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## EDUCATION

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| 2016-2023 | **Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH**<br>**Ph.D.** in Psychological and Brain Sciences<br><u>Dissertation</u>: What makes conversation good? How responsivity, topics, and insider language predict feelings of connection |
| 2009-2013 | **Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**<br>**B.A.** in Psychology<br>*Cum Laude* with Highest Honors in Field |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2023-present | **Postdoctoral Fellow** – Computational Social Affective Neuroscience Lab<br>**Dartmouth College (P.I. Luke Chang)** |
| 2016-2023 | **Graduate Student** – Dartmouth Social Systems Lab<br>**Dartmouth College (P.I. Thalia Wheatley)** |
| 2014-2016 | **Lab Manager** – Stanford Social Neuroscience Lab<br>**Stanford University (P.I. Jamil Zaki)** |
| 2010-2013 | **Honors Thesis Researcher** – Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience Lab<br>**Harvard University (Advisors: Jason Mitchell & Diana Tamir)** |

## PUBLICATIONS

Advisees are <u>underlined</u>. * Equal contribution.

**Templeton, E.**, Chang, L., <u>Cone LeBeaumont, M.</u>, Nook, E., <u>Haddox, D.</u>, <u>Aiman, E.</u>, & Wheatley, T. (2024). From talk to telepathy: The spontaneous use of insider language in casual conversation. *PsyArXiv*.

**Templeton, E.**, Chang, L., & Wheatley, T. (2024). Conversational Launch Pads. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society* (Vol. 46).

Di Stasi, M., **Templeton, E.**, & Quoidbach, J. (2023). Zooming Out on Bargaining Tables: Exploring Which Conversation Dynamics Predict Negotiation Outcomes. *Journal of Applied Psychology*.

Cox, C., **Templeton, E.**, & Fusaroli, R. (2023). Fine-Tuning Social Timing: From Non-Human

to Human Animals and Back. A Commentary on "The Evolution of Social Timing" by Verga, Kotz, and Ravignani. *Physics of Life Reviews*, *47*, 79-81.

**Templeton, E.** & Wheatley. (2023). Listening fast and slow. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 101658.

**Templeton, E.**, Chang, L., Reynolds, E., Cone LeBeaumont, M., & Wheatley, T. (2023). Long gaps between turns are awkward for strangers but not for friends. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B, 378*(1875), 20210471.

Wood, A., **Templeton, E.**, Morrel, J., Schubert, F., & Wheatley, T. (2022). Tendency to laugh is a stable trait: Findings from a round-robin conversation study. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B, 377*(1863), 20210187.

**Templeton, E.**, Chang, L., Reynolds, E., Cone LeBeaumont, M., & Wheatley, T. (2022). Fast response times signal social connection in conversation. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 119*(4), e2116915119.

Wei, J., Finn, K., **Templeton, E.**, Wheatley, T., & Vosoughi, S. (2021). Linguistic complexity loss in text-based therapy. In *Proceedings of the 2021 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human language technologies* (pp. 4450-4459).

Tamir, D.*, **Templeton, E.***, Ward, A., & Zaki, J. (2018). Media usage diminishes memory for experiences. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *76*, 161-168.

**Templeton, E.M.**, Stanton, M.V., & Zaki, J. (2016). Social norms shift preferences for healthy and unhealthy foods. *PLoS ONE, 11*(11): e0166286.

Jordan, J., Rutter, E., & **Templeton, E.** (2012). Twenty-first Century Doodling: How does Facebook Use Impact Memory of Lecture Content?. *The Harvard Undergraduate Research Journal, 5(1), 39-43*.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION _____

**Templeton, E.**, Wheatley, T., & Chang, L. (invited submission). The importance of studying natural conversation. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*.

Sanchez, K. L., Kalkstein, D. A., Hirschi, Q., Corrington, A., Pinedo, A., Brannon, T. N., Stewart, D., Hard, B. M., Harrington, H. M., **Templeton, E.**, Walton, G. M. (under review). Uncomfortable because we care: A friendship-affirming appraisal of race talk strengthens Black-White friendships over time.

**Templeton, E.**, Wheatley, T., & Chang, L. (in prep). Why the weather? High-transition topics launch conversation.

Thornton, M., **Templeton, E.**, & Wheatley, T. (in prep). Body movement synchrony and ani-synchrony in conversations between friends and strangers.

Welker, C., **Templeton, E.**, & Wheatley, T. (in prep). The affective benefits of diversified social interaction.

Nielsen, Y., Fusaroli, R., Trecca, F., Bleses, D., Fein, D., Højen, A., Naigles, L., **Templeton, E.**, & Christiansen, M. (in prep). Conversational alignment as an individual difference.

## HONORS AND AWARDS _____

2024   Postdoc Professional Development Travel Award
2023   William M. Smith Promise Award in the Brain Sciences
2023   Neukom Institute for Computational Science Travel Grant
2022   Graduate Student Counsel Conference Travel Grant
2022   Neukom Institute for Computational Science Travel Grant
2021   SANS Poster Award
2020   Neukom Institute for Computational Science Travel Grant
2019   Neukom Institute for Computational Science Travel Grant
2019   SPSP Graduate Travel Award
2018   Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Dartmouth College Center for the Advancement of Learning
2018   Graduate Student Counsel Conference Travel Grant
2016   Graduate Student Counsel Conference Travel Grant
2016   Media Psychology Preconference Graduate Student Travel Award
2015   Stanford CNI Seed Grant
2013   Harvard University Mind, Brain, Behavior Certificate
2013   William Fahey House Spirit Award
2012   Howard Hughes Medical Institute Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Fellow
2012   Mary Gordon Roberts Summer Mind, Brain, and Behavior Fellowship
2011   David Rockefeller International Experiences Grant
2011   Mind, Brain, and Behavior Departmental Travel Grant
2009   Milken Scholar

## INVITED TALKS _____

Apr 2025   Thought Dynamics Lab Seminar Series, PI: Isaac Fradkin
           The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (virtual)
           *(upcoming)*

Jan 2025   Carnegie Mellon University
           Social and Decision Sciences Department
           *What makes people feel connected in conversation?*

Dec 2024   University of Texas at Austin
           Psychology Department
           *What makes people feel connected in conversation?*

Nov 2024   Chicago Booth
           Behavioral Science Workshop
           *What makes people feel connected in conversation?*

Nov 2024   Stanford Graduate School of Business
           Organizational Behavior Seminar
           *What makes people feel connected in conversation?*

Oct 2024     The West Interpersonal Perception Lab, PI: Tessa West
             New York University (virtual)
             *What makes people feel connected in conversation?*

May 2024     International Listening Seminar, Organizers: Guy Itzchakov & Avraham Kluger
             Virtual meeting
             *Listening fast and slow*

Feb 2024     UCLA Center for Language, Interaction, and Culture
             Los Angeles, CA
             *What makes people feel connected in conversation?*

Jan 2024     Princeton University Psychology Department
             Princeton, NJ
             *What makes people feel connected in conversation?*

Dec 2023     Columbia University Psychology Department
             New York, NY
             *What makes people feel connected in conversation?*

Oct 2023     Harvard Psychology Social Lunch
             Cambridge, MA
             *What makes conversation good? Gap lengths and insider language predict feelings of connection*

Oct 2023     UCR Social / Personality Proseminar
             Riverside, CA (virtual)
             *What makes conversation good? Gap lengths and insider language predict feelings of connection*

Nov 2022     Niedenthal Emotions Lab, PI: Paula Niedenthal
             University of Wisconsin-Madison (virtual)
             *A naturalistic approach to studying conversation*

Mar 2022     Social Cognitive Neuroscience Lab, PI: Anat Perry
             The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (virtual)
             *A naturalistic approach to studying conversation*

Oct 2021     Brown Social Cognitive Seminar
             Providence, RI (virtual)
             *A naturalistic approach to studying conversation*

June 2017    Conversation Day
             Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA
             *What makes conversation good?*

## CONFERENCE TALKS _____

Feb 2025     Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Preconference

Denver, CO
*From talk to telepathy: The spontaneous use of insider language in casual conversation*

Feb 2025      Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Computational Psychology Preconference
Denver, CO
*Conversational Launch Pads*

May 2023      Association for Psychological Science, The Science of Conversation: Novel Perspectives on How to Foster Connections through Meaningful Dialogue
Washington, D.C.
*Gaps between turns carry social meaning in conversation*

Feb 2023      Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Psychology of Language Preconference
Atlanta, GA
*Conversational Launch Pads*

Feb 2022      Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Shared Reality and Authenticity Preconference
San Francisco, CA
*Fast response times signal social connection in conversation*

Feb 2020      Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Social Psychology Unleashed: Extracting Meaningful Patterns from Real-world Social Behavior (Symposium Chair)
New Orleans, LA
*A naturalistic approach to studying conversation*

Feb 2019      Society for Personality and Social Psychology, From words to minds: Quantitative text analysis and theory testing
Portland, OR
*How to use topic modeling to study conversation*

Jan 2017      Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Media Psychology Preconference
San Antonio, TX
*Media usage diminishes engagement and memory of events.*

## DEPARTMENTAL TALKS _____

Aug 2022      Dartmouth PBS Text Analysis Meeting
Hanover, NH
*Applying text analysis to natural conversation*

Sept 2021      Dartmouth Social Labs Meeting
Hanover, NH
*Measuring "insider language" in conversation*

Feb 2021      Dartmouth Social Labs Meeting
Hanover, NH
*What are the words the define friendship?*

Jan 2020      Dartmouth Social Brain Sciences Brown Bag

Hanover, NH
*The space between us: Short gaps between turns signal social connections*

Feb 2019    Dartmouth Social Brain Sciences Brown Bag
Hanover, NH
*Turn-taking in natural conversation*

## POSTERS _____

Advisees are <u>underlined</u>.

**Templeton, E.**, Chang, L., & Wheatley, T. (2024). *Conversational launch pads*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

<u>Haddox, D.</u>, <u>Aiman, E.</u>, **Templeton, E.**, & Wheatley, T. (2024). *Detecting insider language in natural conversation*. Poster presented at The Love Consortium Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

**Templeton, E.**, <u>Haddox, D.</u>, <u>Aiman, E.</u>, Chang, L., & Wheatley, T. (2024). *Conversational launch pads and insider language between strangers and friends*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Preconference, San Diego, CA.

Welker, C., **Templeton, E.**, & Wheatley, T. (2022). *The affective benefits of diversified social interaction*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Affective Science, virtual meeting.

Welker, C., **Templeton, E.**, & Wheatley, T. (2022). *The affective benefits of diversified social interaction*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Di Stasi, M., **Templeton, E.**, & Quoidbach, J. (2021). Conversation Dynamics Predicts Negotiation Outcomes. 34th Annual Conference of the International Association for Conflict Management.

**Templeton, E.**, Chang, L., & Wheatley, T. (2021). *Clicking in conversation: Short gaps between turns signal social connection*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Affective and Social Neuroscience. Poster accepted in 2020, presented virtually in 2021 due to COVID-19. * Poster Award winner.

**Templeton, E.**, Chang, L., & Wheatley, T. (2019). *Rapid turn-taking during natural conversation predicts greater social connection*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Affective and Social Neuroscience, Miami, FL.

**Templeton, E.**, Chang, L., & Wheatley, T. (2018). *Traveling together through topic space predicts enjoyment of conversation*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Affective and Social Neuroscience, Brooklyn, NY.

**Templeton, E.**, Tamir, D., & Zaki, J. (2016). *Anterior cingulate activity during a passive donation task predicts actual donation behavior*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Affective and Social Neuroscience, New York, NY.

**Templeton, E.**, Tamir, D., & Zaki, J. (2016). *Don't take a picture, it won't last longer: Picture-taking and social media change experiences and memory of events*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

**Templeton, E.** & Zaki, J. (2015). *You are what your friends eat: Social norms shift food preferences for healthy and unhealthy foods*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, New York, NY.

**Templeton, E.** & Zaki, J. (2015). *Social norms shift food preferences for healthy and unhealthy foods*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Affective Science, Oakland, CA.

Tamir, D., **Templeton, E**., Ferreol, M., Mitchell, J. (2012). *Spatial and temporal distance reduces empathic responses to others' suffering.* Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, New Orleans, LA.

## WORKSHOPS _____

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| 2025 | Workshop on Naturalistic Conversation at Princeton University (May 6 - 8) |
| 2024 | Dartmouth Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence Workshop (October 21 - 22) |
| 2024 | UCLA Center for Language, Interaction, and Culture: Adopting affective stances in conversation (February 1 - 2) |
| 2023 | SFI Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science Modeling and Complexity (June 18 - 30) |
| 2021 | The Love Consortium Community Event: Cultural considerations in the science of love (November 29) |
| 2021 | Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (November 7 - 11) |
| 2020 | The Love Consortium Community Event (August 27) |
| 2020 | Academics for Black Survival and Wellness (June 19 - 25) |
| 2020 | SFI Conference on Language as a window into human minds: Explorations with computer-resident language and naturalistic conversation (April 23) |
| 2018 | Methods in Neuroscience at Dartmouth (July 30 - August 7) |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE _____

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| 2021 | Data Science Infused into the Undergraduate STEM Curriculum, *Supervisor* |
| 2020 | Laboratory in Psychological Science, *Teaching Assistant* |
| 2019 | Cognition, *Teaching Assistant* |
| 2018 | Introduction to Psychology, *Teaching Assistant* |
| 2017 | Social Psychology, *Teaching Assistant* |

## SERVICE _____

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| 2010-present | Milken Scholar Mentor |
| 2022-present | Vice President of Social Engagement and Inclusion, DartSlam |
| 2022-2023 | Dartmouth PBS Social Committee |
| 2022-2023 | Hanover High School Data Analysis Consultant (DEI surveys) |
| 2019-2023 | Dartmouth PBS Peer Mentor |
| 2018-2023 | Resident Fellow in East Wheelock House |

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| 2020-2021 | Mentor for the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream |
| 2019-2020 | Building Inclusivity to Advance Science Working Group |
| 2017-2018 | Co-organizer for Dartmouth PBS Social Labs Meeting |
| 2017-2019 | Co-organizer for Dartmouth PBS Social Brain Symposium |
| 2011-2013 | Peer Advising Fellow |

## AD HOC REVIEWING _____

*Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *Cognition*, *Cognition and Emotion*, *Collabra: Psychology*, *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *Language Learning and Development*, National Science Foundation, *PLOS ONE*, *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience, Social Psychological and Personality Science* ([https://publons.com/researcher/3311786/emma-templeton/](https://publons.com/researcher/3311786/emma-templeton/))

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE _____

Psychologists Have Found a Way to Measure When People 'Click', *[Discover Magazine](#)*
We 'click' better with others when conversations flow more quickly, *[NewScientist](#)*
When do we 'click' with someone? This test tells us., *[The Washington Post](#)*
What smartphone technology is doing to our memories, *[Vox](#)*