

# JINHYUNG KIM

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Psychology, Sogang University

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### Professional Employment

- **Co-Principal Investigator** 2021–Present  
Institute for Hope Research  
Sogang University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **Assistant Professor** 2020–Present  
Department of Psychology, School of Social Sciences  
Sogang University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** 2018–2020  
Marketing Department, Carroll School of Management  
Boston College (BC), Chestnut Hill, MA

### Educational History

- **Ph.D. in Social and Personality Psychology** 2018  
Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, TX
- **M.A. in Social Psychology** 2011  
Seoul National University (SNU), Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **B.A. in Psychology** 2009  
Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), Seoul, Republic of Korea

### Awards

- Korean Psychological Association Kim Jae-II Young Scholar Award 2022
- BC Postdoctoral Association Knowledge Dissemination Program Travel Award 2020
- Ernest Becker Foundation Diversity Travel Award 2019
- TAMU Department of Psychology Graduate Excellence Support 2017–2018
- TAMU Saul Sells Research Excellence Award 2017
- Foundation of Personality and Social Psychology Heritage Dissertation Award 2017
- TAMU Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award 2015
- SPSP Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award 2015
- SPSP Graduate Travel Award 2015
- TAMU College of Liberal Arts Professional Development Support Award 2015
- TAMU Psychology Department Travel Award 2013–2015

- TAMU Vision 2020 Fellowship 2012–2017

## Grants

### Active

- Sogang University 202210034: *The Relationship Between Essentialist Beliefs and the Instrumental Beliefs About True Self.* 2022–2023  
Role: PI. Amount: \$10,000
- Sogang University 202115003: *Hope Research and Development of Hope Education.* 2021–2023  
Role: Co-PI (PI: Jinkyung Na). Amount: \$250,000
- Sogang University 202110036: *Development and Evaluation of Intervention Method for Pursuit of Existential Meaning II.* 2021–2023  
Role: PI. Amount: \$10,000
- Sogang University 202010021: *Development and Evaluation of Intervention Method for Pursuit of Existential Meaning.* 2020–2023  
Role: PI. Amount: \$10,000

### Completed

- Plato Academy Grant 120201032: *College of Life Project for Young Adults.* 2021  
Role: Co-PI (PI: Jongan Choi). Amount: \$50,000

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Ward, S., & Kim, J. (2022). Does money make life meaningful? Socioeconomic status, financial self-efficacy, and meaning in life. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2022.2154694>
- Maffly-Kipp, J., Gause, C., Kim, J., Vess, M., & Hick, J. A. (2022). Agentic meaning-making: Free will beliefs, sense-making, and psychological distress experienced following collective traumas. *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*, 3, 100074. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cresp.2022.100074>
- Choi, J., Kim, N., Kim, J., & Choi, I. (2022). Longitudinal examinations of changes in well-being during the early period of the COVID-19 pandemic: Testing the roles of extraversion and social distancing. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 101, 104306. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrp.2022.104306>
- Kim, J., Chen, K., Rivera, G. N., Hong, E. K., Kamble, S., Scollon, C. N., Sheldon, K. M. Zhang, H., & Schlegel, R. J. (2022). True-self-as-guide lay theory endorsement across five cultures. *Self and Identity*, 21(8), 939–962. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15298868.2022.2028670>
- Kim, J., Flanagan, P., Martela, F., Shanahan, C., Li, Z., Zhang, H., Eisenbeck, N., Carreno, D., Schlegel, R. J., & Hicks, J. A. (2022). Experiential appreciation as a pathway to meaning in life. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 6(5), 677–690. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01283-6>
- Maffly-Kipp, J., Flanagan, P., Kim, J., Rivera, G. N., Friedman, M., Vess, M., & Hicks, J. A. (2021). Meaning-making, psychological distress, and the experience of meaning in life following a natural disaster. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(5), 812–820. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550620942688>

- Seto, E., **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2021). The illusion of time: Testing the bidirectional relationship between belief in free will and temporal horizons. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(2), 176–185. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550619900060>
- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Rivera, G. N., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2021). Is the illusion of authenticity beneficial? Merely perceiving decisions as guided by the true self enhances decision satisfaction. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(1), 80–90. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550620903202>
- Maffly-Kipp, J., Flanagan, P., **Kim, J.**, Schlegel, R. J., Vess, M., & Hicks, J. A. (2020). The role of perceived authenticity in psychological recovery from collective trauma. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 39(5), 419–448. <https://doi.org/10.1521/jscp.2020.39.5.419>
- **Kim, J.**, Schlegel, R. J., Seto, E., & Hicks, J. A. (2019). Thinking about a new decade in life increases personal self-reflection: A replication and reinterpretation of Alter and Hershfield's (2014) findings. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 117(2), e27–e34. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pspp0000199>
- **Kim, J.**, Chen, K., Davis, W. E., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2019). Approaching the true-self: Promotion focus predicts the experience of authenticity. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 78, 165–176. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrp.2018.12.001>
- Rivera, G. N., Christy, A. G., **Kim, J.**, Vess, M., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2019). Understanding the relationship between perceived authenticity and well-being. *Review of General Psychology*, 23(1), 113–126. <https://doi.org/10.1037/gpr0000161>
- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Schlegel, R. J., Rivera, G. N., & Hicks, J. A. (2018). Following one's true self and the sacredness of cultural values. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 76, 100–103. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2018.01.001>
- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Schlegel, R. J., Donnellan, M. B., & Hicks, J. A. (2018). Existential ennui: Examining the reciprocal relationship between self-alienation and academic amotivation. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 9(7), 853–862. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550617727587>
- Christy, A. G., **Kim, J.**, Schlegel, R. J., Vess, M., & Hicks, J. A. (2017). The reciprocal relationship between perceptions of moral goodness and knowledge of others' true selves. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 8(8), 910–917. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550617693061>
- **Kim, J.**, Seto, E., Christy, A. G., & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Investing in the real me: Preference for experiential purchases to material purchases driven by the motivation to search for true self-knowledge. *Self and Identity*, 15(6), 727–747. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15298868.2016.1208623>
- **Kim, J.**, Hong, E. K., Choi, I., & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Companion versus comparison: Examining seeking social companionship or social comparison as characteristics that differentiate happy and unhappy people. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 42(3), 311–322. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0146167216629120>
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Happiness begets children? Evidence for a bi-directional link between well-being and number of children. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, 11(1), 62–69. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2015.1025420>
- Hackel, L. M., Larson, G. M., Bowen, J. D., Ehrlich, G. A., Mann, T. C., Middlewood, B., Roberts, I. D., Eylink, J., Fetterolf, J. C., Gonzalez, F., Garrido, C. O., **Kim, J.**, O'Brien, T., O'Malley, E. E., Mesquitea,

B., & Barrett, L. F. (2016). On the neural implausibility of the modular mind: Evidence for distributed construction of perception, cognition, and emotion. *Behavioral and Brain Science*, 39, 34–36.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X15002770>

- Davis, W. E., Kelley, N. J., **Kim, J.**, Tang, D., & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Motivating the academic mind: Abstract construal of academic goals enhances goal meaningfulness, motivation, and self-concordance. *Motivation and Emotion*, 42(2), 193–202. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11031-015-9522-x>
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A (2015). Parental bereavement and the loss of purpose in life as a function of interdependent self-construal. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 6, 1078. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2015.01078>
- **Kim, J.**, Kang, P., & Choi, I. (2014). Pleasure now, meaning later: Temporal dynamics between pleasure and meaning. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 55, 262–270. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2014.07.018>
- Han, M., Choi, I., Kim, B., Lee, H., & **Kim, J.** (2012). Korean mind map I: Thinking style and values of Korean college students. *Korean Journal of Psychology: General*, 31(2), 435–464.

### Book Chapters

- Hicks, J. A., Seto, E., & **Kim, J.** (2015). Meaning of life. In S. K. Whitbourne & D. Simonton (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of adulthood and aging* (pp. 1–5). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118521373.wbeaa239>
- **Kim, J.**, Seto, E., Davis, W. E., & Hicks, J. A. (2014). Positive and existential psychological approaches to the experience of meaning in life. In P. Russo-Netzer & A. Batthyany (Eds.), *Meaning in positive and existential psychology* (pp. 221–233). New York: Springer Press. [http://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4939-0308-5\\_13](http://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4939-0308-5_13)

### Manuscripts Under Review, Revising for Resubmission, and in Preparation

- Guthrie, D., Maffly-Kipp, J., Gause, C., **Kim, J.**, Martela, F., & Hicks, J. A. The role of interpersonal mattering vs. cosmic mattering in the experience of meaning in life. *Manuscript under review*.
- Rivera, G. N., **Kim, J.**, Kelley, N. J., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. Pleased to meet the real you: Likability predicts judgments of authenticity in real-time interactions more robustly than personality states or affect. *Manuscript under review*.
- Hong, E. K., **Kim, J.**, & Choi, I. Eudaimonic and hedonic motives over the temporal horizon: Long-term orientation predicts preference for meaningful over pleasurable activities. *Manuscript under review*.
- Chen, K., **Kim, J.**, Zhang, H., Clark, D. A., & Schlegel, R. J. For the love of my child: Parental well-being is less negatively affected by extrinsic aspiration for children among parents high in interdependent self-construal. *Manuscript under review*.
- Hong, E. K., **Kim, J.**, & Choi, I. Born to be (un)happy: Unhappy people are perceived and evaluated less negatively when happiness is viewed as essentialized. *Manuscript under review*.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. In pursuit of existential meaning: Motivation to experience meaning facilitates experiential purchases over material purchases. *Manuscript revising for resubmission*.

- Hong, E. K., Ji, L., Na, J., & **Kim, J.** Pleasure as a source or motivator: Cultural differences in the presence of pleasure and search for meaning in life. *Manuscript in preparation.*
- Jyung, M., **Kim, J.**, Jun, Y., & Choi, I. We should follow our true self, but do we? A cross-cultural difference in pursuit of the true self in career choice between North Americans and South Koreans. *Manuscript in preparation.*

## Poster, Data Blitz, and Symposium Presentations

### Symposium Presentations

<sup>†</sup>graduate advisee

- <sup>†</sup>Kim, H., **Kim, J.**, Gause, C., & Hicks, J. A. (2022, December). *How maximizers search for existential meaning: Associating maximization with depth and breadth search for meaning.* Symposium presentation at the Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) Winter Conference, Seoul, South Korea.
- <sup>†</sup>Lee, D., **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2022, December). *Fake it till you feel it: Exploring the effects of moral and non-moral emotion regulation on authenticity.* Symposium presentation at the Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) Winter Conference, Seoul, South Korea.
- Jyung, M., **Kim, J.**, Jun, Y., & Choi, I. (2021, November). *We should follow our true self, but do we? A cross-cultural difference in pursuit of the true self in career choice between North Americans and South Koreans.* Symposium presentation at the Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) Winter Conference, Seoul, South Korea.
- **Kim, J.** (2021, July). *Beyond the search for meaning in life: Exploring personal value of meaning as a new construct for understanding meaning in life and as a facilitator of preference for experiential purchases.* Symposium presentation at the Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) Biennial Conference, Seoul, South Korea.
- **Kim, J.**, & Ward, S. (2020, December). *Does money make life meaningful? Socioeconomic status, financial self-efficacy, and meaning in life.* Symposium presentation at the Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) Winter Conference, Seoul, South Korea.
- Schlegel, R. J., **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., & Hicks, J. A. (2017, May). *Trust thyself: True-self-as-guide lay theories enhance decision satisfaction.* Invited talk at the Authenticity workshop at Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2015, May). *Looking for the best and searching for the meaning: Maximizing tendency leads to search for meaning in life.* Symposium presentation at the Association for Psychological Science (APS) Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- Hicks, J. A., Kelley, N. J., Davis, W. E., Tang, D., & **Kim, J.** (2014, May). *Abstract goal pursuits, perseverance, and the feeling of meaning.* Symposium presentation at the Association for Psychological Science (APS) Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

### Data Blitz Presentations

<sup>†</sup>graduate advisee

- <sup>†</sup>Kim, H., **Kim, J.**, Gause, C., & Hicks, J. A. (2022, February). *How maximizers search for existential meaning: Associating maximization with depth and breadth search for meaning.* Data blitz presentation at

the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

- †Lee, D., **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2023, February). *Fake it till you feel it: Exploring the effects of moral and non-moral emotion regulation on authenticity*. Data blitz presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.
- Jyung, M., **Kim, J.**, Jun, Y., & Choi, I. (2022, February). *We should follow our true self, but do we? A cultural difference in pursuit of the true self at work*. Data blitz presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- **Kim, J.**, Flanagan, P., Vess, M., & Hicks, J. A. (2020, February). *Your will to heal: The role of free will beliefs in recovery from collective trauma*. Data blitz presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2019, February). *In pursuit of existential meaning: Motivation to experience meaning facilitates experiential purchases over material purchases*. Data blitz presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2018, November). *In pursuit of existential meaning: Motivation to experience meaning facilitates experiential purchases over material purchases*. Data blitz presentation at the Boston Judgment and Decision Making Day, Chestnut Hill, MA.

#### Poster Presentations

\*undergraduate co-author

- **Kim, J.**, & Ward, S. (2021, February). *Does money make life meaningful? Socioeconomic status, financial self-efficacy, and meaning in life*. Poster presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention.
- Flanagan, P., Li, Z., Shanahan, C., **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A. (2020, February). *Broadening the structure of meaning in life: Experiential appreciation as a component of existential meaning*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Chen, K., **Kim, J.**, Rivera, G. N., & Schlegel, R., J. (2019, February). *True self as lay theory and decision-making across cultures*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- Seto, E., **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A. (2019, February). *Time flies: The effect of belief in free will on temporal horizons*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- Chen, K., **Kim, J.**, Schlegel, R. J., & Zhang, V. (2018, March). *Family value as antidote: Interdependence buffers extrinsic aspiration for children*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2018, March). *In pursuit of existential meaning: Motivation to search for meaning facilitates experiential purchases over material purchases*. Poster presentation at the Happiness and Well-

Being Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2017, January). *Trust thyself: True-self-as-guide lay theories enhance decision satisfaction*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Hong, E. K., Ji, L., & **Kim, J.** (2017, January). *Integral view of the self: Holistic thinking fosters perceived self-continuity*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- **Kim, J.**, \*Arndt, A. N., Hicks, J. A., Schlegel, R. J., & Vess, M. (2016, January). *A wonderful read: Reading literature predicts enhanced true self-knowledge and well-being*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.
- **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2015, February). *The “real” approach: Promotion focus predicts the experience of authenticity*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Long Beach, CA.
- **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A., Christy, A. G., & Schlegel, R. J. (2015, February). *Happiness is “not” a matter of choice: Happy people suffer less from having no choice or too many choices*. Poster presentation at the Happiness and Well-Being Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Long Beach, CA.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2014, February). *Knowing yourself by owning experiences: The motivated pursuit of true self-knowledge through experiential purchases*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Austin, TX.
- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2014, February). *Lay theories of decision satisfaction and subjective well-being*. Poster presentation at the Happiness and Well-Being Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Austin, TX.
- Seto, E., **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A. (2014, February). *Conspicuous purchases and the role of self-concordance*. Poster presentation at the Self and Identity Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Austin, TX.
- **Kim, J.**, Kim, J. H., & Choi, I. (2013, January). *Forecasting versus recalling: Temporal shifts in the value of pleasure and meaning for hedonic judgments*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- **Kim, J.**, & Choi, I. (2012, January). *When a happy friend bests you: Contrast in sensitivity towards social comparisons and social companions between happy and unhappy people*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.

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## Press Coverage

- Greater Good (2022, December), [The Top 10 Insights from the “Science of a Meaningful Life” in 2022](#)
- Washington Post (2022, November), [Want to feel happier? Try snacking on joy.](#)
- Scientific American (2022, April), [A New Dimension to a Meaningful Life.](#)



- Newswise (2017, April), [\*How Can We Know Other People's 'True Selves?'\*](#).
- Huffington Post (2016, August), [\*What No One Told Me About Following My Passion.\*](#)
- Greater Good (2016, May), [\*Happy People Don't Need to Feel Superior.\*](#)
- National Affairs Blog (2016, March), [\*Friendly.\*](#)
- Huffington Post (2015, June), [\*Why Some People May Be More Likely To Become Parents.\*](#)
- Research Digest Blog (2015, May), [\*Happy People Have More Children.\*](#)

## Teaching Experience

### Course Instructor, Sogang University

- Advanced Social Psychology (graduate course) Fall 2021–Present
- Social Psychology Seminar (graduate course) Spring 2021–Present
- Social Psychology Spring 2021–Present
- Self and Identity Fall 2020–Present
- Personality Psychology Fall 2020–Present

### Course Instructor, BC

- Marketing Principles Fall 2019

### Course Instructor, TAMU

- Personality Psychology Fall 2017
- Social Psychology Summer 2017

### Lab Instructor, TAMU

- Experimental Psychology Lab Spring 2018
- Introduction to Statistics for Psychology Lab 2015–2017

## Professional Experience and Service

### Editorial Board Membership

- Associate editor at *Korean Journal of Social and Personality Psychology* 2022–Present
- Consulting editor at *Journal of Research in Personality* 2021–Present

### Ad hoc Reviewer

- *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*; *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*; *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*; *Social Psychological and Personality Science*; *Journal of Personality*; *Journal of Research in Personality*; *Emotion*; *Self and Identity*; *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*; *Journal of Happiness Studies*; *British Journal of Social Psychology*; *Plos One*; *Sage Open*; *New Ideas in Psychology*; *APSSC Student Research Award*; *RISE Research Award*

### Professional Affiliations

- American Psychological Association; Association for Psychological Science; Association for Research in Personality; International Positive Psychology Association; International Society for Self and Identity; Society for Personality and Social Psychology; Korean Psychological Association; Korean Society for Personality and Social Psychology



**Postdoctoral Research Assistant**

- Consumer Insights Panel Lab, Carroll School of Management, BC 2018–2020

**Graduate Research Assistant**

- Existential Psychology Collaboratory, TAMU 2012–2018
- Center for Happiness Studies, SNU 2011–2012
- Social Psychology Lab, SNU 2009–2011

**Professional Development Training**

- Meta-Analysis Workshop, TAMU May 2017
- Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology (SISPP), Northeastern University July 2015