender Composition on Information Processing and Group Decision Making.” Total award: \$97,286.

Principal Investigator (2005), Tufts Faculty Research Awards Committee, “Rationalizing Biased Decisions: The Case of Jury Selection.” Total award: \$7,000.

BOOKS

Sommers, S. R. (2011). *Situations matter: Understanding how context transforms your world*. Riverhead Books (Penguin): New York, NY.

BOOK CHAPTERS

* = Tufts Graduate Student

= Tufts Undergraduate Student

Apfelbaum, E. P., & Sommers, S. R. (in press). Law and diversity: The legal-behavioral science divide in how to define, assess, and counteract bias. In Q. Roberson (Ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Diversity*. Oxford University Press: Oxford, UK.

Cohn, E. S., Bucolo, D., & Sommers, S. R. (2011). Race and racism. In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Conviction of the innocent: Lessons from psychological research*. American Psychological Association: Washington, DC.

Sommers, S. R. (2008). Beyond information exchange: New perspectives on the benefits of racial diversity for group performance. In E. A. Mannix, M. A. Neale, & K. W. Phillips (Eds.), *Research on Managing Groups and Teams* (Volume 11; pp. 195-220). Elsevier Science Press: Oxford, UK.

Sommers, S. R., & *Adekanmbi, O. O. (2008). Race and juries: An experimental psychology perspective. In S. Jones, J. Cardi, & G. Parks (Eds.), *Critical race realism: Intersections of psychology, race, and law*. New Press: New York, NY.

Sommers, S. R. Juries and race. (2007). In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law*. Sage.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

* = Tufts Graduate Student

= Tufts Undergraduate Student

*Gaither, S. E., & Sommers, S. R. (in press). Honk if you like minorities: Vuvuzela attitudes predict outgroup liking. *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*.

Apfelbaum, E. P., Norton, M. I., & Sommers, S. R. (2012). Racial colorblindness: Emergence, practice, and implications. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *21*, 203-209.

*Toosi, N. R., Sommers, S. R., & Ambady, N. (2012). Getting a word in group-wise: Effects of racial diversity on gender dynamics. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*.

*Toosi, N. R., *Babbitt, L. G., Ambady, N., & Sommers, S. R. (2012). Dyadic interracial interactions: A meta-analysis. *Psychological Bulletin*, *138*, 1-27.

*Babbitt, L. G., & Sommers, S. R. (2011). Framing matters: Contextual influences on interracial interaction. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *37*, 1233-1244.

O'Brien, B., Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (2011). Ask and what shall ye receive? A guide for using and interpreting what jurors tell us. *Journal of Law and Social Change*, *14*, 201-232.

Norton, M. I., & Sommers, S. R. (2011). Whites see racism as a zero-sum game that they are now losing. *Perspectives in Psychological Science*, *6*, 215-218.

*Apfelbaum, E. P., *Pauker, K., Sommers, S. R., & Ambady, N. (2010). In blind pursuit of racial equality? *Psychological Science*, *21*, 1587-1592.

Sommers, S. R., & *Babbitt, L. G. (2010). On the perils of misplaced assumptions: Appreciating the need for diversity science. *Psychological Inquiry*, *21*, 164-167.

*Apfelbaum, E. P., & Sommers, S. R. (2009). Liberating effects of losing control: When regulatory strategies turn maladaptive. *Psychological Science*, *20*, 139-143.

Cohn, E. S., Bucolo, D., Pride, M., & Sommers, S. R. (2009). Reducing White juror bias: The role of race salience and racial attitudes. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, *39*, 1953-1973.

*Pauker, K., Ambady, N., Weisbuch, M., Sommers, S. R., Adams, R. B., & Ivcevic, Z. (2009). Not so black and white: Memory for ambiguous group members. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *96*, 795-810.

Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (2009). "Race salience" in juror decision-making: Misconceptions, clarifications, and unanswered questions. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 27, 599-609.

*Apfelbaum, E. P., *Pauker, K., Ambady, N., Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (2008). Learning (not) to talk about race: When older children underperform on social categorization. *Developmental Psychology*, 44, 1513-1518

*Apfelbaum, E. P., Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (2008). Seeing race and seeming racist? Evaluating strategic colorblindness in social interaction. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 95, 918-932.

Sommers, S. R. (2008). Determinants and consequences of jury racial diversity: Empirical findings, implications, and directions for future research. *Social Issues and Policy Review*, 2, 65-102.

Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (2008). Race and jury selection: Psychological perspectives on the peremptory challenge debate. *American Psychologist*, 63, 527-539.

Sommers, S. R., #Warp, L. S., & #Mahoney, C. C. (2008). Cognitive effects of racial diversity: White individuals' information processing in heterogeneous groups. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 44, 1129-1136.

Norton, M. I., Sommers, S. R., & #Brauner, S. (2007). Bias in jury selection: Justifying prohibited peremptory challenges. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*, 20, 467-479.

Sommers, S. R. (2007). On race, judgment, and ideology. *Unbound: Harvard Journal of the Legal Left*, 3.

Sommers, S. R. (2007). Race and the decision-making of juries. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 12, 171-187.

Sommers, S. R., & Douglass, A. B. (2007). Context matters: Alibi strength varies according evaluator perspective. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 12, 41-54.

Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (2007). Race-based judgments, race-neutral justifications: Experimental examination of peremptory use and the *Batson* challenge procedure. *Law and Human Behavior*, 31, 261-273.

Norton, M. I., Sommers, S. R., *Apfelbaum, E. P., #Pura, N. & Ariely, D. (2006). Colorblindness and interracial interaction: Playing the political correctness game. *Psychological Science*, 17, 949-953.

- Norton, M. I., Sommers, S. R., Vandello, J. A., & Darley, J. M. (2006). Mixed motives and racial bias: The impact of legitimate and illegitimate criteria on decision-making. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, *12*, 36-55.
- Sommers, S. R. (2006). On racial diversity and group decision-making: Identifying multiple effects of racial composition on jury deliberations. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *90*, 597-612.
- Sommers, S. R., *Apfelbaum, E. P., *Dukes, K. N., *Toosi, N., & *Wang, E. J. (2006). Race and media coverage of Hurricane Katrina: Analysis, implications, and future research questions. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, *6*, 39-55.
- Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (2006). Lay theories about White racists: What constitutes racism (and what doesn't). *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, *9*, 117-138.
- Crocker, J., Luhtanen, R. K., & Sommers, S. R. (2005). Contingencies of self-worth: Progress and prospects. *European Review of Social Psychology*, *15*, 133-181.
- Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (2003). How much do we really know about race and juries? A review of social science theory and research. *Chicago-Kent Law Review*, *78*, 997-1031.
- Crocker, J., Sommers, S. R., & Luhtanen, R. K. (2002). Hopes dashed and dreams fulfilled: Contingencies of self-esteem and the graduate school admissions process. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *28*, 1275-1286.
- Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (2001). White juror bias: An investigation of racial prejudice against Black defendants in the American courtroom. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, *7*, 201-229.
- Sommers, S. R., & Kassin, S. M. (2001). On the many impacts of inadmissible testimony: Selective compliance, need for cognition, and the overcorrection bias. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *27*, 1368-1377.
- Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (2000). Race in the courtroom: Perceptions of guilt and dispositional attributions. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *26*, 1367-1379.
- Bradfield, A. L., & Sommers, S. R. (1998). International perspectives in psycholegal research: Review of "Psychology and Law" by A. Kapardis. *Contemporary Psychology*, *43*, 792-794.

Fein, S., Morgan, S. J., Norton, M. I., & Sommers, S. R. (1997). Hype and suspicion: Effects of pretrial publicity, race, and suspicion on jurors' verdicts. *Journal of Social Issues, 53*, 487-502.

Kassin, S. M., & Sommers, S. R. (1997). Inadmissible testimony, instructions to disregard, and the jury: Substantive versus procedural considerations. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 23*, 1046-1054.

INVITED COLLOQUIA

- 2012
 - Barack Obama and American Democracy Conference, Fletcher School of Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, MA.
 - Boston Children's Hospital, Management Grand Rounds, Boston, MA.
 - *Compliance Week* Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
 - Implicit Racial Bias Across the Law Conference, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA.
 - Investigative Reporters and Editors Conference, Boston, MA.
 - Lumpkin Family Foundation Annual Conference, Cape May, NJ.
 - TEDx, Somerville, MA.

- 2011
 - California Polytechnical State University, San Luis Obispo, CA.
 - Claremont McKenna College, Athenaeum Series, Claremont, CA.
 - Cornell University, Law, Psychology, & Human Development Series, Ithaca, NY.
 - Harvard Business School, Negotiation, Organizations & Markets Unit, Cambridge, MA.
 - Michigan State Law Review Symposium, East Lansing, MI.
 - Roger Williams University, Department of Psychology, Bristol, RI.
 - SPSP Conference Graduate Student Council Symposium, San Antonio, TX.
 - University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, Center for Health Equity Research, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2010
 - Alumni Fund Webinar, Tufts University, Medford, MA.
 - Student Association for Law & Mind Sciences, Harvard Law, Cambridge, MA.
 - Symposium on Crime and Justice, University at Albany, Albany, NY.

- 2009
 - American Psychology-Law Society, Saleem Shah Lecture, San Antonio, TX
 - Emory University, Goizueta Business School, Atlanta, GA
 - Florida International University, Department of Psychology, Miami, FL
 - Harvard Business School, Conference on Race & Inequality, Cambridge, MA
 - University of Massachusetts, Department of Psychology, Amherst, MA

- 2008
 - Harvard Learning Innovations Laboratory, Cambridge, MA
 - Law and Society Association, Empirical Methods Roundtable, Montreal, QC
 - Williams College, Department of Psychology, Williamstown, MA

- 2007
 - American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL
 - American Society of Trial Consultants, Boston, MA
 - M.I.T. Sloan School of Management, Cambridge, MA
 - Northeastern University, Department of Psychology, Boston, MA
 - SPSP Justice Pre-Conference, Memphis, TN
 - University of Connecticut, Department of Psychology, Storrs, CT
 - University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Psychology, El Paso, TX
 - Yale University, Department of Psychology, New Haven, CT

- 2006 • Rutgers University, Department of Psychology, New Brunswick, NJ
- Psychology and Social Justice Conference, Tufts University, Medford, MA
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tufts University, Medford, MA

- 2005 • Harvard University, Department of Psychology, Cambridge, MA
- University of Massachusetts, Department of Psychology, Amherst, MA
- University of New Hampshire, Justice Studies Program, Durham, NH

- 2004 • Dartmouth College, Department of Psychology, Hanover, NH
- New England Social Psychological Association Conference, Storrs, CT

- 2003 • Northeastern University, Department of Psychology, Boston, MA

- 2002 • Criminal Justice Professionals' Forum, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, Traverse City, MI
- Judges of the Eastern District Court of Michigan, Detroit, MI

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* = Tufts Graduate Student

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*Babbitt, L. G., *Gaither, S. E., *Toosi, N., & Sommers, S. R. (January, 2012). The role of gender in racial meta-stereotypes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

*Barch, D., Chechile, R., *Schultz, J., #Smith, B., Sommers, S. R., & Nickerson, R. (November, 2012). Multidimensional probabilistic reasoning with novel and socially-based stimuli: The disappearing conjunction fallacy. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Minneapolis, MN.

*Gaither, S. E., & Sommers, S. R. (January, 2012). Having an outgroup roommate affects future interracial interactions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

*Gaither, S. E., Sommers, S. R., & Ambady, N. (October, 2012). When the half affects the whole: Priming identity in biracial individuals in social interactions. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, Worcester, MA.

*Howard, S., & Sommers, S. R. (January, 2012). Examining the cross race effect and exposure duration in lineup identification. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Apfelbaum, E. P., Pauker, K., Sommers, S. R. & Ambady, N. (January, 2011). Cultural ideologies that justify intergroup inequality in the U.S. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

*Babbitt, L. G., *Toosi, N., Ambady, N., & Sommers, S. R. (January, 2011). Dyadic interracial interactions: A meta-analysis. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

#Cohen, D., *Gaither, S. R., *Schultz, J., & Sommers, S. R. (March, 2011). What do kids know about racially mixed people? A study on face memory. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Cambridge, MA.

*Gaither, S.E., *Schultz, J., Pauker, K., Sommers, S.R., & Ambady, N. (October, 2011). Learning about race affects children's memory for racially ambiguous faces. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Human Development, Providence, RI.

*Gaither, S. E., *Slepian, M., Pauker, K., & Sommers, S. R. (January, 2011). Ambiguous race categorization is predicted by implicit bias and social exclusion. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Golshirazi, M., *Gaither, S.E., *Babbitt, L. G., Toosi, N., & Sommers, S.R. (October, 2011). Social effects of seeing Muslims with headscarves. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Human Development, Providence, RI.

Jenkins, M., *Gaither, S.E., Chen, E., Corriveau, K., Harris, P., Ambady, N., & Sommers, S.R. (October, 2011). Multiracial children: How identity priming affects learning. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, Fairfield, CT.

Norton, M.I. & Sommers, S.R. (January, 2011). Whites see racism as a zero-sum game that they are now losing. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Norton, M.I. & Sommers, S.R. (July, 2011). Whites see racism as a zero-sum game that they are now losing. Paper presented at the meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology, Stockholm, Sweden.

Sommers, S. R. (January, 2011). Legal controversy through a social psychological lens: The case of race and jury selection. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Sommers, S. R. (October, 2011). Race, bias, and expert witnessing in criminal cases. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Washington, DC.

*Toosi, N., Babbitt, L. G., Ambady, N., & Sommers, S. R. (January, 2011). The role of gender in racial essentialism and motivation to control prejudice. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Apfelbaum, E. P., Krendl, A. C., Sommers, S. R. & Ambady, N. (May, 2010). Maladaptive self-control: When lay strategies for self-control turn costly. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

Apfelbaum, E. P., Pauker, K., Sommers, S. R. & Ambady, N. (October, 2010). In blind pursuit of racial equality? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Minneapolis, MN.

*Babbitt, L. G., *Toosi, N., & Sommers, S. R. (May, 2010). Disparate effects of gender and racial diversity on cognition. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.

Pauker, K., Apfelbaum, E. P., Ambady, N., & Sommers, S. R. (July, 2010). Teach your children well? The effects of promoting colorblindness in elementary schools. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Pauker, K., Apfelbaum, E. P., Sommers, S. R. & Ambady, N. (June, 2010). Colorblindness and racial equality. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, New Orleans, LA.

Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (March, 2010). "Race salience" 10 years later: Misconceptions and unanswered questions in the investigation of juror bias. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Vancouver, BC.

Sommers, S. R. (October, 2009). Race and jury selection: Social psychological perspectives on a contemporary legal debate. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Portland, ME.

*Pauker, K., *Apfelbaum, E. P., Ambady, N., Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (April, 2009). Learning (not) to talk about race: An anomaly with social consequences. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.

*Apfelbaum, E. P., *Pauker, K., Ambady, N., Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (February, 2009). Learning (not) to talk about race: An anomaly in socio-cognitive development. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.

*Babbitt, L. G., & Sommers, S. R. (February, 2009). Promoting multiculturalism: Influence of regulatory focus on diversity ideology in the context of interracial interaction. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.

*Apfelbaum, E. P., Sommers, S. R., Norton, M. I., *Pauker, K. P., & Ambady, N. (August, 2008). Emergence, practice, and consequences of strategic colorblindness in interracial interaction. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

*Babbitt, L. G., & Sommers S. R. (August, 2008). Framing matters: Situational influences on interracial interaction outcomes. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

*Babbitt, L. G., & Sommers, S. R. (April, 2008). The effects of framing on interracial interaction outcomes. Poster presented at the annual Psychology and Social Justice Conference, New York, NY.

*Adekanmbi, O., Maddox, K., & Sommers, S. R. (February, 2008). Disparate costs for attribution to race and gender based discrimination. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.

*Apfelbaum, E. P., Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (February, 2008). Efforts to avoid race during interracial interaction drain the capacity to regulate nonverbal behavior. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.

*Babbitt, L. G., & Sommers, S. R. (February, 2008). The effect of task focus versus social focus on interracial interaction outcomes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.

Norton, M. I., Sommers, S. R., Vandello, J. A. & Darley, J. M. (November, 2007). Justifying and rationalizing questionable preferences. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Long Beach, CA.

Norton, M. I., Sommers, S. R., *Apfelbaum, E. P., & Ariely, D. (August, 2007). Strategic colorblindness and interracial interaction: Playing the "Political Correctness Game." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management, Philadelphia, PA.

*Adekanmbi, O. O., Maddox, K. B., & Sommers, S. R. (May, 2007). How accusations of discrimination hurt those who make them: A comparison of race and gender-based discrimination. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.

Sommers, S. R. (May, 2007). Beyond information exchange: New perspectives on racial diversity and group performance. Paper presented at the annual meeting for Research on Managing Groups and Teams, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

*Apfelbaum, E. P., Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (January, 2007). Strategic colorblindness and unintended consequences. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.

Sommers, S. R., & #Warp, L. (January, 2007). Beyond information exchange: Multiple effects of racial diversity on group and individual performance. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.

*Apfelbaum, E. P., & Sommers, S. R. (January, 2006). Racial composition and the acknowledgment of group membership. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA. *Recipient of Graduate Student Council Outstanding Poster Award.*

#Anderson, A., #Papp, L., #Willcox, L., #Skolnick, R., *Apfelbaum, E. P., & Sommers, S. R. (October, 2006). Appearing politically correct: Factors that lead people to avoid the topic of race. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, Manchester, NH.

Cohn, E., Pride, M., & Sommers, S. R. (March, 2006). Race-salience in the courtroom: The effect of individual differences and cognitive factors. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.

#Davis, W. M., & Sommers, S. R. (March, 2006). Moderating the corporate defendant bias. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.

Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (March, 2006). Race, the peremptory challenge, and jury selection: Biased judgments, neutral justifications. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL. *Recipient of Minority Affairs Committee Conference Presentation Award.*

Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (October, 2006). Race-based judgments, race-neutral justifications: Experimental examination of peremptory use and the *Batson* challenge procedure. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Austin, TX.

#Warp, L. S., #Hochstrasser, J. K., & Sommers, S. R. (October, 2005). Group racial composition and information processing. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, New Haven, CT. *Recipient of Best Faculty-Student Poster Award.*

#Brauner, S., & Sommers, S. R. (June, 2005). Race and jury selection: An experimental examination in the wake of *Batson v. Kentucky*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Trial Consultants, Philadelphia, PA.

*Krangel, T. S., Shin, L. M., Chechile, R. A., Sommers, S. R., & Togli, M. P. (November, 2004). Effect of awareness and crime seriousness on eyewitness identification accuracy. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Minneapolis, MN.

Sommers, S. R. (May, 2004). The influence of race on jury decision-making: Applying social psychological theory and methods to the study of juror racial bias. Paper presented at the conference "Fifty Years after Brown v. Board of Education: Psychological Research Applied to the Problems of Racism and Discrimination," University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

Sommers, S. R. (March, 2004). Race and jury deliberations: The influence of *voir dire* and racial composition. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Scottsdale, AZ.

Sommers, S. R., & Crocker, J. (February, 2002). Contingencies of worth and social perception: Viewing the world through self-esteem-colored glasses. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Savannah, GA.

Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (May, 2001). Beliefs about racists: Traits and behaviors associated with white racism. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Sommers, S. R., & Norton, M. I. (February, 2001). The category 'racist': Traits and behaviors associated with White racism. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (March, 2000). Race and the decisions of white jurors. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Sommers, S. R., & Crocker, J. (February, 2000). The real world: How contingencies of self-esteem affect reactions to daily life. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Nashville, TN.

Sommers, S. R., & Crocker, J. (September, 1999). The real world: How contingencies of self-esteem affect reactions to daily life. Paper presented at the Michigan State University Conference on the Self, East Lansing, MI.

Sommers, S. R., & Crocker, J. (April, 1999). Hopes dashed and dreams fulfilled: Contingencies and stability of self-esteem among graduate school applicants. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (April, 1999). The melting pot in the witness box: American jurors' reactions to cultural defenses. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Sommers, S. R., & Ellsworth, P. C. (June, 1998). Race in the courtroom: Perceptions of guilt and dispositional attributions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Ann Arbor, MI.

Sommers, S. R., & Kassin, S. M. (May, 1998). Inadmissible evidence and juror noncompliance: A further investigation of the just verdict motivation. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

DIVERSITY AND CLIMATE WORKSHOPS

- 2012
- Graduate Institute for Teaching, Tufts University (~20 doctoral students)
 - Orientation Leaders, Tufts University (~120 students)
 - Freshman FIT Pre-Orientation, Tufts University (~175 incoming students)
 - Center for Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, Tufts, (~12 faculty)
- 2011
- Police Department, Tufts University (~60 police administrators and staff)
 - Resident Advisors, Tufts University (~75 students)
 - Freshman FIT Pre-Orientation, Tufts University (~175 incoming students)
- 2010
- Administrative Council, Tufts University (~20 administrators and deans)
 - Fletcher School of Diplomacy, Tufts University (~15 faculty and staff)
 - Human Resources Department, Tufts University (~40 staff members)
 - Resident Advisors, Tufts University (~75 students)
- 2009
- Freshman FIT Pre-Orientation, Tufts University (~150 incoming students)
- 2008
- Teaching as Civic Engagement Workshop, Department of Education, Tufts University (~50 Master's of Teaching alumni)
<http://ase.tufts.edu/education/genInfo/newsEvents/newsEventsTeachingCivic08.asp>
- 2007
- Continuing Legal Education Workshop, Suffolk Law School (~50 legal professionals)
 - Freshman Orientation, Tufts University (~1,200 incoming students)
 - Town Meeting on Campus Climate, Tufts University (~250 faculty, students, and administrators from across campus)
http://tuftsjournal.tufts.edu/features/town_meeting.shtml
- 2006
- Provost's Council Retreat, Tufts University (~40 members of Office of the Provost and deans from all three campuses)

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2012 – • *Director of Undergraduate Studies*, Psychology Department, Tufts University
- 2011 – • *Diversity and Climate Committee*, Society for Personality and Social Psychology
• *Dean's Working Group on New Race/Ethnicity Program*, Tufts University
• *Student Course Evaluation Committee*, Tufts University
- 2010 – • *Institutional Review Board*, Tufts University
• *Conference Advisory Committee*, American Psychology-Law Society
- 2010 – 11 • *Faculty Search Committee Chair*, Department of Psychology, Tufts University
- 2009 – • *Equal Educational Opportunity Committee*, Tufts University
- 2008 – 09 • *Klineberg Award Committee*, Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues
• *Graduate School Policy and Programs Committee*, Tufts University
- 2005 – • *Minority Affairs Committee*, American Psychology-Law Society
Visited and conducted career information sessions at universities with large populations of students from underrepresented groups.
- 2004 – 09 • *Academic Awards Committee*, Tufts University
- 2003 – • *Psychology Department Human Subjects Committee*, Tufts University
• *Psychology Department Undergraduate Committee*, Tufts University

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2011 • *Graduate Student Mentor*, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference
- 2010 • *Conference Co-Chair*, Annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society
- 2009 • *Graduation Speaker*, Graduate School Hooding Ceremony, Tufts University
- 2004 – • *Creator and Organizer*, “Diversity & Cognition” series, Tufts University
For details, see <http://www.ase.tufts.edu/psychology/DC.htm>
- 2004 • *Mentor*, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Career Preconference
Invited to meet with Ph.D. students entering academic job market.

REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

Associate Editor

- *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* (2012 –)

Journal Editorial Boards

- *Law and Human Behavior* (2006 – present)
- *Psychological Science* (2009 – present)
- *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: IRGP* (2012 –)

Ad-hoc Journal Reviews

- *American Journal of Political Science*
- *Applied Cognitive Psychology*
- *Applied Developmental Science*
- *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*
- *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*
- *Developmental Psychology*
- *European Journal of Social Psychology*
- *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*
- *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*
- *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*
- *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*
- *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*
- *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*
- *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*
- *Justice Quarterly*
- *Law and Human Behavior*
- *Law and Society Review*
- *Law and Social Inquiry*
- *Legal and Criminological Psychology*
- *Personality and Individual Differences*
- *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*
- *Personality and Social Psychology Review*
- *Psychological Bulletin*
- *Psychological Science*
- *Psychology, Crime, and Law*
- *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*
- *Psychophysiology*
- *Social Cognition*
- *Social Psychological and Personality Science*

Ad-hoc Funding Agency Reviews

- National Science Foundation, Law & Social Science Program
- National Science Foundation, TESS program
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

COURSES TAUGHT

- Experimental Psychology (Research Methods)
- Graduate Core Course in Social Psychology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Psychology and Law
- Research Methods in Social Psychology
- Seminar in Advanced Social Psychology
- Social Psychology

TEACHING RECOGNITION

Recognized by graduating seniors at Tufts as having had a “major impact on their undergraduate experience”

- 2011: 38 students
- 2010: 19 students
- 2009: 20 students
- 2008: 23 students
- 2007: 23 students
- 2006: 46 students
- 2005: 22 students
- 2004: 5 students

Recognized by graduating seniors as an instructor of a “truly excellent college course”

- 2011: 18 students
- 2010: 3 students
- 2009: 6 students
- 2008: 11 students
- 2007: 12 students
- 2006: 27 students
- 2005: 14 students
- 2004: 6 students

TEACHING AND MENTORING ACTIVITIES

- 2011 • *Mock Course Instructor*, April Open House, Tufts University
- 2010 • *Presenter*, Tufts University Conference on Teaching and Learning
Panelist on the topic of promoting active learning in large classes.
 - *August Preview Faculty Representative*, Tufts University
Open house for first-generation college students and their families.
- 2009 • *Freshman Orientation Panel Discussion*, Tufts University
 - *Mock Course Instructor*, April Open House, Tufts University
- 2008 • *Mock Course Instructor*, Telescope Program, Tufts University
Taught course for Admissions Office program held for prospective students of
from underrepresented racial, socioeconomic, and geographical backgrounds.
 - *Panel of Excellence*, Tufts Graduate Institute For Teaching
Panel discussion with graduate teaching fellows regarding academic careers.
 - *Faculty Panelist*, New TA Orientation, Tufts University
- 2007 • *Faculty Discussant*, Metcalf Hall Bridge Program, Tufts University
- 2005 • *Faculty Panelist*, New TA Orientation, Tufts University
 - *Workshop*, Critical Thinking Program, Tufts University
 - *Faculty Representative*, April Open House, Tufts University Admissions Office
Invited by Student Outreach to meet with admitted students and parents.
 - *Panelist*, Tufts Psychology Society Career Panel
- 2004 • *Teacher Training*, Writing Across the Curriculum, Tufts University
- 2003 • *Panelist*, Tufts Psychology Society Career Panel
- 2001 – 03 • *Teaching Consultant*, University of Michigan
Selected to observe and advise graduate instructors and new faculty members.
- 2001 • *Facilitator*, Graduate Student Instructor Training, University of Michigan

EXPERT TESTIMONY

R. Williams v. Folino et al., April 2012.

Testified in post-conviction hearing regarding jurors' alleged use of racial slurs during murder trial of African-American defendant in United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA.

Connecticut v. B. Smith, March 2012.

Testified on eyewitness memory, cross-racial identification, and photo array administration for criminal trial in Waterbury Superior Court, Waterbury CT.

North Carolina v. Robinson, February 2012.

Testified in post-trial hearing regarding racial bias and jury selection in capital murder case in Fayetteville, NC.

Massachusetts v. Fullard, January 2011.

Testified in pre-trial motion to suppress hearing on suggestibility of photo array in criminal trial in Boston Municipal Court, Roxbury Division, Roxbury, MA.

Massachusetts v. Sykes, October 2010.

Testified on eyewitness memory, cross-racial identification, and photo array administration for criminal trial in Worcester Superior Court, Worcester, MA.

Massachusetts v. Saintil, May 2010.

Testified on research concerning eyewitness memory and cross-racial identification in criminal trial in Norfolk County Superior Court, Dedham, MA.

Massachusetts v. Kendrick, May 2010.

Testified on research concerning eyewitness memory and cross-racial identification in criminal trial in Boston Municipal Court, Central Division, Boston, MA.

Massachusetts v. Almeida, April 2010.

Testified on research concerning photo array administration and cross-racial identification in criminal trial in Bristol Superior Court, New Bedford, MA.

Massachusetts v. Thacker, August 2009.

Testified on research concerning eyewitness memory and photo array administration in criminal trial in Plymouth County Superior Court, Brockton, MA.

Oregon v. Durham, June 2008.

Testified in pre-trial hearing regarding racial bias in capital murder trials in Multnomah County Circuit Court, Portland, OR.

New Hampshire v. Addison, April 2008.

Testified in pre-trial hearing regarding racial bias in capital murder trials in Hillsborough Superior Court North, Manchester, NH.

Massachusetts v. McCowen, January 2008.

Testified in post-trial hearing regarding jury racial bias in murder trial in Barnstable Superior Court, Barnstable, MA.

I have also consulted with attorneys on several cases that did not ultimately proceed to trial. In general terms, my expertise lies in the area of perception, cognition, and judgment in legal settings (often referred to as the research field of “psychology and law”). Specifically, this includes eyewitness memory, photo array and lineup administration, cross-race eyewitness identification, race and jury selection, race and jury decision-making.