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Appointments:

2021-present Professor, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
2015-2021 Associate Professor, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
2011-2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
2008-2011 Post-Doctoral Associate, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, Cambridge, MA
2008-2011 Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, MIT, Cambridge, MA

Education:

2008 Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2004 B.A. in Philosophy (Magna Cum Laude), Mind, Brain, and Behavior Program, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

External Research Support:

2022-2024 The John Templeton Foundation (Liane Young, PI), \$2,834,962, The impact of social norms on virtue
2018-2022 The John Templeton Foundation (Liane Young, PI; Fiery Cushman, co-PI), \$2,743,961, Reasoning in moral thought and action
2016-2020 National Science Foundation (Liane Young, PI; Adam Waytz, co-PI), \$382,643, Social cognition for competition versus cooperation
2014-2016 Templeton Science of Prospection Award (Liane Young, Brendan Gaesser, Elizabeth Kensinger, co-PIs), \$145,000, Harnessing episodic simulation to facilitate prosociality
2014-2017 The John Templeton Foundation (Liane Young, PI; Adam Waytz, co-PI), \$261,130, A Social Cognitive Developmental Approach to Folk Representations of God's Mind
2012-2016 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (Liane Young, Sloan Research Fellow), \$50,000, The Psychology and Neuroscience of Moral Behavior
2011-2015 The Dana Foundation (Liane Young, PI), \$300,000, The cognitive and neural basis of atypical social and moral cognition in high functioning autism
2011-2014 The John Templeton Foundation (Liane Young, PI; Dan Ariely, co-PI), \$249,696, The psychology and neuroscience of when, why, and how people behave better

Internal Research Support:

2022-2023 Schiller Institute Grant for Exploratory Collaborative Scholarship, \$15,000, Leveraging philosophical and folk conceptions of truth to improve science communication practices (with collaborators Richard Atkins, Daniel McKaughan, Seung Jang)
2021-2022 Boston College Research Incentive Grant, \$15,000, The cognitive and developmental basis of impression updating
2017-2020 Boston College Office of the Provost and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences (Liane Young & Katie McAuliffe, co-PIs), funding to start The Virtue Project, an interdisciplinary initiative focused on scholarship and teaching on the virtues, \$450,000

- 2015-2017 Boston College Research Across Departments and Schools Grant (Peter Krause, Liane Young, co-PIs), \$30,000, Knowledge is Power: The Impact of Education on Knowledge of and Attitudes about Terrorism
- 2013-2014 Boston College Dean and Provost Research Seed Funding Grant (Peter Krause, Liane Young, co-PIs), \$5,000, The Impact of Education on Attitudes about Terrorism

See section on Mentoring (below) for funding (e.g., NSF, NSERC) awarded to my graduate students and postdoctoral associates.

Academic Honors:

- 2019 Boston College Graduate School Teaching and Mentoring Award
- 2018 Psychonomic Society Early Career Award (for significant contributions to scientific psychology)
- 2017 APS Janet Taylor Spence Award (for transformative early career contributions to psychological science)
- 2017 Sage Young Scholars Award from Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
- 2016 Stanton Award from Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP)
- 2013 Theoretical Innovation Award from Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
- 2012 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow
- 2011 Dana Neuroscience Scholar Award (in recognition of achievements to date and potential to advance the field of neuroscience)
- 2011 Early Career Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Social Neuroscience (Society for Social Neuroscience)
- 2006-2008 National Science Foundation Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2006 William James Prize (awarded to the best paper submitted to the Society for Philosophy and Psychology by a graduate student)
- 2003, 2004 John Harvard Scholarship (for academic excellence at Harvard College)
- 2002 Detur Book Prize (for academic excellence at Harvard College)
- 2000 Intel Science Talent Search semifinalist
- 2000 National Merit Scholarship winner

Editorial Roles:

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| Social Psychological and Personality Science | Editorial Board, Sept 2020-present |
| Cognitive Science | Editorial Board, May 2019-present |
| Cognition | Editorial Board, April 2017-present |
| Scientific Reports | Editorial Board, February 2015-present |
| Judgment and Decision-Making | Consulting Editor, June 2013-present |
| Minds and Machines | Editorial Board, January 2011-present |
| Psychological Science | Editorial Board, January 2012-January 2020 |
| PLoS ONE | Editorial Board, November 2011-May 2016 |

Professional Memberships (dates vary):

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Executive Board Member, 2010-2013

Psychonomic Society

Association for Psychological Science

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Program Co-Chair:

Annual Meeting of Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Austin, TX), w/ Jonathan Phillips (June 2016)

2nd Annual Social Brain Sciences Symposium (Boston, MA), w/ Elizabeth Kensinger (February 2014)

Publications:

2022

Kraft-Todd, G. T., Kleiman-Weiner, M., & Young, L. Assessing and Dissociating Virtues from the 'Bottom up': A Case study of Generosity vs. Fairness. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2022.2154254>

Kim, M., Young, L., & Anzellotti, S. (2022). Exploring the Representational Structure of Trait Knowledge Using Perceived Similarity Judgments. *Social Cognition*, 40(6), 549-579. <https://doi.org/10.1521/soco.2022.40.6.549>

Bo O'Connor, B., Lee, K., Campbell, D., & Young, L. (2022). Moral psychology from the lab to the wild: Relief registries as a paradigm for studying real-world altruism. *Plos one*, 17(6), e0269469. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0269469>

Krause, P., Gustafson, D., Theriault, J., & Young, L. (2022). Knowing is Half the Battle: How Education Decreases the Fear of Terrorism. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 66(7-8), 1147-1173. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027221079648>

Martin, J. W., Leddy, K., Young, L., & McAuliffe, K. (2022). An earlier role for intent in children's partner choice versus punishment. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 151(3), 597. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0001093>

Karg, S. T., Kim, M., Mitkidis, P., & Young, L. (2022). Collaborative Cheating in Hierarchical Teams: Effects of Incentive Structure and Leader Behavior on Subordinate Behavior and Perceptions of Leaders. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672221090859>

Lees, J., Young, L., & Waytz, A. (2022). Morally questionable actors' meta-perceptions are accurate but overly positive. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 102, 104371. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2022.104371>

Kodipady, A., Kraft-Todd, G., Sparkman, G., Hu, B., & Young, L. (2021). Beyond virtue signaling: Perceived motivations for pronoun sharing. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jasp.12937>

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Park, B., Kim, M., & Young, L. (2022). The role of relational mobility in relationship quality and well-being. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 39(12), 3728-3752. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075221108760>

Dhaliwal, N. A., Martin, J. W., Barclay, P., & Young, L. L. (2022). Signaling benefits of partner choice decisions. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 151(6), 1446. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xqe0001137>

2021

McManus, R. M., Mason, J. E., & Young, L. (2021). Re-examining the role of family relationships in structuring perceived helping obligations, and their impact on moral evaluation. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 96, 104182. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2021.104182>

Park, B., Kim, M., & Young, L. (2021). An examination of accurate versus “biased” mentalizing in moral and economic decision-making. In *The Neural Basis of Mentalizing* (pp. 537-554). https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-51890-5_27

Kim, M. J., Mende-Siedlecki, P., Anzellotti, S., & Young, L. (2021). Theory of mind following the violation of strong and weak prior beliefs. *Cerebral Cortex*, 31(2), 884-898. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cercor/bhaa263>

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2020

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Heiphetz, L., Strohminger, N., Gelman, S., & Young, L. (2018). Who Am I? The Role of Moral Beliefs in Children's and Adults' Understanding of Identity. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 78, 210-219. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jesp.2018.03.007>

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Social context shapes social cognition, Moral Psychology Brown Bag, Cornell University, delivered by zoom, March 2021.

Social context shapes social cognition, Philosophical Psychology Talk Series, Florida State University, delivered by zoom, March 2021.

Social context shapes social cognition, "Expanding Empathy" series, Penn State University, delivered by zoom, March 2021.

Social context shapes social cognition, Department of Psychology Colloquium Series, University of Chicago, delivered by zoom, November 2020.

Social context shapes social cognition, Toronto Social Personality Research Group (SPRG), University of Toronto, delivered by zoom, November 2020.

Social context shapes social cognition, Brown University Social Brown Bag Series, delivered by zoom, November 2020.

Social context shapes social cognition, The Ohio State University Social Psychology Colloquium Series, delivered by zoom, November 2020.

How we think about friend vs. foe, Cognition, Brain, and Behavior (CBB) Talk Series, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 2019.

How we think about friend vs. foe, Presentation to Boston College Gabelli Presidential Scholars, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, November 2019.

How we think about friend vs. foe, Social Psychology Speaker Series, UMass Amherst, November 2019.

How we think about friend vs. foe, Psychology Department Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, October 2019.

How we think about friend vs. foe, Women in Psychology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2019.

How we think about friend vs. foe, Cognitive Science Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 2019.

How we think about friend vs. foe, Social Psychology Speaker Series, Tufts University, Medford, MA, May 2019.

How we think about friend vs. foe, Social Psychology Speaker Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2019.

How we think about friend vs. foe, SPSP Justice and Morality pre-conference, Portland, OR, February 2019.

Moral cognition in context, Summer Seminars in Neuroscience and Philosophy, Duke University, Durham, NC, June 2017.

The structure of morality, Behavioral Science speaker series at the Center for Decision Research, Chicago Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

The structure of morality, Developmental/Cognitive Lunch Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT, March 2017.

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Changing Moral Minds. Conference on Engaged and Empowered Students: Educating Ethical 21st

Century Citizens, Critical Thinkers and Problem Solvers, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA, November 2016.

Morality is many things, Stanton Award Address, Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, TX, June 2016.

The structure of morality, Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY, April 2016.

The moral brain and how to change it, South by Southwest 2016, Austin, TX, March 2016. Changing moral minds, Mind, Brain, and Behavior symposium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 2016.

The structure of morality, Neuroimaging & Neuropsychology group, VA Boston, Boston, MA, December 2015.

The structure of morality, The Institute of Cognitive and Brain Sciences, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, November 2015.

The structure of morality, Working group in political psychology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 2015.

Changing moral minds, May Institute Professional Continuing Education Series, Randolph, MA, June 2015.

Changing moral minds, The Winsor School Alumnae Program, Boston, MA, May 2015.

Changing moral minds, Boston College Alumni Education Program, Chestnut Hill, MA, May 2015.

Uniquely moral cognition, University of Michigan "Moral Learning" workshop, Ann Arbor, MI, May 2015.

Mind, Brain & Morality, Duke Institute for Brain Sciences and Duke University Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, Durham, NC, May 2015.

Moral cognition: On high and on the ground. Social Psychology Talk Series, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, November 2013.

Moral cognition and environmental attitudes. Annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Toronto, ON, Canada, November 2013.

Moral cognition: On high and on the ground. Harvard Society for Mind, Brain, and Behavior, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 2013.

Moral cognition: On high and on the ground. Princeton-Penn-Rutgers Seminar, New Brunswick, NJ, October 2013.

Moral cognition: On high and on the ground. Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France, September 2013.

Moral cognition: On high and on the ground. Workshop on decision-making, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, June 2013.

Moral cognition: On high and on the ground. Developmental Psychology Talk Series, Psychology Department, UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA, April 2013.

Moral cognition: On high and on the ground. Social Psychology Research Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 2013.

Moral cognition: On high and on the ground. Judgment and Decision-Making Pre-Conference, SPSP, New Orleans, LA, January 2013.

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When the mind matters for morality. Harvard Social Brain Sciences Symposium, Cambridge, MA, December 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Austin, TX, October, 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. Conference on Normative Ethics, Oxford, England, July, 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. International Workshop on "The Evolution of Morality: The Biology and Philosophy of Human Conscience". International School of Ethology, at the "Ettore Majorana" Centre for Scientific Culture. Erice, Sicily, Italy, June, 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. Social and Affective Neuroscience Symposium at Human Brain Mapping, Beijing, China, June 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. Center for Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Research, McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Belmont, MA, May, 2012.

How the Brain Makes Up the Moral Mind. Big Ideas for Busy People, Cambridge Science Festival, Cambridge, MA, April 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. NYU Center for Bioethics, New York University, New York, NY, March 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. BC Law School Faculty Colloquium, Newton, MA, January 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. Mind Perception Pre-Conference, SPSP, San Diego, CA, January 2012.

Mental State Representations for Moral Judgment. The NeuroCog Collective, Nosara, Costa Rica, January, 2012.

When the mind matters for morality. Metro Experimental Research Group, New York University, NY, New York, December, 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. Early Career Award Address at Society for Social Neuroscience, Washington, DC, November, 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. TEDx, Utrecht, the Netherlands, November, 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, October, 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. Brain & Cognition Talk Series, MGH Martinos Center, Boston, MA, October, 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. Department of Psychology, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October, 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. Social Psychology Series, UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA, September, 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. Caltech & Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, May 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. Topics in Developmental Psychology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. NSF Workshop on the Future of Decision, Risk, and Management Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2011.

When the mind matters for morality. Eastern Psychological Association (EPA), Cambridge, MA, March 2011.

The brain behind the moral mind. Emerging Disciplines, Rice University, Houston, TX, February 2011.

Cognitive and neural signatures of motivated moral reasoning. Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Minneapolis, MN, October 2010.

When intent matters for morality. Culture and the Mind, Arts and Humanities Research Council, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, England, September 2010.

Is there more to moral psychology than psychology. Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Portland, OR, June 2010.

Mental state reasoning for establishing innocence and guilt. Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Portland, OR, June 2010.

Mental state reasoning for establishing innocence and guilt. International Cognitive Neuroscience Meeting, Istanbul, Turkey, May 2010.

The role of intent across distinct moral domains. NSF Symposium on Neuroethics, UNC, Charlotte, NC, April 2010.

Mental state reasoning for establishing innocence and guilt. Brain, Mind, & Society Seminar, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, April 2010.

Mental state reasoning for establishing innocence and guilt. Berkman Center at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 2010.

Mental state reasoning for establishing innocence and guilt. Center for Behavioral Decision Research, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, January 2010.

Mental state reasoning for establishing innocence and guilt. Social-Personality Brown Bag series, Brown University, Providence, RI, December 2009.

Mental state reasoning for establishing innocence and guilt. Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, December 2009.

How the brain makes up the moral mind. 10th Annual Scholarship Conference of the Society for Evolutionary Analysis in Law, sponsored by Law and Human Behavior Program at Vanderbilt, the Law and Behavioral Biology Speaker Series at Vanderbilt, and the Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, April 2009.

Benign beliefs & destructive desires: A mental state model of forgiveness and blame. Moral Psychology Research Group at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2009.

Panel at National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference, sponsored by Harvard Undergraduate Bioethics Conference. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 2009.

How the brain makes up the moral mind. Cognitive Brown Bag Series, Psychological & Brain Sciences Department, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, February 2009.

How the brain makes up the moral mind: The neuroscience of mental state reasoning in moral judgment. Cognition, Brain, and Behavior Research Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December 2008.

How the brain makes up the moral mind: The neuroscience of mental state reasoning in moral judgment. Neuro-philosophy Series, Georgia State, Atlanta, GA, November 2008.

Reading minds for moral judgment: A cognitive neuroscience approach. Lecture at Cold Spring Harbor Summer Course, The Biology of Social Cognition, New York, NY, July 2008.

Reading minds for moral judgment: A cognitive neuroscience approach. Experimental Philosophy Workshop at Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Philadelphia, PA, June 2008.

Reading minds for moral judgment: A cognitive neuroscience approach. Workshop on Moral Psychology, Institut Jean Nicod-CNRS, Paris, France, June 2008.

Reading minds for moral judgment: A cognitive neuroscience approach. Cog Lunch, MIT, Cambridge, MA, March 2008.

Reading minds for moral judgment: A cognitive neuroscience approach. Bates College, Lewiston, ME, February 2008 (as a Mellon Associate in Humanities and Social Science).

The guilty mind: A cognitive neuroscience approach to theory of mind in moral judgment. Neurobiology Department, Children's Hospital, Boston, MA, December 2007.

The guilty mind: A cognitive neuroscience approach to theory of mind in moral judgment. Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, June 2007.

Emotion and moral judgment. Guest lecture for Moral Psychology graduate-level course by Jesse Prinz and Joshua Knobe, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC, April 2007.

Comments on Wright & Bengson: Asymmetries in folk judgments of responsibility and intentional action. American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

Integrating theory of mind and moral judgment. Neuroethics and Empirical Moral Psychology, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, March 2007.

Moral judgment: Empirical studies and philosophical implications. American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Washington, DC, December 2006.

Two-process model of moral judgment. With Fiery Cushman. Moral Psychology Research Group at Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ, December 2006.

Moral sense test. With Fiery Cushman. Guest lecture for Moral Psychology undergraduate-level course by Richard Holton, MIT, Cambridge, MA, November 2007.

Emotion and moral judgment: Neuropsychological evidence. Moral Psychology Workshop at MIT, Cambridge, MA, November 2006.

The role of emotion in moral cognition. International Society for Research on Emotions, Atlanta, GA, August 2006.

The role of emotion in moral cognition. Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, June 2006.

The role of emotion in moral cognition. Neuroscience and Moral Psychology Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2006.

Intuition and moral judgment. With Fiery Cushman. Cognition, Brain, and Behavior Research Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 2004.

Submitted Academic Talks:

When ignorance is no excuse: evaluating incest vs. assault. Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Santa Monica, CA, October 2016.

When ignorance is no excuse: evaluating incest vs. assault. International Conference on Thinking, Providence, RI, July 2016.

The conflicted self does not cause its own actions. Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Boulder, CO, June 2012.

Conference Symposium Chair:

Moral Psychology. Society for Philosophy and Psychology, York University, Toronto, June 2007.

Interdisciplinary Activities:

Biannual workshops of the Moral Psychology Research Group (MPRG) for production of The Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology (2004-present).

Founder/president of Harvard Society for Mind, Brain, and Behavior (HSMBB).

Public Media Coverage:

Human exceptionalism stifles progress, Nautilus, 5/2/2019

Our Culture of Contempt, The New York Times, 3/2/2019

Do moral beliefs shape personalities in adults and adolescents?, Science Trends, 1/7/2019

Conversations about our broken system aren't enough, The Washington Post, 4/27/2018

A potential benefit to memories of terrorism, Scientific American, 4/3/2018

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When it comes to defining 'terrorism,' there is no consensus, PBS Newshour, 2/26/2017

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Why society blames victims, according to science, The Huffington Post, 7/12/2016

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A simple way to foster kindness in kids, The Huffington Post, 7/13/2016.

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The Kids Are All Right: Have we made our children into moral monsters?, Slate, 3/6/2015

Search for Political Common Ground is Difficult, NPR Morning Edition, 11/27/14

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'Moral realism' may lead to better moral behavior, Science Daily, 1/29/2013

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Individuals Are Removed from Blame When in Groups, Scientific American, 12/11/2011
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