

David Simpson

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Education

Douglas College: BA in Applied Psychology (Honours) 2018

Concentration: Applied Theory and Research

Thesis: *Self-construal, mood, nationality and openness to evidence against the afterlife*

Supervisor: David Prime

GPA: 4.05

Georgia State University: MA in Philosophy 2021

Concentration: Neurophilosophy

Lab: Cooperation, Conflict, and Cognition Lab

Thesis: *The dual-process model and moral dilemmas: Reflection does not drive self-sacrifice*

Supervisors: Eddy Nahmias, Eyal Aharoni

GPA: 4.01

University of Alberta: PhD in Psychology 2024 (expected)

Concentration: Social Psychology

Lab: Nash Social Neuroscience Lab

Supervisor: Kyle Nash

Teaching Positions

Teaching Assistant: University of Alberta

- Psychology 105- Individual and Social Behavior
- Psychology 212- Introduction to Research Methods
- Psychology 241- Social Psychology

Teacher: Elite Educational Institute, Uhubor Education

- AP Psychology (4 in-person classes and 3 online classes)
- Reading and Writing 6, 8, 10, 12
- SAT and SSAT Preparation

Guest Lecturer: Douglas College

- Psychology 3361- Social Cognition

Tutor: Douglas College

- Psychology 1100, 1200, 2300 (Learning Center)
- Philosophy 1101 (Learning Center)
- Psychology 2300, 3300, and 3301 (private tutoring)

Teaching Assistant: Douglas College

- Psychology 1200- Introduction to Psychology (under Dr. Donald Meen)
- Psychology 2300- Data Analysis in Psychology (under Dr. Laura Dane)

Tutor: Wedo Education

- Philosophy 12

Completed International Tutor Training Program Certification: Levels 1 and 2

Completed GSU "Teaching Critical Thinking" Training Course (Philosophy 8970)

Publications and Research Projects

- Aharoni, E., **Simpson, D.**, Nahmias, E., & Gollwitzer, M. (in press). Getting the message: Testing the roles of suffering and understanding in punishment judgments in second- and third-party contexts. *Zeitschrift für Psychologie*.
- Aharoni, E., Nahmias, E., **Simpson, D.**, & Fernandes, S. (in prep.) The heavy hand of retribution: A test of two punishment philosophies.
- Leota, J., **Simpson, D.**, Mazidi, D., & Nash, K. (in prep.) Purity, politics, and polarization: Political ideology moderates threat-induced shifts in moral purity beliefs.

Presentations

- Simpson, D.**, & Prime, D. (2018). Reasoning about the afterlife. Kwantlen Polytechnic University Undergraduate Research Conference.
- Fernandes, S., **Simpson, D.**, Nahmias, E., & Aharoni, E. (2020). Unwavering moral motives: Comparing deontological and utilitarian punishment motivations. American Psychological Society Annual Conference.
- Simpson, D.**, Aharoni, E., Nahmias, E., Gollwitzer, M. (2021). A painful message: Testing the roles of suffering and understanding in punishment judgments in second- and third-party contexts. Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Justice and Morality Pre-Conference.
- Simpson, D.** (2021). Reflection and moral dilemmas: System two is not associated with self-sacrificial judgments. Brains and Behavior Program Annual Retreat.

Volunteering

- Guest Speaker for the BC Humanist Association
Guest Speaker for SUCCESS
President of the Douglas College Philosophy Club
Volunteer for the Canadian New Democratic Party
Volunteer for North Shore Connections
Two humanitarian trips to Costa Rica
Counselor at Camp Stillwood

Honors and Awards

- Valedictorian for Pinetree Secondary School: Class of 2014
Douglas College President's Entrance Scholarship
Douglas College Dean's List
GSU Brains and Behavior Fellowship (2 Philosophy Students Per Year)
University of Alberta Graduate Recruitment Scholarship (5 Psychology Students Per Year)