

# Hong B. Nguyen

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. Candidate</b> <i>The New School for Social Research.</i>	<b>May 2026 (Expected)</b> New York, New York
<b>M.A. in Psychology</b> <i>The New School for Social Research.</i>	<b>May 2021</b> New York, New York
<b>B.S. with Honors in Psychology</b> <i>Manhattan College.</i>	<b>December 2017</b> Riverdale, New York

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Visual cognition ▪ Perceptual organization ▪ Empirical Aesthetics ▪  
Social Decision Making ▪ Cultural Psychology

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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<b>Computational Social Cognition Summer School</b> <i>University of Birmingham, UK</i>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award</b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Dissertation Fellowship</b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>	<b>2024 - 2025</b>
<b>Elsevier/Vision Research International Travel Award</b> <i>Vision Sciences Society</i>	<b>2024, 2022</b>
<b>NSSR Student Research Award</b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>	<b>2024, 2020</b>
<b>Best Talk Award, Professional Development Award</b> <i>Object Perception and Memory Conference</i>	<b>2021</b>
<b>NSSR Prize Fellowship</b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>	<b>2021 - present</b>
<b>NSSR MA Project Grant</b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>	<b>2020</b>
<b>NSSR Merit Scholarship</b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>	<b>2018 - 2021</b>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### *Published:*

- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2024). Rotating objects cue spatial attention via the perception of frictive surface contact. *Cognition*, 242, 105655.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2023). May the Force be against you: Better visual sensitivity to speed changes opposite to gravity. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 49, 1016-1030.
- Basu, D., & **Nguyen, H.** (2021). Eating Healthy: Understanding added sugar through proportional reasoning. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18, 12821.
- Basu, D., and **Nguyen, H.** (2021). COVID-19 and its disparate impact on black families. *The Lighthouse Almanac*, 4, 21-32.
- Fairchild, K., and **Nguyen, H. B.** (2020). Perceptions of street harassment: Effects of nationality and hair color in Viet Nam. *Sexuality and Culture*, 24, 1956-1970.

### *Under review:*

- Nguyen, H. B.**, Matelsky, L., Macklin, C., and van Buren, B. The face of mischief: A facial expression signaling play aggression.

### *In Preparation:*

- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. The efficiency of perceiving minds in motion: Enhanced prediction of shapes' movements when they appear alive and goal-directed.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. 'Attentional transplants' cause recipients to like images similarly to donors: Evidence for inter-observer commonalities in how attention drives preferences.
- Choudhury, S., **Nguyen, H. B.**, & van Buren, B. The sound of shininess: Crossmodal influence of pitch on the perception of gloss.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, Wang, Z., and Miller, J.G. Prevention-promotion motivations: Cultural specificity in response to failure.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and Jayawickreme, N. Examining cultural differences in problem-solving in Americans and native-born Vietnamese.
- Wang, Z., Zhao, X., **Nguyen, H. B.**, and Miller, J.G. Children's understandings of emotion regulation and problem solving: Implications from children's story narratives.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2025). Perceiving goal-directed movement in simple shapes: From prediction to preferences. Talk given at the annual meeting of *European Conference on Visual Perception*, 8/26/25, Mainz, Germany.

- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2025). Perceiving goal-directed movement in simple shapes: From prediction to preferences. Symposium talk given at the annual meeting of *Visual Science of Art Conference*, 8/22/25, Wiesbaden, Germany.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2024). Good intentions: Observers prefer viewing moving shapes which look self-propelled and goal-directed. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Object Perception and Memory Conference*, 11/21/24, New York, NY.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2024). Good intentions: Perceived intentionality in moving shapes drives visual preferences. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Visual Science of Art Conference*, 8/22/24, Aberdeen, Scotland.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2024). ‘Attentional transplants’ cause recipients to like images similarly to donors: Evidence for inter-observer commonalities in how attention drives preferences. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, 5/21/24, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 24(10), 654, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2801073>.]
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2024). A machine-learning-powered assistant for attentional disorders. Talk given at the annual meeting of the XR Accessibility Symposium, 6/7/2024, New York, NY.
- Choudhury, S., **Nguyen, H. B.**, & van Buren, B. (2024). The sound of shininess: Crossmodal influence of pitch on the perception of gloss. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, 5/20/24, St. Pete Beach, FL. . [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 24(10), 654, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2801073>.]
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2024). Look where you’re going!: Elongated shapes are preferred when they update their orientation to remain aligned with their heading. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *International Association of Empirical Aesthetics*, 5/9/24, Palma, Mallorca.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2024). ‘Attentional transplants’ for industrial applications. Poster presented at the annual meeting of *International Workshop on Extended Reality, IEEE*, 3/16/2024, Orlando, FL.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2023). Attentional transplants cause recipients to like images similarly to donors. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Object Perception and Memory Conference*, 11/16/23, San Francisco, CA.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, Matelsky, L., Macklin, C., and van Buren, B. (2023). The face of mischief: A facial expression signaling play aggression. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Visual Science of Art Conference*, 8/26/23, Cyprus, Greece.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2023). Attentional transplants cause recipients to like images similarly to donors. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Visual Science of Art Conference*, 8/25/23, Cyprus, Greece.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, Matelsky, L., Macklin, C., and van Buren, B. (2023). The face of mischief: A stereotyped signal of norm violation within a Magic Circle. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, 5/20/23, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 22(14), 4394, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2785138>.]

- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2023). That's just how I roll!: Predicting and remembering objects' locations via the perception of frictive surface contact. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, 5/20/23, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 22(14), 4394, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2792329>.]
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2022). Rotating objects cue spatial attention via the perception of frictive surface contact. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *European Conference on Visual Perception*, 8/31/22, Nijmegen, NL. [Abstract published in *Perception*, 51(IS), 1-207, <https://docta.ucm.es/rest/api/core/bitstreams/e03dad59-5826-47f9-98b0-6b6ead785f94/content>.]
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2022). Objects that look heavier look larger. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, 5/14/22, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 22(14), 4394, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2785138>.]
- Nguyen, H. B.**, & van Buren, B. (2022). May the Force be against you: Better sensitivity to speed changes that appear self-propelled. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Cognitive Sciences Society*, 7/30/22, virtual, Toronto, CA.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and van Buren, B. (2021). May the Force be against you: Better sensitivity to speed changes that appear self-propelled. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Object Perception and Memory Conference*, 11/4/21, Virtual. **\*\*Winner of Best Talk Award.\*\***
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and Jayawickreme, N. (2018). Examining cultural differences in problem-solving in Americans and native-born Vietnamese. Talk given at the *CUNY Hunter College 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Psychology Convention*, 4/29/18, New York, NY.
- Nguyen, H. B.**, and Fairchild, K. (2018). Perceptions of street harassment victims based on race and hair color with a Vietnamese sample. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Eastern Psychological Association*, 3/2/18, Philadelphia, PA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Primary Instructor, <i>Fundamentals of Development Psychology</i></b> <i>Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</i>	<b>Fall 2025</b>
<b>Primary Instructor, <i>Fundamentals of Visual Perception</i></b> <i>Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</i>	<b>Spring 2024, Fall 2024</b>
<b>Primary Instructor, <i>Cultural Psychology</i></b> <i>Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</i>	<b>Fall 2021 - 2025</b>
<b>Primary Instructor, <i>The Science of Psychology</i></b> <i>Columbia Pre-College Program</i>	<b>Summer 2022 - 2025</b>
<b>Teaching Assistant, <i>Fund of Developmental Psychology</i></b> <i>Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</i>	<b>Spring 2022</b>
<b>Teaching Assistant, <i>Visual Perception &amp; Cognition</i></b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>	<b>Fall 2021</b>
<b>Teaching Assistant, <i>Cultural Psychology</i></b>	<b>Spring 2020</b>

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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<b>Organizing Committee</b> <i>Object Perception and Memory Conference</i>	<b>2025 -2027</b>
<b>Organizing Committee</b> <i>Visual Science of Art Conference</i>	<b>2024, 2025</b>
<b>Organizing Committee</b> <i>Gestalt Speaker Series, The New School</i>	<b>2020</b>

## **RESEARCH MENTEES**

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### **Silas Choudhury**

*Research: Perception of materials; Consumer psychology*

Talk presented at VSS 2024 - Elsevier/Vision Research Travel Award

## **REFERENCES**

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