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### Publications

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## Journal Articles

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### Other Publications

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### Dissertation & Thesis

- 1995 . . . . . A Small Field with a Lot of Hornets: An Exploration of Shame, Motivation, and Social Control. Doctoral Dissertation, Dept. of Anthropology, UCSD.
- 1988 . . . . . A Consideration of the Status of Psychoanalytic Anthropology as a Scientific Endeavor. Master's Thesis, Dept. of Anthropology, UCSD.

### Grants, Honors & Awards

- 2021 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$2,500]
- 2020-Present UCLA Bedari Kindness Institute Endowed Chair
- 2019 . . . . . Centers of Excellence in Primary Care Education (Carole Warde, M.D., Director), Veterans Health Administration Office of Academic Affiliations [sub-grant: \$30,576]
- 2018 . . . . . UCLA Gold Shield Faculty Prize, An Award for Academic Excellence (awarded each year to one individual holding the rank of Full Professor at UCLA) [\$30,000].
- 2015 . . . . . Air Force Office of Scientific Research #FA9550-15-1-0137 [\$1,460,329]
- 2012 . . . . . Air Force Office of Scientific Research #FA9550-10-1-0511 [\$209,335]
- 2012 . . . . . UCLA Transdisciplinary Seed Grant [\$25,000]
- 2012 . . . . . Center for Culture, Brain, & Development Grant [\$6,000]
- 2011 . . . . . Air Force Office of Scientific Research #FA9550-10-1-0511 [\$221,871]
- 2010 . . . . . Air Force Office of Scientific Research #FA9550-10-1-0511 [\$227,117]
- 2010 . . . . . Center for Culture, Brain, & Development Grant [\$6,000]
- 2009 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$4,400]
- 2007 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$10,000]
- 2006 . . . . . MacArthur Foundation Preferences Network Grant [\$20,160]
- 2006 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$3,000]
- 2004 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$2,000]
- 2004 . . . . . MacArthur Foundation Preferences Network Grant [\$14,200]
- 2003 . . . . . MacArthur Foundation Preferences Network Grant [\$15,693]
- 2003 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$2,500]
- 2002 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$4,625]

- 2002 . . . . . Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA
- 2002 . . . . . MacArthur Foundation Preferences Network Grant [\$5,283]
- 2002 . . . . . Neuropsychiatric Institute Director's Grant [\$3,500]
- 2001 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$2,000]
- 2001 . . . . . Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA
- 1999 . . . . . Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA
- 1999 . . . . . COR Faculty Grant, UCLA [\$4,200]
- 1998 . . . . . Fellowship, NIH Training Workshop on Culture, Health, and Development
- 1995 . . . . . New Investigator Award, Human Behavior & Evolution Society (HBES)
- 1994 . . . . . M. Stacey Memorial Fellowship
- 1993 . . . . . Kenneth and Dorothy Hill Fellowship
- 1992 . . . . . Honorary Member, *Kerukunan Warga Bengkulu* (Union of Bengkulu Citizens), Jakarta, Indonesia
- 1990 . . . . . National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
- 1990 . . . . . COTI Fellowship (U.S. Department of Education)
- 1989 . . . . . Fulbright-Hays Predoctoral Research Grant
- 1989 . . . . . University of California, San Diego Predoctoral Research Grant
- 1989 . . . . . Council for East Asian Studies Title VI Summer Fellowship in East Asian Studies (U.S. Department of Education)
- 1986-1989 . . . University of California, San Diego Graduate Fellowship
- 1985 . . . . . UCSD A. Irving Hallowell Award in Recognition of Excellence in Anthropology

*Additional Professional Service*

- Editorial Board, *Evolution & Human Behavior*
- Editorial Board, *Religion, Brain, & Behavior*
- Editorial Board, *Evolutionary Psychology*
- Advisory Board, *Evolution, Mind, and Behaviour*
- Faculty Advisory Committee, UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies
- Faculty Advisory Committee, UCLA Social Sciences Center for Education, Research and Technology

*Invited Lectures & Presentations*

- 2022 . . . . . Negatively-biased beliefs and the 21st Century information environment: Intersections of evolved psychological mechanisms, cultural evolution, & individual differences. Plenary address, European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association, April 21.
- 2022 . . . . . Negatively-biased beliefs and the 21st Century information environment: Intersections of evolved psychological mechanisms, cultural evolution, & individual differences. USC Information Sciences Institute Artificial Intelligence Series, February 25.
- 2021 . . . . . Emotion, cognition, and contagious kindness. National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, December 8.
- 2021 . . . . . Negatively-biased beliefs and the 21st Century information environment Intersections of evolved psychological mechanisms, cultural evolution, &



- individual differences. Faculty of Psychology, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, November 4.
- 2021 . . . . . Conflict and contagious prosociality: Cognitive representations of relative formidability and emotional mechanisms of altruism transmission. U.S. Department of Defense Basic Research Forum, July 8.
- 2020 . . . . . Evolutionary psychological observations, conjectures, and speculations on a moment in history. Keynote address, 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the California Workshop on Evolutionary Social Sciences, California State University Fullerton, July 26.
- 2019 . . . . . Adaptations, disequilibrium, and equanimity. UC Merced Dept. of Cognitive and Information Sciences, April 29.
- 2019 . . . . . Adaptations, disequilibrium, and equanimity: A sampling of evolutionary psychological research of relevance to contemporary mental health. UCLA Dept. of Psychiatry Grand Rounds, April 23.
- 2019 . . . . . Looking afresh at diverse aspects of health and disease using Darwin's lens: A smorgasbord of evolutionary projects having medical implications. UCLA Dept. of Medicine Grand Rounds (annual David Geffen School of Medicine Evolutionary Medicine lecture), February 27.
- 2018 . . . . . Thoughts on gods, Halloween candy, and elections: Examining biased credulity, cultural evolution, and political orientation. Duke University Dept. of Evolutionary Anthropology, October 19.
- 2018 . . . . . Steps toward an understanding of contagious prosociality. Keynote address, ABC (Amsterdam Brain & Cognition) Group Workshop on the Evolution of Emotions, University of Amsterdam, July 9.
- 2018 . . . . . Sometimes you're right, sometimes you're wrong, and sometimes you're ignored, Or: How I learned to stop worrying and love the replication crisis. Plenary address, 30th annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, University of Amsterdam, July 4-7.
- 2018 . . . . . Steps toward an understanding of contagious prosociality. Ethics Research Group Speaker Series, Economics for the Anthropocene Project, McGill University, Montreal, March 8.
- 2017 . . . . . Believing Chicken Little: Political orientation predicts negatively-biased credulity in Americans. Conference on Distortions, Rumours, Untruths, Misinformation & Smears. Centre of Excellence for National Security, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, July 24.
- 2017 . . . . . Understanding the ultimate causes of sex differences in disgust propensity. Evolution of pathogen and parasite avoidance behaviours conference, Theo Murphy international scientific meeting, The Royal Society at Chicheley Hall, Buckinghamshire, U.K., June 13.
- 2016 . . . . . Evolutionary psychology and humanistic care of the homeless patient: Part 4. Center of Excellence Inter-professional Academic Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team, Veterans Administration West Los Angeles Medical Center, November 30.
- 2016 . . . . . Looming large: The evolutionary underpinnings and everyday deployment of representations of relative formidability and social status. Psychological Sciences departmental colloquium, UC Merced, November 9.
- 2016 . . . . . Evolutionary psychology and humanistic care of the homeless patient: Part 3. Center of Excellence Inter-professional Academic Homeless Patient Aligned Care

- Team, Veterans Administration West Los Angeles Medical Center, July 27.
- 2016 . . . . . Evolutionary psychology and humanistic care of the homeless patient: Part 2. Center of Excellence Inter-professional Academic Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team, Veterans Administration West Los Angeles Medical Center, June 8.
- 2016 . . . . . There are razor blades in the apples! Examining biased credulity, the evolution of beliefs, and political orientation. Behavioral Economics and Institutions Speaker Series, Claremont Graduate University, May 5.
- 2016 . . . . . Evolutionary psychology and humanistic care of the homeless patient: Part 1. Center of Excellence Inter-professional Academic Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team, Veterans Administration West Los Angeles Medical Center, May 4.
- 2016 . . . . . Looming large: Cognitive representations of relative formidability and social status. Plenary talk, Southwestern Psychological Association, Dallas, TX April 8-10.
- 2015 . . . . . An evolutionary perspective on sexual orientation, same-sex attraction, and affiliation. A Critical Moment: Sex/Gender Research at the Intersection of Culture, Brain, & Behavior. Foundation for Psychocultural Research; UCLA, October 23-24.
- 2015 . . . . . Looming large: Cognitive representations of relative formidability and social status. Power, Status, & Influence Conference. Rady School of Management, UC San Diego. March 12-13.
- 2014 . . . . . Parochialism in moral judgments: A postulated universal feature of morality. Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Moral Psychology, Korea University, Seoul, March 20-22.
- 2014 . . . . . Toward an evolutionary psychology of fire learning. Heat & Human Evolution Symposium, Human Evolutionary Studies Program, Simon Fraser University, February 14.
- 2013 . . . . . When enemies loom large: Representations of relative formidability and social cognition. Department of Psychology, University of Southern California.
- 2013 . . . . . When enemies loom large: Representations of relative formidability and social cognition. Department of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2012 . . . . . An evolutionary approach to prosociality, reputation, and emotions. Opening Ceremony and Inaugural Workshop UCLA-Fudan Joint Center for Comparative Studies of Social Life. Fudan University, Shanghai, October 8.
- 2012 . . . . . Progesterone & adaptive workarounds: From ‘maybe...’ to ‘probably true!’ in (only) thirteen years. The Evolution of Disgust—From Moral to Oral Conference, January 4-7, ZiF Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld University Germany.
- 2012 . . . . . Initial steps in an exploration of the evolution of same-sex sexual attraction. Institute of Cognitive Science, Osnabrueck University, Germany.
- 2012 . . . . . (A taste of) An evolutionary perspective on emotions, sociality, & morality. Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University.
- 2010 . . . . . Bringing phylogeny back to behavioral science –or- Why emotions are kludgy (and, thus, incest seems toxic). Department of Anthropology, U.C. San Diego, May 10.
- 2010 . . . . . Shame and social control in small-scale societies. Templeton Foundation Evolution of Conscience meeting, Santa Fe, NM, April 29-May 1.
- 2010 . . . . . The importance of attending to phylogenetic derivation in the study of the mind;

- or, why emotions are kludgy (and, thus, incest is toxic). Plenary address, 5<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the European Human Behavior & Evolution Association, March 25-27, University of Wroclaw and Polish Academy of Sciences, Wroclaw, Poland.
- 2010 . . . . . The evolved psychology behind the human capacity for culture. Keynote address, 11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Verhalten in Evolution Perspektive, March 22-24, Museum of Anthropology, Schloss Charlottenburg, Berlin, Germany.
- 2009 . . . . . Hard adaptationism meets soft emotions. Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, May 24.
- 2009 . . . . . Unpacking the human capacity for culture. Department of Behavioral Science, Hokkaido University, March 28.
- 2008 . . . . . Ultimate and phylogenetic perspectives on emotions and morality. Biological Origins of Human Group Behavior Conference, November 18-19, Caltech.
- 2008 . . . . . Exploring the human capacity for culture: A preliminary foray. Department of Psychology, Michigan State University, October 30.
- 2008 . . . . . The evolved psychology underlying culture acquisition: Some tentative suggestions. University of Maryland Cognitive Science Colloquium Series, September 25.
- 2008 . . . . . Some noncommittal musings on the relationships between emotions and objective commitment, subjective commitment, and dedication. RSSS Philosophy Workshop: Emotions & Commitment, Australian National University, July 28-29, Canberra.
- 2008 . . . . . Unpacking the human capacity for culture. Minds and Societies Summer Institute in Cognitive Science, Université du Québec à Montréal, June 27-30<sup>th</sup>, Montréal.
- 2008 . . . . . Baby steps toward the evolved psychology of a culture-dependent organism. Institute for Mind and Biology, University of Chicago, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2008 . . . . . Beyond yuck: Evolutionary perspectives on disgust and related phenomena. Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2007 . . . . . Reputational facets of moral affects and behaviors. AHRC Culture & Mind Conference, Sheffield University, October 19-21.
- 2007 . . . . . The evolved psychology that lies beneath the acquisition of culture. Summer Institute on Culture and Cognition, Central European University, July 7<sup>th</sup>, Budapest.
- 2007 . . . . . Taboos, emotions, and cultural evolution. Summer Institute on Culture and Cognition, Central European University, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Budapest.
- 2007 . . . . . The function of revulsion: Evolutionary perspectives on disgust and related phenomena. Seven Dimensions of Emotion: Integrating Biological, Clinical, and Cultural Perspectives on Fear, Disgust, Love, Grief, Anger, Empathy, and Hope; The Third FPR - UCLA Interdisciplinary Conference March 30 - April 1.
- 2006 . . . . . Origins of the engines of conformity: An evolutionary anthropological perspective on shame and pride. Institute of Cognition & Culture, Queen's University, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, Belfast.
- 2006 . . . . . The perception of reputational consequences: A bottom-up approach to exploring human cooperation. Symposium: The nature of human cooperation, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, March 9-10.
- 2006 . . . . . Darwin comes to dinner: Adaptationist perspectives on the regulation of human

- feeding behavior. UC Riverside Department of Biology.
- 2006 . . . . . Exploring shame in two cultures. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Emotion Pre-Conference, Palm Springs, CA., January 25.
- 2006 . . . . . Evolutionary approaches to human ingestive behavior. West Los Angeles Veterans' Administration Hospital Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds.
- 2006 . . . . . Epidemiology of culture; Evoked and acquired culture. Cultural evolution workshop, Washington University, St. Louis, January 13-15.
- 2006 . . . . . Blending methods and making trade-offs: Investigating shame in two disparate cultures. Workshop on bringing together anthropological and psychological methods in the study of cognitive development and cultural transmission, Department of Anthropology, the London School of Economics, January 6-7.
- 2005 . . . . . Darwin comes to dinner: Adaptationist perspectives on the regulation of human feeding behavior. CSU Fullerton Department of Biological Science.
- 2005 . . . . . Yuck as adaptation: Evolutionary perspectives on disgust and related phenomena. UC San Diego Department of Psychology.
- 2005 . . . . . The evolved psychology of behavioral prophylaxis. Autumn School on Evolutionary Medicine: An Emerging Synthesis. Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany, October 11-14, 2005.
- 2005 . . . . . Steps toward understanding the regulation of feeding behavior from an adaptationist perspective. Autumn School on Evolutionary Medicine: An Emerging Synthesis. Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany, October 11-14, 2005.
- 2005 . . . . . Shame in two cultures: An evolutionary perspective. Emotions As Bio-Cultural Processes Conference, Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung, Universität Bielefeld, Germany, September 1-3, 2005.
- 2005 . . . . . The interplay of evolved psychology and culture in emotions: Case studies in shame and pride. UCLA Center for the Study of Evolution and the Origins of Life.
- 2005 . . . . . A cross-cultural investigation of shame: Implications for evolutionary perspectives. UCLA Department of Psychology.
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