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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. in Psychology
 Harvard University
 Advisor: Joshua D. Greene
- 2017 M.A. in Psychology
 Harvard University
- 2013 B.A. Highest Honors in Philosophy
 Harvard University

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT & TEACHING

- 2022 – *Postdoctoral Research Associate*
 Northeastern University
 Subjectivity Lab (PI: Jorge Morales)
- 2019 *Teaching Fellow*
 Harvard University
 Introduction to Psychological Science
 Awarded *Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*
- 2013 – 2015 *Laboratory Manager*
 University of California, Berkeley
 Concepts and Cognition Lab (PI: Tania Lombrozo)
 Computational Cognitive Science Lab (PI: Tom Griffiths)
- 2012, 2013 *Teaching Assistant*
 Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth
 Human Nature and Technology, Logic, Philosophy of Mind
- 2012 *Course Assistant*
 Harvard University
 CS50: Introduction to Computer Science I

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Plunkett, D.** & Morales, J. (in prep). Representational momentum is domain-general: Evidence from brightness.

2. **Plunkett, D.** & Greene, J. D. (in prep). Evidence for crossmodal translation of complex ideas in left lateral posterior temporal cortex.
3. **Plunkett, D.**, Frankland, S. M., & Greene, J. D. (submitted). Neural representation of composite ideas with spatial structure.
4. Bernhard, R. M., Frankland, S. M., **Plunkett, D.**, Sievers, B., & Greene, J. D. (2023). Evidence for Spinozan “unbelieving” in the right inferior prefrontal cortex. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 35, 659-680.
5. **Plunkett, D.** & Greene, J. D. (2019). Overlooked evidence and a misunderstanding of what trolley dilemmas do best: Commentary on Bostyn, Sevenhant, & Roets (2018). *Psychological Science*, 30, 1389-1391.
6. **Plunkett, D.**, Lombrozo, T., & Buchak, L. (2019). When and why people think beliefs are “debunked” by scientific explanations of their origins. *Mind & Language*, 35, 3-28.
7. Wilkenfeld, D. A., **Plunkett, D.**, & Lombrozo, T. (2018). Folk attributions of understanding: Is there a role for epistemic luck? *Episteme*, 15, 24-49.
8. Wilkenfeld, D. A., **Plunkett, D.**, & Lombrozo, T. (2016). Depth and deference: When and why we attribute understanding. *Philosophical Studies*, 173, 373-393.
9. Buchsbaum, D., Griffiths, T. L., **Plunkett, D.**, Gopnik, A., & Baldwin, D. (2015). Inferring action structure and causal relationships in continuous sequences of human action. *Cognitive Psychology*, 76, 30-77.
10. Lieder, F., **Plunkett, D.**, Hamrick, J. B., Russell, S. J., Hay, N. J., & Griffiths, T. L. (2014). Algorithm selection by rational metareasoning as a model of human strategy selection. In C. Cortes, N. Lawrence, M. Welling, Z. Ghahramani, & K. Weinberger (Eds.), *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 27* (pp. 2870-2878). Red Hook, NY: Curran Associates, Inc.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND POSTERS

1. **Plunkett, D.** & Greene, J. D. (2023). Crossmodal translation of complex ideas in left lateral posterior temporal cortex. Presented as a poster at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society.
2. **Plunkett, D.**, Frankland, S., & Greene, J. D. (2018). How does the brain compose mental images? Presented as a poster at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society.
3. **Plunkett, D.**, Wilkenfeld, D. A., & Lombrozo, T. (2015). Deep thoughts: The value of understanding. Presented as a long-form talk at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
4. Wilkenfeld, D. A., **Plunkett, D.**, & Lombrozo, T. (2015). Folk attributions of understanding: Is there a role for epistemic luck? Presented as a poster at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
5. Lieder, F., **Plunkett, D.**, Hamrick, J. B., Russell, S. J., Hay, N. J., & Griffiths, T. L. (2014). Algorithm selection by rational metareasoning as a model of human strategy selection. Presented as a poster at the 28th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, Montreal, Canada.
6. **Plunkett, D.**, Lombrozo, T., & Buchak, L. (2014). Because the brain agrees: The impact of neuroscientific explanations for belief. Presented as a talk at the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Quebec City, Canada. Available in P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, & B. Scassellati (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1180-1185). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

AWARDS

2019 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
2017 – 2021 National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship
2017 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
2015 Society for Philosophy and Psychology Poster Prize Finalist
2009 – 2013 National Merit Scholarship

ADVISING

Research Assistants

Chinmay Deshpande (2021-2022; current Harvard undergraduate)
Christopher Diak (2020; now Research Associate at Harvard Business School)
Jesse Barrera (2018-2019; now Lab Manager of the Stanford Mind & Body Lab)
Christopher Hamblin (2016-17; now PhD student in the Harvard Vision Lab)

PEER REVIEW

Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Psychological Science, Evolution and Human Behavior, Analysis