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Ph.D. Student in Psychology, admitted Autumn 2018

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

### Bio

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#### BIO

I study how our social contexts differentially shape groups' beliefs about others' beliefs (i.e., meta-beliefs) in ways that reinforce racism.

#### EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- BA, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa , Psychology and Communicology (2016)
- AA, Honolulu Community College , Liberal Arts (2013)

#### PERSONAL INTERESTS

Spearfishing, Magic: The Gathering, and Boxing

### Research & Scholarship

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#### CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Racism involves a complex interplay between social contexts and individual thoughts, feelings, and actions. My research highlights how social contexts disproportionately affect marginalized groups' meta-beliefs (i.e., beliefs about others' beliefs), and how those meta-beliefs subsequently influence marginalized group members (but not advantaged group members) to disengage with those contexts. Moreover, I highlight how changes to social contexts can change how marginalized groups think about those contexts, often leading to greater racial equity. My research integrates the social psychological literature in social identity threat and systemic racism, employs diverse methods (e.g., surveys, field experiments, archival analyses, natural language processing) and includes participants from diverse backgrounds to uncover how changes to social contexts can reduce racial inequity across a variety of domains (e.g., scientific publications, interracial relationships, workplace settings, healthcare).

#### PROJECTS

- Meta-beliefs in the Context of Scientific Publications
- Meta-beliefs in the Context of U.S. Interracial Relationships

### Teaching

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#### COURSES

##### 2021-22

- Introduction to Statistical Methods: Precalculus: PSYCH 10, STATS 160, STATS 60 (Win)

##### 2020-21

- Introduction to Statistical Methods: Precalculus: PSYCH 10, STATS 160, STATS 60 (Win)

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **Romantic racism: How racial preferences (and beliefs about racial preferences) reinforce hierarchy in U.S. interracial relationships.** *Cultural diversity & ethnic minority psychology*  
Auelua-Toomey, S. L., Roberts, S. O.  
2023
- **The Effects of Editorial-Board Diversity on Race Scholars and Their Scholarship: A Field Experiment.** *Perspectives on psychological science : a journal of the Association for Psychological Science*  
Auelua-Toomey, S. L., Roberts, S. O.  
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