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EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

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). 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 anti-synchrony in conversations between friends and strangers.

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

- May 2024 International Listening Seminar, Organizers: Guy Itzhakov & 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

- 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 that 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 underlined.

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

- 2024 UCLA Center for Language, Interaction, and Culture: Adopting affective stances in conversation (Feb 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
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
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 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/>)

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](#)