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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, York University

2021 – Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social and Personality Psychology, University of British Columbia

2021

Minor in Quantitative Methods

Dissertation: *The cognitive foundations and prosocial consequences of belief in karma and gods* Committee: Ara Norenzayan, Mark Schaller, and J. Kiley Hamlin

M. A., Social and Personality Psychology, University of British Columbia 2017 Thesis: *Belief in karma: The content and correlates of supernatural justice beliefs across cultures*

B. A. (Honors), Psychology, King's University College at Western University

Thesis: *Unexpected events as a cue to social surveillance*

RESEARCH

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Note: * denotes an undergraduate, graduate student, or post-doc trainee at time of project

- White, C. J. M., & Billet, M. I.* (Accepted). The roles of anthropomorphism, spirituality, and gratitude in pro-environmental attitudes. *Religion, Brain, & Behavior*. Preprint available at https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/7u6nx
- Mosley, A. J.,* **White, C. J. M.,** & Solomon, L.H. (Accepted). Children's Moral Evaluations of and Behaviors toward People Who are Curious about Religion and Science. *Child Development*.
- **White, C. J. M.,** Mosley, A. J.,* & Solomon, L. H. (Accepted). Adults Show Positive Moral Evaluations of Curiosity about Religion. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. doi: 10.1177/19485506231195915
- Schimmelpfennig, R.,* Spicer, R., **White, C. J. M.,** Gervais, W., Norenzayan, A., Heine, S., Henrich, S., & Muthukrishna, M. (2024). The Moderating Role of Culture in the Generalizability of Psychological Phenomena. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, 7 (1), 1 6.

- White, C. J. M., Dean, C. M.,* Laurin, K. (2024). Do reminders of God increase willingness to take risks? *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 110, 104539. doi: 10.1016/j.jesp.2023.104539
- **White, C. J. M.,** Johnson, K. A., & Mirbozorgi, B.* (2024). Unique cognitive and emotional profiles of interpersonal gratitude and spiritual gratitude. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, *19*(1). doi: 10.1080/17439760.2023.2239781
- Pasek, M. H., Kelly, J. M., Shackleford, C., **White, C.J.M.,** Vishkin, A., Smith, J., Norenzayan, A., Shariff, A., & Ginges, J. (2023). Thinking about God encourages prosociality towards religious outgroups: A cross-cultural investigation. *Psychological Science*, *34*(6). doi: u.ca/10.1177/09567976231158576
- Hoogeveen, S., Sarafoglou, A., ... **White, C. J. M**., ...van Elk, M., Wagenmakers, E. (In press). Many-Analysts Approach to the Relation Between Religiosity and Well-being. *Religion, Brain, & Behavior*. doi: 10.1080/2153599X.2022.2070255
- **White, C. J. M.,** Schaller, M., Abraham, E.,* Rottman, J. (2022). Navigating between punishment, avoidance, and instruction: The form and function of responses to moral violations varies across adult and child transgressors. *Cognition*, 223, 105048. doi: 10.1016/j.cognition.2022.105048
- **White, C. J. M.,** & Norenzayan, A. (2022). Karma and God: Convergent and divergent mental representations of supernatural norm enforcement. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, *14*(1), 70–85. doi: 10.1037/rel0000436
- White, C. J. M., Muthukrishna, M., & Norenzayan., A. (2021). Cultural similarity among coreligionists within and between countries. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118 (37): e2109650118. doi: 10.1073/pnas.2109650118
- Baimel, A., **White, C. J. M.,** Sarkissian, H. & Norenzayan, A. (2021). How is analytical thinking related to religious belief? A test of three theoretical models. *Religion, Brain, and Behavior, 11* (3): 239-260. doi: 10.1080/2153599X.2021.1878259
- **White, C. J. M.,** Willard, A.K., Baimel, A., & Norenzayan, A. (2021). Cognitive pathways to belief in karma and belief in God. *Cognitive Science*, 45(1): e12935. doi: 10.1111/cogs.12935
- **White, C. J. M.,** Baimel, A., & Norenzayan, A. (2021). How cultural learning and cognitive biases shape religious beliefs. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 40, 34-39. doi: 10.1016/j.copsyc.2020.07.033
- **White, C. J. M.,** Schaller, M., & Norenzayan, A. (2020). How strongly do moral character inferences predict forecasts of the future? Testing the moderating roles of transgressor age, implicit personality theories, and belief in karma. *PLoS ONE*, *15*(12): e0244144. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0244144

- White, C. J. M., Kelly, J. M., Shariff, A. F., & Norenzayan, A. (2019). Supernatural norm enforcement: Thinking about karma and God reduces selfishness among believers. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 84, 103797. doi: 10.1016/j.jesp.2019.03.008
- White, C. J. M., & Norenzayan, A. (2019). Belief in karma: How cultural evolution, cognition, and motivations shape belief in supernatural justice. In J. M. Olson (Ed.), *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology* (Vol. 60, pp. 1–63). doi: 10.1016/bs.aesp.2019.03.001
- White, C. J. M., Norenzayan, A., & Schaller, M. (2019). The content and correlates of belief in Karma across cultures. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 45, 1184-1201. doi: 10.1177/0146167218808502
- **White, C. J. M.,** & Schaller, M. (2018). Are children perceived to be morally exceptional? Different sets of psychological variables predict adults' moral judgments about adults and about young children. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 44*, 1147 1162. doi: 10.1177/0146167218760800
- Hofer, M. K., Buckels, E. E., **White, C. J. M.,** Beall, A. T., and Schaller, M. (2018). Individual differences in activation of the parental care motivational system: An empirical distinction between protection and nurturance. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *9*(8), 907 916. doi: 10.1177/1948550617728994
- **White, C.,** Baimel, A., & Norenzayan, A. (2017). What are the causes and consequences of belief in karma? *Religion, Brain, and Behavior, 7(4), 339 342.* doi: 10.1080/2153599X.2016.1249921

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Hofer, M. K., Lai, A., **White, C.J.M.,** & Schaller, M. (2023). Does caring breed contempt?: Examining the hypothesis that activation of a "parental" mindset causes harsher moral judgments. *Revise & Resubmit*.
- Salvador, C. E., **White, C. J. M.,** & Ai, T. (2023). Who is your biggest critic? Cultural variation in moral judgements of the self and others. *Revise & Resubmit*.
- Schimmelpfennig, R.,* Spicer, R., **White, C. J. M.,** Gervais, W., Norenzayan, A., Heine, S., Henrich, S., & Muthukrishna, M. (2023). A Problem in Theory and More: Measuring the Moderating Role of Culture in Many Labs 2. *Revise & Resubmit*. Preprint available at https://psyarxiv.com/hmnrx/
- Vishkin, A., Kim, M.Y., Solak, N., Szymaniak, K., **White, C.J.M.,** & Kitayama, S. (2023). Cultural Variation in the Motivational Correlates of Gratitude. *Revise & Resubmit*.
- White, C. J. M., Johnson, K. A., Mirbozorgi, B.,* & Farias Martelli, G.* (2023). Varieties of Gratitude: Identifying Patterns of Emotional Responses to Positive Experiences Attributed to God, Karma, and Human Benefactors. *Revise & Resubmit*. Preprint available at https://psyarxiv.com/m5prg

- **White, C.J.M.,** & Willard, A. K. (2023). Victim blaming and belief in karma. *Manuscript under review*.
- White, C. J.M., & Willard, A. K. (2023). How karma harms and helps generosity towards those in need. *Manuscript under review*. http://ssrn.com/abstract=4695615

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Billet, M.I.,* **White, C.J.M.,** & Norenzayan, A. (2023). End of World Beliefs Predict Environmental Policy Support. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Folk*, D., Kay, N., Muthukrishna, M., Norenzayan, A., **White, C.J.M.,** Heine, S. Political polarization in the United States: The diverging cultural worldviews of liberals and conservatives. *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Mercier, B., **White, C. J. M.**, & Inbar, Y. (2023). Bad victims: Moral transgressions against immoral victims are judged less harshly. *Manuscript in preparation*. Preprint available at https://psyarxiv.com/bm7hp/
- White, C. J. M., & Muthukrishna, M. (2023). More educated people are more WEIRD: Higher education predicts worldwide cultural similarity to the United States and other WEIRD countries. *Manuscript in preparation*. Preprint available at https://psyarxiv.com/8wr5d
- Zhou, K.W., Baimel, A., **White, C.J.M.** (2024). Outsourcing punishment to karma: Thinking about karma reduces punishment for transgressors. *Manuscript in preparation*.

RESEARCH GRANTS OBTAINED

SSHRC Insight Development Grant (\$59,358)

2022 - 2024

PI: Cindel White

The Psychological Structure of Non-Theistic Supernatural Beliefs

Issachar Fund Doctoral Dissertation Sub-Grant (\$50,000)

2020 - 2022

PI: Cindel White

The Evolution of Science and Religion as Meaning-Making Systems: Karma, Naturalistic Explanations for Misfortune, and Prosocial Behaviour

John Templeton Foundation, Early Career Grant (\$25,000)

2020 - 2021

PI: Cindel White; Co-investigator: Brent Stewart

Gratitude to God: Exploring the role of mind attribution and awe as determinates of non-personal gratitude

Arts Graduate Research Award (\$1000)

2019

PI: Cindel White; Co-investigator: Joshua Rottman

Asymmetries in moral disgust elicited by adults' and children's norm violations

John Templeton Foundation seed grant (\$11,200)

2018 - 2019

Co-investigators: Kathleen H. Corriveau, Kurt Gray, Aiyana K. Willard

Do You Believe in Magical Objects? The Importance of Artifacts in Ritual Success

John Templeton Foundation seed grant (\$11,200)

2018 - 2019

Co-investigators: Jordan P. LaBouff, Kathleen H. Corriveau, Jennifer M. Clegg, Kurt Gray *It's only weird if it doesn't work: The role of intentions and emotions in magical thinking*

OTHER GRANT-WRITING ACTIVITY

The John Templeton Foundation (\$621,224)

2020 - 2023

Children's and adults' responses to people who seek to learn about religion PI: Larisa Heiphetz; Research team member: Cindel White

Explaining Atheism (£76,168)

2022 - 2023

Explaining Nordic Atheism: How cultural learning mechanisms predict atheism in Nordic cultural contexts

PI: Valerie van Mulukom & Anne Lundahl Mauritsen; Advisory Board: Cindel White

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Canadian Psychological Association, Doctoral Thesis, Certificate of Academic Excellence	2022
Morris Belkin Prize for best dissertation (\$1,200)	2021
President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award (\$552.60)	2020 - 2021
Delroy L. Paulhus Scholarship in Psychology (\$1,200)	2021
UBC Four Year Fellowship for PhD Students (\$13,685.36)	2017 - 2021
SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship (\$116,667)	2017 - 2020
SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (\$17,500)	2016
UBC Graduate Fellowship (\$17,500)	2015

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

White, C.J.M., Zhou, K.W.*, & Baimel, A. (2024, April). Outsourcing punishment to karma: Thinking about karma reduces third-party punishment. Presented at the *Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society 18th Annual Conference*, Niagara Falls, USA.

- **White, C.J.M.,** & Muthukrishna, M. (2024, February). Multiverse analysis of whether cultural fractionalization predicts cooperation and conflict. Part of the symposium: *Novel Methods and Applications for Measuring Cultural Distance Between Groups*, presented at the 25th *Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, USA.
- Solomon, L. H., **White, C.J.M.,** & Mosley, A.* (2024, February). Children and Adults Show Positive Moral Evaluations of Curiosity about Religion and Science. Presented at the *Religion and Spirituality Preconference at the 25th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, USA.
- White, C. J. M., Dean, C. M.*, & Laurin, K. (2023, June). Reminders of God increase willingness to take risks: A registered report. Presented at the *Social/Personality Pre-Conference for the Canadian Psychological Association 84th Annual National Convention*, Toronto, Canada.
- **White, C. J. M.,** & Muthukrishna, M. (2023, February). Education makes us WEIRD: Higher education predicts worldwide cultural similarity to the United States. Presented at the 24th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Advances in Cultural Psychology Preconference, Atlanta, USA.
- White, C. J. M. & Muthukrishna, M. (2022, September). Higher education predicts worldwide cultural similarity to the United States. Presented at the *Cultural Evolution Society Conference*, Aarhus, Denmark.
- **White, C. J. M.** (2022, September). Varieties of spiritual gratitude: Differences between emotional responses to blessing from God, karma, and human benefactors. Presented at the 8th biennial meeting of the *International Association for the Cognitive and Evolutionary Sciences of Religion*, Aarhus, Denmark.
- Heiphetz, L., Mosley, A. J.,* & White, C. J. M. (2022, May). Moral evaluations of curiosity regarding religion and science. Paper presented at the *annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science*. Chicago, IL.
- Mosley, A.J.,* **White, C.,** Heiphetz, L. (2022, February). The Virtue Ethics of Curiosity: How Perceptions of Effort Shape Moral Judgements of Curious Actors. *Talk presented at The Society for Personality and Social Psychology 23rd Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.
- White, C. J. M., Willard, A. K., & Norenzayan, A. (2021, July). Karma's effect on generosity and attributions for misfortune. Presented at the *14th Biennial Conference of the Asian Association of Social Psychology* [Virtual].
- White, C. J. M., Muthukrishna, M., & Norenzayan., A. (2021, June). Worldwide evidence of cultural similarity among co-religionists. Presented at the *Cultural Evolution Society Conference* [Virtual].

- **White, C. J. M.,** Schaller, M., Abraham, E., Rottman, J. (2021, February). A person-centered approach to punishment: Reprimand and avoidance are differentially directed towards adult and child transgressors. Presented at the 22nd Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology [Virtual].
- **White, C. J. M.,** Muthukrishna, M., & Norenzayan., A. (2021, February). Worldwide evidence of cultural similarity among co-religionists within and across countries using the World Values Survey. Presented at the 22nd Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Religion and Spirituality Preconference [Virtual].
- White, C. J. M., & Schaller, M. (2020, July*). Differences between adults' evaluations of adults' and young children's moral transgressions. To be presented at the *European Association of Social Psychology General Meeting*, Kraków, Poland.

 * Cancelled because of COVID-19 pandemic
- **White, C. J. M.,** Baimel, A., & Norenzayan, A. (2020, February). Cognitive pathways to belief in karma and belief in God. Presented at the 21st Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Religion and Spirituality Preconference, New Orleans, LA, USA.
- White, C. J. M., Van de Vondervoort, J. W., Hamlin, J. K., & Norenzayan, A. (2019, May). Third-party punishment, vigilante justice, or karma? A comparison of reactions to interpersonal and cosmic justice. Presented at the 31st Annual Conference for the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Boston, MA, USA.
- **White, C. J. M.,** Kelly, J. M., Shariff, A. F., & Norenzayan, A. (2019, February). Thinking about Karma and God reduces believers' selfishness in anonymous dictator games. Presented at the 20th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR, USA.
- **White, C. J. M.,** Norenzayan, A. (2018, October). Mental models of supernatural morality. Presented at the *Cultural Evolution Society Conference*, Tempe, Arizona, USA.
- White, C. J. M., Kelly, J. M., Shariff, A. F., & Norenzayan, A. (2017, September). God is still watching: Reminders of God, but also Karma, increase prosociality. Presented at the *Inaugural Cultural Evolution Society Conference*, Jena, Germany.
- **White, C.,** & Norenzayan, A. (2016, June). Content and correlates of belief in karma. Part of symposium: Digging at the roots of religion: How mentalizing abilities and group processes at the heart of religious beliefs and rituals help sustain human cooperation. Presented at the 28th Annual Conference for the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Vancouver, Canada.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: POSTERS

- Zhou, K.W.*, & White, C.J.M. (2024, February). Karma is a b so you do not have to be: Thinking about karma reduces punitive behaviour across cultures. Presented at the 25th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, USA.
- Aryaie, M.*, & White, C.J.M. (2024, February). The Evil Eye vs. Interpersonal Envy: Exploring the distribution and content of beliefs. Presented at the 25th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, USA.
- Farias Martelli, G.*, & White, C.J.M. (2024, February). What makes credible religious stories? Exploring belief and skepticism about others' religious experiences. Presented at the 25th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, USA.
- Meraj, B.*, Berkessel, J., **White, C.J.M.,** Peckins, M., Navarro Garcia, E., & Chaplin, W.F. (2023, October). Collectivism, National Religiosity, and the Cross-National Prevalence of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Presented at the *Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology*.
- Aryaie, M.*, & **White, C. J. M.** (2023, June). Belief in the Evil Eye. Presented at the *Canadian Psychological Association 84th Annual National Convention*, Toronto, Canada.
- Farias Martelli, G.*, & White, C. J. M. (2023, June). Exploring factors that predict credible religious testimony. Presented at the *Canadian Psychological Association 84th Annual National Convention*, Toronto, Canada.
- Mercier, B.,* **White, C.,** & Inbar, Y. (2023, February). Bad Victims: Perpetrators who Harm Unethical Victims are Perceived as Less Immoral. Presented at the 24th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, USA.
- Farias Martelli, G.*, & **White, C. J. M.** (2023, February). Karma and Interpersonal Justice Evaluations. Presented at the 24th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Religion and Spirituality Preconference, Atlanta, USA.
- Aryaie, M.*, & White, C. J. M. (2023, February). Belief in the Evil Eye. Presented at the 24th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Religion and Spirituality Preconference, Atlanta, USA.
- Charles, S.N.,* Mosley, A.J.,* **White, C.,** Heiphetz, L. (2022, April). 5- to 8- year-olds' moral evaluations of curiosity about religion and science. Presented at the biennial meeting of the *Cognitive Development Society*.
- **White, C. J. M.,** Norenzayan, A., & Schaller, M. (2020, February). How strongly do moral character inferences predict forecasts of the future? Testing the moderating roles of transgressor age, implicit personality theories, and belief in karma. Presented at the 21st

- Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA, USA.
- Kelly, J. M., **White, C. J. M.,** Shariff, A. F., & Norenzayan, A. (2019, February). Christians increase generosity towards both atheists and fellow Christians following a religious cue. Presented at the 20th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, USA.
- White, C. J. M., & Norenzayan, A. (2018, May). Beliefs about Karma and God, Interpersonal Morality, and Prosocial Behaviour. Presented at the workshop *Future directions in the evolution of rituals, beliefs and religious minds*, Erice, Italy.
- **White, C. J. M.,** & Norenzayan, A. (2018, March). God and Karma beliefs and prosocial behaviour, among Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, and the non-religious. Presented at the 19th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, Georgia.
- **White, C.,** & Schaller, M. (2017, January). Intentionality and disgust affect moral judgments about children less than moral judgments about adults. Presented at the 18th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, Texas.
- White, C., & Norenzayan, A. (2016, August). Belief in karma. Presented at the conference for the *International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion*, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- **White, C.,** & Schaller, M. (2016, January). Do babies have special moral status? Predictors of the moral standing granted to adults and infants. Presented at the 17th Annual Convention for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, California.
- **White, C.,** Penner-Wilger, M., & Broad, G. (2015, July). Historical Cognition: An investigation of factors affecting reasoning about historical causality. Presented at the *37th Annual Cognitive Science Society Meeting*, Pasadena, CA.
- Penner-Wilger, M., Waring, R. J., Newton, A. T., & **White, C.** (2015, July). Finger Gnosis and Symbolic Number Comparison as Robust Predictors of Adult Numeracy. Presented at the *37th Annual Cognitive Science Society Meeting*, Pasadena, CA.
- **White, C.,** Buckland, C., Penner-Wilger, M., Broad, G. (2015, June). Historical Cognition: Cognitive Biases in Historical Reasoning. Presented at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, & Cognitive Science, Ottawa, ON.
- Penner-Wilger, M., Waring, R. J., Newton, A. T., & **White, C.** (2015, June). Calculation: A Digital Domain. Presented at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, & Cognitive Science, Ottawa, ON.

INVITED TALKS

Social Psychology Colloquium, University of Waterloo (October 2023) Keynote, York University/University of Toronto Joint Social Personality Conference (May 2023) Evolution of Science and Religion as Meaning Making Systems Dublin Workshop (May 2023)

Psychology Colloquium, Duke University (November 2022)

Social Psychology Colloquium, McGill University (November 2022)

Gratitude to God Workshop, Palm Springs (October 2022)

Evolution of Science and Religion as Meaning Making Systems Edinburgh Workshop (May 2022)

Gratitude to God Brown Bag Meeting (March 2022)

Oxford Brookes University (March 2022).

Religion & Spirituality Preconference at the SPSP Annual Convention (February 2022).

Developing Moral Values Lab, Franklin & Marshall College (January 2021).

Social and Moral Cognition Lab, Columbia University (October 2020).

Social Learning Lab, Boston University (May 2019).

INVITED WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

The Evolution of Science and Religion as Meaning Making Systems (May 2023), Dublin, Ireland. The Evolution of Science and Religion as Meaning Making Systems (May 2022), Edinburgh, UK. Emergent Themes in the Study of Science & Belief in Society (April 2021), Online.

Gratitude to God Workshop (February 2021), Online.

Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology (July 2019), New York University.

Early-Career Psych of Religion Workshop (October 2016), Oceanside, CA.

TEACHING

Courses Taught (York University)

Cultural Psychology (Undergraduate level)

Courses Taught (Graduate)

Contemporary Issues in Personality and Social Psychology (2021 – present, co-taught by S/P faculty) Social Psychology (2024)

Curriculum Development

Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (course under development with preliminary university approval)

Undergraduate Research Assistants

Arshpreet Sandhu (2023 – present) Alyssa Brooks (2023 – present) Ghazal Khodadadizadeh (2023 – present) Abraham Tenang (2023 – present) Sophia Kurt (2023 – present) Benjamin Nguyen (2022 – present) Atlee Lauder (2022 – present) Jama Maxie (2022 – present) Michelle Saltzman (2022 – 2023) Arezoo Khaligh (2022) Behnam Mirbozorgi (2022) Ahmed Hussein (2021 – 2022) Nazanin Rahmani (2021 – 2022) Mina Aryaie (2021 – 2022)

Undergraduate Research Supervision

Asma Sheikh, Honours Thesis (2024): Diverse Faiths, Diverse Opinions: A Comparative Analysis of Mental Health Perspectives at York University

Abigail Ramos, Honours Thesis (2024): Religion, Coping Styles, Spiritual Coping & Emotion Regulation

Sophia Kurt, Independent Research Project (2023): Psychology of supernatural beliefs

Atlee Lauder, Independent Research Project (2023): Mental models of supernatural forces

Michelle Saltzman, Independent Research Project (2023): Mental models of supernatural forces

Graziela Farias Martelli, Honours Thesis (2022): Relationship Between Government Restrictions on Religion and Cultural Distance Between Christians

Behnam Mirbozorgi, Independent Research Project (2022): Topic modelling themes in gratitude to tangible and intangible benefactors

Arezoo Khaligh, Independent Research Project (2022): Explanations for Help and Harm

Graduate Research Supervision

Mina Aryaie (MA, expected 2024) Graziela Farias Martelli (MA, expected 2024) Hannah Tran (Committee member, MA) Kaiwen Zhou (Committee member, PhD) Jeremy Forsythe (Committee member, PhD) Jingyuan Li (Committee member, PhD)

Mentorship

Productive Writing During Grad School: Tips for Thesis, Dissertation, Manuscripts, and Grants, Mentorship Breakfast during SPSP 2022

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

Psychological Science; Nature Human Behaviour; Psychological Inquiry; Cognition; Cognitive Science; Journal of Experimental Psychology: General; Journal of Experimental Social

Psychology; Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin; The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion; Psychology of Religion and Spirituality; Evolution and Human Behavior; Religion, Brain & Behavior; Developmental Psychology; European Journal of Social Psychology; Scandinavian Journal of Psychology; Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology; Religions; PNAS Nexus; Asian Journal of Social Psychology

Grant Reviewer/Adjudicator

John Templeton Foundation	2022
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)	2022
Czech Science Foundation	2023

Service to Social/Personality Area at York

Colloquium Series Coordinator, Social/Personality Area at York University	2022 - present
Reviewer, Norm Endler Research Fellowship Nominations	2022 - 2023

Service to University of British Columbia

Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee	2020-2021
for hiring Tenure-Track Position in Social/Personality Psychology at UBC	

Service to the Academic Community

Organizer of the Psychology of Religion & Spirituality Preconference 2023 - present at the Annual Meeting for the Society for personality and Social Psychology

Member-at-large, Executive Committee, 2022 - present International Association for the Cognitive and Evolutionary Sciences of Religion (IACESR)

CONTRACTOR WORK

Statistical and Survey Design Consultant Munro Thompson Communications Inc.

2019-2020

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Cultural Evolution Society
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Human Behaviour and Evolution Society
- International Association for the Cognitive and Evolutionary Sciences of Religion