

# 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. (in press). Gaze deflection reveals how gaze cueing is tuned to extract the mind behind the eyes. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

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

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

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

**Colombatto, C.,** van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (in preparation). Hidden intentions: Objects directed at you gain preferential access to visual awareness.

## INVITED TALKS

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2020                      Perception and Mind Laboratory  
                              Johns Hopkins University

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., & 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:

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
2018-19	Lan Luo, Yale College '20
2018-19	Daniel Do, Yale College '19
2015-16	Audrey Luo, Yale College '17

## 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