

Belinda Xie

SCIENTIA PHD CANDIDATE

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Education

University of New South Wales

Sydney, NSW

PHD

2017 - Current

- **Research Question:** How does dependency within a sample of evidence influence reasoning?
- **Supervisors:** Brett K. Hayes, Danielle J. Navarro

University of Western Australia

Crawley, WA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (FIRST CLASS HONOURS), GPA: 6.7/7

2012 - 2016

- **Double majors:** Psychological Science and Psychology in Society
- **Honours Thesis:** "Help me understand climate change: Group discussions improve success rates on the Carbon Dioxide Accumulation Task"
- **Honours Supervisors:** Mark J. Hurlstone, Iain Walker
- **Exchange:** University of Washington, Seattle, USA — 2013-2014, GPA: 3.9/4

Other Education

Computational Modeling

Dijon, France

FOURTH EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL ON COMPUTATIONAL AND MATHEMATICAL MODELING OF COGNITION

2018

- One of 33 participants from 100 international applicants
- Gained skills in computational modeling, R, JAGS
- Mentored by Simon Farrel, University of Western Australia

Bayesian Modeling

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

EIGHTH ANNUAL JAGS AND WINBUGS WORKSHOP: BAYESIAN MODELING FOR COGNITIVE SCIENCE

2018

- Increased competency in Bayesian modeling and JAGS

Bayesian Statistics

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF BAYESIAN HYPOTHESIS TESTING: A JASP WORKSHOP

2018

- Improved understanding of various Bayesian statistical tests

Awards and Memberships

UNSW Women in Maths and Science Champion

UNSW

2019

- One of 22 women chosen to participate
- Gained professional development skills

Best Student Presentation

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

2018

- Awarded at the 45th Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Experimental Psychology
- \$200 cash

Scientia PhD Scholarship

UNSW

2018

- One of 50 recipients university-wide from 2400 invited Expressions of Interest
- Annual stipend of \$40,000 and annual \$10,000 career development package

Member, RLadies Sydney

2018

Publications

2019

- **Xie, B.**, Brewer, M. B., Hayes, B. K., McDonald, R. I., & Newell, B. R. (2019). Predicting climate change risk perception and willingness to act. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 65, 101331. doi: 10.1016/j.jenvp.2019.101331
- **Xie, B.** & Newell, B. (2019, September 18). Why attending a climate strike can change minds (most importantly your own). *The Conversation*. Retrieved from [The Conversation](#).

2018

- **Xie, B.**, Hurlstone, M. J., & Walker, I. (2018). Help me understand climate change: Groups outperform individuals in the Climate Stabilization Task. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 9(2274). doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2018.02274
- **Xie, B.**, Hayes, B. K., & Navarro, D. (2018). Adding types, but not tokens, affects the breadth of property induction. In T. T. Rogers, M. Rau, X. Zhu, & C. W. Kalish (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Conference Presentations

- "INDEPENDENT TESTIMONIES ARE NO BETTER THAN SEQUENTIAL TESTIMONIES IN JUDGMENTS UNDER UNCERTAINTY" 2019
 - **Poster**, Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society (Montreal, Canada)
- "SEQUENTIAL TESTIMONY IS AS GOOD AS INDEPENDENT TESTIMONY IN JUDGMENTS UNDER UNCERTAINTY" 2019
 - **Talk**, Australasian Mathematical Psychology Conference (Melbourne, Australia)
- "ADDING TYPES, BUT NOT TOKENS, AFFECTS THE BREADTH OF PROPERTY INDUCTION" 2018
 - **Talk**, 40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (Madison, USA)
 - **Talk**, 45th Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Experimental Psychology (Hobart, Australia)
- "HELP ME UNDERSTAND CLIMATE CHANGE" 2016
 - **Talk**, University of Western Australia School of Psychology Honours Conference
- "CULTURAL CLASH AT THE UNIVERSITY: WHEN FAMILY AND COLLEGE COLLIDE" 2014
 - **Poster**, University of Washington Undergraduate Research Symposium

Teaching Experience

PSYC3341 - Tutor, Senior Tutor

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

UNSW
2017 - Present

- 2019: 72 students - Senior Tutor
- 2018: 43 students
- 2017: 37 students

PSYC1001 - Tutor

PSYCHOLOGY 1A

UNSW
2019

- 2019: 55 students

PSYC1024 - Casual Marker

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ANXIETY, MOOD AND STRESS

UNSW
2018

- Assessed students' final assignments

Other Research Experience

Department of Corrective Services

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Perth, WA
2014-16

- Helped the Rehabilitation and Reintegration team assess the efficacy of prison programs
- Compiled Psychosocial Profiles and Risk Analyses (Static-99Rs)
- Consulted databases, read court documents, and created case files

Womens Health and Family Services

Perth, WA

DATA ANALYST

2015

- Assessed the efficacy of the "Buried in Treasures" program for treating Hoarding Disorder
- Created questionnaires and coding criteria, then performed statistical analyses

Thinkfield

Leederville, WA

MARKET RESEARCH INTERVIEWER AND HOSTESS

2014 - 17

- Collected information required to understand public views, guide business strategy, and/or secure project approvals
- Surveyed customers, businesses, and stakeholders
- Organised focus groups

Department of Psychology, University of Washington, Seattle

Seattle, USA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2013 - 14

- Examined how students' bicultural conflict induces distress and influences decision-making
- Programmed experiments, organised timeslots, and interviewed participants

Skills

Programming	R, JavaScript, jsPsych, JAGS
Other Software	JASP, SPSS, Excel
Web Services	Mechanical Turk, Qualtrics, CATI
Languages	English, Cantonese Chinese, German

Volunteering and Outreach

Inner West Council

Annandale, NSW

PANEL MEMBER AT FOOTPRINTS EcoFESTIVAL

2019

- I was invited to this panel to discuss how to turn despair and inaction related to climate change into action and hope
- I shared findings from my own research and the broader psychological literature
- Panellists were Costa Georgiadis (Gardening Australia), Emma Bowen (Pocket City Farms), Tom Hume (Pingala)

UNSW Climate Change Network

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ORGANISING COMMITTEE MEMBER

2018 - Present

- The Network organises events, provides resources, and connects members of the university community who want to act urgently against climate change

UNSW School of Psychology

UNSW

HONOURS PEER MENTOR

2019 - Present

- Provide Honours students with information, advice, and a space to express concerns

Thoughtful Foods Co-Operative Ltd.

Kensington, NSW

SHOP SHIFT VOLUNTEER

2019 - Present

- Thoughtful Foods is a not-for-profit source of minimally-packaged and ethically-sourced food
- I work a weekly shift manning the till, restocking, and cleaning the store