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Education

University of Oxford, Magdalen College
DPhil, Experimental Psychology (expected February 2027)
Dissertation: *Grafting caregiver mental health support within a digital parenting programme in the Mexican public health system*

My dissertation develops a novel 'grafting' approach for embedding mental health promotion within an existing digital parenting chatbot by exploiting shared behaviour-change mechanisms and structural similarities. Using a mixed-methods approach, it examines feasibility, acceptability, and early signals of effectiveness in the Mexican public health system in partnership with UNICEF, the National Institute of Psychiatry of Mexico, and the Mexican state and federal governments. This work contributes to the evidence base for integrating universal mental health support into scalable, low-cost delivery models in low- and middle-income countries.

University of Oxford, St Hilda's College
MPhil in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation (with Merit, 2023)
Thesis: *Exploring chatbots as a delivery mode to scale family wellbeing interventions*

Washington University in St. Louis
BA in Psychology, Neuroscience, and Philosophy (with Honors, 2021)
Thesis: *The design and development of a novel positive psychological intervention program to improve the psychological wellbeing of incarcerated people*

Grants & Funding

Overseas Institutional Visiting Research Fellowship Recipient — Economic and Social Research Council, (Host Institution: Mental Health for All Lab, Harvard Medical School) £3,000 (2026)

A waitlist randomised controlled trial of a strengths-based mental health promotion programme in US prisons: the FLOURISH Trial. Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Dr Jaclyn Gaffaney) — Private donor, $50,000 (2025 – 2029).

Co-design and grant proposal development of a randomised controlled trial of a grafted mental health and parenting chatbot intervention in Mexico. Principal Investigator — Global Parenting Initiative (Future Leaders Pump Priming Grant), $4,965 (2025)

Travel to present research at 13th Annual Meeting. Recipient — International Society for Research of Internet Interventions (Travel Award), $1,020 (2025)

Research, Training, and Support Grant. Recipient — Economic and Social Research Council, £4,000 (2024–2026)

Overseas Fieldwork Expenses Grant. Recipient — Economic and Social Research Council, £6,000 (2024 – 2025)

Grafting caregiver mental health support within a digital parenting programme in the Mexican public health system. Recipient – Economic and Social Research Council (Grand Union Studentship; full tuition and stipend), £174,000 (2023 – 2027)

Scaling the lay first responder model of prehospital care education. Co-investigator *(*PI: Dr. Nathanael Smith) — Washington University in St. Louis (Spark Seed Funding) $15,456 (2025 – 2027)

Emergency bridge award to supplement lost funding due to the dissolution of USAID. Co-Investigator (PI: Dr. Zachary Eisner) — **Open Road Initiative**, $65,000 (2025)

Developing a mobile application for digital dispatch and psychological support of lay first responders in Sierra Leone. Co-investigator (PI: Dr. Zachary Eisner) — USAID Development Innovation Ventures, $200,000 (2022 – 2024)

A pilot randomised controlled trial of a brief, wordless, short animated storytelling intervention for reducing addiction stigma. Co-Investigator (PI: Prof. Maya Adam) — Stanford Center for Digital Health, $10,000 (2022 – 2025)

Scholarships & Awards

Oxford Impact Lab Research Innovation Fellow, University of Oxford ($2,706) — 2026
Global Parenting Initiative Future Leaders Fellow — 2023–Present
ESRC Grand Union Doctoral Scholar — 2023–2027
Harry S. Truman Scholar ($30,000) — 2020
Stern Family Civic Fellow, Washington University in St. Louis ($8,500) — 2020
Helen Davis Humanitarian Award for Public Service, Washington University in St. Louis — 2020
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology — 2019
William H. Danforth Scholar (merit-based scholarship awarded to 20 incoming students, $106,800) — 2017–2021

Academic Affiliations & Memberships

Visiting Research Fellow, Mental Health for All Lab (Professor Vikram Patel), Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, *Harvard Medical School,* Boston, USA (October–December 2026)
Affiliate Researcher, Slovak Lab, *King's College London* (Professor Petr Slovak) (2024–Present)
Visiting Researcher, *Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz National Institute of Psychiatry*, Mexico City, Mexico (2024–Present)
Affiliate Researcher, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, *University of Oxford*, Oxford, UK (2023–Present)
Member, American Psychological Association (2021–Present)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Adam, M., Rohr, J., Greuel, M., Seeff, M., Margulis, E., Gates, J., **Klapow, M.,** Liu, S., Amsalem, D., & Bärnighausen, T. (2026). Short, animated storytelling (SAS) social contact videos reduce addiction stigma in the UK, USA, and South Africa: A randomised controlled trial of 13,397 participants. *eClinicalMedicine (The Lancet Discovery Science)*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eclinm.2026.104129

2. **Klapow, M. C.,** Zinser, P., Facciola, C., Han, Q., Ambrósio, M. da G., Calderón Alfaro, F. A., Mamauag, B., Reyes, J., Habacon, C., Peña Alampay, L., Mendez, S. E., Juhari, R. B., Madon, Z., Mohd Nadzri, F. Z., Schafer, M., Clements, L., Stern, D., & Lachman, J. M. (2026). Chatbot-based

health interventions in low- and middle-income countries: Effective access, early attrition, and design strategies from a mixed-methods study. *npj Digital Public Health, 1*, Article 23. https://doi.org/10.1038/s44482-026-00027-5

3. Thiagarajan, A. B., Kulkarni, A. J., Ogana, S. O., Okwiri, D. A., Pine, H., **Klapow, M.**, Falstin, M., Delaney, P. G., Eisner, Z. J., Smith, N. J., & Arudo, J. (2026). Advanced responder training priorities in Kenya: A Delphi study with implications for low- and middle-income countries. *African Journal of Emergency Medicine*, *16*(2), 100968. 10.1016/j.afjem.2026.100968

4. Pine, H., Ayoub, K., Batra, A., Delaney, P. G., Hannington, M., Ssentamu, J., **Klapow, M. C.**, Smith, N. J., Raghavendran, K., & Eisner, Z. J. (2025). Efficacy of a lay first responder program: Results from a pilot cohort in Uganda. *Journal of Medicine, Surgery, and Public Health*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.glmedi.2025.100215

5. **Klapow, M. C.**, Seeff, M., Adam, M., Greuel, M., Hoffman, D., Rogge, J. R., Gordon, A., Bärnighausen, T., & Amsalem, D. (2025). A short, animated storytelling video to reduce addiction stigma: A pilot randomized controlled trial. *Addictive Behaviors Reports*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.abrep.2025.100622

6. Unadkat, A., Stoller, E., Pine, H., Eisner, Z. J., **Klapow, M. C.**, Kulkarni, A. J., Thiagarajan, A., Smith, N., & Delaney, P. G. (2025). Prehospital extremity fracture management in low and middle-income countries: a scoping review of lay first responders and traditional bonesetters. *World Journal of Surgery*. https://doi.org/10.1002/wjs.12678

7. Adam, M., Klapow, M. C., Greuel, M., Seeff, M., Rohr, J. K., Gordon, A., Amsalem, D., & Bärnighausen, T. (2025). Short, animated storytelling video to reduce addiction stigma in 13,500 participants across multiple countries through an online approach: Protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *JMIR Research Protocols, 14*, e73382. https://doi.org/10.2196/73382

8. Whitaker, E., Chessell, C., **Klapow, M. C.**, & Creswell, C. (2025). A systematic review of guided, parent-led digital interventions for preadolescent children with emotional and behavioural problems. *Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review*. 10.1007/s10567-025-00521-x

9. Pine, H., Mayoras, B. R., **Klapow, M. C.**, Smith, N. J., Delaney, P. G., & Eisner, Z. J. (2025). Feasibility of an undergraduate academic fellowship in global health system development. *BMC Medical Education, 25*, 231. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12909-024-06616-3

10. **Klapow, M. C.,** Shea, K., Bohn, T., & Hoffman, D. (2026). The effectiveness of positive psychology-based interventions in prisons on well-being: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *The Journal of Positive Psychology, 21*(2), 225–240. https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2025.2461532

11. **Klapow, M. C.**, Rosenblatt, A., Lachman, J., & Gardner, F. (2024). The feasibility and acceptability of using a digital conversational agent (chatbot) for delivering parenting interventions: A systematic review. *JMIR Pediatrics and Parenting*. https://doi.org/10.2196/55726

12. McGuire, J., Dupret, S., Dwyer, R., Plant, M., & **Klapow, M.** (2024). The wellbeing cost-effectiveness of StrongMinds and Friendship Bench: Combining a systematic review and meta-analysis with charity-related data. *The Unjournal*. https://doi.org/10.21428/d28e8e57.1809195c

13. Eisner, Z. J., Delaney, P. G., Achunine, P., Kulkarni, A., Shaida, F., Smith, N., Onabanjo, S., Popoola, A., **Klapow, M. C.**, Pine, H., Sun, J., & Raghavendran, K. (2024). Evaluating a digital hybrid training-

of-trainers approach for lay first responders in Nigeria during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Injury*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.injury.2023.111174

14. Delaney, P. G., Eisner, Z. J., Pine, H., **Klapow, M. C.**, Thullah, A. H., Bamuleke, R., Nuur, I. M., & Raghavendran, K. (2024). Leveraging transportation providers to deploy lay first responder programs in three sub-Saharan African countries: Evaluating longitudinal impact and cost-effectiveness. *Injury*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.injury.2024.111505

15. **Klapow, M.**, Zinser, P., Lachman, J., Facciola, C., Han, Q., Ambrosia, M., Calderon, F., Brukwe, K., Sheil, R., & Van Winden, Y. (2023). Promoting family well-being at scale: optimising and re-designing a digital parenting programme for reducing violence against children in LMICs using the 6SQUID Framework. *Population Medicine*. Conference proceedings. https://doi.org/10.18332/popmed/164209

16. Kulkarni, A. J., Batra, A., Eisner, Z. J., Delaney, P. G., Pine, H., **Klapow, M. C.**, & Raghavendran, K. (2023). Prehospital hemorrhage management in low- and middle-income countries: A scoping review. *World Journal of Surgery*. https://doi.org/10.1002/wjs.12054

17. Johnson, B. M., Rowland, A. J., Coeur, J. D., **Klapow, M. C.,** & Pointon, J. F. (2023). Understanding the acceptability and effect of psychiatric care via telemedicine as an alternative option for patients living with intellectual disabilities in group homes. *The Cooper Rowan Medical Journal.* DOI: 10.31986/issn.2578.3343_vol5iss1.3

18. Eisner, Z., Delaney, P., **Klapow, M. C.**, Raghavendran, K., & Klapow, J. (2022). Identifying a 'super-responder' phenomenon in three African countries: Implications for prehospital emergency care training. *Injury*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.injury.2021.09.064

19. Morse, S., **Klapow, M. C.**, & Wright, K. (2021). Correctional rehabilitation and positive psychology: Opportunities and challenges. *Sociology Compass*. https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12960

Manuscripts Under Review & In Preparation

1. **Klapow, M. C.**, Parra-Cardona, J. R., Amador Buenabad, N. G., Vázquez Pérez, L., Gutiérrez López, M. L., Pro Alcantára, A., Aznar Daban, R., Ruiz Hernández, J. A., Markle, L., Barapatre, D., Ruiz Briones, M., Creswell, C., & Lachman, J. M. (**under review**). *Designing government-research partnerships for disruption: implementing a parenting chatbot through Mexico's national family development system.* Invited manuscript for special issue in *Prevention Science*. https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-8805265/v1
2. Pine, H., Unadkat, A., Mayoras, B. R., Amanze, C., **Klapow, M. C.,** Falstin, M., Achunine, P., Nnadi, C., Popoola, A., Delaney, P. G., Eisner, Z. J., & Smith, N. J. (**under review**). Exploring confidence and practice among lay first responders in Lagos, Nigeria: A mixed-methods follow-up study. *BMC Health Services Research.*
3. **Klapow, M. C.,** Unadkat, A., Yu, A., Pine, H., Mayoras, B. R., Olshin, B., Thiagarajan, A. B., Achunine, P., Eisner, Z. J., & Delaney, P. G. (under review). A prospective cohort study of the one-year mental health outcomes among lay first responders in Lagos, Nigeria. Preprint: https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-8923565/v1
4. **Klapow, M. C.,** Parra-Cardona, J. R., Amador, N. B., Pro Alcantára, A., Ramírez, G., Barapatre, D., Markle, L., Vázquez, L., Gutiérrez López, M. de L., Ruiz Briones, M., Creswell, C., & Lachman, J. M. (**in prep**). *Grafting caregiver mental health support within a parenting chatbot in the Mexican national family welfare system: Design and development*.

5. Eisner, Z. J., Pine, H., Thullah, A. H., Onabanjo, S., Kulkarni, A., Popoola, A., Falstin, M., Unadkat, A., Nnadi, C., **Klapow, M. C.**, Smith, N., Sun, J., Raghavendran, K., & Delaney, P. G. (**under revision**). *Deploying Emergency Bystander Internet Training (DEBIT) for lay first responders in West Africa: An international, multi-site, randomized non-inferiority trial.* 10.2196/preprints.87825
6. **Klapow, M. C.**, Dupret, S., McGuire, J., & Dwyer R. (**in prep**). *The effectiveness of psychotherapy in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review and complex meta-analysis.*
7. **Klapow, M. C.**, & Gaffaney, J. (**in prep**). *Exploring predictors of mental health status and psychological wellbeing in correctional officers: Findings from the UVM Prison Climate Survey in a large U.S. corrections system.*

Conference Presentations

1. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *Developing an AI career development supportive intervention for young people.* [Symposium presentation]. International Congress for Applied Psychology, Florence, Italy.
2. **Klapow, M.** (2025). *Incorporating mental health support through digital parenting interventions: Evidence from a 4-state evaluation in Mexico* [Symposium presentation]. National Institute of Psychiatry Annual Research Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico.
3. **Klapow, M.** (2025). *Grafting universal mental health support in a scalable digital parenting programme for families in Mexico: Feasibility, acceptability, and signals of effectiveness* [Oral presentation]. International Society for Research on Internet Interventions Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA.
4. **Klapow, M.** (2025). *Grafting universal mental health support in a scalable digital parenting programme for families in Mexico: Lessons learned from implementation* [Invited presentation]. Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, USA.
5. **Klapow, M.** (2023). *A novel approach to re-designing family well-being chatbots to improve behavioural engagement in resource-limited settings* [Oral presentation]. World Congress for Public Health, Rome, Italy.
6. **Klapow, M.** (2021). *Re-imagining corrections: Developing a positive psychoeducational program for incarcerated people* [Paper presentation]. Collegiate Association for Inequality Research National Conference. North Carolina, USA
7. Eisner, Z., **Klapow, M.**, & Delaney, P. (2021). *Developing a digital application for lay emergency first responders* [White paper presentation]. LFR International. Michigan, USA.
8. **Klapow, M.**, & Thomas, V. (2020). *Towards empowered and resilient students: Incorporating positive psychology into a Critical & Researched Writing course* [Paper presentation]. National Conference for Higher Education in Prison. Remote. (Postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19.)
9. **Klapow, M.**, Wilson, M., & Lai, C. (2019). *Who is a racist?: Examining mental representations of racism and racial bias* [Poster presentation]. Mind, Brain, Behavior Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA.

Invited Talks

1. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *Embedding caregiver mental health support within a digital parenting programm* [invited talk]. University Center for Primary Care and Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and Health Services, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

2. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *Grafting mental health support within a digital parenting programme in the Mexican public health system: Design, implementation, and preliminary outcomes* [invited lab talk]. Research Program on Children and Adversity, School of Social Work, Boston College, Boston, MA, USA.

3. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *Grafting mental health support within a digital parenting programme in the Mexican public health system: Design, implementation, and preliminary outcomes* [invited lab talk]. Settings for Early Education and Development Lab, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Boston, MA, USA.

4. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *Grafting mental health support within a digital parenting programme in the Mexican public health system: Design, implementation, and preliminary outcomes* [invited research seminar]. Mental Health for All Laboratory, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA.

5. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *AI won't fix global mental healthcare.* [Invited talk and panel discussion]. Centre for Global Health Research, Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford UK.

6. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *Grafting mental health support into parenting interventions: a new pathway to scale* [Industry talk]. PLH Scaling and Innovation Team Monthly Keynote. Parenting for Lifelong Health, London, UK.

7. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *Grafting mental health support within a digital parenting programme in the Mexican public health system: Design, implementation, and preliminary outcomes* [Invited talk]. GLOW-CAT Talk Series (Wellcome Trust), Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

8. **Klapow, M.** (2026). *Designing AI-powered digital interventions for resource-limited settings* [Invited talk and panel discussion]. Jesus College Digital Hub, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

9. **Klapow, M.**, & Lachman, J. (2026). *Digital interventions for improving family wellbeing* [Guest lecture]. Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

10. **Klapow, M.**, & Gardner, F. (2026). *Mental health problems for young people and families* [Guest lecture]. Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

11. **Klapow, M.** (2025). *Designing social interventions for scale* [Guest lecture]. Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

12. **Klapow, M.** (2025). *Grafting mental health support within a digital parenting programme in the Mexican public health system: Design, implementation, and preliminary outcomes* [Invited presentation]. Centre for Emerging Minds Research, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

13. **Klapow, M.** (2025). *Grafting mental health support within a digital parenting programme in the Mexican public health system* [Departmental seminar]. Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

14. **Klapow, M.** (2025). *Embedding universal mental health support in a scalable digital parenting programme for families in Mexico* [Invited presentation]. Child Mind Institute Global Research Institute, New York, NY, USA.

15. **Klapow, M.** (2025). *Building and evaluating digital interventions in challenging implementation settings: Lessons learned from three case studies* [Invited presentation]. World Bank Mind, Behavior and Development Unit (eMBeD).

16. **Klapow, M.**, Rosenblatt, A., Lachman, J., & Gardner, F. (2024). *Using chatbots to scale-up parenting programmes: Feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary effectiveness* [Invited presentation]. Centre for Evidence-Based Intervention, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

17. **Klapow, M.**, & Mayoras, B. (2023). *Implementation science in a global health context: Tools for improving research* [Invited talk]. Lay First Responders Fellowship Symposium. Remote.

18. **Klapow, M.** (2023). *Re-designing a parenting chatbot to promote behavioural engagement in Jamaica, Malaysia, and the Philippines* [Invited presentation]. Centre for Evidence-Based Intervention, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

Research Reports & White Papers

1. Kumle, L., **Klapow, M.,** Lupindos, M., Drapni, C., Todsen, A. *Developing an integrated measurement framework for positive affect in high speed driving conditions.* Technical report, Polestar Inc.

2. **Klapow, M.,** Amador, N., Ramirez, G., Alcántara, A. P., Markle, L., Bonaparte, D., & Lachman, J. *Evaluating the feasibility, acceptability, and signals of effectiveness of Crianza con Conciencia+ in 4 Mexican states.* Technical report, United Nations Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

3. **Klapow, M.,** Amador, N., Ramirez, G., Alcántara, A. P., Bonaparte, D., & Lachman, J. (2023). *Reducing adolescent mental health problems and violence against children by promoting universal access to positive parenting support through human-digital parenting programs in Mexico: A situation analysis.* UNICEF Mexico.

4. Eisner, Z., **Klapow, M.,** & Delaney, P. (2021). *Developing a digital application for lay emergency first responders.* White Paper, LFR International.

5. McGuire, J., Dupret, S., Dwyer, R., Plant, M., & **Klapow, M**. C. (2023). *Talking through depression: The cost-effectiveness of psychotherapy in LMICs, revised and expanded*. Happier Lives Institute. https://www.happierlivesinstitute.org/report/talking-through-depression-the-cost-effectiveness-of-psychotherapy-in-lmics-revised-and-expanded/

Prior Professional Research Experience

Research Consultant, Global Parenting Initiative (2026)
Global Parenting Initiative

- Led the adaptation of existing chatbot-based mental health content for integration into a mobile application within Parenting for Lifelong Health's global content package.
- Led the development of a $1.5 million grant proposal for a randomised controlled trial evaluating a digital mental health application in Mexico.

Researcher, Oxford SDG Impact Lab — Polestar Research Collaboration (2026)
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

- Contributed to an interdisciplinary research collaboration with Polestar examining the psychological and physiological dimensions of driving experience and electric vehicle performance.
- Developed and applied approaches integrating self-reported psychological experience, physiological measurements, eye-tracking data, and vehicle telemetry to assess the relationship between vehicle dynamics and subjective driving experience.
- Contributed to the development of a multidimensional measurement framework and technical report, with findings disseminated through industry communications, international media coverage, and a four-part documentary series.

Research Manager, Parenting for Lifelong Health (2023–2024)
Parenting for Lifelong Health

- Led the adaptation of a chatbot-based parenting programme for implementation in Mexico, collaborating with UNICEF Mexico, the National Institute of Psychiatry, and the Global Parenting Initiative.
- Conducted expert elicitation, readiness-to-scale assessments, and cultural adaptation, alongside ethics submissions, rapid user testing, and qualitative and quantitative analyses. Produced a technical report for UNICEF Mexico.

Research Assistant, Global Parenting Initiative (2022)
Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford
Principal Investigator: Professor Frances Gardner

- Supported research coordination, literature reviews, and quantitative analyses across international parenting intervention projects.
- Liaised with academic and NGO partners across three continents, including supporting a Ugandan pilot of a WHO–Oxford parenting programme.

Director of Research and Evaluation, Lay First Responder International (2021–Present)
Lay First Responder International

- Lead the organisation's research and evaluation strategy, reporting to the Executive Director and Board of Directors.
- Oversee research activities, programme evaluations, and academic outputs across a team of 15 researchers.

Research Assistant, Boundaries of Anxiety and Depression Laboratory (2019–2020)
Department of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania
Principal Investigator: Professor Ayelet Ruscio

- Conducted event coding for research investigating positive event processing and its relationship to depression.
- Undertook literature reviews examining positive event processing models among individuals experiencing depression.

Research Assistant, Diversity Sciences Laboratory (2017–2019)
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis
Principal Investigator: Professor Calvin Lai

- Investigated variation in mental representations of racism across political ideology, geographic location, and gender, in collaboration with Project Implicit at Harvard University.
- Developed experimental protocols, implemented studies in Qualtrics, conducted literature reviews, and cleaned and analysed quantitative data using R.

Editorial Roles

Early Career Editorial Board Member, *Prevention Science* (2025–2027)
Editor-in-Chief, *Oxford Graduate Inequality Review* (2022–2023)
Associate Editor, *Oxford Graduate Inequality Review* (2021–2022)
Associate Editor, *Undergraduate Journal of Inequality Research* (2020–2022)

Peer Reviewing

Completed invited peer review for *Nature Scientific Reports, Science Advances, Journal of Clinical and Counseling Psychology, Psychological Services, Journal of Affective Sciences, Prevention Science, Journal of Medical Internet Research* (including *JMIR Pediatrics and Parenting*, *JMIR mHealth and uHealth*, *JMIR Serious Games*, *JMIR Medical Education, JMIR Research Protocols,* and *JMIR Formative Research*), *Humanities and Social Science Communications (Nature Portfolio), PLOS Global Health, Journal of Criminal Justice, Online Journal of Public Health Informatics, Systematic Reviews, Discover Public Health, BMC Emergency Medicine, BMC Public Health, BMC Medical Education*, *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*, *International Journal of Mental Health Promotion*, *International Journal of Prison Health*, *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work* (guest reviewer), *SAGE Open Medicine*, and *mHealth*

Conference Reviewing

Reviewer, *World Congress on Public Health* (2022)
Reviewer, *National Conference for Higher Education in Prison* (2020–2021)

Popular Press & Public Engagement

The Independent (21 October 2026). *Oxford University and Polestar study reveals the real thrill of an electric car.* Featured researcher and quoted expert on the psychological and physiological experience of electric vehicle performance. https://www.independent.co.uk/cars/electric-vehicles/oxford-university-polestar-electric-car-thrills-test-b3070608.html

Ars Technica (20 October 2026). *Polestar tries to quantify what it's like to drive a performance car.* Featured researcher and quoted expert discussing the Oxford–Polestar study of driver experience. https://arstechnica.com/cars/2026/10/polestar-tries-to-quantify-what-its-like-to-drive-a-performance-car/

Polestar — The Anatomy of Performance (2026). Featured researcher in a four-part documentary series examining the science of driving experience, produced in collaboration with the University of Oxford's SDG Impact Lab. Featured prominently in Episode 1, discussing the psychological, physiological, and cognitive dimensions of driving performance. https://www.polestar.com/uk/news/the-anatomy-of-performance/

Klapow, M. (2024). *Can chatbots bridge the gap in parental support?: A cautious optimism.* Global Parenting Initiative.

Klapow, M. (2020). *The Dislocations of Growing Up Absurd. The Common Reader Journal*, Washington University in St. Louis.

College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Speaker. Washington University in St. Louis, Class of 2021

Class of 2020 Address to Secretary Madeleine Albright at the Truman Foundation Board of Trustees Annual Conference (2020)

Guest Speaker, *Today's Up & Coming Podcast* — 2020

Guest Speaker. *One Last Thought" Podcast* — 2019

Klapow, M. C. (2019). *Our problem with empathy* [TEDx talk]. TEDxWUSTL, Washington University in St. Louis. https://www.ted.com/talks/max_klapow_our_problem_with_empathy

Teaching & Mentorship Experience

Guest Lecturer, Department of Social Policy and Intervention
MPhil in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation, University of Oxford — 2025–2026
Modules: Designing social interventions; Child and family mental health

AI Ambassador, Department of Experimental Psychology
Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Competency Centre, University of Oxford — 2025–Present

Tutor, Department of Experimental Psychology
Undergraduate Degrees in Psychology, University of Oxford — 2024–Present
Module: Individual differences in clinical psychology

Supervising Researcher, Psychosocial Research Fellows, Public Health Policy Fellows
Lay First Responders International — 2022–Present

Teaching Assistant, Psychology 401: Positive Psychology
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis — 2020–2021

Teaching Assistant, Washington University Prison Education Project
Washington University in St. Louis — 2019–2020

Mentor, FWD:Scholars — 2020–2023

Peer Mentor, LGBTQ Society
University of Oxford — 2021–2023

Volunteer Graduate Fellowship Advising, Washington University in St. Louis
Peer Mentor — 2020–Present

Employment Mentor, Transformative Workforce Academy
Saint Louis University — 2020

Committee Appointments

Member, Capacity Building Committee
Oxford Centre for Emerging Minds Research, University of Oxford — 2025-2027
Vice-Chair, Graduate Joint Consultative Committee
Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford — 2024
Student Representative, Graduate Joint Consultative Committee
Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford — 2023
Middle Common Room President, St Hilda's College Governing Body
University of Oxford — 2022
Postgraduate Student Body Representative, Conference of Colleges Graduate Committee
University of Oxford — 2022
Co-Chair, Graduate Inequality Review Annual Conference
University of Oxford — 2022

References

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