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2022-present Associate Teaching Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Dept. of Psychological and Brain Sciences
Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Faculty Affiliate

2018-2021 Senior Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park, Dept. of Psychology

2011-2018 Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park, Dept. of Psychology

2006-2011 Course Instructor/Teaching Assistant, Stony Brook University, Dept. of Psychology

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2011 August Ph.D., Social-Health Psychology; Concentration in Close Relationship Research; Minor in Quantitative/Statistical Methods. Stony Brook University. Dissertation: *Relationship Patterns and Dream Content: Attachment Security, Emotions and Relational Scenarios in Dreams Containing Romantic Partners.* (Committee Members: Everett Waters; Arthur Aron, Joanne Davila, Judith Crowell).

2008 May M.A., Psychology. Stony Brook University. Thesis: *Implicit Priming of Attachment Representations Revisited: A Comparison of Secure Base Script Knowledge and Self-Reports of Attachment.* (Committee Members: Everett Waters, Markus Maier).

2006 May B.A., Psychology with General Honors and Departmental Honors; Minor in Creative Writing. Johns Hopkins University. Thesis: *Attachment Styles in Dreams.* (Committee Members: Stephen Drigotas, Justin Halberda).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS, CHAPTERS, AND ARTICLES

Selterman, D., Welker, K., & Duong, M. (2025). Moral reframing accuracy is enhanced through an educational intervention: Evidence from the Perspectives program. *Journal of Moral Education*.

Selterman, D., Bowen, J., Datwani, R., Moors, A. C. (2025). Moral Judgment Toward Individuals in Consensually Non-Monogamous Relationships As A Function of Moral Foundations And Disgust Sensitivity. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

Selterman, D., Joel, S., & Dale, V. (2023). No Remorse: Sexual Infidelity is Not Clearly Linked with Relationship Satisfaction or Well-Being in Ashley Madison Users. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 52(6):2561-2573. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-023-02573-y>

Selterman, D., & Gideon, S. (2022). Experiences of Romantic Attraction Are Similar Across Dating Apps and Offline Dates in Young Adults. *Journal of Social Psychology Research*, 1(2), 145–163. <https://doi.org/10.37256/jspr.1220221542>

Lehmiller, J. J., & Selterman, D. (2022). 17 The Nature of Infidelity in Nonheterosexual Relationships. In T. DeLecce & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of infidelity* (pp. 373–396). Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197502891.013.19>

Selterman, D. (2022). Monogamy and Relationship Ethics. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Psychology in the Real World*. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780367198459-REPRW58-1>

Selterman, D., Garcia, J., & Tsapelas, I. (2021). What Do People Do, Say, and Feel When They Have Affairs? Associations Between Extradyadic Infidelity Motives with Behavioral, Emotional, and Sexual Outcomes. *Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy*, 47 (3), 238-252. DOI: 10.1080/0092623X.2020.1856987

Selterman, D., Gesselman, A. N., Moors, A. C. (2019). Sexuality Through the Lens of Secure Base Dynamics: Individual Differences in Sexploration. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 147, 229-236. <https://osf.io/gv8y5/>

Selterman, D. (2019). Altruistic Punishment in the Classroom: An Update on the Tragedy of the Commons Extra Credit Question. *Teaching of Psychology*, 46(2), 153-157.

Selterman, D., Garcia, J., & Tsapelas, I. (2019). Motivations for Extra-Dyadic Infidelity Revisited. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 56(3), 273-286.

Mattingly, B. A., McIntyre, K. P., & Selterman, D. (2018). Individual differences and romantic relationships: Bidirectional influences on self and relational processes. In V. Zeigler-Hill & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *The SAGE handbook of personality and individual differences* (pp. 402-430). London, UK: SAGE.

Selterman, D., Moors, A. C., & Koleva, S. (2018). Moral Judgment Toward Relationship Betrayals (and Those Who Commit Them). *Personal Relationships*, 25(1), 65-86.

Moors, A. C., Conley, T. D., & Selterman, D. (2017). Personality Correlates of Attitudes and Desire to Engage in Consensual Non-monogamy among Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Individuals. *Journal of Bisexuality*, 17(4), 418-434.

Open Science Collaboration (2017). Maximizing the reproducibility of your research. In S. O. Lilienfeld & I. D. Waldman (Eds.), *Psychological Science Under Scrutiny: Recent Challenges and Proposed Solutions* (pp. 3-21). New York, NY: Wiley.

Selterman, D. (2016). Attitudes Toward Dreaming Predict Subjective Well-Being Outcomes Mediated Through Emotional Positivity Bias. *The International Journal of Dream Research*, 9(1), 34-39.

Selterman, D. (2016). On the Current State of Science Journalism. *In-Mind Magazine*, 29. Retrieved from <http://www.in-mind.org/article/from-the-editors-on-the-current-state-of-science-journalism>

Open Science Collaboration (2015). Estimating the reproducibility of psychological science. *Science*, 349 (6251).

Selterman, D., Chagnon, E., & Mackinnon, S. (2015). Do Men and Women Exhibit Different Preferences for Mates? A Replication of Eastwick & Finkel (2008). *SAGE Open*, 5(3).

Selterman, D. & Koleva, S. (2015). Moral judgment of close relationship behaviors. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 32(7), 922-945.

Selterman, D., Mashek, D. J., Balzarini, R., & Holmes, B. M. (2014). Teaching about consensual non-monogamy in relationship science and sexuality courses. *Relationship Research News*, 13(2), 5-11.

Selterman, D. (2014). "Fast Friends": A scientific icebreaker. *University of Maryland Teaching & Learning News*, 24 (2). Retrieved from <http://blog.umd.edu/cte/2014/08/20/fast-friends-a-scientific-icebreaker/>

Koleva, S., Selterman, D., Iyer, R., Ditto, P., & Graham, J. (2014). The moral compass of insecurity: Anxious and avoidant attachment predict moral judgment. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 5(2), 185-194.

Selterman, D., Apetroaia, A., Riela, S. & Aron, A. (2014). Dreaming of you: Romantic behavior and emotion in dreams of significant others predict subsequent relational behavior. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 5(1), 111-118.

Open Science Collaboration. (2014). The Reproducibility Project: A model of large-scale collaboration for empirical research on reproducibility. In V. Stodden, F. Leisch, & R. Peng (Eds.), *Implementing Reproducible Computational Research (A Volume in The R Series)* (pp. 299-323). New York, NY: Taylor & Francis.

Selterman, D., & Maier, M. (2013). Secure attachment and material reward both attenuate romantic jealousy. *Motivation and Emotion*, 37(4), 765-775.

Mohr, J. J., Selterman, D., & Fassinger, R. E. (2013). Romantic attachment and relationship functioning in same-sex couples. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 60(1), 72-82.

Open Science Collaboration. (2012). An open, large-scale, collaborative effort to estimate the reproducibility of psychological science. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 7(6), 657-660.

Selterman, D., Apetroaia, A., & Waters, E. (2012). Script-like attachment representations in dreams containing current romantic partners. *Attachment & Human Development*, 14(5), 501-515.

Selterman, D. (2012). Attachment, sleep and dreams. In D. Barrett and P. McNamara (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of sleep and dreams*. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Publishers.

Selterman, D. (2010). Positive psychology and the importance of close relationships in TV sitcoms: That 70s Show, Entourage, and How I Met Your Mother. *In-Mind Magazine*, 11. Retrieved from <http://www.in-mind.org/article/positive-psychology-and-the-importance-of-close-relationships-in-tv-sitcoms-that-70s-show>

Selterman, D., & Drigotas, S. (2009). Attachment styles and emotional content, stress, and conflict in dreams of romantic partners. *Dreaming*, 19(3), 135-151.

OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

The Resistance Hypothesis. *Psychology Today*. Available here: <https://ter.ps/ms9>

The 'Trolley Problem' Explains Reactions to the Israel-Hamas War. *DC Journal*, February 2024.
Available here: <https://tinyurl.com/mu444vtx>

Celebrating Terrorism is a Psychological and Moral Failure. *DC Journal*, October 2023. Available here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4d9wk5x>

Your Partner's Infidelity Needn't Be a Relationship Catastrophe. *Psyche/Aeon*, July 2021.
Available here: <https://ter.ps/uen>

Climate Change and the "Tragedy of the Commons." *The Baltimore Sun*, January 17th, 2019.
Available here: <https://ter.ps/iej>

Curiosity is One Key to Heterodoxy. Forced Memorization is Not. *Heterodox Academy Blog*, September 14th, 2018. Available here: <https://ter.ps/rlf>

What a Simple Psychological Test Reveals About Climate Change. *National Geographic*, June 2018. Available Here: <http://ter.ps/g4q>

How understanding the prisoner's dilemma can help bridge liberal and conservative differences. *The Conversation*, August 2015. Available here: <http://ter.ps/c4d>

Why I give my students a 'tragedy of the commons' extra credit challenge. *Washington Post*, July 2015. Available here: <http://ter.ps/c4c>

For a full list of articles I have contributed to *Science of Relationships* and *In-Mind Magazine*, click here: <https://dylanselterman.com/dream-lab-home-page/science-writing/>

Editor-In-Chief, *In-Mind Magazine* (<http://www.in-mind.org/>), 2014-2017

Contributor and Editor, *Science of Relationships* (www.scienceofrelationships.com), 2011-2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Positive Psychology: 2024-present, *Johns Hopkins University*

Political Psychology: 2024-present, *Johns Hopkins University*

Social Attraction & Relationship Development: 2023-present, *Johns Hopkins University*

Research Methods in Psychology: 2024, *Johns Hopkins University*

Design and Statistics for Psychology: 2009 & 2022, *Johns Hopkins University* and *Stony Brook University*

Introduction to Psychology: 2015-present, *Johns Hopkins University*; *University of Maryland*

Happiness and Psychological Well-being: 2016-present, *Johns Hopkins University*; *University of Maryland*

Social Psychology: 2008-2021, *University of Maryland* and *Stony Brook University*

Interpersonal Relationships: 2009-present, *University of Maryland* and *Stony Brook University*

Experimental Social Psychology Research Lab: 2011-2015, *University of Maryland*

Human Development in the Educational Context: 2010-2011, *Stony Brook University*

Research (Methods) and Writing in Psychology: 2008, *Stony Brook University*

Selected Talks and Conference Presentations

Selterman, D. (2024). Safe Spaces and Trigger Warnings. *Talk Presented with the Heterodox Academy Conversations Series*. UNLV, Las Vegas, NV.

Selterman, D. (2024). Campus Culture & Mental Health. *Talk Presented with the Heterodox Academy Conversations Series*. SUNY Cortland, Cortland NY.

Selterman, D. (2025 & 2024). Political Psychology & Mental Health. *Talk Presented at the Annual Democracy Day at the JHU SNF Agora Institute*.

Selterman, D. (2024). Educational “Perspectives” on Moral Reframing Accuracy. *Talk Presented at Annual Conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, and at the Annual Preconference for Teaching Social and Personality Psychology*.

Selterman, D. (2023). Demystifying Dreams. *Talk Presented at the NASA Science Colloquium*. Greenbelt, MD.

Selterman, D. (2023). Student-Centered and Autonomy Based Approaches to Teaching. *Workshop for the Center for Teaching Excellence and Innovation at Johns Hopkins*. Baltimore, MD

Selterman, D. (2023). Complicating the Mainstream Narratives about Infidelity: What the Evidence Really Tells Us About Why People Cheat. *Talk Presented at the Virtual Sexual Health Alliance Seminar*.

Selterman, D. (2022). Demystifying Dreams. *Talk Presented at the Annual Day of Undergraduate Research in Engineering, the Arts & Humanities, Medicine and the Sciences (DREAMS) Symposium*. Baltimore, MD.

Selterman, D. (2022). The Science of Social Attraction. *Talk Presented at 22nd EdukCircle International Convention on Psychology*. Quezon City, Philippines.

Selterman, D., Joel, S., Dale, V. (2022). No Remorse: Sexual Infidelity is Not Clearly Linked with Relationship Quality or Well-Being in *Ashley Madison* Users. *Talk Presented at Bi-annual (Virtual-Only) Conference of the International Association for Relationships Research*.

Selterman, D. (2019). Right Place, Right Time. My Story As a PTK Faculty Member. *Talk Presented at the Annual PTK Faculty Symposium at UMD*. College Park, MD.

Selterman, D. (2019). Student Autonomy & Engagement with Digital Media. *Talk Presented at Annual Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference at UMD*. College Park, MD.

Selterman, D. (2018). Utilizing Psychology to Curb Climate Change. *Talk Presented at Annual National Energy Conference at WVU*. Morgantown, WV.

Selterman, D., Moors, A. C., Koleva, S. (2018). Moral Judgment Toward Relationship Betrayals (and Those Who Commit Them). *Talk Presented at the Bi-annual Conference of the International Association for Relationships Research*. Fort Collins, CO.

Selterman, D. (2017). Discussion Leader, *Promoting Student Autonomy*. Department of Psychology, University of Maryland, College Park.

Selterman, D. (2017). Invited Speaker, *Student Autonomy & Engagement*. The Teaching and Learning Transformation Center’s Faculty Learning Community, University of Maryland, College Park.

Selterman, D. (2017). Moral Psychology and Monogamy. *Talk Presented at the Annual Alt-Sex NYC Conference*. New York City, NY.

Selterman, D. (2016). Invited Speaker, "Psychological Barriers to Student Performance." The Teaching and Learning Transformation Center's Diversity and Inclusion Workshop Series, University of Maryland, College Park.

Selterman, D. (2016). Invited Speaker, "The Ethics of Sexual Activity." Interdisciplinary Dialogue Series Presents: Sex on Campus, University of Maryland, College Park. Available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIf0-6iaZq8>

Selterman, D. (2016). Invited Speaker, "Relationship Morality – The Ethics of Betrayal, Sex, and Friendship." Counseling Center's Research & Development Series, University of Maryland, College Park.

Selterman, D., Garcia, J., & Tsapelas, I. (2016). Motivations for Infidelity Revisited: New Factors and Outcomes. *Talk Presented at the Bi-annual Conference of the International Association for Relationships Research*. Toronto, ON.

Selterman, D., Lewandowski, G., Harman, J., & Mark, K. (2016). Beyond the College Classroom: The Important Role of Sex and Relationship Researchers in Large Scale Education Efforts. *Talk Presented at the Bi-annual Conference of the International Association for Relationships Research*. Toronto, ON.

Selterman, D. (2014). Invited Speaker, "Fast Friends: A Scientific Icebreaker." Learning Technologies Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Series, University of Maryland, College Park. Talk available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6G64qfzWzg>

Selterman, D. (2014). Invited Speaker, "What Can We Learn From Our Dreams?" TEDxUMD Conference on the Human Experience, University of Maryland, College Park. Talk available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9ArPNAOHC0>

Selterman, D. (2013). Invited Speaker, "Engaging Students in Authentic Research in the Classroom," Center for Teaching Excellence Panel Discussion and Workshop, University of Maryland, College Park.

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2024	SPSP Current Events Grant for Research on Antisemitism and Islamophobia
2024	Cloud Research Award for Research on Antisemitism and Islamophobia
2023	SNF Agora Institute Faculty Grant: "Social Norm Tightness and Incivility in Online Political Communities."
2021	Outstanding Theoretical Paper Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)
2020	Provost's Teaching Innovation Grant, University of Maryland
2018	TLTC Fearless Teaching Seed Grant Recipient; Award for Research on Critical Reasoning Ability and Student Well-Being
2018	Faculty Learning Community Fellow: Student-Centered Approaches to Teaching and Learning
2016	Society for Personality & Social Psychology Award for Distinguished Service; Given to the In-Mind Foundation at the 2017 SPSP Conference

2015-2016	McNair Scholars Mentor (Advisor); Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
2016	Provost's Excellence Award for Professional Track Faculty, University of Maryland
2015	Co-author of <i>Reproducibility Project: Psychology</i> that was named #8 of Top 100 Stories of 2015 by Discover Magazine , #6 by Science News , #5 in Altmetric100 , Nature Magazine's Top Science Stories of 2015 , and a runner-up for Breakthrough of the Year by Science Magazine
2014	Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Instruction, Psychology Department, University of Maryland
2013	University of Maryland Panhellenic Association Award for Outstanding Teaching
2012-2013	Lilly Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching Excellence and the Office of Undergraduate Studies, University of Maryland
2012	University of Maryland Book Exchange Award
2010	Student Life Award for Advocacy Leadership, Stony Brook University
2010	Office of Student Activities Media Service Award, Stony Brook University
2007	Psi Chi Certificate of Service Recognition, Stony Brook University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

2024-present	Associate Editor, <i>Archives of Sexual Behavior</i>
2023-2024	BECOME Program Faculty Mentor, <i>Society for Personality and Social Psychology</i>
2023-2024	Masters Thesis Committee for Hebe Fung. <i>Exploring the relationship between attachment styles and infidelity: An analysis of contributing factors</i> . Purdue University Northwest.
2022-present	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Social Psychology Research</i>
2023	Completion of the Best Practices in University Teaching (BPUT) Workshop, Center for Teaching Excellence and Innovation (CTEI), Johns Hopkins University.
2017	Completion of the UMD faculty <i>Launch</i> program, The Teaching and Learning Transformation Center, University of Maryland, College Park.
2016-present	Editorial Board, <i>Personal Relationships</i>
2016	Congressional Advocacy Day, Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)
2015-2022	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Social and Personal Relationships</i>
2014-2020	Webmaster, International Association for Relationships Research (IARR)
2014	Research Dissemination Ad-hoc Committee, International Association for Relationships Research (IARR)
2012-2020	Intel STS Project Reviewer, <i>Society for Science & the Public</i>
2013-2014	Statistical Consultant, Design and Statistical Analysis Laboratory (DaSAL),

University of Maryland, College Park.

2012-2014 Contributing Researcher, Academic Achievement Research Group (AARG), University of Maryland, College Park.

CAMPUS/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2023-present Co-Chair, Heterodox Academy Campus Community at Johns Hopkins University

2023-2024 Faculty Reviewer for Undergraduate Student Grant Applications, Office of Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity (URSCA), Johns Hopkins University

2021-2021 Psychology Department Awards Committee, University of Maryland

2018-2019 University Senate Executive Committee, University of Maryland

2017-2018 Professional Track Faculty (PTK) Appointment, Evaluation & Promotion Committee, University of Maryland

2017-2018 Professional Track Faculty (PTK) Awards Committee, University of Maryland

2016-2020 University Senator, University of Maryland

2016-2021 MOOC (Massive Open Online Courses) Advisory Board, University of Maryland

2014-2018 General Education - Humanities & Social Sciences Faculty Board, University of Maryland

2014-2016 University Senate Educational Affairs Committee, University of Maryland

2012-2013 Banneker/Key Scholarship Selection Committee, University of Maryland

2011 Provost Search Committee, Stony Brook University

2009-2010 President (Elected) of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Stony Brook University

2008-2010 Executive Committee of the University Senate, Stony Brook University

2008-2009 Vice President (Elected) of the GSO, Stony Brook University.

2007-2008 Psychology Departmental Senator, GSO, Stony Brook University.

CAMPUS CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Bridge JHU

JHU Crisis Text Line Club

UMD Active Minds

Digital Media Club at Maryland

Yogi Terps, University of Maryland

UMD React to Film, University of Maryland

Room Raiders, University of Maryland

A Mercy Killing, University of Maryland