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### EDUCATION

**PhD in Social Psychology** New York University *Anticipated Summer 2016*  
Dissertation: Proximity Under Threat: Exploring the role of distance in intergroup relations  
Committee: Jay Van Bavel (Chair), David Amodio, & Yaacov Trope

**BA in Psychology and Biology Double Honors** Bard College *2010*  
Psychology Thesis Advisor: Dr. Kristin Lane  
Biology Thesis Advisor: Dr. Michael Tibbetts

### RESEARCH OVERVIEW

I use social cognitive approaches to understand human perception and evaluation in an intergroup context. My research focuses on the susceptibility of these processes to influences from social identities and intergroup dynamics, and implications for intergroup and interracial relations.

### FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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| MacCracken Fellowship, New York University  | <i>2010-present</i> |
| Center for Social and Political Behavior Graduate Student Conference Travel Award | <i>2015</i>         |
| Center for Brain Imaging (CBI) Token Grant (\$5000)                               | <i>2013</i>         |
| SPSP Graduate Student Outstanding Research Award                                  | <i>2012</i>         |
| SPSP Student Poster Award (Finalist)  | <i>2012</i>         |
| SPSP Graduate Student Travel Award  | <i>2012</i>         |
| SPSSI Clara Mayo Grant (funding matched by NYU Psychology Department; \$1000)     | <i>2011</i>         |
| SPSP Student Poster Award (Runner-up)   | <i>2011</i>         |
| JDM Preconference to SPSP Conference Student Travel Award                         | <i>2011</i>         |
| GSAS Dean's Student Travel Award, New York University                             | <i>2011</i>         |
| Engberg Award, New York University  | <i>2010</i>         |
| SPSP Diversity Fund Undergraduate Award   | <i>2010</i>         |
| Andrew Jay Bernstein '68 Memorial Scholarship, Bard College                       | <i>2009</i>         |
| Summer Undergraduate Research Scholarship, University of Pittsburgh               | <i>2008</i>         |
| Summer Undergraduate Research Scholarship, Emory University                       | <i>2007</i>         |
| Distinguished Scientist Summer Research Grant, Bard College                       | <i>2007</i>         |
| Distinguished Scientist Scholarship, Bard College                                 | <i>2006-2010</i>    |

### PUBLISHED PAPERS

Van Bavel, J.J., Hackel, L. M., & **Xiao, Y. J.** (2013). The group mind: The pervasive influence of social identity on cognition. In J. Decety & Y. Christian (Eds.), *New Frontiers in Social Neuroscience*, Springer.

Van Bavel, J.J., **Xiao, Y. J.**, & Cunningham, W.A. (2012). Evaluation as a dynamic process: Moving beyond a dual system approach. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 6(6), 438-454.

Van Bavel, J.J., **Xiao, Y. J.**, & Hackel, L. M. (2012). Social identity shapes social perception and evaluation: Using neuroimaging to look inside the social brain. In B. Derks, D. Scheepers, & N. Ellemers (Eds.), *The Neuroscience of Prejudice*, Psychology Press.

**Xiao, Y. J.**, & Van Bavel, J.J. (2012). See your friends close, and enemies closer: Social identity and identity threat alter representation of physical distance. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 38, 959-972.

### **MANUSCRIPT IN PRESS**

Lai, C. K., Skinner, A. L., Cooley, E., Murrar, S., Brauer, M., Devos, T., Calanchini, J., **Xiao, Y. J.**, Pedram, C., Marshburn, C. K., Simon, S., Blanchar, J. C., Joy-Gaba, J. A., Conway, J., Redford, L., Klein, R. A., Roussos, G., Schellhaas, F. M. H., Burns, M., Hu, X., McLean, M. C., Axt, J. R., Asgari, S., Schmidt, K., Rubinstein., R, Marini, M., Rubichi, S., Shin, J. L., & Nosek, B. A. (in press). Reducing implicit racial preferences: II. Intervention effectiveness across time. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*

**Xiao, Y. J.**, Coppin, G., & Van Bavel, J.J. (in press). Perceiving the world through group-colored glasses: A Perceptual Model of Intergroup Relations. *Psychological Inquiry*.

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVISION**

**Xiao, Y. J.**, Wohl, M.J.A., & Van Bavel, J.J. (under revision). Proximity Under Threat: A working framework to understand the role distance judgment plays in intergroup relations. R & R at *PLOS ONE*.

### **MANUSCRIPT IN PREP**

**Xiao, Y. J.** & Van Bavel, J.J. (in prep). Who do I like now? Social group identification shapes the formation and change of implicit evaluation. Unpublished manuscript.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Invited Talks**

**Xiao, Y. J.**, & Van Bavel, J.J. (2014, September). *Flexibility of implicit evaluation*. Invited talk at Bard College Psychology Colloquium, New York, NY.

**Xiao, Y. J.**, & Van Bavel, J.J. (2013, November). *See your friends close, and enemies closer*. Invited talk at the “Gesamtkunstwerk 1020”, New York, NY.

**Xiao, Y. J.**, & Van Bavel, J.J. (2013, April). *See your friends close, and enemies closer*. Invited talk at the NYU Bobst Library Coles Science Salon, New York University, New York, NY.

#### **Conference Symposia**

**Xiao, Y. J.**, & Van Bavel, J.J. (2015, February). *Flexible automaticity: New approaches to understanding social and contextual influences on implicit evaluation*. Symposium chaired at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

#### **Conference Talks**

**Xiao, Y. J.**, & Van Bavel, J.J. (2015, February). *Who do I like now? Social group identification shapes the formation and change of implicit evaluations*. Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

- Xiao, Y. J., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2013, March). *When closeness breeds contempt: A perceptual model of identity threat*. Paper presented at the Eastern Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- Xiao, Y. J., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2012, May). *When closeness breeds contempt: Perception of physical closeness leads to intergroup discrimination*. Paper presented at the Conference on Psychology and Policymaking, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- Xiao, Y. J., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2011, April). *See your friends close, and enemies closer: Social identity and identity threat alter representation of physical distance*. Paper presented at the Four College Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- Xiao, Y. J., & Lane, K.** (2010, May). *Effects of Power on the Stereotypical Judgment of Ethnic Minority Names in a criminal identification task: Sensitivity ( $d'$ ) or bias ( $\beta$ )?* Talk presented at Bard College Senior Project Conference, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.
- Xiao, Y. J., & Turner, R.S.** (2008, August). *The effects of STN-DBS on externally-driven and self-driven motor performances in a Parkinsonian Macaque*. Presentation given at Center of Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

### Conference Posters

- Xiao, Y. J., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2014, February). *Group membership flexibly shapes automatic affective responses*. Poster presented at the Social Cognition Pre-conference to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Xiao, Y. J., Wohl, M., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2014, February). *Perception Under Threat Model of Intergroup Threat: Exploring perception as a mechanism underlying intergroup threat and discrimination*. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Xiao, Y. J., Castro, A., Archimandritis, J., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2013, May). *Perceptual Model of Intergroup Threat: Exploring perception as a mechanism underlying intergroup threat and discrimination*. Poster presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science (APS), Washington DC.
- Xiao, Y. J., Castro, A., Archimandritis, J., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2013, January). *Perceptual Model of Intergroup Threat: Exploring perception as a mechanism underlying intergroup threat and discrimination*. Poster presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Xiao, Y. J., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2012, January). *When closeness breeds contempt: Perception of physical closeness leads to intergroup discrimination*. Poster presented at the Judgment and Decision Making (JDM) Preconference to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Xiao, Y. J., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2012, January). *When closeness breeds contempt: Perception of physical closeness leads to intergroup discrimination*. Poster presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Xiao, Y. J., Rovinskaya, R., Segal, L., Mengers, A., Roylance, C., & Van Bavel, J.J.** (2011, January). *See your friends close, and enemies closer: Social identity and identity threat alter representation of physical distance*. Poster presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

**Xiao, Y. J.,** Rovinskaya, R., Segal, L., Mengers, A., Roylance, C., & Van Bavel, J.J. (2011, January). *See your friends close, and enemies closer: Social identity and identity threat alter representation of physical distance*. Poster presented at the Judgment and Decision Making (JDM) Preconference to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

**Xiao, Y. J.,** & Tibbetts, M. (2009, May). *Effects of alcohol on brain cyclic-AMP in Zebrafish*. Poster presented at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.

**Xiao, Y. J.,** Bitsko, R., Sheehan, E., Larson, M., & Mills, D. (2008, March). *Maternal emotion and use of infant-directed speech affects infant behavior and brain activity*. Poster presented at International Conference on Infant Studies (ICIS), Vancouver, Canada.

**Xiao, Y. J.,** Hood, A., & Mills, D. (2007, August). *Maternal emotion and use of infant-directed speech affects infant behavior and brain activity*. Poster presented at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

## **TEACHING**

**NYU Center for Advancement of Teaching Certificate Program** (completed) *April 2016*  
“Best Practices in Teaching and Learning”

**NYU GSAS Teaching Certificate Program** (completed) *Spring 2016*  
Designed to help students develop reflective teaching practice, improve teaching effectiveness, and prepare for teaching careers in higher education.

### **Teaching Assistant Positions**

ANOVA (Prof. Barry Cohen), NYU *Spring 2014*  
Social Psychology (Prof. Jim Uleman), NYU *Spring 2013*  
Master of Arts in Teaching Program, Bard College *2007-2008*

### **Academic Peer Tutor**

Academic Resource Center, Bard College *2007-2009*

## **MENTORING**

### **Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor**

Julia Schaus: *The effect of social group membership on emotion detection sensitivity* *2013 – Spring 2014*  
(*awarded Dean’s Undergraduate Research Fund for this project, Fall 2013*)

### **Undergraduate Research Assistants**

*2010 - 2016*

Heba Allam (*awarded Dean’s Undergraduate Research Fund for project under my supervision, Spring 2015*)  
Anna Kreinenberg (*award Dean’s Undergraduate Research Fund for project under my supervision, Spring 2016*)  
Jason Archimandritis, Amrita Balgobind, Ashley Castro, Chelsea Goulet, Mirel Grossman, Kelly Lee, Gabriel Levine, Lindsay Marrinan, Abigail Mengers, Brittany Mercante, Camille Meshorer, Maryam Rani, Rimma Rovinskaya, Christina Roylance, Liat Segal, Julia Schaus, Xi Shen, Annie Tak, Ming Yang

## **SERVICE**

**Reviewing** British Journal of Social Psychology; Cerebral Cortex; European Review of Social Psychology; European Journal of Social Psychology; Neuropsychologia; PLoS ONE; Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience; Social Neuroscience; Social and Personality Psychology

Compass; Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin; NeuroImage; Social Issues and Policy Review; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology.

**Poster Judge** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters of Arts Psychology Research Conference, New York University

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS)  
Eastern Psychological Association (EPA)  
Social and Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS)  
Society for Personality and Social psychology (SPSP)  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)  
Society for Social Neuroscience (SSN)

### **WORKSHOP**

**Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology**, Davis CA

Automaticity and Control (Instructors: Bertram Gawronski & Jeff Sherman)

*Summer 2013*

### **MEDIA**

“The science behind why people fear refugees.” Brian Resnick, *Vox.com*. November 18, 2015

“Science Salon Explores Perception of Threat, Social Identity.” Neela Qadir, *Washington Square News*. April 9, 2013

“Case Study: A fan’s brain.” Ben McGrath, *The New Yorker*. June 25, 2012

“NY vs. Boston: The endgame.” Neil Swidey, *The Boston Globe*. July 8, 2012

“Threat of Boston Red Sox Makes Fenway Park Seem Closer to Yankee Fans.” James Devitt, *Research Digest, NYU. Volume 8 Number 3*. Fall 2012

“The Enemy Next Door.” Sally Lauckner, *The NYU Alumni Magazine. Issue 19*. Fall, 2012