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EDUCATION

New York University, Social Psychology, Ph.D. (expected graduation: Sept 2022)	2017-
Western University, Honors Specialization in Psychology, BSc., Western Scholars	2012-2017
St. Andrews University, Academic Exchange	2014-2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am broadly interested in the effect of social context and social identity in belief in and sharing of political (mis)information. My dissertation focuses on the duality of partisan identity bias and rationality in belief in political (mis)information. I take a multi-level approach to address these questions by blending theory and methods from social psychology, social cognition, and computational social science. I have conducted research using surveys, behavioral experiments, Twitter and Facebook data, and fMRI (and am in the planning stage of a project that will utilize Bayesian modeling).

KEYWORDS: Social identity; (mis)information; belief; sharing information; partisanship; bias

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

William J. Henrich Postdoctoral Fellow	2022
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral (Declined)	2022
Grinker Fellowship (Declined)	2022
Katzell Summer Fellowship, NYU	2021
SPSP Graduate Student Travel Award	2019
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Award	2018-
Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, NYU	2017-
Canada Graduate Scholarship- Master's (Declined)	2017
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (Declined)	2017

PUBLICATIONS

Harris, E. *, Rathje, S. *, Sternisko, A., Robertson, C. & Van Bavel, J. J. (in press). The SPIR Model of Social Media and Polarization: Exploring the role of Selection, Platform Design, Incentives, and Real World Context. *International Journal of Communication*.

Robertson, C., Pretus, C., Rathje, S., **Harris, E. A.** & Van Bavel, J. J. (in press). How Social Identity Shapes Conspiratorial Belief. *Current Opinion in Psychology*.

Lin, T., **Harris, E. A.**, Heemskerck, A., Van Bavel, J. J., Ebner, N. (in press). A Multi-National Test of the Effect of Age and Sex on Compliance with COVID-19 Public Health Measures. *Social Science and Medicine*.

- Van Bavel, J. J., Cichocka, A., Capraro, V., Sjästad, H., Nezelek, J. B., ... **Harris, E. A.**, ... Palomäki, J. (2022). National identity predicts public health support during a global pandemic: Results from 67 nations. *Nature Communications*, *13*(1), 1-14.
- Bago, B., ... **Harris, E. A.**, ... Matibag, C. J. (2022). Situational factors shape moral judgements in the trolley dilemma in Eastern, Southern and Western countries in a culturally diverse sample. *Nature Human Behavior*, *1-16*.
- Van Bavel, J. J., Rathje, S., Harris, E., Robertson, C., & Sternisko, A. (2021). How social media shapes polarization. *Trends in cognitive sciences*, *25*(11), 913-916.
- Pereira, A., **Harris, E.**, Van Bavel, J. J. (2021). Identity concerns shape the belief and spread of political (mis)information. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*.
- Harris, E. A.**, Pärnamets, P., Brady, W. J., Robertson, C., & Van Bavel, J. J. (2021). The role of generalizability in moral and political psychology. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- Doell, K. C., Pärnamets, P., **Harris, E.**, Hackel, L. M., & Van Bavel, J.J. (2021). Understanding the effects of partisan identity on climate change. *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*.
- Van Bavel, J.J., **Harris, E.**, Pärnamets, P., Rathje, S., Doell, K. C., & Tucker, J. A. (2021). Political psychology in the digital (mis)information age: A model of news belief and sharing. *Social Issues and Policy Review*.
- Van Bavel, J. J., Reiner, D. A., Spring, V., **Harris, E. A.**, & Duke, A. (2021). Speaking my truth: Why personal experiences can bridge divides but mislead. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *118*(8).
- Harris, E.**, & Van Bavel, J.J. (2021). Preregistered Replication of “Feeling superior is a bipartisan issue: Extremity (not direction) of political views predicts perceived belief superiority””. *Psychological Science*.
- Van Bavel, J. J., Reiner, D., **Harris, E.**, Robertson, C. & Pärnamets, P. (2020). Breaking groupthink: Why scientific identity and norms mitigate ideological epistemology. *Psych Inquiry*, *31*(1), 66-72.
- Van Bavel, J. J., Sternisko, A., **Harris, E.**, & Robertson, C. (2020). The social function of rationalization: An identity perspective. *Brain and Behavioral Sciences*.
- Chin, K., Atkinson, B.E., Raheb, H., **Harris, E.**, & Vernon, P.A. (2017). The dark side of romantic jealousy. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *115*, 23-29.
- Azizli, N., Atkinson, B. E., Baughman, H. M., Chin, K., Vernon, P. A., **Harris, E.**, & Veselka, L. (2016). Lies and crimes: Dark Triad, misconduct, and high-stakes deception. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *89*, 34-39.
- Qureshi, C., **Harris, E.**, & Atkinson, B. E. (2016). Relationships between age of females and attraction to the Dark Triad personality. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *95*, 200-203.

UNDER REVIEW, SUBMITTED & INVITED MANUSCRIPTS

- Pretus, C., Servin, C., **Harris, E. A.**, Brady, W. J., van Bavel, J. J. & Vilarroya, O. (under review). The role of political devotion in sharing partisan misinformation. *Science Advances*.
- Lin, T., **Harris, E. A.**, Heemskerk, A., Van Bavel, J. J., Ebner, N. (under review). Compliance with COVID-19 Public Health Measures: The Role of Risk Perception and Conspiracy Theory Belief in an Adult Lifespan, Multi-National Dataset. *British Journal of Psychology*.

CHAPTERS

Harris, E. A., Van Bavel, J. J., Pärnamets, P., Sternisko, A. & Robertson, C. (2022). The psychology and neuroscience of partisanship. In D. Osborne & C. Sibley (Eds.) Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology.

INVITED TALKS

Harris, E., Reiner, D. A., Rathje, S. & Van Bavel, J. (2022, May). Partisan Bias in Belief (Updating). Association for Psychological Science.

Harris, E. & Van Bavel, J. (2022, February). Preregistered Replication of “Feeling superior is a bipartisan issue: Extremity (not direction) of political views predicts perceived belief superiority”. Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Harris, E. & Van Bavel, J. (2021, February). Is belief superiority a bipartisan issue?: A direct and conceptual replication. Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Harris, E., Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2020, May). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. Association for Psychological Science. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)

Harris, E., Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2020, February). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Harris, E., Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2019, May). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. Five College Conference.

CONFERENCE POSTERS

Harris, E., Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2020, March). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference.

Harris, E., Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2020, February). Ingroup bias in belief in fake news. Group Relations and Intergroup Processes Preconference. Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Harris, E., Pereira, A. & Van Bavel, J. (2019, February). Partisan bias in punishment and related judgements. Political Psychology Preconference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

TEACHING

Masters Statistics – Teaching Assistant (4.8)	Fall 2021
Masters Thesis Seminar – Teaching Assistant (not scored)	Spring 2021
Intro Psychology – Head Teaching Assistant (4.5/5)	Fall 2020
Advanced Statistics – Teaching Assistant (4.4/5)	Spring 2019
Advanced Statistics – Teaching Assistant (4.0/5)	Fall 2018

MENTORSHIP

Lauren Yoon (Undergraduate research awardee; J.S. Sinclair Research Scholar)	2021
Christina Leckfor (SPSP Peer Mentorship Program)	2020-2021
Tong Su (SPSP Peer Mentorship Program)	2020-2021
Natasia Pelowski (NYU; Undergraduate student research awardee)	2018-2020
Christina Tahtouh (SPSP SPUR Program student)	Summer 2019
Alicia Shameer (Honors thesis student; Co-supervised)	2018-2019

Additional Research Assistants: Naj Abdullah, Yi Zhang & Matthew Leipzig

ATTENDED SEMINARS AND TRAINING

Preparing Future Faculty	2022
The Art & Craft of Teaching	2021
Advanced Science Communication Workshop	2018
Science Communication Workshop	2018
fMRI Level 1-3 Training	2018

SERVICE

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Social Psychology Representative	2021-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Helping to develop and institute a variety of DEI initiatives (such as our annual mandatory antiracism workshop, a bias reporting forum for our department, etc.)	
Society of Personality and Social Psychology Writing Group Moderator	2021-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Organizing and leading weekly writing sessions with graduate student peers	
Student Organizer for NYU Summer Research Program	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Organizing and coordinating workshops, PhD student panels, and PhD application material sessions intended for students who are considering applying to the NYU PhD Psychology program; developed to maximize opportunities for people identifying as members of minority racial and ethnic groups, LGBTQ+, first-generation students, and those experiencing economic hardships	
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	2021-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Assisting with developing and organizing programming to provide information (pertaining to PhD programs and applications) to individuals from underrepresented backgrounds	
Ph.D. Cohort Representative	2020-2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Speaking and note-taking on behalf of my cohort at faculty/ departmental meetings	
Annual Brownbag Organizational Committee	2019-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Organizing and developing the speaker schedule for our departmental weekly meetings	
Mentorship- Research Student Committee	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Developing mentorship guidelines and documents for our departmental student handbook	
PhD Admissions Committee	2018-2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Assessing PhD program applications and assisting in the decision of which students to admit to the program	
Social Ambiance Committee	2018-2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role: Planning and implementing departmental social events for the academic year	

PEER REVIEW

Nature Communications
Psychological Review
Personality and Social Psychology Review
Trends in Cognitive Sciences
Journal for Experimental Social Psychology
Group Processes and Intergroup Relations
Social Psychological and Personality Science

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Personality and Social Psychology
International Society of Political Psychology
American Psychology Association