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Brief (1 paragraph) summary of professional interests:

My work focuses on how individuals fulfill their interpersonal needs and navigate a social world. I have studied social needs in a variety of contexts. Recently, my students and I have been especially interested in how individuals use non-human things, such as comfort foods and favorite television shows, to fulfill social needs; how individuals feel in group social settings; and how technology influences individuals' views of self and others.

Representative publications (no more than five):

Gabriel, S., Naidu, E., Paravati, E., Morrison, C. D. & Gainey, K. (2019). Creating the sacred from the profane: Collective effervescence and everyday activities. *Journal of Positive Psychology*, DOI: 10.1080/17439760.2019.1689412

Gabriel, S. Valenti, J., Naragon-Gainey, K. & Young, A. F. (2017) The Psychological Importance of going to Concerts, Churches, and Football Games: Development and Validation of the Tendency for Effervescent Assembly Measure (TEAM). *Psychological Assessment*. 29(11), 1349 -1362.

Gabriel, S., Valenti, J., & Young, A. F. (2016). Watching, Reading, and Eating Your Way to Belonging: Symbolic Social Relationships and the Social Self. *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology*, 53, 189-243.

Gabriel, S. & Young, A. F. (2011). Becoming a vampire without being bitten: The Narrative Collective Assimilation Hypothesis. *Psychological Science*, 22, 990-994.

Troisi, J & Gabriel, S (2011). Chicken soup really is good for the soul: Comfort food fulfills the need to belong. *Psychological Science*, 22, 747-753.

Representative honors or awards (no more than five):

Midwestern Psychological Association – *Fellow* ; Society for Experimental Social Psychology – President Elect; Society for Personality and Social Psychology – *Fellow*; Editor (past) *Self and Identity*; Editor (current) *Character and Context*

Involvement in MPA:

I have been a member of MPA since 1996. I am on the program committee and have given numerous talks and been involved with multiple symposia including one, this year, on dealing with rejection in academic careers.