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Social psychology is my primary area of specialization in both teaching and research. I am particularly interested in dynamic processes that influence people's social behavior. That is, what factors interact and change over time to directly or indirectly influence the thoughts, feelings, and actions people experience or chose to engage in?

I teach Social Psychology, Systems and Theories of Psychology, Experimental Study of Behavior, and Introductory Psychology. My teaching is inspired by the liberal arts model. Instead of framing psychology as a narrow, specific field I instead try to teach my students about how psychology has important connections with nearly all fields, topics, and daily life. After all, psychology is the study of behavior, and our behavior is a continual part of daily life.

I am the social psychologist in the Presbyterian College Psychology Department, and joined the faculty here in 2012. The liberal arts have been a continual foundation in my own academic journey. I completed my A.A. degree at Brevard Community College (now Eastern Florida State College) before completing my B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in History at the University of Central Florida. I finished my M.A. and Ph.D. at Florida Atlantic University.

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