

Research Assistant Positions in Identity and Status
Sidanius Lab of Social Psychology and Intergroup Relations
Summer 2014

Members of the Sidanius Lab of Social Psychology and Intergroup Relations are a collection of scholars interested in social hierarchy, intergroup conflict, power, status, prejudice, ideology, and identity. The Sidanius Lab is seeking 1-2 strongly motivated research interns to support its research program over the summer months. The Sidanius Lab Summer Internship is unpaid and operates on a flexible schedule. The lab is based in William James Hall in Cambridge.

Primary Investigator: Rachel Arnett

Topics: Identity, Status, and Gender

Overview: How do identities and status differences affect how we think about ourselves, how we communicate this to others, and how we interact in social contexts? This question helps guide Rachel's research on identity and status. In one experimental project, Rachel will be exploring the effects of status differences on interpersonal relationships. For example, when and why do the wealthy hide their background? What implications does this have for intergroup relations? In a second project, Rachel is exploring interventions in organizational contexts that help people from lower status backgrounds excel at work. In another set of projects, Rachel is conducting qualitative research relating to career progression and success, and how it is influenced by gender identity and norms, role models and possible selves, and other factors.

Research Opportunities: Rachel is looking forward to getting Research Assistants involved with research design and idea development, background research and literature reviews, study creation and participant recruitment via online platforms, and data collection.

Expected Hours: 10-20 hours per week depending on total number of RAs.

To apply: Contact Rachel Arnett (rachel.arnett@gmail.com) with your CV, as well as details on which projects interest you most, and why.