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### Education

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- ◆ **Ph D., Psychology**, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, May 2013  
*Evaluations of White American versus Black American discrimination claimants' political views and prejudicial attitudes*  
Committee Chair: Laurie O'Brien
- ◆ **M.S., Psychology**, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, December 2009  
*Reducing stereotype threat effects: The effect of identity bifurcation on women's math performance*  
Committee Chair: Laurie O'Brien
- ◆ **B.A., Psychology**, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, June 2007  
Honors Thesis Advisor: Brenda Major

### Employment History

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- ◆ June 2013-Present Postdoctoral Research Associate  
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
NIH Grant: *Psychological, Physiological, and Behavioral Effects of Weight Stigma*. PI: Brenda Major, Co-Investigator: Carol Miller
- ◆ May 2011-May 2013 Research Assistant  
Psychology Department, Tulane University  
NSF Grant: *Collaborative research: A cultural-psychological analysis of gender discrimination (and privilege) in STEM fields*. PIs: Laurie O'Brien, Glenn Adams, Donna Garcia & Elliott Hammer
- ◆ August 2011-May 2013 Instructor, Social Psychology  
Psychology Department, Tulane University
- ◆ May 2010-August 2010 Research Associate  
School of Public Health, Tulane University
- ◆ August 2009-May 2011 Laboratory Instructor, Testing & Measurement  
Psychology Department, Tulane University
- ◆ August 2007- August 2009 Research Assistant  
Psychology Department, Tulane University  
Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund: *Conceptualizing Racism: Understanding group and individual differences in the perception of racism*. PI: Laurie O'Brien

### Awards

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- ◆ SPSP Student Travel Award (2012)
- ◆ Newcomb College Institute Research Grant, Co-PIs: Janet Ruscher & Alison Blodorn (2011)
- ◆ Provost Graduate Student Travel Grant (2011)
- ◆ Robert E. Flowerree Summer Research Fellowship in Psychology (2011, 2010)
- ◆ Shelley Coverman Memorial Award for Research on Gender Issues in Social Science (2011)

### Research Interests

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- ◆ Stigma, Prejudice, Ideology, Stereotype Threat, Social Identity Threat, Health, Health Behaviors

### Publications

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- ◆ **Blodorn, A., Major, B., & Kaiser, C.** (in press). Perceived discrimination and poor health: Accounting for self-blame complicates a well-established relationship. *Social Science & Medicine*.

- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, O'Brien, L.T., Cheryan, S., & Vick, S.B. (in press). Understanding perceptions of racism in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: The roles of system and group justification. *Social Justice Research*.
- ◆ Richman, L., **Blodorn, A.**, & Major, B. (in press). An identity-based motivational model of the effects of perceived discrimination on health-related behaviors. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*.
- ◆ Hoyt, C., Burnette, J., Auster-Gussman, L., **Blodorn, A.**, & Major, B. (in press). The obesity stigma asymmetry model: Indirect and divergent effects of blame and changeability beliefs on anti-fat prejudice. *Stigma and Health*.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.** & Major, B. (in press). Stigma. In H. Miller (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Theory in Psychology*.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, Major, B., Hunger, J., & Miller, C.T. (2016). Unpacking the psychological weight of weight stigma: A rejection-expectation pathway. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 63, 69-76.
- ◆ Monteith, M. J., **Blodorn, A.**, Carter, E. R., & Parker, L. R. (2015). Translating prejudice and discrimination psychological research to address inequality. *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*, 1, 308-309.
- ◆ Hunger, J., Major, B., **Blodorn, A.**, & Miller, C. T. (2015). Weighed down by stigma: How weight-based social identity threat contributes to weight gain and poor health. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 9, 255-268.
- ◆ O'Brien, L.T., & **Blodorn, A.**, Adams, G., Garcia, D., & Hammer, E. (2015). Ethnic variation in gender-STEM stereotypes and STEM participation: An intersectional approach. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 21, 169-180.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.** & O'Brien, L.T. (2013). Evaluations of White American versus Black American discrimination claimants' political views and prejudicial attitudes. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 49, 211-216.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, O'Brien, L. T., & Kordys, J. (2012). Responding to sex-based discrimination: Gender differences in perceived discrimination and implications for legal decision making. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, 15, 409-424.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.** & O'Brien, L. T. (2011). Perceptions of racism in hurricane Katrina-related events: Implications for collective guilt and mental health among White Americans. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 11, 127-140.
- ◆ O'Brien, L. T., Crandall, C. S., Horstman-Resser, A., Warner, R., Alsbrooks, A. & **Blodorn, A.** (2010). But I'm no bigot: How prejudiced White Americans maintain unprejudiced self-images. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 40, 917-946.
- ◆ O'Brien, L. T., **Blodorn, A.**, Alsbrooks, A., Dube, R., Adams, G., & Nelson, J. C. (2009). Understanding White Americans' perceptions of racism in hurricane Katrina-related events. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relationships*, 12, 431-444.

## Publications in Preparation

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- ◆ Blodorn, A., Major, B., Hunger, J., & Miller, C. (in prep). Not so subtle: The downstream effects of rejection expectations in response to blatant weight bias.
- ◆ O'Brien, L. T., **Blodorn, A.**, Moss, A., & Van Camp (in prep). Gender equality value violations and prejudice towards Muslims.

## Talks

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- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, Major, B., & Hunger, J. (February, 2015). *Stigma concerns & exercise avoidance: A stigma-avoidance pathway by which weight stigma undermines health*. Talk presented at annual meeting of the Social, Personality, & Health Network of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. Long Beach, CA.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, Major, B. (October, 2014). *Weight stigma as identity threat*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology. Columbus, OH.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.** & Major, B. (May, 2014). *Weight-based social identity threat: Implications for rejection expectations and appearance self-esteem*. Talk presented at conference on Obesity Stigma: Psychological, Social, and Medical Causes and Consequences; UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, O'Brien, L. T., Adams, G., & Hammer, E. D. (January, 2013). *An intersectional approach to understanding women's outcomes in STEM: The role of implicit stereotypes*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. New Orleans, LA.

- ◆ **Blodorn, A.** & O'Brien, L. T. (October, 2012). *Evaluations of White American vs. Black American discrimination claimants*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Groups Pre-Conference of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology. Austin, TX.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.** & O'Brien, L. T. (June, 2012). *Perceiving discrimination: The role of institutional versus individual discrimination*. Talk presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Charlotte, NC.
- ◆ O'Brien, L.T., & **Blodorn, A.** (September, 2011). *Social psychology and responses to hate crimes*. Talk presented at the RSE Seminar on Defining Racism in Criminal Law. Edinburgh, Scotland.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, & O'Brien, L. T. (June, 2010). *Perceptions of racism in Hurricane Katrina-related events: Implications for mental health outcomes among African Americans and White Americans*. Talk presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of the Psychological Study of Social Issues. New Orleans, LA.
- ◆ O'Brien, Major, B., Simon, S., & **Blodorn, A.** (January, 2010). *Ingroup rejection and perceived discrimination among members of low status and high status groups*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. Las Vegas, NV.
- ◆ O'Brien, L. T., **Blodorn, A.** (February, 2009). *System justification in the face of disaster: Meritocracy beliefs and perceptions of racism among Black and White community residents of post-Katrina New Orleans*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. Tampa Bay, FL.

## Poster and Paper Presentations

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- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, & O'Brien, L. T. (February, 2014). *Perceptions of White American and Black American discrimination claimants' political views*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. Austin, TX.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, Ruscher, J., Fiske, S., Glick, P., & Thompson, B. (January, 2013). *Levels of benevolent and hostile sexism across the United States: Implications for women's political representation*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Group Processes and Intergroup Relations Pre-Conference of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. New Orleans, LA.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, O'Brien, L. T., Cheryan, S., & Vick, S. B. (October, 2012). *Defining racism away: Minimizing racism in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology. Austin, TX.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, O'Brien, L.T., Garcia, D. M., Hammer, E. D., & Adams, G. (June, 2012). *Cultural variation in gendered constructions of STEM: Implications for women's participation and enjoyment*. Poster presented at the National Science Foundation Joint Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, & O'Brien, L. T. (January, 2012). *Responding to high status discrimination claimants*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. San Diego, CA.
- ◆ Hammer, E., Adams, G., **Blodorn, A.**, & Riley, N. (January, 2012). *Implications of critical consciousness and perceptions of STEM masculinization for cultural variation in STEM participation*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. San Diego, CA.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, O'Brien, L.T., Dziesietnik, S., Hammer, E., Adams, G., & Garcia, D. (October, 2011). *Cultural construction of STEM: Implications for performance and enjoyment of STEM courses*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental and Social Psychology. Washington, D.C.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, O'Brien, L. T., Kordys, J. (January, 2011). *Gender differences in perceptions of sexism: The role of institutional versus individual sexism*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. San Antonio, TX.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, Dziesietnik, S., & O'Brien, L. T. (January, 2010). *The cultural construction of math and science and the gender gap in performance: Is critical consciousness a source of resilience for women?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. Las Vegas, NV.
- ◆ **Blodorn, A.**, & O'Brien, L. T. (February, 2009). *Perceptions of racism and mental health outcomes in post-Katrina New Orleans: The role of cognitive appraisals*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. Tampa Bay, FL.
- ◆ O'Brien, L.T., **Blodorn, A.**, Alsbrooks, A., Dube, R., Adams, G., & Nelson, J.C. (October, 2008). *Understanding White Americans' perceptions of racism in Hurricane Katrina-related events*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology. Sacramento, CA.

- ◆ **Blodorn, A., Eberle, J., & O'Brien, L. T.** (February, 2008). *Perceptions of racism and mental health in post-Katrina New Orleans*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology. Albuquerque, NM.

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## Additional Training

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- ◆ Summer Institute in Statistics, University of Kansas, June 2013
  - ◆ Multilevel Modeling (Instructors: Dr. Kris Preacher and Dr. James Selig)
- ◆ Summer Institute in Social Psychology, Northwestern, July 2009
  - ◆ Stereotyping and Prejudice (Instructors: Dr. John Dovidio and Dr. Laurie Rudman)
  - ◆ Item Response Theory (Instructor: Dr. Steve Reise)

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## Professional Service

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### Editorial Service

- ◆ Associate Editor, Prejudice & Discrimination special issue, *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*

### Ad hoc Reviewer

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### Committee Positions

- ◆ 2014                      Poster Review Panel for 2014 Meeting, Society of Personality and Social Psychology
- ◆ 2008-2010              Colloquium Committee, Tulane University

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## Media Coverage

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### Research featured in:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The New York Times</li> <li>◆ The Atlantic</li> <li>◆ Inside Higher Ed</li> <li>◆ Diverse Education</li> <li>◆ The Chronicle of Higher Education</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Huffington Post</li> <li>◆ Houston Chronicle</li> <li>◆ University Herald</li> <li>◆ Health Canal</li> </ul> |
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## Professional Memberships

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- ◆ Society of Personality and Social Psychology
- ◆ Society of the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- ◆ Social, Personality, and Health Network
- ◆ American Psychological Association, Division 35
- ◆ Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

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## References

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