

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PRESENT ACADEMIC POSITION

2013-present	Doctoral Candidate Psychology Doctoral Program, University of Toronto
2015-present	Course Lecturer Psychology Department, University of Toronto Scarborough

EDUCATION

2013-present	Ph.D. in Psychology University of Toronto (Social and Personality Research Group) Dissertation Topic: <i>The Psychology of Rituals: Highlighting Underlying Mechanisms and Empirical Approaches</i> Dissertation Committee: Michael Inzlicht, Wil Cunningham, Geoffrey Leonardelli, and Michael Norton
2012-2013	M.A. in Psychology University of Toronto (Social and Personality Research Group) Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4.0
2005-2010	B.A. in Psychology, Neuroscience, and Behaviour (Minor: Philosophy) McMaster University Cumulative GPA: 3.8/4.0 <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , top 5% in class

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Lecturer and Instructor

Cross Cultural Psychology	University of Toronto, Scarborough	2015-present
Advanced Topics Seminar (on Ritual)	University of Toronto, Scarborough	2016-present

Teaching Assistant

Psychology of Prejudice (winter 2017 and winter 2013)
Introductory Psychology (winter 2017, fall, summer, and winter 2013)

Foundations in Psychological Research (winter 2017)
Social Cognition (winter 2016)
Behavioural Modification (winter 2016)
Psychology and the Law (fall 2015)
Social Psychology (summer 2015, fall 2014)
Emotions (summer 2015)
Psychological Research Laboratory (winter 2015)
Social Psychology Laboratory (summer 2014 and winter 2014)
History of Psychology (summer 2013 and fall 2012)
Cross Cultural Psychology (fall 2012, fall 2013 and fall 2014)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ritual, coordination, and group functions
 Self-regulation, emotion, and performance
 EEG and neural performance monitoring
 Social cognition

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2016	Award for Teaching Excellence, Teaching Assistant Award from Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology
2016	Graduate Student Travel Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in Austin, TX (\$625)
2016	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Top Winner in Storytellers Competition for Doctoral Research Dissemination (\$3000)
2016	SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement at Harvard Business School (\$6000)
2016	Top Student Presentation in the Social and Personality Research Group (SPRG), University of Toronto
2015	Admission to and Registration Fee Award for Behavioral Insights Group (BIG) Doctoral Workshop at Harvard Business School (\$700)
2015	Admission to and Registration Fee Award for Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology (SISPP; \$500)
2015	Graduate Student Conference Grant, University of Toronto Scarborough (\$400)
2015	Poster Presentation Finalist at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in Long Beach, CA
2014-2017	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (\$105,000)
2013-2015	Graduate Student Conference Grant, University of Toronto (\$1800)
2013-2014	University of Toronto Arts and Science Fellowship (\$9400)
2013	Turskey student Poster Award Winner: Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR) at 53 rd Annual Conference, Florence, Italy (\$500)
2013	Admission to the Summer Institute of Cultural Neuroscience (SICN) at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

2012-2013	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (\$17,500)
2008	Dr. Harry Lyman Hooker Scholarship, McMaster University (\$1500)
2005-2009	Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship, McMaster University (\$18,000)
2005-2006	Introductory Honour Award Level 1, McMaster University (\$4000)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

Hobson, N. M., & Inzlicht, M. (in press). The mere presence of an outgroup member disrupts the brain’s feedback-monitoring system. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*.

Hobson, N. M., & Inzlicht, M. (2016). Recognizing religion’s dark side: Religious ritual increases antisociality and hinders self-control. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 39, 30-31.

Hobson, N. M., Saunders, B., Al-Khindi, T., & Inzlicht, M. (2014). Emotion down-regulation diminishes cognitive control: A neurophysiological investigation, *Emotion*, 14, 1014-1026.

Saunders, B., **Hobson, N. M., & Inzlicht, M.** (2014). Feelings in control: ERP evidence for error processing as a “micro” emotion episode, *Psychophysiology*, 51, s8.

Hobson, N. M., Inzlicht, M., & Al-Khindi, T. (2013). Emotional reappraisal strategies: The arousal properties of the error-related negativity, *Psychophysiology*, 50, s23.

Manuscripts Under Review

Hobson, N. M., Gino, F., Norton, M. I., & Inzlicht, M. (under review). Minimal ritual inculcates intergroup bias: Evidence from the trust game and neurophysiology.

Hobson, N. M., Bonk, D., & Inzlicht, M. (under review). Arbitrary ritual mutes the neural response to performance failure.

Hobson, N. M., Schroeder, J., Risen, J. L., Xygalatas, D., & Inzlicht, M. (under review). The psychology of rituals: An integrative review and mechanistic account.

Hobson, N. M., & MacDonald, G. (submitted). A Camel through the Eye of a Needle: Prosperity gospel leads to financially risky behaviors by inflating optimism and arousing positive emotions.

CHAired CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA

Hobson, N. M., & Inzlicht, M. (May, 2015). Collective ritual leads to intergroup biases in behavior and neural performance-monitoring. Speakers: Tami Kim, Juliana Schroeder, Nicholas Hobson, and Dimitris Xygalatas. *Symposium to be conducted at the 27th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, New York, USA.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Hobson, N. M., Bonk, D., & Inzlicht, M.** (January 2017). Arbitrary ritual mutes the neural response to performance failure. Poster to be presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Antonio, Texas, USA.
- Hobson, N. M., & Inzlicht, M.** (September 2015). The mere presence of ingroup and outgroup members differentially affects neural feedback monitoring. Poster presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Seattle, Washington, USA.
- Hobson, N. M., & Inzlicht, M.** (May 2015). “Us” versus “them” and the outcome of our decisions: How the brain processes rewards by group membership. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Southern Ontario Behavioural Decision Research Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Hobson, N. M. & Inzlicht, M.** (February 2015). Collective ritual leads to intergroup biases in behavior and neural performance-monitoring. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, California, United States of America.
*Selected for poster award finalist
- Saunders, B. **Hobson, N. M., & Inzlicht, M.** (September 2014). Feelings in control: ERP evidence for error processing as a “micro” emotional episode. Talk presented at the 54th meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Atlanta, GA, USA.
- Hobson, N. M., Gino, F., Norton, M. I., & Inzlicht, M.** (May 2015). Collective ritual inculcates intergroup bias. Talk presented at York/University of Toronto Social, Personality, Abnormal (YUTSPA) Psychology Conference, Mississauga, ON, Canada.
- Hobson, N. M & Inzlicht, M.** (May 2014). Binding and Blinding Effects of Collective Ritual: Intergroup Biases and Processes. Poster presented at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, California, United States of America.
- Hobson, N. M & Inzlicht, M.** (February 2014). Binding and Blinding Effects of Ritual: Intergroup Biases and Group Affiliation. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, Texas, United States of America.
- Hobson, N. M, Inzlicht, M., & Al-Khindi, T.** (October 2013). Emotional Reappraisal Strategies: The Arousal Properties of the Error-Related Negativity. Poster presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Florence, Italy.
- Hobson, N. M & Malti, T.** (April 2012). Emotional Responses to Moral Transgressions: A Comparison of Self- Reported Emotion and Facial Expression. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Toronto, ON, Canada.

INVITED COLLOQUIA PRESENTATIONS

Hobson, N. M., Schroeder, J., Norton, M. I., Gino, F., & Inzlicht, M. (October 2016). Ritual mismatches affects interpersonal and intragroup functioning. Talk to be presented at Social/Personality Research Group, University of Toronto, ON, Canada.

Hobson, N. M., Bonk, D., & Inzlicht, M. (April 2016). How (and why) do rituals work: A neurophysiological investigation. Talk presented at Social/Personality Research Group, University of Toronto, ON, Canada.

*Selected best student presentation of the year

Hobson, N. M. (July 2015). The psychological science of ritual. Talk presented at BEworks luncheon meeting group, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Hobson, N. M., Gino, F., Norton, M. I., & Inzlicht, M. (April 2015). Collective ritual causes intergroup biases in trusting behaviors and neural reward monitoring. Talk presented at Social/Personality Research Group, University of Toronto, ON, Canada.

Hobson, N. M., & Cunningham, W. (March 2014). Moved and moving as a group: The affective and motivational properties of collective ritual and its effects on group cohesion. Talk presented at Social/Personality Research Group, University of Toronto, ON, Canada.

Hobson, N. M., & Inzlicht, M. (November 2013). Binding and Blinding Effects of Ritual: Intergroup Biases and Group Affiliation. Talk presented at Social/Personality Research Group, University of Toronto, ON, Canada.

MEDIA COVERAGE

January 2015

Time Magazine – How Religion Can Move Us to Do Terrible Things

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Memberships:

Association for Psychological Science (APS)

American Psychological Association (APA)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Society for Psychophysiological Research (SPR)

Society for Judgement and Decision Making (SJDM)

Ad-hoc Reviewer:

- Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience
- Journal for Social and Personal Relationships

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Consulting Group, GCG (healthcare market segmentation consulting) Sept 2016 – present

Boston Consulting Group, BCG (nominated to attend four day workshop)

July 2016