

Professor Daniel Gilbert and Bethany Burum, Social Psychology

We are looking for students to work with us on three exciting new research programs:

- The first examines the power of **shared experience**. What happens when purely personal experience becomes shared? Do we enjoy it more? Attend to it differently? Remember it differently?
- The second examines how we make **decisions that affect our future selves**. Why are we sometimes willing to make sacrifices to help ourselves in the future, but other times check Facebook instead of starting our term paper? Is the willingness to make sacrifices for another person related to the willingness to make sacrifices for one's future self?
- The third examines **when we deny transgressions**. Why do people sometimes deny transgressions, even in the face of evidence? Can learning that there is evidence of our transgressions sometimes make us *more* likely to deny them, rather than less?

Research assistants will participate in multiple stages—from design, to implementation, to data analysis—learning and contributing to components of the entire research process.

The time commitment is 10-12 hours per week; students may volunteer or receive course credit through Psych 2580r. Please contact Bethany Burum (bethanyburum@gmail.com) for more information.