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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant professor, 2014 – present
Department of Psychology
University at Albany, State University of New York

Postdoctoral research associate, 2013 – 2014
Department of Psychology & Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences
University of Washington, Seattle

Postdoctoral research fellow, 2012 – 2013
School of Psychology
University of Exeter, UK

EDUCATION

Yale University

PhD in Social Psychology, 2012
Dissertation: “Justice is not equal for all groups: Punishment, retaliation, and justification of prejudice toward cohesive groups”
Advisor: Prof. John F. Dovidio

MPhil in Social Psychology, 2009
Thesis: “A new look at objectification”
Advisors: Profs. Marianne LaFrance and John F. Dovidio

MS in Social Psychology, 2008
Thesis: “Entitativity and prejudice: Examining the direction of causality and the moderating effect of attitude certainty”
Advisor: Prof. John F. Dovidio

University of Oxford

MSc in Psychological Research, 2006
Awarded with Distinction
Thesis: “Predictors of explicit and implicit Islamophobia”
Advisor: Prof. Miles Hewstone

BA in Psychology and Philosophy, 2005
Awarded with Congratulatory First Class results (highest academic honors)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Social cognition and group perception
- Subtle forms of bias and stigmatization
- Legal decisionmaking
- Behavior in intergroup interactions
- Belief systems and justification biases
- Morality and justice

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

NICHD National Research Service Award Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2012
Declined in order to take up a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Exeter

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2007-2010
Awarded for doctoral study at Yale University

Economic and Social Research Council Graduate Studentship, 2005-2006
Awarded for graduate study at the University of Oxford

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Newheiser, A., Barreto, M., Ellemers, N., Derks, B., & Scheepers, D. (in press). Regulatory focus moderates the social performance of individuals who conceal a stigmatized identity. *British Journal of Social Psychology*.

Newheiser, A., & Dovidio, J. F. (in press). High outgroup entitativity can inhibit intergroup retribution. *British Journal of Social Psychology*. doi: 10.1111/bjso.12078

Newheiser, A., Voci, A., Hewstone, M., & Schmid, K. (in press). Making and unmaking prejudice: Religious affiliation mitigates the impact of mortality salience on outgroup attitudes. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

Rae, J. R., Newheiser, A., & Olson, K. R. (in press). Exposure to racial outgroups and implicit race bias in the United States. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*. doi: 10.1177/1948550614567357

Dunham, Y., Newheiser, A., Hoosain, L., Merrill, A., & Olson, K. R. (2014). From a different vantage: Intergroup attitudes among children from low- and intermediate-status racial groups. *Social Cognition*, 32, 1-21.

Newheiser, A., & Barreto, M. (2014). Hidden costs of hiding stigma: Ironic interpersonal consequences of concealing a stigmatized identity in social interactions. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 52, 58-70.

Newheiser, A., Dunham, Y., Merrill, A., Hoosain, L., & Olson, K. R. (2014). Preference for high status predicts implicit outgroup bias among children from low-status groups. *Developmental Psychology*, 50, 1081-1090.

Sawaoka, T., Newheiser, A., & Dovidio, J. F. (2014). Group-based biases in moral judgment: The role of shifting moral standards. *Social Cognition*, 32, 360-380.

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- Abad-Merino, S., Newheiser, A., Dovidio, J. F., Taberero, C., & González, I. (2013). The dynamics of intergroup helping: The case of subtle bias against Latinos. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, 19*, 445-452.
- Farias, M., Newheiser, A., Kahane, G., & de Toledo, Z. (2013). Scientific faith: Belief in science increases in the face of stress and existential anxiety. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 49*, 1210-1213.
- Newheiser, A., & Dovidio, J. F. (2012). Individual differences and intergroup bias: Divergent dynamics associated with prejudice and stereotyping. *Personality and Individual Differences, 53*, 70-74.
- Newheiser, A., & Olson, K. R. (2012). White and Black American children's implicit intergroup bias. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 48*, 264-270.
- Newheiser, A., Sawaoka, T., & Dovidio, J. F. (2012). Why do we punish groups? High entitativity promotes moral suspicion. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 48*, 931-936.
- Newheiser, A., Farias, M., & Tausch, N. (2011). The functional nature of conspiracy beliefs: Examining the underpinnings of belief in the Da Vinci Code conspiracy. *Personality and Individual Differences, 51*, 1007-1011.
- Hewstone, M., Clare, A., Newheiser, A., & Voci, A. (2011). Individual and situational predictors of religious prejudice: Impact of religion, social dominance orientation, intergroup contact, and mortality salience. *Testing, Psychometrics, & Methodology in Applied Psychology, 18*, 143-155.
- Gluszek, A., Newheiser, A., & Dovidio, J. F. (2011). Social psychological orientations and accent strength. *Journal of Language and Social Psychology, 30*, 28-45.
- Newheiser, A., LaFrance, M., & Dovidio, J. F. (2010). Others as objects: How women and men perceive the consequences of self-objectification. *Sex Roles, 63*, 657-671.
- Newheiser, A., Tausch, N., Dovidio, J. F., & Hewstone, M. (2009). Entitativity and prejudice: Examining their relationship and the moderating effect of attitude certainty. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 45*, 920-926.

CHAPTERS & COMMENTARIES

- Newheiser, A., & Olson, K. R. (2014). Is the inherence heuristic needed to understand system-justifying tendencies among children? *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 37*, 496-497.
- Newheiser, A., Hewstone, M., Voci, A., Schmid, K., Zick, A., & Küpper, B. (2013). Social-psychological aspects of religion and prejudice: Evidence from survey and experimental research. In S. Clarke, R. Powell, & J. Savulescu (Eds.), *Religion, intolerance, and conflict: A scientific and conceptual investigation* (pp. 107-125). Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- Dovidio, J. F., Newheiser, A., & Leyens, J.-P. (2011). A history of intergroup relations research. In A. W. Kruglanski & W. Stroebe (Eds.), *Handbook of the history of social psychology* (pp. 407-429). New York, NY: Psychology Press.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Newheiser, A., Olson, K. R., & Dunham, Y. (2015, February). *Status shapes children's intergroup attitudes: Evidence from the US and South Africa*. Talk presented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Newheiser, A., Eason, A. E., & Olson, K. R. (2014, July). *Incidental exposure to images of positive interracial interactions promotes affiliative intergroup behavior among children*. Talk presented at the 17th General Meeting of the European Association for Social Psychology, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- Newheiser, A., & Dovidio, J. F. (2014, February). *Punish or pardon: Biased reasoning about punishment for cohesive group perpetrators*. Talk presented at the Social Psychology and Law Preconference of the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Newheiser, A. (2013, September). *Retributive responses to high-entitativity groups*. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Person Memory Interest Group, Petaluma, CA.
- Newheiser, A., Sawaoka, T., & Dovidio, J. F. (2012, January). *Justice isn't equal for all groups: High entitativity promotes moral suspicion*. Talk presented at the Morality and Justice Preconference of the 13th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Newheiser, A., & Olson, K. R. (2011, July). *White wealth: Children's explicit and implicit attitudes toward race and social status*. Talk presented at the 12th European Congress of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Newheiser, A., Sawaoka, T., & Dovidio, J. F. (2011, July). *Why do we punish groups? High entitativity promotes moral suspicion*. Talk presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Newheiser, A., Voci, A., & Hewstone, M. (2011, July). *Religious affiliation reduces the impact of existential anxiety on intergroup attitudes*. Talk presented at the 16th General Meeting of the European Association for Social Psychology, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Newheiser, A., LaFrance, M., & Dovidio, J. F. (2010, January). *Others as objects: How women and men understand the consequences of objectification*. Talk presented at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.
- Newheiser, A., & LaFrance, M. (2008, June). *Minding the body: How males and females objectify others*. Talk presented at the 7th Biennial Convention of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Chicago, IL.
- Newheiser, A. (2007, September). *Perceived entitativity as a consequence of prejudice*. Talk presented at the British Psychological Society's Social Psychology Section Conference, Canterbury, England.

INVITED TALKS

- Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, Canada, November 2013
University of Washington, Seattle, WA, November 2013
University of Exeter, UK, November 2012
Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2008

CHAired SYMPOSIA

Strategies for promoting positive cross-group interactions (2014). 17th General Meeting of the European Association for Social Psychology, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

No butterflies without caterpillars: Why developmental questions are critical to the study of social psychology (2011). 12th European Congress of Psychology, Istanbul, Turkey.

The nature, causes, and consequences of objectification (2010). 11th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV, USA.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Social Psychology (undergraduate-level); University at Albany, SUNY

Undergraduate theses supervised

Catherine Payano, University at Albany, SUNY (honors thesis; 2015-2016)

Lukas Sotola, University at Albany, SUNY (honors thesis; 2015-2016)

Yuefei Cao, University of Exeter (2012-2013)

Phoebe Martin, University of Exeter (2012-2013) – now a Master's student at Arizona State University

Alida Musaoglu, University of Exeter (2012-2013)

Christopher Williams, University of Exeter (2012-2013)

Takuya Sawaoka, Yale University (2011-2012) – received the Angier Prize for “an exceptional research project in psychology”; now a PhD student at Stanford University

Teaching Assistant, Yale University (2007-2010)

Advanced Regression Analysis (graduate-level); Emotional Intelligence; The Psychology, Biology, and Politics of Food; Research Methods in Psychology; Social Psychology; Statistics in Psychological Science

AWARDS

Student Research Grant, Association for Psychological Science, 2008 & 2009

Research Award, The Centenary Fund of Helsingin Sanomat, 2005

Awarded for research on religiosity and prejudice; €5,000

Charles D. D. Gibbs Foundation Prize, 2005

Awarded for the year's best performance in Oxford University's final examination for the BA in Psychology, Philosophy, and Physiology

AD HOC REVIEWING

British Journal of Developmental Psychology
British Journal of Social Psychology
Child Development
Child Development Perspectives
Developmental Psychology
European Journal of Social Psychology
European Review of Social Psychology
Frontiers in Personality Science and Individual Differences
Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
Journal of Experimental Psychology: General
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Journal of Social and Political Psychology
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Perspectives on Psychological Science
Psychological Science
Sex Roles
Social Cognition
Social Justice Research
Social Psychological and Personality Science
Social Psychology

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Science, 7 June 2013: “Fear of Death Makes People Into Believers (of Science)”
The Atlantic, 6 June 2013: “Non-Religious People’s Faith in Science Increases Under Stress”
New Scientist, 6 June 2013: “Atheists Turn to Science During Times of Stress”
e! Science News, 5 June 2013: “‘Belief in Science’ Increases in Stressful Situations”
Pacific Standard, 30 May 2013: “Facing Adversity, Some Find Solace in Science”
Big Think, 6 March 2012: “Study: Where We’ll Sympathize With an Individual, We Throw the Book at a Group”
LiveScience, 16 September 2011: “Belief in ‘Da Vinci Code’ Conspiracy May Ease Fear of Death”

AFFILIATIONS

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Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

REFERENCES

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