

# CLARA COLOMBATTO

Curriculum Vitae | December 2025

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2024 - **University of Waterloo**, Ontario, CA  
*Assistant Professor*, Department of Psychology
- 2024 - **University College London**, London, UK  
*Honorary Lecturer*, Department of Experimental Psychology
- 2022 - 2023 **University College London**, London, UK  
*Research Fellow*, Department of Experimental Psychology  
*Sponsor*: Steve Fleming
- 2021 - 2022 **Yale University**, New Haven, CT  
*Postdoctoral Associate*, Department of Psychology  
*Sponsor*: M. J. Crockett

## EDUCATION

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- 2015 - 2021 **Yale University**, New Haven, CT  
*M.S.* (2018), *M. Phil.* (2018), *Ph.D.* (2021) in Cognitive Psychology  
*Advisor*: Brian Scholl
- 2011 - 2015 **Duke University**, Durham, NC  
*B.A.* in Philosophy *Magna cum laude*  
*B.S.* in Neuroscience *with High Distinction*  
*Advisors*: Scott Huettel & Walter Sinnott-Armstrong

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

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- 2025 Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)  
*John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF)*  
“Socio-Cognitive Foundations of Human-Machine Interactions”  
PI: Colombatto, Co-PIs: Elizabeth Nilsen, Evan Risko  
Amount: CAD \$450,000

- 2025 University of Waterloo — Network for Aging Research (NAR)  
*Catalyst Grant*  
“Attentiveness-Aware Robot Teleoperation for Aging in Place”  
PI: Yue Hu, Co-PI: Colombatto  
Amount: CAD \$10,000
- 2024 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)  
*Discovery Grant*  
“Perceptual Mechanisms of Mental State Representation”  
PI: Colombatto  
Amount: CAD \$212,500
- 2024 University of Waterloo — *Interdisciplinary Research Infrastructure Seed Grant*  
“Future Training Laboratory”  
PI: Evan Risko, Co-PI: Colombatto  
Amount: CAD \$10,000
- 2024 Microsoft Research — *Cognition, and the Economy (AICE) Program*  
“Metacognition and Trust in Human-AI Collaboration” Extension  
PI: Colombatto  
Amount: CAD \$70,000
- 2024 University of Waterloo —UW/SSHRC Explore Grant  
“How Doubt Illuminates Moral Character”  
PI: Colombatto  
Amount: CAD \$7,000
- 2023 Microsoft Research — *Cognition, and the Economy (AICE) Program*  
“Metacognition and Trust in Human-AI Collaboration”  
PI: Colombatto, Co-PIs: Steve Fleming, Jonathan Birch, Marco Wittmann  
Amount: CAD \$34,000

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- 2025 *Cognition Outstanding Reviewer Award*  
Awarded to contributions of “exceptional clarity, depth, and scholarly insight”
- 2022 *James B. Grossman Dissertation Prize*  
Awarded annually to the best doctoral dissertation in Psychology at Yale
- 2019 *Student Travel Award*  
Object Perception, Attention, and Memory Conference

2019 *Student Travel Award*  
Vision Sciences Society

2016 *Phi Beta Kappa*  
Duke University

## FELLOWSHIPS

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2023 *Neuroscience of Consciousness Winter School Fellowship*  
CIFAR program in Brain, Mind & Consciousness

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

2016 *Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellowship*  
Kavli Foundation

2014 *Neuroscience Program of Research Fellowship*  
Duke University

2013 *Bass Connections Scholarship*  
Duke University

## PUBLICATIONS (\*equal contribution; ^student trainee)

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Awad, E., **Colombatto, C.**, Demaree-Cotton, J., Earp, B. D., Everett, J. A. C., Liu, P., Schaefer, O., Singh, I., Wilkinson, D., & Savulescu, J. (accepted in principle). Public perceptions of polygenic testing and embryo selection for non-medical traits. *Nature Human Behaviour*.

**Colombatto, C.**, & Scholl, B. J. (2025). Attending to attention: Reverse correlation reveals subtle cues to attentiveness in others' faces. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 32, 3176–3184.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2025). Perceptual grouping of individuals in social triads. *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*, 1–8.

**Colombatto, C.**, Birch, J., & Fleming, S. M. (2025). The influence of mental state attributions on trust in Large Language Models. *Communications Psychology*, 3, Article 84.

**Colombatto, C.**, Capozzi, F., Fratino, V., & Ristic, J. (2025). A perceptual advantage for social groups in interactive configurations. *Visual Cognition*, 32, 574–585.

\*Nguyen, D-A., \*Bhattacharyya, R., **Colombatto, C.**, Fleming, S., Posner, I., & Hawes, N. (2025). Group decision-making in robot teleoperation: Two heads are better than one. *IEEE/ACM International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction*.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2024). Search advantages for facing social groups reflect optimal interactive group sizes. *iScience*, 27, Article 111105, 1–12.

\*Kim, J. S., \***Colombatto, C.**, & Crockett, M. J. (2024). Goal inference in moral narratives. *Cognition*, 251, Article 105865, 1–12.

**Colombatto, C.**, & Fleming, S. M. (2024). Folk psychological attributions of consciousness to large language models. *Neuroscience of Consciousness*, 2024, Article niae013, 1–5.

**Colombatto, C.**, Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2024). Perceived gaze dynamics in social interactions can alter (and even reverse) the perceived temporal order of events. *Cognition*, 247, Article 105745, 1–8.

Bhattacharyya, R., **Colombatto, C.**, Fleming, S., Posner, I., & Hawes, N. (2023). Investigating the role of metacognition for joint decision-making in human-robot collaboration. *AAAI 2023 Summer Symposium: Building Connections: From Human-Human to Human-AI Collaboration*.

**Colombatto, C.**, Everett, J. A. C., Senn, J., Maréchal, M. A., & Crockett, M. J. (2023). Vaccine nationalism counterintuitively erodes public trust in leaders. *Psychological Science*, 34, 1309–1321.

**Colombatto, C.**, & Scholl, B. J. (2022). Unconscious pupillometry: An effect of ‘attentional contagion’ in the absence of visual awareness. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 151, 302–308.

**Colombatto, C.**, Uddenberg, S., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). The efficiency of demography in face perception. *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*, 83, 3104–3117.

**Colombatto, C.**, van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). Hidden intentions: Visual awareness prioritizes perceived attention even without eyes or faces. *Cognition*, 217, Article 104901, 1–7.

\*Everett, J. A. C., \***Colombatto, C.**, Awad, E. Boggio, P., Bos, B., Brady, W. J., Chawla, M., Chituc, V., Chung, D., Drupp, M. A., Goel, S., Grosskopf, B., Hjorth, F., Ji, A., Kealoha, C., Kim, J. S., Lin, Y., Ma, Y., Maréchal, M. A., Mancinelli, F., Mathys, C., Olsen, A. L., Pearce, G., Prosser, A. M. B., Reggev, N., Sabin, N., Senn, J., Shin, Y. S., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., Sjåstad, H., Strick, M., Sul, S., Tummers, L., Turner, M., Yu, H., Zoh, Y., & Crockett, M. J. (2021). Moral dilemmas and trust in leaders during a global health crisis. *Nature Human Behavior*, 5, 1074–1088.

**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 UNDER REVIEW

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**Colombatto, C.**, & Fleming, S. M. (under revision). Perceiving others’ metacognition: The role of metacognitive sensitivity in competence impressions.

**Colombatto, C.**, & Fleming, S. M. (under revision). Illusions of confidence in artificial systems.

Watson, A., Birch, J., & **Colombatto, C.** (under review). The effects of linguistic mimicry on user trust in large language models.

**Colombatto, C.**, Conway, P., De Brigard, F., Hofmann, W., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., Stanley, M. L., Yu, H., & Crockett, M. J. (under review). Motivated abstraction of personal transgressions in moral narratives.

**Colombatto, C.**, Chen, Y. -C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (under review). ‘Mind contact’: Perceptual roots of social cognition.

**Colombatto, C.**, Rintel, S., & Tankelevitch, L. (under review). Metacognition and confidence dynamics in advice-taking from Generative AI.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (under review). Close encounters: Interpersonal distance shapes social group perception.

<sup>^</sup>Simpson, C., **Colombatto, C.**, & Fugelsang, J. A. (submitted). Trusting the machine: How anthropomorphism impacts epistemic trust in generative AI.

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Colombatto, C.** Vision and mentalizing. *Elements in Perception*. Cambridge University Press.

<sup>^</sup>Yan, C., <sup>^</sup>Farquharson, E., <sup>^</sup>Patient, C., Fleming, S. M., & **Colombatto, C.** (in preparation). Attributions of consciousness to AI: Predictors and consequences.

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

**Colombatto, C.**, & Crockett, M. J. (in preparation). Immoral behavior generates higher disagreement in collective moral impressions.

**Colombatto, C.**, McCrackin, S. D., Scholl, B. J., & Ristic, J. (in preparation). Pupil dilation widens the perceived cone of direct gaze.

\*Everett, J. A. C., \***Colombatto, C.**, ..., & Crockett, M. J. (in preparation). Moral dilemmas: from theory to practice.

**Colombatto, C.**, Wu, B., Albini, A., Nygren, M., Berthouze, N., Maiolino, P., & Fleming, S. M. (in preparation). Metacognition in motion: Action force as an implicit marker of confidence.

## INVITED TALKS

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2025 University of Waterloo, Social Psychology seminar

2025 The City University of New York (CUNY), Cognitive Science seminar

2025 University of Guelph, Neuroscience and Applied Cognitive Science seminar

2025 UCL-PSL Summer School on Consciousness and Metacognition

2025 International Center for Consciousness Studies Conference “AI and Sentience”

2025 University of Guelph, Psychology Graduate Student Association Conference

2025 University of Toronto, Psychology department

2025 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Cognition seminar

2024 University of Guelph, Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical AI

- 2024 Microsoft Research, Collaborative Intelligence group
- 2024 Croatian Consciousness & Computation Conference
- 2024 Animal Consciousness Conference
- 2024 Western University, Mind and Brain Institute
- 2024 Georgia Institute of Technology, Rahnev Lab
- 2024 University of Central Lancashire, Perception and Cognition Neuroscience Group
- 2023 Université Libre de Bruxelles, Center for Research in Cognition & Neurosciences
- 2023 LSE-UCL Workshop on Attributions of Consciousness to AI
- 2023 Oxford Robotics Institute
- 2023 UCL-PSL Summer School on Consciousness and Metacognition
- 2023 Birkbeck, University of London, Department of Psychology
- 2022 University of Waterloo, Department of Psychology
- 2022 University of Bristol, Robotics Laboratory
- 2021 McGill University, Laboratory for Attention & Social Cognition
- 2021 UCLA, Computational Vision and Learning Laboratory
- 2021 University College London, Consciousness Club
- 2020 New School for Social Research, Perception Laboratory

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2025).** Social metacognition: The role of confidence calibration in competence impressions. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, Denver, CO.

<sup>^</sup>Simpson, C., **Colombatto, C., & Fugelsang, J. A. (2025).** Trusting the machine: How anthropomorphism impacts epistemic trust in generative AI. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, Denver, CO.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2025). Searching for facing social groups: An eye-tracking study. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, Denver, CO.

**Colombatto, C.** (2025). Attributions of consciousness to AI: From mind perception to trust. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, Heraklion, Greece.

Erdogan, M., Wong, K., & **Colombatto, C.** (2025). Perceived social dynamics bias representations of motion. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Ithaca, NY.

**Colombatto, C.**, McCrackin, S. D., Scholl, B. J., & Ristic, J. (2025). Eyes vs. attentiveness: Pupil dilation widens the perceived cone of direct gaze. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 25(9), 1885, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2810220>.]

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2025). Interpersonal distance modulates the detection of social groups. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 25(9), 2307, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2809836>.]

<sup>^</sup>Bal, S., & **Colombatto, C.** (2025). How gaze and head direction shape first impressions of attractiveness and trustworthiness. Poster presented at the annual *Psychology Discovery Conference*, Waterloo, ON, Canada.

<sup>^</sup>Senthil Kumar, S., Risko, E. F., & **Colombatto, C.** (2025). Confidence thresholds for advice-taking from human and AI advisors. Poster presented at the annual *Psychology Discovery Conference*, Waterloo, ON, Canada.

<sup>^</sup>Simpson, C., & **Colombatto, C.** (2025). The mind in the machine: How theory of mind capabilities in generative AI agents impact impressions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

<sup>^</sup>Wu, B., Albini, A., Nygren, M., Berthouze, N., Maiolino, P., Fleming, S. M., & **Colombatto, C.** (2025). Metacognition in motion: Action force as an implicit marker of confidence. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

**Colombatto, C.**, & Scholl, B. J. (2024). Attending to attention: Reverse correlation reveals how we perceive attentiveness in other people's faces. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

**Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2024).** "Attending to attention": The perception of attentiveness in others' faces. Talk given at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C., & Ristic, J. (2024).** Unveiling the dynamics of pupil responses to gaze signals. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Psychological Association*, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C., & Ristic, J. (2024).** Hindered individuation of people in facing relative to non-facing social groups. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Social & Affective Neuroscience Society Conference*, Ottawa, ON, Canada.

**Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2024).** Attending to attention: Reverse correlation reveals how we perceive attentiveness in other people's faces. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls ON, Canada.

Ristic, J., Yan, L., & **Colombatto, C. (2023).** Social perceptual grouping is sensitive to group size. Talk given at the *European Conference on Visual Perception*, Paphos, Cyprus.

**Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2023).** Illusions of confidence in artificial systems. Poster presented at the *Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*, Oxford, UK.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C., & Ristic, J. (2023).** Perceptual grouping of social interactions is sensitive to group size. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Psychological Association*, Toronto, Canada.

**Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2023).** Inferring metacognition in humans and machines. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, New York, NY.

**Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2023).** Illusions of confidence in the advice of artificial systems. Talk given at the Perceptual Metacognition Satellite of the *Association of Scientific Studies of Consciousness*, New York, NY.

Ristic, J., **Colombatto, C., & Yan, L. (2023).** From dyads to crowds: Perceptual unity of group interactions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 23(9), 5336, <https://doi.org/10.1167/jov.23.9.5336>.]

**Colombatto, C., Guo, Y. Y. L., Scholl, B. J., & Ristic, J. (2022).** Pupil size modulates gaze cueing. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, online.

McCrackin, S. D., **Colombatto, C.**, Fratino, V., Scholl, B. J., & Ristic, J. (2022). Pupil dilation widens the perceived cone of direct gaze. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, online.

Ristic, J., **Colombatto, C.**, & Fratino, V. (2022). Perceptual grouping of social interactions: From dyads to triads. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, online.

Crockett, M. J., **Colombatto, C.**, & Chawla, M. (2022). Immoral behavior generates higher disagreement in collective moral impressions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Milan, Italy.

**Colombatto, C.**, & Crockett, M. J. (2022). Motivated obfuscation of moral transgressions in natural language. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Milan, Italy.

**Colombatto, C.**, & Scholl, B. J. (2022). Attending to attention: Reverse correlation reveals how we perceive attentiveness in other people's faces. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 22(14), 3339, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2783984>.]

Fu, S., Chen, Y. -C., **Colombatto, C.**, & Lu, H. (2022). Visual impressions of social avoidance from moving shapes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 22(14), 3693, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2784196>.]

Fratino, V., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2022). From dyads to triads: Perceptual unity of social groups. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, online.

**Colombatto, C.**, & Crockett, M. J. (2022). Linguistic obfuscation of reality in narratives of moral transgressions. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Francisco, CA.

Fratino, V., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2022). Two is company, three is a crowd: Perceptual unity of dyads and small groups. Talk given at the annual *Harvard Women in Psychology Trends in Psychology Summit*, online.

**Colombatto, C.**, Kim, J. S., Rodriguez, D., & Crockett, M. J. (2021). I see where you are going: Perception of persuasion goals in moral narratives influences character impressions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Cognitive Sciences Society*, online.

Crockett, M. J., Kim, J. S., & **Colombatto, C.** (2021). Competing goals in the construction and perception of moral narratives. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, online.

**Colombatto, C.**, Chen, Y. -C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). From eyes to minds: Perceiving perception, and attending to attention? Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, online.

**Colombatto, C.**, Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). Gazing to look vs. gazing to think: Gaze cueing is modulated by the perception of others' external vs. internal attention. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, online. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 21(9), 2800, <https://arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2777666>.]

Lopez-Brau, M., **Colombatto, C.**, Jara-Ettinger, J., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). Attentional prioritization for historical traces of agency. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, online. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 21(9), 2748, <https://arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2777716>.]

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

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

**Colombatto, C.**, & Scholl, B. J. (2019). Unconscious attentional contagion: Faster breakthrough into awareness for faces with dilated pupils. Poster presented at the annual *Object Perception, Attention, & Memory* meeting, 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 annual meeting of 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 annual meeting of 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 overt judgment in moral decision making. Talk given at the annual *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 annual meeting of 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 given at the annual meeting of 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 annual *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 annual meeting of 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 annual meeting of 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 given at the annual meeting of the *Southeastern Writing Center Association*, Greenville, NC.

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

## TEACHING

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### University of Waterloo

#### Undergraduate Courses

2026	Perception
2025	Cognitive Processes
2024-2026	Honours Seminar in Cognition: Social Perception
2024	Reading Course: Metacognition

**Graduate Courses**

- 2025 Special Topics in Cognition and Perception: Metacognition  
 2024 Reading Course: Metamemory  
 2024 Special Topics in Cognition and Perception: Social Perception

**Guest Lectures**

- 2026 Cognitive Science Seminar (Jesse Hoey, Waterloo)  
 2025 Social Attention and Cognition (Mario Dalmaso, U of Padova)  
 2025 Cognitive Processes (Evan Risko, Waterloo)  
 2024 Affective Computing (Jesse Hoey, Waterloo)  
 2024 Systems Design Engineering (Cameron Shelley, Waterloo)  
 2023 Neuroscience MSc (Tali Sharot, UCL)

**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

**STUDENT SUPERVISION**

(Unless otherwise noted, students are affiliated with Waterloo Psychology)

**Master's Students**

- 2025 - Caroline Simpson  
 2025 - Carter Smith  
 2024 - Shakthi Senthil Kumar  
 2024 - Yuanze Huang  
 2024 - 2025 Claire Yan (University College London; co-advised with Steve Fleming)

## **Research Staff**

2025 - Matthew Yeung  
 2024 - 2025 Brian Wu

## **Undergraduate Honours Students**

2025 - Andy Bang  
 2025 - Jessica Hoang  
 2025 - Hannah Chung  
 2024 - Layla Hussain  
 2024 - Simran Bal  
 2024 Amy Delia Younesi  
 2024 Aarifah Panchbhaya  
 2024 Daniela Pasqualini

## **Other Undergraduate Research Students**

2025 - Duncan Wylie  
 2024 - 2025 Fikir Mekonnen (Yale College; co-advised with Brian Scholl)  
 2024 - 2025 Audrey Hempel (Yale College; co-advised with Brian Scholl)  
 2024 Irsa Duka  
 2023 - 2024 Claire Yan (University College London; co-advised with Steve Fleming)  
 2023 - 2024 Eliza Farquharson (UCL; co-advised with Steve Fleming)  
 2023 - 2024 Charlotte Patient (UCL; co-advised with Steve Fleming)  
 2021 - 2022 Maria Canon (Yale College; co-advised with Brian Scholl)  
 2021 - 2022 Victoria Fratino (McGill University, then PhD student at Concordia)  
 2021 - 2022 Yang Yi Lin Guo (McGill University, then PhD student at UBC)  
 2019 - 2022 Conor Downey (Yale College, then PhD student at MIT)  
 2019 - 2021 Joanna Zukin (Yale College)  
 2019 - 2020 Rui Zhe Goh (Yale-NUS College, then PhD student at Johns Hopkins)  
 2018 - 2019 Lan Luo (Yale College, then PhD student at Columbia Business School)  
 2018 - 2019 Daniel Do (Yale College, then COO at Cortex College Consulting)  
 2015 - 2016 Audrey Luo (Yale College, then MD/PhD student at U of Pennsylvania)

## **PhD Committees**

2025 - Jordan Sheen  
 2025 - Hamza Tariq  
 2025 - Mel Sellick (Arizona State University)  
 2025 Maheen Shakil (External Examiner; McMaster, Psychology)  
 2024 - April Pereira  
 2024 - Seth Winward  
 2024 - Fatima Zohra (University of Waterloo, English)  
 2024 - Adrian Berk Safati  
 2024 - Julianna Salvatierra  
 2024 Kaiden Stewart

2024	Megan Kelly
2024	Keith Rebello (University of Waterloo, Electrical Engineering)

### **Master's Committees**

2025	Jordan Sheen
2025	Peter Diep
2024	Madeline Wiseman
2024	Neil Wegenschimmel
2024	Hamza Tariq
2024	Amie Durston

### **Undergraduate Thesis Reviewer**

2025	Caleb Lee
2025	Maryam Hodaie
2025	Ava Hall
2025	Mooneb Altwer
2025	Katherine Guo
2025	Karen Eng
2024	Matthew Yeung
2024	Syrus Koetke
2024	Lucas Robert Betts
2024	Caroline Simpson

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2025	Panelist, Student Career Event at the 28th ASSC Conference
2024	Donald O. Hebb Award Committee, Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science
2023 -	Editorial Board Reviewer, Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance
2021 - 2023	Reviewer, Application Statement Feedback Program

### **Conferences, Symposia, & Workshops**

2025 -	Co-organizer, Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment Conference
2025	Co-organizer, RANLP 2025 workshop on “Interdisciplinary Workshop on Observations of Misunderstood, Misguided and Malicious Use of Language Models”
2025	Co-organizer, ASSC 2025 symposium “Intuitions about Consciousness”
2023	Co-organizer, LSE-UCL workshop “Attributions of Consciousness to AI”
2022 - 2023	Co-organizer, UCL-PSL Consciousness & Metacognition Summer School

## **Department & University Service**

- 2025 - Head of the Cognition Area  
2024 - Departmental Executive Committee: Cognition Area representative  
2024 - Human Research Ethics Board, Delegated Review Committee  
2024 - Lift Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program: Faculty mentor  
2024 - Psychology Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee  
- member of the Resources team (since 2024)  
- statement reviewer for the Mentorship team (since 2024)  
- faculty lead of the Resources team (since 2025)

## **Ad-Hoc Reviewing: Journals**

- Acta Psychologica  
American Psychologist  
Biological Psychology  
Cognition  
Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience  
Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications  
Cognitive Science  
Communications Psychology  
Computers in Human Behavior Reports  
Developmental Science  
Emotion  
Frontiers in Neuroscience  
Frontiers in Psychology  
Heliyon  
iScience  
JEP: General  
JEP: Human Perception and Performance  
Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience  
Journal of Vision  
Memory & Cognition  
Neuroscience of Consciousness  
Open Mind  
Perception  
PCI Registered Reports  
Plos One  
PNAS Nexus  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences  
Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences  
Psychological Inquiry  
Psychological Research  
Psychonomic Bulletin & Review  
Psychophysiology  
Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology

Scientific Reports  
Social Neuroscience  
Social Psychological and Personality Science  
The Journal of Pain  
Visual Cognition

**Ad-Hoc Reviewing: Conferences**

Cognitive Computational Neuroscience  
Cognitive Science Society  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
Society for Philosophy and Psychology

**Ad-Hoc Reviewing: Grant Agencies**

National Science Foundation

**Ad-Hoc Reviewing: Other**

Cambridge University Press  
Princeton University Press