

**Kassandra Gray**

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**Email:** [kassy.gray@ku.edu](mailto:kassy.gray@ku.edu)**EDUCATION**

- 2018-2022 B.S. in Psychology  
Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma
- 2022-present Doctoral student in Clinical Psychological Science Program,  
Department of Psychology  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2020 **Observing Clinical Assessment with Dr. Scott Secor**

**OUTREACH EXPERIENCE**

- 2021 Volunteer at City Care Night Shelter.  
Volunteering duties include serving food to people at the shelter and participating in and initiating playing games with them to promote well-being and positive interactions.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2022-present **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, General Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Kansas
- 2020-2021 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Statistical Methods, Department of Psychology and Counseling, Southern Nazarene University
- 2020-2021 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Understanding Statistics, Department of Psychology and Counseling, Southern Nazarene University
- 2021-2022 **Undergraduate Student Tutor**, Statistical Methods, Center for Student Success, Southern Nazarene University.
- 2019-2022 **Undergraduate Student Tutor**, Writing Center, Center for Student Success, Southern Nazarene University.

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**Gray, K. & Wright, R.** *Nice Liberals?: Agreeableness and Political Ideology as Predictors of Sexism*. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Southwestern Psychological Association, Baton Rouge, LA. 2022.

**Gray, K. & Harper, A.** *Do You Have What It Takes?: Personality Traits as Mediators of the Link between Gender and Educational Achievement.* Poster presentation at McNair Scholars Conference, Florida International University, Miami, FL, 2021. Accepted poster presentation submission at National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Virtual. April, 2022.

**Gray, K.** *Afraid of Commitment?: Relational and Religious Distance & Death Anxiety.* Poster presentation at the Southern Nazarene University Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Colloquium, Bethany, OK, 2021.

**Gray, K., & Wright, R. W.** *To God Be the Glory: Religious Orientations, Personality, and Theistic Intellectual Humility.* Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Southwestern Psychological Association, Virtual. 2021.

**Gray, K.** *Reinforcement of Diligence through Exercise Adherence.* Poster presentation at the Southern Nazarene University Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Colloquium, Bethany, OK, 2021.

Brittain, M., Nunez, G., **Gray, K.**, Siems, M., Wilson, P., Gomez, M., Harper, A. *Love's Shaping Forces and Defining Features: A Thematic Analysis.* Poster presentation at the Southern Nazarene University Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Colloquium, Bethany, OK, 2021.

**Gray, K.,** Willard, J., Rivas, L., Lewis, C., & Tisdale, A. (2019, December). *Relationships and beliefs.* Poster presentation at the Southern Nazarene University Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Colloquium, Bethany, OK, 2019.

Costanzo, P., **Gray, K.,** Ray, A., Ross, C., & Secor S. (2018, December). *I Love Sex and Rock & Roll; Just Don't Tell Anyone.* Poster presentation at the Southern Nazarene University Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Colloquium, Bethany, OK, 2018.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**McNair Summer Research:** *Do you have what it takes?: Personality traits as mediators of the link between gender and educational achievement.* Mentor: Anna Harper, Ph.D. Department of Psychology and Counseling, Southern Nazarene University, 2021

Research Summary: Examining the relationship between gender identity and education status and the mediating role of certain personality traits, including extraversion and agreeableness, and facets of openness to experience, conscientiousness, and negative emotionality.

**Senior Thesis:** *The Anxiety of avoidance: Attachment-related and religious responses to death anxiety.* Advisor: Ronald W. Wright, Ph.D. Department of Psychology and Counseling, Southern Nazarene University, 2021

Research Summary: Exploring the ways that an avoidant attachment style mirrors aspects of a growth-focused religious orientation and the degree to which these aspects of personality predict self-reported levels of death anxiety.

**Undergraduate Research Lab - *Team Thanatos***, Department of Psychology and Counseling, Southern Nazarene University, 2019 – 2022  
Mentor: Ronald W. Wright, Ph.D.

Research Summary: Examining the relationship between Terror Management Theory (TMT) and religious orientations, theistic intellectual humility, personality, narcissism, belief in science, views of the body, religious commitment, and political affiliations.

**Undergraduate Research Lab - *Love Lab***, Department of Psychology and Counseling, Southern Nazarene University, 2021 – 2022  
Mentor: Anna Harper, Ph.D.

Research Summary: Examining compassionate love, grace, and their relation to other variables through qualitative and quantitative analysis.

**Undergraduate Research Lab - *Drabenstot Lab***, Scoring Child and Adolescent Cognitive Behavioral Assessments for the Department of Psychology and Counseling, Southern Nazarene University.

Research Summary: Examining the relationship between after-school programs as an intervention in behavior in children and adolescents ages 11-15.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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McNair Scholars Research Conference (2021)  
National Conference  
Florida International University, Miami, Florida

National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR; April 2022)  
Virtual

McNair Scholars Summer Research Presentation (2021)  
Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma

Southwestern Psychological Association (2020)  
Regional Conference  
Texas (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Southwestern Psychological Association (2021)  
Regional Conference  
Virtual

Southwestern Psychological Association (2022)  
Regional Conference  
Baton Rouge, LA

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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2021-present	Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
2021-present	Psi Chi International Honor Society
2021-present	Mortar Board Honor Society
2021-present	American Psychological Association
2020-present	Southwestern Psychological Association

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2021-2022	Academic Grant Writing, Student Worker
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### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

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Statistical Software	<i>R, Jamovi, JASP, Catma (Qualitative Analysis)</i>
Internet Survey Design	<i>SurveyMonkey, Qualtrics</i>

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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2021 Junior Class University Marshal, Southern Nazarene University

2021 First Place Award, Undergraduate Senior Thesis Category, Southern Nazarene University Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Colloquium, Poster Presentation

2021 First Place Award, Undergraduate Overall Category, Southern Nazarene University Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Colloquium, Poster Presentation

2019 First Place Award, Undergraduate Student Group Category, Southern Nazarene University Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Colloquium, Poster Presentation

### **RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

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PSY-1113: General Psychology  
 PSY-1131: General Psychology Laboratory  
 SOC-1113: Intro to Sociology  
 PSY-2173: Developmental Psychology Across Lifespan  
 PSY-3113: Social Psychology  
 PSY-4213-01: Principles of Counseling  
 STAT-3143: Statistical Methods  
 PSY-3174-01: Physiological Psychology  
 KNES-3643-01: Intro to Neuroscience  
 KNES-2653-01: Intro to Health Psychology

PSY-3153: Research Design  
SOC-3193: Criminology  
PSY-4153-01: Psychology of Personality  
PSY-4263: Techniques of Counseling  
PSY-4373-01: Multicultural Psychology  
STAT-3243-01: Computer-Packaged Statistics  
PSY-4103-01: Abnormal Psychology  
PSY-3161-01: Senior Thesis  
PSY-4391: Practicum in Psychology (Fall 2020; Spring 2021)  
PSY-4113-01: Psychology of Religion  
PSY-3013-01: Psychology of Human Flourishing  
PSY-4113-01: Psychology of Religion  
PSY-4391: Practicum in Psychology (Fall 2020; Spring 2021)  
PSY-4493-01: Senior Colloquium in Psychology  
PSY-4273-01: History & Systems of Psychology