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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026-	Assistant Professor University of Chicago, Booth School of Business
2023-2026	Postdoctoral Fellow Dartmouth, Psychological and Brain Sciences Department
2016-2023	Graduate Student Dartmouth, Psychological and Brain Sciences Department
2014-2016	Lab Manager Stanford, Psychology Department

EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS

Advisees are underlined. * Equal contribution.

Templeton, E., Chang, L., Cone LeBeaumont, M., Nook, E., Haddox, D., Aiman, E., & 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, under review). 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.

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

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

Thornton, M., **Templeton, E.**, Tepfer, L., & Wheatley, T. (in prep). The forms and mechanisms of body motion synchrony in conversation

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

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

June 2025 University of California, San Diego (virtual)
Comparative Cognition Lab, PI: Federico Rossano

May 2025 Princeton University
Workshop on Naturalistic Conversation

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

Jan 2025 Carnegie Mellon University
Social and Decision Sciences Department

Dec 2024 University of Texas at Austin
Psychology Department

Nov 2024 Chicago Booth
Behavioral Science Workshop

Nov 2024 Stanford Graduate School of Business

Organizational Behavior Seminar

- Oct 2024 New York University (virtual)
The West Interpersonal Perception Lab, PI: Tessa West
- May 2024 International Listening Seminar (virtual)
Organizers: Guy Itzchakov & Avraham Kluger
- Feb 2024 University of California, Los Angeles
Center for Language, Interaction, and Culture
- Jan 2024 Princeton University
Psychology Department
- Dec 2023 Columbia University
Psychology Department
- Oct 2023 Harvard University
Psychology Department, Social Lunch
- Oct 2023 University of California, Riverside
Social / Personality Proseminar
- Nov 2022 University of Wisconsin-Madison (virtual)
Niedenthal Emotions Lab, PI: Paula Niedenthal
- Mar 2022 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (virtual)
Social Cognitive Neuroscience Lab, PI: Anat Perry
- Oct 2021 Brown University (virtual)
Social Cognitive Seminar
- June 2017 Harvard Business School
Conversation Day

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.

POSTERS

Advisees are underlined.

O'Neill, K., **Templeton, E.**, Sanchez, K., Wheatley, T., Philips, J., & Finn, E. (2025). *Negations as a tool for conveying mental models*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, San Francisco, CA.

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

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

Templeton, E., Haddox, D., Aiman, E., 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

- 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

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

2010-present Milken Scholar Mentor
2021-present Harvard Alumni Interviewer
2022-2023 Dartmouth PBS Social Committee
2018-2023 Dartmouth Resident Fellow (East Wheelock House)
2019-2023 Dartmouth PBS Peer Mentor
2022-2023 Hanover High School Data Analysis Consultant
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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2025-present COVER Home Repair Volunteer
2025-present Valley Improv Troupe Member
2020-present Hanover Election Volunteer
2025 Hanover Sister City Visit Coordinator (Nihonmatsu, Japan)
2022-2025 Vice President of Social Engagement and Inclusion, DartSlam Volleyball Club

AD HOC REVIEWING

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

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

How Small Talk Opens Up Deeper Connections, [The Wall Street Journal](#)
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](#)