

# CLARA COLOMBATTO

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## EDUCATION

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2015-present **Yale University**, New Haven, CT  
*Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology*  
*Advisor: Brian Scholl*

2011-15 **Duke University**, Durham, NC  
*B.A. in Philosophy*  
*B.S. in Neuroscience*  
*Magna cum laude, with High Distinction*  
*Advisors: Scott Huettel & Walter Sinnott-Armstrong*

## HONORS & AWARDS

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2019 *Student Travel Award*  
Object Perception, Attention, and Memory Conference

2019 *Computational Summer School Fellowship*  
Methods in Neuroscience at Dartmouth

2019 *Student Travel Award*  
Vision Sciences Society

2016 *Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellowship*  
Kavli Foundation

2016 *Phi Beta Kappa*  
Duke University

2014 *Neuroscience Program of Research Fellowship*  
Duke University

2013 *Bass Connections Scholarship*  
Duke University

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Colombatto, C.,** Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2020). Gaze deflection reveals how gaze cueing is tuned to extract the mind behind the eyes. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117, 19825-19829.

**Colombatto, C.,** van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2020). Gazing without eyes: A 'stare-in-the-crowd' induced by simple geometric shapes. *Perception*, 49, 782-792.

**Colombatto, C.,** van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2019). Intentionally distracting: Working memory is disrupted by the perception of other agents attending to you -- even without eye-gaze cues. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 26, 951-957.

Chen, Y. -C., **Colombatto, C.,** & Scholl, B. J. (2018). Looking into the future: An inward bias in aesthetic experience driven only by gaze cues. *Cognition*, 176, 209-214.

**Colombatto, C.,** & McCarthy, G. (2017). The effects of face inversion and face race on the P100 ERP. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 29, 664-676.

## MANUSCRIPTS

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**Colombatto, C.,** & Scholl, B. J. (under review). Unconscious pupillometry: An effect of 'attentional contagion' in the absence of visual awareness.

**Colombatto, C.,** Uddenberg, S., & Scholl, B. J. (under review). The efficiency of demography in face perception.

**Colombatto, C.,** van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (under review). Hidden intentions: Visual awareness prioritizes perceived attention even without eyes or faces.

**Colombatto, C.,** Crockett, M. J., & Scholl, B. J. (in preparation). 'Perceptual ageism': Distinct trajectories of first impressions from faces across their lifespan.

**Colombatto, C.,** Chen, Y. -C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (in preparation). From eyes to minds: Perceiving perception, and attending to attention.

**Colombatto, C.,** Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (in preparation). Perceived gaze dynamics in social interactions can alter (and even reverse) the perceived temporal order of events.

## INVITED TALKS

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2021	Computational Vision and Learning Laboratory UCLA
2021	Current Works in Social Psychology Yale University
2021	Consciousness Club University College London
2020	Perception Laboratory New School for Social Research
2018	Current Works in Cognitive Psychology Yale University
2017	Developmental Psychology University of New Haven
2017	Current Works in Cognitive Developmental Psychology Yale University
2017	Current Works in Clinical Neuroscience Yale University
2016	Department of Psychology Yale University
2014	NeuroHumanities Studies Dialogues Università degli Studi di Catania

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Colombatto, C.,** Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2020). Observed gaze dynamics in social interactions alter the perceived temporal order of events. Talk accepted at the *Object Perception, Attention, and Memory*, Austin, TX.

**Colombatto, C.,** Chen, Y. -C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2020). From eyes to minds: Perceiving perception, and attending to attention?. Talk accepted at the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Princeton, NJ.

**Colombatto, C.,** & Scholl, B. J. (2020). Eyes vs. minds: A Janus-like manipulation reveals that perceived intentionality boosts gaze cueing. Poster accepted at the *Vision Sciences*

*Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.

**Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J.** (2019). Unconscious attentional contagion: Faster breakthrough into awareness for faces with dilated pupils. Poster presented at the *Object Perception, Attention, and Memory*, Montréal, Québec, CA.

**Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J.** (2019). Unconscious pupillometry: Faces with dilated pupils gain preferential access to visual awareness. Poster presented at the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 19(10), 218, <https://arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2750796>.]

Uddenberg, S., **Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J.** (2019). The speed of demography in face perception. Poster presented at the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 19(10), 229d, <https://arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2750849>.]

**Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J.** (2018). Illusions of morality: Visual impressions of causality override over judgment in moral decision making. Talk presented at the *European Conference on Visual Perception*, Trieste, Italy.

Chen, Y. -C., **Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J.** (2018). Looking into the future: An inward bias in aesthetic experience driven only by gaze cues). Poster presented at the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 18(10), 1333, <http://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2700313>.]

**Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J.** (2018). Gaze cueing is tuned to extract the mind behind the gaze: Investigations of ‘gaze deflection’. Talk presented at the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 18(10), 197, <http://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2699191>.]

**Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J.** (2017). Gaze cueing is tuned to extract the mind behind the gaze: Investigations of ‘gaze deflection’. Poster presented at the *European Conference on Visual Perception*, Berlin, Germany.

**Colombatto, C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J.** (2017). ‘Mind contact’: Might eye-gaze effects actually reflect more general phenomena of perceived attention and intention? Poster presented at the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 17(10), 60, <http://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2650946>.]

**Colombatto, C., McCarthy, G.** (2017). Face processing at 100 ms: the effects of race and configuration. Poster presented at the *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, CA.

**Colombatto, C.** (2014). I’ll do what you think we should do: Pronouns and the construction of the tutoring community. Talk presented at the *Southeastern Writing Center Association*, Greenville, NC.

Russell, V. and **Colombatto, C.** (2013). We deliver!: The multi-modal medium is the message. Talk presented at the *Southeastern Writing Center Association*, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Yale University:

2020	Teaching Fellow, The Modern Unconscious (John Bargh)
2018	Teaching Fellow, Decision-Making (Dave Rand)
2017	Teaching Fellow, Cognitive Neuroscience (Steve Chang)
2017	Teaching Fellow, Social Psychology (John Bargh)
2016	Teaching Fellow, Intro to Cognitive Science (Brian Scholl)
2016-2018	Writing Fellow, Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

### Duke University:

2015	Teaching Assistant, Calculus and Functions II (Lewis Blake)
2015	Teaching Assistant, Calculus and Functions II (Emily Braley)
2014	Teaching Assistant, Calculus and Functions I (Rann Bar-On)
2014	Teaching Assistant, Writing Literacy (Vicki Russell)
2013	Teaching Assistant, Freshmen Writing (Jesse Summers)
2013	Teaching Assistant, Freshmen Writing (Lindsay Smith)
2012	Peer Tutor, Academic Resource Center

## STUDENTS SUPERVISED

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2019-20	Joanna Zukin, Yale College '21
2019-20	Conor Downey, Yale College '21
2019-20	Rui Zhe Goh, Yale-NUS College '20 (now PhD student at John Hopkins)
2018-19	Lan Luo, Yale College '20 (now PhD student at Columbia Business School)
2018-19	Daniel Do, Yale College '19 (now COO at Cortex College Consulting)
2015-16	Audrey Luo, Yale College '17 (now MD/PhD student at University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine)

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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2015	Research Assistant, P.I.: Marty G. Woldorff, Duke University
2014-15	Lab Manager, P.I.: Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, Duke University
2013-15	Research Assistant, P.I.: Steven Mitroff, Duke University
2013-15	Student Blogger, Duke Research Blog, Duke University
2013-15	Executive Publishing Editor, Neurogenesis Journal, Duke University
2013-14	Research Assistant, P.I.: Gregory Appelbaum, Duke University
2012	Foreign Affairs desk Intern, La Stampa