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Brief (1 paragraph) summary of professional interests:

I publish research predominately on social inclusion and exclusion. I have examined the ways that people satisfy their need to belong (e.g., fandom, religion), as well as the various interpersonal and structural ways they experience being devalued and excluded (e.g., harassment, ostracism, stigma). I recently have started exploring the interface between media psychology and popular culture.

Representative publications (no more than five):

Wesselmann, E. D., Bradley, E., Taggart, R., & Williams, K. D. (2023). Exploring social exclusion: Where we are and where we're going. *Social & Personality Psychology Compass*, 17(1), e12714.

<http://doi.org/10.1111/spc3.12714>

Wesselmann, E. D., Cardoso, F., Slater, S., & Williams, K. D. (2012). "To be looked at as though air": Civil attention matters. *Psychological Science*, 23(2), 166-168. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797611427921>

Wesselmann, E. D., DeSouza, E. R., AuBuchon, S., Bebel, C., & Parris, L. (2022). Investigating microaggressions against transgender individuals as a form of social exclusion. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity*, 9(4), 454-465. <https://doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000513>

Wesselmann, E. D., & Williams, K. D. (2017). Social life and social death: inclusion, ostracism, and rejection in groups. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, 20(5), 693-706.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1368430217708861>

Wesselmann, E. D., Wirth, J. H., Pryor, J. B., Reeder, G. D., & Williams, K. D. (2013). When do we ostracize? *Social Psychology & Personality Science*, 4(1), 108-115. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550612443386>

Representative honors or awards (no more than five):

American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Award (2010).

Association for Psychological Science Rising Star Designation (2015)

Illinois State University College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding University Researcher in Social Sciences (2023)

Society of Experimental Social Psychology – Fellow (2017)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology – Fellow (2022)

Involvement in MPA:

-Member since 2005

-Awarded Fellow status in 2016

-Program Committee Member (2016-2018)

-Program Moderator (June 2023 – April 2024)

-Local Representative (September 2020 – Present)

-Created/curating MPA's YouTube Channel (October 2024 – Present)

<https://www.youtube.com/@MidwestPsychAssociation>

-Organized (or co-organized) 20 symposia since 2010

-Co-authored 70 oral and poster presentations (gave my first talk as an undergraduate in 2002)