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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Social Psychology, University of California, Irvine
- 2011 M.A., Psychology, California State University, Fullerton
- 2009 B.A., *cum laude*, Psychology, California State University, Fullerton
- 2007 A.A., Social Science, Santiago Canyon College

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2020 Citation poster awarded 3rd place in the Contemporary Pain-Health Interfaces channel at the 2020 Virtual Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society
- 2018 Martha Newkirk Award for Excellence in Research by a Graduate Student, School of Social Ecology, UCI
- 2018 Graduate Student Mentoring Award, UCI
- 2018 SPSP travel award to attend the Society of Australasian Social Psychologists' Summer Conference at the Australian National University, New South Wales, Australia
- 2017 SPSP Media Psychology Pre-Conference Registration Award
- 2014, 2015 Graduate Student Mentoring Award, UCI

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Markers of emotion and behavior on social media during stressful contexts
 Psychological and decision-making implications of information transmission on new media
 Rumors and misinformation on new media

QUANTITATIVE EXPERTISE

Big data analytics and visualization	Standard (OLS, Logistic) and
Complex data cleaning, screening, and harmonization	advanced (Multilevel modeling) regression techniques
Text analytics (n-grams, topic modeling approaches)	Structural equation modeling
Clustering (k-means) & data reduction approaches (PCA, MCA, RF models)	<i>Statistical Software:</i> R, Stata, SPSS
Intensive longitudinal data analysis	
Piecewise regression	

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Scholar: 09/2021 – *present*
 Department of Psychological Science, University of California, Irvine
 Roxane Cohen Silver, PI

Lecturer: 10/2020 – *present*

Department of Psychological Science, University of California, Irvine

- *Classes:* Big Data Analytics for the Social Sciences I & II; Statistical Analysis for Social Ecology; Graduate Research Methods

Postdoctoral Scholar: 09/2020 – 08/2021

Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing, University of California, Irvine

E. Alison Holman, PI

- Multiple projects assessing the impact of COVID-19 using a longitudinal representative national sample of Americans

Postdoctoral Research Associate: 10/2018 – 07/2020

Department of Psychology, Princeton University

Diana Tamir, Stacey Sinclair, & J. Nicole Shelton, PIs

- Project management and development of a large-scale web and mobile application research platform: <http://thepersonproject.org>

Research Fellow: 01/2018 – 12/2020

Program of Research in Translational Technology Enabling High Quality Care, Department of Medicine, University of California, Irvine.

Dana Mukamel & Dara Sorkin, Directors

Graduate Student Researcher: 01/2017 – 09/2018

National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, University of California, Los Angeles

“Examining the Short- and Long-term Impact of Mass Violence in Communities.”

Melissa Brymer & Robert Pynoos, PIs

INTRAMURAL RESEARCH GRANT

Chair Research Award, Department of Medicine, University of California, Irvine

“Patient decision making in an era of unlimited information and misinformation on the Internet.” Emilie Chow, Dana B. Mukamel, Nickolas M. Jones, PIs, 7/2017 - 12/2018.

Funding: \$25,000

EDITORIAL SERVICE

2019 – *present* **Editorial Board**, *Human Behavior & Emerging Technologies*

2016 **Guest Associate Editor**, *Translational Issues in Psychological Science: Special Issue on Social Media*, Rosanna Guadagno, Special Issue Editor

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*shared first author

Goldy, S. P., **Jones, N. M.**, & Piff, P. K. (in press). The social effects of an awesome solar eclipse. *Psychological Science*.

Jones, N. M., & Silver, R. C. (2020). This is not a drill: Anxiety on Twitter following the 2018 Hawaii false missile alert. *American Psychologist*, 75, 683-693 (published ahead of print July 25, 2019). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/amp0000495>

- ***Jones, N. M.**, *Mukamel, D. B., Malik, S., Greenfield, R. S., Reikes, A., Wong, N. D., & Chow, E. (2020). The costs outweigh the benefits: Seeing side-effects online may decrease adherence to statins. *BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making*, *20*, 1-11. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/s12911-020-01207-w>
- Jones, N. M.**, Brymer, M., & Silver, R. C. (2019). Using big data to study the impact of mass violence: Opportunities for the traumatic stress field. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, *32*, 653-663. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jts.22434>
- Redmond, S., **Jones, N. M.**, Holman, E. A., & Silver, R. C. (2019). Who watches an ISIS beheading—And why. *American Psychologist*, *74*, 555-568 (published ahead of print February 25, 2019). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/amp0000438>
- Thompson, R. R., **Jones, N. M.**, Holman, E. A., & Silver, R. C. (2019). Media exposure to mass violence events can fuel a cycle of distress. *Science Advances*, *5*, eaav3502. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.aav3502>
- Jones, N. M.**, Thompson, R. R., Dunkel Schetter, C., & Silver, R. C. (2017). Distress and rumor exposure on social media during a campus lockdown. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA*, *144*, 11663-11668 (published ahead of print October 17, 2017). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1708518114>
- Jones, N. M.**, Wojcik, S. P., Sweeting, J., & Silver, R. C. (2016). Tweeting negative emotion: An investigation of Twitter data in the aftermath of violence on college campuses. *Psychological Methods*, *21*, 526-541. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/met0000099>
- Jones, N. M.**, Garfin, D. R., Holman, E. A., & Silver, R. C. (2016). Media use and exposure to graphic content in the week following the Boston Marathon bombings. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *58*, 47-59. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12073>
- Guadagno, R. E., **Jones, N. M.**, Kimbrough, A. K., & Mattu, A. (2016). Translating social media psychological research. *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*, *2*, 213-215. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/tps0000087>

OTHER WRITING

- Jones, N. M.** (2020, January 30). [Using big data to study responses to collective trauma](#). *Stress Points*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

*shared first author

- Goldy, S. P., **Jones, N. M.**, & Silver, R. C. *Mapping emotion on Twitter following the 2018 Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting*.
- Relihan, D. P., **Jones, N. M.**, Holman, E. A., & Silver, R. C. *Just like me: Social identity and the transmission of trauma*.
- Jones, N. M.***, Holman, E. A. *, Garfin, D. R., & Silver, R. C. *The COVID time warp: Temporal disintegration in a representative sample of Americans*.
- Jones, N. M.***, Williams, D. *, & Holman, E. A. *The color of worry: Racial differences in perseverative cognition related to the COVID-19 pandemic*.
- Thompson, R. R., **Jones, N. M.**, Freeman, A. M., Holman, E. A., Garfin, D. R., & Silver, R. C. *COVID-19 community restrictions and mental health in the U.S. in 2020*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Jones, N. M., Thompson, R. R., Holman, E. A., Garfin, D. R., & Silver, R. C. *Information-channel repertoires and their emotional, cognitive, and behavioral correlates in the context of a pandemic.*

Jones, N. M., Tamir, D. I., Sinclair, S., & Shelton, N. *The role of psychological and physical distance in responses to collective traumas.*

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

*student mentee

*Estes, K., & **Jones, N. M.** (2022, February). Congress members' risk communication throughout compounding crisis. Society for Social Personality Psychology, San Francisco, CA. **[Data blitz]**

Jones, N.M. & Silver, R.C. (2021, February). *Media use and worry during the COVID-19 pandemic.* Society for Social Personality Psychology, Virtual. **[Symposium Presentation]**

Jones, N. M., Williams, D. P., Holman, E. A. (2020, December). *The color of worry: Racial differences in perseverative cognition related to the COVID-19 pandemic.* American Psychosomatic Society, Virtual. **[Citation poster]**

Jones N. M. (2020, February). *Common Difficulties of Academia No One Talks About: Take 2.* Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA. **[Panelist]**

Jones, N. M., & Silver, R. C. (2019, August). *This is not a drill: Anxiety on Twitter following the 2018 Hawaii false missile alert.* Summer Psychology Forum of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, St. Louis, MO. **[Data blitz]**

Jones, N. M., & Silver, R. C. (2017, December). *Distress and rumor exposure on social media during a campus lockdown.* Recommendations presented to the Chancellor's Cabinet of the University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA.

Jones, N. M. (2017, January). *Uncertainty during a campus lockdown: An analysis of rumor communication and distress.* Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX. **[Data blitz]**

Jones, N. M. (2016, March). *Using social media to answer psychological questions.* Presented at Saddleback Community College, Mission Viejo, CA. **[Invited talk]**

Beals, K. P., Ghavami, N., **Jones, N. M.**, & Conlon, C. (2013, April). *Diversity in Research Workshop.* Western Psychological Association, Reno, NV. **[Panelist]**

CONFERENCE POSTERS

*student mentee

*Goldy, S. P., **Jones, N. M.**, & Piff, P. K. (2022, February). *The social effects of awesome celestial events.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

- Jones, N. M.** & Hunter, J. (2020, February). *Psychological correlates of using social applications on smartphones*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Jones, N. M.**, & Silver, R. C. (2018, November). *This is not a drill: Anxiety on Twitter following the 2018 Hawaii false missile alert*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Washington, D.C.
- Jones, N. M.**, Brymer, M., & Silver, R. C. (2018, November). *Using big data to study the impact of mass violence: Opportunities for the traumatic stress field*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Washington, D.C.
- *Philbrick, G. M., *Wilder, R. A., *Le, K., **Jones, N. M.** (2018, May). *Social support, life satisfaction, and patterns of social media use*. Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program conference, Irvine, CA.
- *Wilder, R. A., *Philbrick, G. M., *Le, K., **Jones, N. M.** (2018, May). *Social media application use and belongingness*. Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program conference, Irvine, CA.
- Redmond, S. A, **Jones, N. M.**, Holman E. A., & Silver, R. C. (2017, November). *Who watches an ISIS beheading? A longitudinal mixed methods study of a national U.S. sample*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Chicago, IL.
- Jones, N. M.**, Thompson, R. R., Dunkel Schetter, C., & Silver, R. C. (2017, November). *Distress and rumor exposure on social media during a campus lockdown*. Poster presented at the Psychology of Technology Conference, Berkeley, CA.
- Jones N. M.**, Wojcik, S. P., Sweeting J., & Silver, R. C. (2015, May). *Tweeting negative emotion: Affective signal in community samples of Twitter users in the aftermath of the 2014 Isla Vista killings*. Poster presented at the UC Irvine Data Science Initiative's Afternoon of Data Science, Irvine, CA.
- Jones, N. M.**, Garfin, D. R., Holman, E. A., & Silver, R. C. (2015, February). *Media use and exposure to graphic content in the week following the Boston Marathon bombings*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- *Page, B., & **Jones, N. M.** (2014, February). *Can moral foundations predict perceptions of cheating behaviors? The role of purity in perceiving deception*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Jones, N. M.**, Warstadt, M., Schultz, R., McKinnis, D. L., & Beals, K. P. (2010, January). *Do LGB individuals distance themselves from the majority community following the passage of anti-gay referenda? A quantitative and qualitative look*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.
- McKinnis, D. L., Fadakar, G., Ortiz, C., **Jones, N. M.**, & Beals, K. P. (2010, January). *Non-recognition of same-sex unions and relationship commitment: A look at the effects of the California Supreme Court's decision to uphold Proposition 8*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.

McKinnis, D. L., **Jones, N. M.**, Schultz, R., Fadakar, G., Ortiz, C., Martinez, R., & Beals, K. P. (2009, April). *Effects of Proposition 8 on gay, lesbian, and bisexual individuals*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2016 - 2017 **Student member**, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Psychological Science, University of California, Irvine

Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Emotion, Psychological Science, Translational Issues in Psychological Science, British Journal of Social Psychology*

PAST TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2018 **Instructor**, Department of Psychological Science, University of California, Irvine. Statistics workshop for students taking comprehensive exams

Summer 2017 **Instructor**, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine. Statistics Bootcamp for incoming graduate students

10/2013 - 12/2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Psychological Science, University of California, Irvine. *Classes:* Quantitative Methods in Psychology (graduate-level statistics series; 2 years), Applied Statistics for Psychological Research, Research Methods, Social Relationships, Psychology Fundamentals

8/2011 - 8/2013 **Part-time Faculty Member**, Department of Psychology, California State University, Fullerton.
Classes: Computer Applications in Psychology, Research Methods, Human Sexual Behavior

MEDIA COVERAGE

2019 [Research Digest for British Psychology Society](#)
2017 [Huffington Post](#), [Mashable.com](#), [Southern California Public Radio \(KPCO\)](#)
2016 [Arizona Public Radio \(KNAU\)](#)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Society for Personality and Social Psychology
American Psychosomatic Society

REFERENCES

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