

Suraiya Allidina

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Post-doctoral Scholar 2023-present
The Ohio State University

EDUCATION

PhD, Psychology 2023
University of Toronto
Dissertation: The motivated creation and use of social categories

MA, Psychology 2018
University of Toronto
Thesis: Stereotype maintenance through approach-contingent information gain

Honours B.Sc., Psychology and Neuroscience 2017
University of Toronto

HONOURS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000) 2022-2023

Kavli Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellow 2022

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship (\$80,000) 2018-2022

School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant (\$880) 2019

University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union Conference Bursary (\$250) 2019

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Graduate Travel Award (\$500) 2018

School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant (\$680) 2018

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (\$17,500) 2017-2018

Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Admission Award, University of Toronto (\$5,000) 2017

The Treble Gold Medal, University of Toronto 2017

Dean's List Scholar, University of Toronto 2013-2017

Clifton Graham Roberts Award, University of Toronto (\$18,000) 2013-2017

University of Toronto Excellence Award (summer undergraduate research award; \$6,000) 2015

Charles Lester Mills Scholarship in Science, University of Toronto (\$650) 2015

President's Scholar of Excellence, University of Toronto (\$5,000) 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Allidina, S. & Cunningham, W. A. (2024). If not me then we: Goal tradeoffs in decision-making for the self, ingroup, and outgroup. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *113*, 104625. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2024.104625>.

Allidina, S. & Cunningham, W. A. (2023). Motivated categories: Social structures shape the construction of social categories through attentional mechanisms. *Personality and Social Psychology Review*, *27*(4), 393-413. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10888683231172255>.

Allidina, S., Long, E. U., Baoween, W., & Cunningham, W. A. (2023). Decoupling the conflicting evaluative meanings in automatically activated race-based associations. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *50*(7), 987-1005. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672231156029>.

Gelpi, R., **Allidina, S.**, Hoyer, D., & Cunningham, W. A. (2022). The labelled container: Conceptual development of social group representations. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *45*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X21001412>.

Allidina, S. & Cunningham, W. A. (2021). Avoidance begets avoidance: A computational account of negative stereotype persistence. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *150*(10), 2078–2099. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0001037>.

Wheeler, N. E., **Allidina, S.**, Long, E. U., Schneider, S. P., Haas, I. J., & Cunningham, W. A. (2020). Ideology and predictive processing: Coordination, bias, and polarization in socially constrained error minimization. *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*, *34*, 192-198. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cobeha.2020.05.002>.

Allidina, S., Arbuckle, N., & Cunningham, W. A. (2019). Considerations of mutual exchange in prosocial decision-making. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *10*, 1216. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.01216>.

Allidina, S. & Cunningham, W. A. (2018). Moral cues from ordinary behaviour. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *41*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X18000018>.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

Allidina, S., Mack, M., & Cunningham, W. A. (revision under review). Experience shapes the granularity of social perception: Computational insights into individual and group-based representations. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.

Allidina, S. & Fazio, R. H. (in preparation). The motivational underpinnings of racial attention and categorization.

Allidina, S., Vijayarajah, S., & Cunningham, W. A. (in preparation). Intergroup biases shape neural representations of self-other trade-offs.

INVITED TALKS

University of Tennessee-Knoxville (November 2024)
Department of Psychology

University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 2024)
Department of Psychology

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (September 2024)
Social Psychology Journal Club

The Ohio State University (April 2024)

Social Area Workshop Series

New York University (January 2024)

Department of Psychology

The Ohio State University (October 2023)

Group for Attitudes and Persuasion

University of Delaware (September 2023)

Mende-Siedlecki Lab

Columbia University (May 2023)

Social Cognitive and Neural Sciences Lab

Harvard University (July 2022)

Intergroup Neuroscience Lab

Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Conference (May 2022)

York/University of Toronto Social, Personality, and Abnormal Conference (May 2022)

Princeton University (December 2021)

Fiske Lab

CONFERENCE TALKS AND SYMPOSIA

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (February 2025)

Allidina S & Fazio RH. Motivated attention in social categorization.

Person Memory Interest Group (October 2024)

Allidina S, Mack M, & Cunningham WA. Experience shapes the granularity of social perception: Computational insights into individual and group-based representations.

Midwestern Psychological Association (April 2024)

Allidina S, Mack M, & Cunningham WA. Modeling the resolution of social representations under selective feedback.

Computational Psychology preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (February 2024)

Allidina S, Mack M, & Cunningham WA. Modeling the emergence of group-based representations in social perception (data blitz).

European Association of Social Psychology (July 2023)

Allidina S & Cunningham WA. Avoidance begets avoidance: A computational account of negative stereotype persistence.

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (February 2020)

Allidina S & Cunningham WA. The influence of self-other trade-offs on intergroup biases in prosociality.

Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science (June 2019)

Allidina S & Cunningham WA. Stereotype maintenance through approach-contingent information gain.

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (February 2019)

Allidina S & Cunningham WA. Stereotype maintenance through approach-contingent information gain (data blitz).

CONFERENCE POSTERS

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (February 2024)

Allidina S, Mack M, & Cunningham WA. Modeling the emergence of group-based representations in social perception.

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (February 2022)

Allidina S & Cunningham WA. Motivated categories: Exploring individual differences in categorization by race, gender, and age.

Social and Affective Neuroscience Society (May 2021)

Allidina S & Cunningham WA. Intergroup biases shape neural representations of self-other trade-offs.

Social Cognition preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (February 2021)

Allidina S & Cunningham WA. The influence of self-other trade-offs on intergroup biases in prosociality.

Social Cognition preconference at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (March 2018)

Allidina S & Cunningham WA. Making decisions when self, ingroup, and outgroup goals conflict.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Consultant & Data Analyst , Inclusivity Insight <i>Company working to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion in the workplace</i>	2021-2024
Research Assistant and Independent Project , Self and Identity Lab University of Toronto PI: Geoffrey Leonardelli	2014-2017
Research Assistant , Social Perception and Evaluation Lab New York University PI: Jay Van Bavel	2016 (summer)

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Tutorial Instructor

Graduate Statistics I: PSY2001, University of Toronto (2021)
Graduate Statistics I: PSY2001, University of Toronto (2020)
Graduate Statistics I: PSY2001, University of Toronto (2019)
Graduate Statistics I: PSY2001, University of Toronto (2018)

Teaching Assistant

Intro to Psychology: PSY100, University of Toronto (2023)
Social Psychology: PSY220, University of Toronto (2022)

Guest Lectures & Workshops

Introduction to Multidimensional Scaling, Social Area Workshop Series, The Ohio State University (2024)
Introductory Statistics, Summer Psychology Research Initiative, University of Toronto (2021)

Undergraduate Students Supervised (2017-2023):

Independent projects: Victoria Chen, Yuwen Chen, Jenny Hui, Rakshita Kathuria
Research assistants: Anika Choi, Princess Edogiawerie, Argie Gingoyon, Dorottya Harangi, Serena Honekin, Soha Salman, Alice Wang

SKILLS

Programming Languages: R, Python, JAGS, WebPPL

Research Methodologies: behavioural experiments, eye-tracking, fMRI, computational modeling

Statistical Skills: multi-level modeling, multidimensional scaling, generalized additive modeling, hierarchical Bayesian modeling, preference mapping, machine learning, reinforcement learning modeling, diffusion decision modeling, category modeling

SERVICE

<i>Reviewer, Faculty Mentor of the Year Award, The Ohio State University</i>	2025
<i>Co-Chair of Social Committee, Postdoctoral Association, The Ohio State University</i>	2024-
<i>Reviewer, SPSP Single Presenter Submissions, 2025 Convention</i>	2024
<i>Reviewer, SPSP Student Awards, 2024 Convention</i>	2024
<i>Mentor, Peer Mentorship Program, University of Toronto</i>	2019-2023
<i>Lecturer & Panelist, Summer Psychology Research Initiative, University of Toronto</i>	2021
<i>Coordinator, Social and Personality Research Group, University of Toronto</i>	2020-2021
<i>Member, Psychology EDI Working Group, University of Toronto</i>	2020-2021
<i>Volunteer, Society for Experimental Psychology annual conference</i>	2019
Panelist for various undergraduate mentorship programs, University of Toronto:	
<i>Psychology Careers and Applications</i>	2023
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<i>Second-year Learning Community in Psychology</i>	2021
<i>Second-year Learning Community in Psychology</i>	2020
<i>Graduate School and Research Life</i>	2020
<i>Research Mentorship Program</i>	2020
<i>Second-year Learning Community in Psychology</i>	2019
Ad hoc reviewer:	
<i>Journal of Experimental Social Psychology</i>	
<i>NeuroImage (with advisor)</i>	
<i>Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin</i>	
<i>Scientific Reports</i>	