

JINHYUNG KIM

Curriculum Vitae

- Department of Psychology, Sogang University
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Professional Employment

- **Co-Principal Investigator** 2021–Present
Institute for Hope Research
Sogang University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **Assistant Professor** 2020–Present
Department of Psychology, School of Social Sciences
Sogang University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** 2018–2020
Marketing Department, Carroll School of Management
Boston College (BC), Chestnut Hill, MA

Educational History

- **Ph.D. in Social and Personality Psychology** 2018
Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, TX
- **M.A. in Social Psychology** 2011
Seoul National University (SNU), Seoul, Republic of Korea
- **B.A. in Psychology** 2009
Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), Seoul, Republic of Korea

Awards

- Korean Psychological Association Kim Jae-II Early Career Award 2022
- BC Postdoctoral Association Knowledge Dissemination Program Travel Award 2020
- Ernest Becker Foundation Diversity Travel Award 2019
- TAMU Department of Psychology Graduate Excellence Support 2017–2018
- TAMU Saul Sells Research Excellence Award 2017
- Foundation of Personality and Social Psychology Heritage Dissertation Award 2017
- TAMU Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award 2015
- SPSP Diversity Fund Graduate Travel Award 2015
- SPSP Graduate Travel Award 2015
- TAMU College of Liberal Arts Professional Development Support Award 2015
- TAMU Psychology Department Travel Award 2013–2015
- TAMU Vision 2020 Fellowship 2012–2017

Grants

Active

- Sogang University 202115003: *Hope Research and Development of Hope Education*. 2021–2023
Role: Co-PI (PI: Jinkyung Na). Amount: \$250,000
- Sogang University 202110036: *Development and Evaluation of Intervention Method for Pursuit of Existential Meaning II*. 2021–2022
Role: PI. Amount: \$10,000
- Sogang University 202010021: *Development and Evaluation of Intervention Method for Pursuit of Existential Meaning*. 2020–2021
Role: PI. Amount: \$10,000

Completed

- Plato Academy Grant 120201032: *College of Life Project for Young Adults*. 2021
Role: Co-PI (PI: Jongan Choi). Amount: \$50,000

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Ward, S., & **Kim, J.** (in press). Does money make life meaningful? Socioeconomic status, financial self-efficacy, and meaning in life. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*.
- **Kim, J.**, Chen, K., Rivera, G. N., Hong, E. K., Kamble, S., Scollon, C. N., Sheldon, K. M. Zhang, H., & Schlegel, R. J. (2022). True-self-as-guide lay theory endorsement across five cultures. *Self and Identity*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15298868.2022.2028670>
- **Kim, J.**, Flanagan, P., Martela, F., Shanahan, C., Li, Z., Zhang, H., Eisenbeck, N., Carreno, D., Schlegel, R. J., & Hicks, J. A. (2022). Experiential appreciation as a pathway to meaning in life. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 6(5), 677–690. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01283-6>
- Maffly-Kipp, J., Flanagan, P., **Kim, J.**, Rivera, G. N., Friedman, M., Vess, M., & Hicks, J. A. (2021). Meaning-making, psychological distress, and the experience of meaning in life following a natural disaster. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(5), 812–820. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550620942688>
- Seto, E., **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2021). The illusion of time: Testing the bidirectional relationship between belief in free will and temporal horizons. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(2), 176–185. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550619900060>
- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Rivera, G. N., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2021). Is the illusion of authenticity beneficial? Merely perceiving decisions as guided by the true self enhances decision satisfaction. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 12(1), 80–90. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550620903202>
- Maffly-Kipp, J., Flanagan, P., **Kim, J.**, Schlegel, R. J., Vess, M., & Hicks, J. A. (2020). The role of perceived authenticity in psychological recovery from collective trauma. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 39(5), 419–448. <https://doi.org/10.1521/jscp.2020.39.5.419>

- **Kim, J.**, Schlegel, R. J., Seto, E., & Hicks, J. A. (2019). Thinking about a new decade in life increases personal self-reflection: A replication and reinterpretation of Alter and Hershfield's (2014) findings. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *117*(2), e27–e34. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pspp0000199>
- **Kim, J.**, Chen, K., Davis, W. E., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2019). Approaching the true-self: Promotion focus predicts the experience of authenticity. *Journal of Research in Personality*, *78*, 165–176. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrp.2018.12.001>
- Rivera, G. N., Christy, A. G., **Kim, J.**, Vess, M., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2019). Understanding the relationship between perceived authenticity and well-being. *Review of General Psychology*, *23*(1), 113–126. <https://doi.org/10.1037/gpr0000161>
- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Schlegel, R. J., Rivera, G. N., & Hicks, J. A. (2018). Following one's true self and the sacredness of cultural values. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *76*, 100–103. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2018.01.001>
- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Schlegel, R. J., Donnellan, M. B., & Hicks, J. A. (2018). Existential ennui: Examining the reciprocal relationship between self-alienation and academic amotivation. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *9*(7), 853–862. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550617727587>
- Christy, A. G., **Kim, J.**, Schlegel, R. J., Vess, M., & Hicks, J. A. (2017). The reciprocal relationship between perceptions of moral goodness and knowledge of others' true selves. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *8*(8), 910–917. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550617693061>
- **Kim, J.**, Seto, E., Christy, A. G., & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Investing in the real me: Preference for experiential purchases to material purchases driven by the motivation to search for true self-knowledge. *Self and Identity*, *15*(6), 727–747. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15298868.2016.1208623>
- **Kim, J.**, Hong, E. K., Choi, I., & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Companion versus comparison: Examining seeking social companionship or social comparison as characteristics that differentiate happy and unhappy people. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *42*(3), 311–322. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0146167216629120>
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Happiness begets children? Evidence for a bi-directional link between well-being and number of children. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, *11*(1), 62–69. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2015.1025420>
- Hackel, L. M., Larson, G. M., Bowen, J. D., Ehrlich, G. A., Mann, T. C., Middlewood, B., Roberts, I. D., Eyalink, J., Fetterolf, J. C., Gonzalez, F., Garrido, C. O., **Kim, J.**, O'Brien, T., O'Malley, E. E., Mesquitea, B., & Barrett, L. F. (2016). On the neural implausibility of the modular mind: Evidence for distributed construction of perception, cognition, and emotion. *Behavioral and Brain Science*, *39*, 34–36. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X15002770>
- Davis, W. E., Kelley, N. J., **Kim, J.**, Tang, D., & Hicks, J. A. (2016). Motivating the academic mind: Abstract construal of academic goals enhances goal meaningfulness, motivation, and self-concordance. *Motivation and Emotion*, *42*(2), 193–202. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11031-015-9522-x>
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2015). Parental bereavement and the loss of purpose in life as a function of interdependent self-construal. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *6*, 1078. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2015.01078>

- **Kim, J.**, Kang, P., & Choi, I. (2014). Pleasure now, meaning later: Temporal dynamics between pleasure and meaning. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 55, 262–270.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2014.07.018>
- Han, M., Choi, I., Kim, B., Lee, H., & **Kim, J.** (2012). Korean mind map I: Thinking style and values of Korean college students. *Korean Journal of Psychology: General*, 31(2), 435–464.

Book Chapters

- Hicks, J. A., Seto, E., & **Kim, J.** (2015). *Meaning of life*. In S. K. Whitbourne & D. Simonton (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Adulthood and Aging* (pp. 1–5). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- **Kim, J.**, Seto, E., Davis, W. E., & Hicks, J. A. (2014). *Positive and existential psychological approaches to the experience of meaning in life*. In P. Russo-Netzer & A. Batthyany (Eds.), *Meaning in Positive and Existential Psychology* (pp. 221–233). New York: Springer Press.

Manuscripts Under Review, Revising for Resubmission, and in Preparation

- Maffly-Kipp, J., Gause, C., **Kim, J.**, Vess, M., & Hick, J. A. Agentic meaning-making: Free will beliefs, sense-making, and psychological distress experienced following collective traumas. *Manuscript under review*.
- Hong, E. K., **Kim, J.**, & Choi, I. Eudaimonic and hedonic motives over the temporal horizon: Long-term orientation predicts preference for meaningful over pleasurable activities. *Manuscript under review*.
- Chen, K., **Kim, J.**, Zhang, H., Clark, D. A., & Schlegel, R. J. For the love of my child: Parental well-being is less negatively affected by extrinsic aspiration for children among parents high in interdependent self-construal. *Manuscript under review*.
- Choi, J., Kim, N., **Kim, J.**, & Choi, I. Longitudinal examinations of between- and within-person changes in well-being during the early period of the COVID-19 pandemic: Testing the roles of extraversion and social distancing. *Manuscript under review*.
- Hong, E. K., **Kim, J.**, & Choi, I. Born to be (un)happy: Unhappy people are perceived and evaluated less negatively when happiness is viewed as essentialized. *Manuscript under review*.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. In pursuit of existential meaning: Motivation to experience meaning facilitates experiential purchases over material purchases. *Manuscript revising for resubmission*.
- Rivera, G. N., Kelley, N. J., **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. An exploration of predictors of perceived authenticity in others. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Hong, E. K., Ji, L., Na, J., & **Kim, J.** Pleasure as a source or motivator: Cultural differences in the presence of pleasure and search for meaning in life. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Jyung, M., **Kim, J.**, Jun, Y., & Choi, I. We should follow our true self, but do we? A cross-cultural difference in pursuit of the true self in career choice between North Americans and South Koreans. *Manuscript in preparation*.

Poster, Data Blitz, and Symposium Presentations

Symposium Presentations

- Jyung, M., **Kim, J.**, Jun, Y., & Choi, I. (2021, November). *We should follow our true self, but do we? A cross-cultural difference in pursuit of the true self in career choice between North Americans and South Koreans*. Symposium presentation at the Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) Winter Conference, Seoul, South Korea.
- **Kim, J.** (2021, July). *Beyond the search for meaning in life: Exploring personal value of meaning as a new construct for understanding meaning in life and as a facilitator of preference for experiential purchases*. Symposium presentation at the Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP) Biennial Conference, Seoul, South Korea.
- **Kim, J.**, & Ward, S. (2020, December). *Does money make life meaningful? Socioeconomic status, financial self-efficacy, and meaning in life*. Symposium presentation at the Korean Social and Personality Psychological Association (KSPPA) Winter Conference, Seoul, South Korea.
- Schlegel, R. J., **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., & Hicks, J. A. (2017, May). *Trust thyself: True-self-as-guide lay theories enhance decision satisfaction*. Invited talk at the Authenticity workshop at Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2015, May). *Looking for the best and searching for the meaning: Maximizing tendency leads to search for meaning in life*. Symposium presentation at the Association for Psychological Science (APS) Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- Hicks, J. A., Kelley, N. J., Davis, W. E., Tang, D., & **Kim, J.** (2014, May). *Abstract goal pursuits, perseverance, and the feeling of meaning*. Symposium presentation at the Association for Psychological Science (APS) Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Data Blitz Presentations

- Jyung, M., **Kim, J.**, Jun, Y., & Choi, I. (2022, February). *We should follow our true self, but do we? A cultural difference in pursuit of the true self at work*. Data blitz presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- **Kim, J.**, Flanagan, P., Vess, M., & Hicks, J. A. (2020, February). *Your will to heal: The role of free will beliefs in recovery from collective trauma*. Data blitz presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2019, February). *In pursuit of existential meaning: Motivation to experience meaning facilitates experiential purchases over material purchases*. Data blitz presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2018, November). *In pursuit of existential meaning: Motivation to experience meaning facilitates experiential purchases over material purchases*. Data blitz presentation at the Boston Judgment and Decision Making Day, Chestnut Hill, MA.

Poster Presentations

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- **Kim, J.**, & Ward, S. (2021, February). *Does money make life meaningful? Socioeconomic status, financial self-efficacy, and meaning in life*. Poster presentation at the Existential Psychology Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention.
- Flanagan, P., Li, Z., Shanahan, C., **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A. (2020, February). *Broadening the structure of meaning in life: Experiential appreciation as a component of existential meaning*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Chen, K., **Kim, J.**, Rivera, G. N., & Schlegel, R. J. (2019, February). *True self as lay theory and decision-making across cultures*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- Seto, E., **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A. (2019, February). *Time flies: The effect of belief in free will on temporal horizons*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Portland, OR.
- Chen, K., **Kim, J.**, Schlegel, R. J., & Zhang, V. (2018, March). *Family value as antidote: Interdependence buffers extrinsic aspiration for children*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2018, March). *In pursuit of existential meaning: Motivation to search for meaning facilitates experiential purchases over material purchases*. Poster presentation at the Happiness and Well-Being Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2017, January). *Trust thyself: True-self-as-guide lay theories enhance decision satisfaction*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Hong, E. K., Ji, L., & **Kim, J.** (2017, January). *Integral view of the self: Holistic thinking fosters perceived self-continuity*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- **Kim, J.**, Arndt, A. N.^{*}, Hicks, J. A., Schlegel, R. J., & Vess, M. (2016, January). *A wonderful read: Reading literature predicts enhanced true self-knowledge and well-being*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.
- **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2015, February). *The “real” approach: Promotion focus predicts the experience of authenticity*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Long Beach, CA.
- **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A., Christy, A. G., & Schlegel, R. J. (2015, February). *Happiness is “not” a matter of choice: Happy people suffer less from having no choice or too many choices*. Poster presentation at the Happiness and Well-Being Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Long Beach, CA.
- **Kim, J.**, & Hicks, J. A. (2014, February). *Knowing yourself by owning experiences: The motivated pursuit of true self-knowledge through experiential purchases*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Austin, TX.

- **Kim, J.**, Christy, A. G., Hicks, J. A., & Schlegel, R. J. (2014, February). *Lay theories of decision satisfaction and subjective well-being*. Poster presentation at the Happiness and Well-Being Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Austin, TX.
- Seto, E., **Kim, J.**, Hicks, J. A. (2014, February). *Conspicuous purchases and the role of self-concordance*. Poster presentation at the Self and Identity Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, Austin, TX.
- **Kim, J.**, Kim, J. H., & Choi, I. (2013, January). *Forecasting versus recalling: Temporal shifts in the value of pleasure and meaning for hedonic judgments*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- **Kim, J.**, & Choi, I. (2012, January). *When a happy friend bests you: Contrast in sensitivity towards social comparisons and social companions between happy and unhappy people*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.

Press Coverage

- Scientific American (2022, April), [A New Dimension to a Meaningful Life](#).
- Newswise (2017, April), [How Can We Know Other People's 'True Selves?'](#).
- Huffington Post (2016, August), [What No One Told Me About Following My Passion](#).
- Greater Good (2016, May), [Happy People Don't Need to Feel Superior](#).
- National Affairs Blog (2016, March), [Friendly](#).
- Huffington Post (2015, June), [Why Some People May Be More Likely To Become Parents](#).
- Research Digest Blog (2015, May), [Happy People Have More Children](#).

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor, Sogang University

- Advanced Social Psychology (graduate course) Fall 2021–Present
- Social Psychology Seminar (graduate course) Spring 2021–Present
- Social Psychology Spring 2021–Present
- Self and Identity Fall 2020–Present
- Personality Psychology Fall 2020–Present

Course Instructor, BC

- Marketing Principles Fall 2019

Course Instructor, TAMU

- Personality Psychology Fall 2017
- Social Psychology Summer 2017

Lab Instructor, TAMU

- Experimental Psychology Lab Spring 2018
- Introduction to Statistics for Psychology Lab 2015–2017

Professional Experience and Service

Editorial Board Membership

- Associate editor at *Korean Journal of Social and Personality Psychology* 2022–Present
- Consulting editor at *Journal of Research in Personality* 2021–Present

Ad hoc Reviewer

- *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology; Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Social Psychological and Personality Science; Journal of Personality; Journal of Research in Personality; Emotion; Self and Identity; Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology; Journal of Happiness Studies; British Journal of Social Psychology; Plos One; Sage Open; New Ideas in Psychology; APSSC Student Research Award; RISE Research Award*

Professional Affiliations

- American Psychological Association; Association for Psychological Science; Association for Research in Personality; International Positive Psychology Association; International Society for Self and Identity; Society for Personality and Social Psychology; Korean Psychological Association; Korean Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Postdoctoral Research Assistant

- Consumer Insights Panel Lab, Carroll School of Management, BC 2018–2020

Graduate Research Assistant

- Existential Psychology Collaboratory, TAMU 2012–2018
- Center for Happiness Studies, SNU 2011–2012
- Social Psychology Lab, SNU 2009–2011

Professional Development Training

- Meta-Analysis Workshop, TAMU May 2017
- Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology (SISPP), Northeastern University July 2015