

# Curriculum vitae

- Roughly translates to "the course of my life"
- Indispensable for job & grant applications, annual appraisals etc.
- Aim: Clear, compelling CV

# Tip 1: Introduce yourself

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  - Start with name, current title & affiliation, contact information
  - Include link to your website
  - Optional: a short summary of your interests & expertise to give reader a sense of who you are & what you can bring to the table

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## BIOGRAPHY

Jay Van Bavel is an Associate Professor of Psychology & Neural Science at New York University, an affiliate at the Stern School of Business in Management and Organizations, and Director of the [Social Identity & Morality Lab](#). He completed his PhD at the University of Toronto and a postdoctoral fellowship at The Ohio State University before joining the faculty at NYU in 2010. He received the NYU [Golden Dozen Teaching Award](#) for teaching courses on Social Psychology, Social Neuroscience, Attitudes and Evaluation, Intergroup Relations, Group Identity, Moral Psychology, Professional Development, and Introduction to Psychology.

From neurons to social networks, Jay's research examines how collective concerns—group identities, moral values, and political beliefs—shape the mind, brain, and behavior. His work addresses issues of group identity, social motivation, cooperation, implicit bias, moral judgment and decision-making, and group regulation. He studies these issues using neuroimaging, lesion patients, social cognitive tasks, cross-cultural surveys, and linguistic analysis of social media posts. He has a [newsletter](#) and [book](#) on the science of identity (with Dominic Packer) called "[The Power of Us: Harnessing Our Shared Identities to Improve Performance, Increase Cooperation, and Promote Social Harmony](#)".

Jay has published over 100 academic publications and written research essays in The New York Times, [BBC](#), [Scientific American](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [LA Times](#), and the Washington Post. He also co-authors a mentoring column, entitled [Letters to Young Scientists](#), for Science Magazine. His work has appeared in academic papers as well as in the US [Supreme Court](#) and [Senate](#). He has also given talks at dozens of the Psychology Departments and Business Schools, as well as academic conferences, professional events, and non-academic organizations. His research was also featured in [TEDx](#) and [TED-Ed](#) videos and he has consulted with the White House, [United Nations](#), European Union, and [World Health Organization](#) on issues related to his research.

# Tip 2: Order matters

- Primacy effect: greater change that readers will look at & remember items placed at the start of your CV
- Order has to be tailored to the position you are applying for
  - E.g. Postdoc → Position history, degrees, publications, grants, awards, others
  - Teaching position → Position history, degrees, teaching/mentoring experience, publications, grants, awards
  - Less important sections (invited talks, service activities, society memberships) are placed at the back
- Most recent items first

## APPOINTMENTS

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**Associate Professor** (2016-present)  
New York University  
Department of Psychology

**Visiting Scholar** (2016-2017)  
Russell Sage Foundation

**Associate** (2013-present)  
New York University  
Center for Neural Science

**Assistant Professor** (2010-2015)  
New York University  
Department of Psychology

**Postdoctoral Fellow** (2008-2009)  
The Ohio State University  
Department of Psychology

# Tip 2: Order matters; publications

## PUBLICATIONS

Impact ( $H_{\text{index}} = 46$ ;  $i10_{\text{index}} = 81$ )

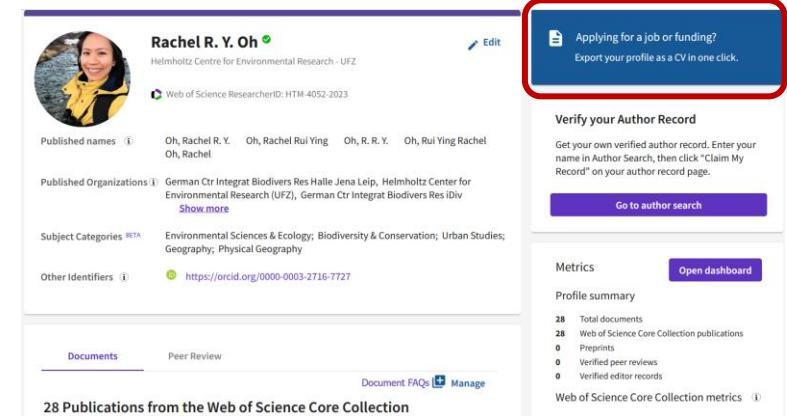
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\* Indicates graduate student or postdoc at the time the research was conducted

\*\* Indicates undergraduate student at the time the research was conducted



Position of senior author: usually last for environmental/biology sciences, but 2<sup>nd</sup> for environmental psych

Bak-Coleman JB, Alfano M,

2021

Bak-Coleman, J. B., Alfano, M., Barfuss, W., Bergstrom, C. T., Centeno, M. A., Couzin, I. Dr., Donges, J. F., Galesic, M., Gersick, A. S., Jacquet, J., Kao, A. B., Patterson, T. S., Romanczuk, P., Rubenstein, D. I., Tombak, K. J., Van Bavel, J., & Weber, E. U. (2021). Stewardship of global collective behavior. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. DOI: [10.1073/pnas.2025764118](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2025764118)

Cunningham, W. A., Van Bavel, J. J., Lewis, N. A. Jr., & Gruber, J. (2021). Science relies on constructive criticism. Here's how to keep it useful and respectful. *Science*. DOI: [10.1126/science.caredit.abi6902](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.caredit.abi6902)

# Tip 2: Order matters; grants

- Duration (2018 – 2020), amount (in local currency), funder & whether main/co-PI
  - Funder: it signals to your reader whether you are cognizant of local to global opportunities

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Winning grants (\*first-named investigator)**

2020	\$1.45M	UKRI-NHMRC Special Round
2020	\$560K	ARC Discovery Project
2019	\$35K	Moreton Bay Foundation*
2019	\$85K	Healthy Land and Water*
2019	\$5K	Birds Queensland

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE; FUNDING AWARDED

### Postdoctoral Researcher

**April 2021 – Now**

*Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ); German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig*

- 2017 – 2020 Using citizen science to benefit nature conservation and human health; German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD); €39 676; Co-PI with A. Bonn and R. Fuller (University of Queensland).

# Tip 3: Highlight most important information

- CVs can be long, human attention is short
- Use bold typeface for **words/phrases** to draw attention
- Use sections strategically

## Tip 4: Update your CV

- Update as you publish papers, receive grants
- Important to add, but also important to delete as you progress along different career stages
  - E.g. research job during summer while writing up your PhD thesis may look good for a postdoc application, but when you take on more senior leadership roles, that probably has to be deleted.

# Others

- If you send your CV via email, use a PDF
- Countries will differ in expected norms
  - E.g. in the USA/Singapore, one doesn't include personal information like parental leave. But this is common in Australia.
- When in doubt, ask your colleagues/more experienced people (in similar career stage) if you could reference their CV (or have a look)
- FYI – If you plan to enter industry, then you'd probably need a resume and that is different to a CV