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Bio

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Mikaela Spruill is a postdoctoral fellow with the SPARQ research collaborative in Stanford University's Department of Psychology.

An expert in psychology and law, the objective of her research is to examine how the law shapes individual psychologies, and how individuals produce judgments that define laws and policies. Leveraging quantitative and qualitative experimental methods, she tests how individually expressed factors and structurally imposed factors inform the judgments and decisions that people come to. Her research reveals how the racialized experiences that people have in stratified societies translates to decision making, and demonstrates how those decisions define and reinforce larger inequalities in society.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Cornell University , Psychology (2023)
- M.A., Cornell University , Psychology (2021)
- M.A., Wake Forest University , Experimental Psychology (2018)
- B.S., The College of William & Mary , Neuroscience (2016)

STANFORD ADVISORS

- Jennifer Eberhardt, Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Trial by jury: psychological research contributions to an enduring legal institution** *Research Handbook on Law and Psychology*
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- **Strategic Messaging to Promote Policies that Advance Racial Equity: What Do We Know, and What Do We Need to Learn?** *MILBANK QUARTERLY*
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- **Surveys as conversations between makers and takers: A conversational framework for assessing and responding to community needs** *ANALYSES OF SOCIAL ISSUES AND PUBLIC POLICY*
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- **Legal descriptions of police officers affect how citizens judge them** *JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*

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