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Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA May 2021
Doctor of Philosophy (expected)
GPA: 4.0

Brown University, Providence, RI May 2015
B.S., Psychology with Honors, Magna Cum Laude
GPA: 4.0

Honors, Awards & Grants

George W. Goethals Teaching Prize (2019)
Society for Philosophy & Psychology, Prize for Best Student Paper (2018)
National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellow (2017-present)
Certificate of Teaching Distinction, Harvard Bok Center (2017)
National Science Foundation, Graduate Fellowship Program: Honorable Mention (2015)
Society for Philosophy & Psychology, Prize for Best Student Paper: Honorable Mention (2015)
Harvard University Presidential Scholar (2015-2017)
Sigma Xi (2015)
Phi Beta Kappa (2014)
National Merit Scholar (2011-2015)

Publications

Morris, A., Phillips, J., Icard, T., Knobe, J., Gerstenberg, T., & Cushman, F. (in prep). Causal judgments approximate the effectiveness of future interventions. <https://psyarxiv.com/nq53z/>

Morris, A., Gaesser, B., Cushman, F. (in prep) Episodic simulation of harmful events: When imagined harm becomes morally justified. <https://psyarxiv.com/avrj5/>

Kurdi, B., Morris, A., & Cushman, F. (in prep). The role of causal structure in implicit cognition. <https://psyarxiv.com/r7cfa>

Morris, A., Phillips, J., Huang, K., Cushman, F. (under review). Generating options and choosing between them rely on distinct forms of value representation. <https://psyarxiv.com/2ayw3/>

Kurdi, B., Morris, A., & Cushman, F. (2019). Implicit evaluations reflect causal information. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society* (Vol. 41).

Morris, A., & Cushman, F. (2019). Model-free RL or action sequences?. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10.

Phillips, J., Morris, A., & Cushman, F. (2019). How we know what not to think. *Trends in cognitive sciences*.

Morris, A., Phillips, J., Gerstenberg, T., & Cushman, F. (2019). Quantitative causal selection patterns in token causation. *PloS one*, 14(8).

Morris, A., Phillips, J., & Cushman, F. (2018). Value-guided choice sets support efficient planning. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society* (Vol. 40).

Morris, A., & Cushman, F. (2018). A common framework for theories of norm compliance. *Social Philosophy and Policy*, 35(1), 101-127.

Morris, A., MacGlashan, J., Littman, M. L., & Cushman, F. (2017). Evolution of flexibility and rigidity in retaliatory punishment. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 201704032.

Cushman, F., & Morris, A. (2015). Habitual control of goal selection in humans. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 112(45), 13817-13822.

Morris, A., & Cushman, F. (2014). Temporal difference learning is favored for rewards, but not punishments, in simulations and human behavior. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society* (Vol. 36, No. 36).

Invited talks

“What comes to mind in decision making?” – Radcliffe Seminar on Possibilities, January 2019

“Actual causation judgments implement a sampling approximation for intervention effectiveness” – New England Research and Decision Making, June 2018

“A functional account of actual causation judgments” – MIT, May 2018

“Leveraging cached value to make planning tractable” – University of Michigan, January 2018

“Value-guided choice sets” – New England Research and Decision Making, May 2017

“The evolution of flexibility and rigidity in second-party punishment” – Society of Australasian Social Psychologists, Melbourne, April 2017

Talks from submitted abstracts

“Habit-guided choice sets” – Society for Philosophy & Psychology, July 2018

“Actual causation judgments approximate intervention effectiveness” – Society for Philosophy & Psychology, July 2018

“Can habits be explained without model-free RL?” – Conference on Reinforcement Learning & Decision Making, June 2017

“The origins of revenge” – Society for Philosophy & Psychology, June 2016

“The evolution of second-party punishment” – Society for Personality and Social Psychology, January 2016

“Habitual goals” – Society for Philosophy & Psychology, June 2015

“The evolution of revenge” – NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, April 2015

Peer review

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Journal of Experimental Psychology:
General, Cognition, Cognitive Science, Topics in Cognitive Science, PLOS Computational
Biology, Scientific Reports, European Journal of Social Psychology