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I am generally interested in the application of social psychology to health-relevant behaviors, by examining why people engage in behaviors that contradict their attitudes and intentions, even when doing so can have powerful negative health consequences. For example, in the past I have studied how alcohol affects attitudes and intentions to drink and drive or have sex without a condom. More recent research interests include the influence of romantic relationship properties on safer sex behaviors, and applying social psychological theories to encourage hand hygiene behaviors among health care workers. Other research interest include conflict within romantic relationships, and the study of attitudinal ambivalence.

Representative publications (no more than five):

MacDonald, T. K., Wood, V. M., & Fabrigar, L. R. (in press). "Digging in" or "Giving in": Attachment-related threat moderates the association between attachment orientation and reactions to conflict. *European Journal of Social Psychology*.

Smith, J. D., Corace, K. M., MacDonald, T. K., Fabrigar, L. R., Saedi, A., Chambers, A., MacFarlane, S., Valickis, D., & Garber, G. E. (in press). Healthcare worker hand hygiene compliance: Development of a theory informed hand hygiene behavior change tool. *Journal of Hospital Infection*.

Fabrigar, L. R., MacDonald, T. K., & Wegener, D. T. (2019). The Origins and Structure of Attitudes. In D. Albarracín & B. T. Johnson (Eds.), *Handbook of attitudes and attitude change* (2nd Edition, Vol. 1, pp. 109-157). New York, NY: Routledge.

Leung, P. C., & MacDonald, T. K. (2018). Attitudes toward condom carriers: The role of gender. *Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality*, 27, 215-225.

MacDonald, T. K., McKenna, & C. Mouck, L. C. (2016). The Person and the Partner: Individual differences moderate the relationship between partner feedback and condom use. *AIDS and Behavior*, 20, 185-196.

Representative honors or awards (no more than five):

Associate Editor, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* (2016-2018); Canadian Psychological Association New Researcher Award (2001); Canadian Institute of Health Research New Investigator Award (2001); The Society for Personality and Social Psychology Student Publication Award (1995)

Involvement in MPA:

I have been a member of MPA since I first attended as a graduate student in 1994, which is where I presented my first academic talk. I think that MPA holds a special place in terms of providing opportunities for students to present their research and interact with other researchers. I was named an MPA Fellow in 2019.