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EDUCATION & RESEARCH

2017 – Present	University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA Ph.D. Student in Social Psychology, Quantitative Psychology Minor Advised by Drs. Naomi Eisenberger, Jennifer Silvers, and Matthew Lieberman
2016 –2017	University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, CO Research Assistant in Positive Emotion and Psychopathology Lab Advised by Dr. June Gruber
2015 – 2016	Emory University, Atlanta, GA Visiting Graduate Student in Psychology Research Assistant in Hamann Cognitive Neuroscience Lab Advised by Dr. Stephan Hamann
2014 – 2017	Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA M.A. in Neurophilosophy (fully-funded) Advised by Drs. Andrea Scarantino and Eddy Nahmias
2008 – 2012	New York University, New York, NY B.A. in Psychology & Philosophy, Graduated with Honors

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & HONORS

2020	UCLA Harold H. Kelley Award for Exceptionally Meritorious Paper
2020	UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship – \$20,000 stipend + tuition/fees
2019	NIA Fellowship: Summer School in Social Neuroscience and Neuroeconomics
2018	NIH Fellowship: University of Michigan Training Course in fMRI
2018	FAPESP Fellowship: Advanced Social Neuroscience Workshop
2018	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award – \$6000 stipend + tuition/fees
2016	GSU Ralf. F. Munster Fellowship for Excellence in Research
2015	GSU Ralf F. Munster Travel Fellowship – \$500 towards travel
2012	NYU Honors Scholar/Founders' Day Award

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Guassi Moreira, J. F., **Sahi, R.S.**, Ninova, E., Parkinson, C., & Silvers, J. A. (in press). Performance and belief-based emotion regulation capacity and tendency: Mapping links with cognitive flexibility and perceived stress. *Emotion*.
- **Sahi, R.S.** (in press). "It's okay to be angry: A functionalist perspective of the dangers of over-regulating anger." To appear in: [Special issue on emotion regulation], *Philosophical topics*.
- **Sahi, R.S.** & Eisenberger, N. (in press). Why don't you like me: The role of the mentalizing network in social rejection. To appear in: Gilead M. & Ochsner, K.N., The Neural Basis of Mentalizing A Social-Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Perspective. New York: Springer.

MANUSCRIPTS

- **Sahi, R.S.,** Ninova, E., & Silvers, J. (under review). With a little help from my friends: Selective social potentiation of emotion regulation.
- Sahi, R.S., Cooper-White, M., Gan, S., Lee, M. Hazlett, L., Burns, S., Lieberman, M., Shamay-Tsoory, S., & Eisenberger, N. (under review). The comfort in touch: Immediate and lasting effects of handholding on emotional experiences.
- **Sahi, R.S.,** Torre, J., Gaussi-Moreira, J., & Lieberman, M. (in preparation). The Affect Labeling Questionnaire (ALQ): Measuring affect labeling ability and implications for socio-emotional well-being.

PRE-REGISTRATIONS OF RESEARCH IN-PROGRESS

Sahi, R.S., & Eisenberger, N. (2020). Differentiating the hedonic and instrumental benefits of distinct forms of socio-affective feedback. Pre-registered on Open Science Framework: osf.io/fj3cz

CONFERENCE TALKS

- **Sahi, R.S.** (2020, online format due to COVID-19). With a little help from my friends: Social reappraisal is more effective than reappraising alone. [Flash talk] The Society for Affective Science (SAS), San Francisco, California.
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2018). A functionalist defense of the feeling and expression of moral anger. [Symposium talk] Emotions and Expressions Workshop (ECOM), Mansfield, Connecticut.
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2015). *The MSCEIT misses the mark: emotional intelligence is a practical ability.* [Symposium talk] European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE), Edinburgh, Scotland.
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2015). *The MSCEIT misses the mark: emotional intelligence is a practical ability*. [Symposium talk] Southeast Philosophy Congress (SEPC), Morrow, Georgia.

CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- *Indicates first author is mentee
- He, J.*, **Sahi, R.S.**, & Eisenberger, N. (2020). *Mirror my feedback? An exploratory analysis of preferences for giving and receiving social feedback.* Undergraduate Research Showcase (hosted by UCLA), Los Angeles, California.
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2020, cancelled due to COVID-19). With a little help from my friends: Social reappraisal is more effective than reappraising alone. Aegina Summer School on Social Cognition, Aegina, Greece.
- Sahi, R.S., Cooper-White, M., Hazlett, L., Gan, S., Lee, M. Lieberman, M., & Eisenberger, N. (2020, cancelled due to COVID-19). *Silent support: Examining the dual-brain mechanisms underlying consoling touch*. The Social and Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS), Santa Barbara, California.
- Sahi, R.S., Cooper-White, M., Hazlett, L., Gan, S., Lee, M. Lieberman, M., & Eisenberger, N. (2019). Silent support: Examining the dual-brain mechanisms underlying consoling touch. International Society for the Research of Emotions (ISRE), Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Lee, M.*, **Sahi, R.S.**, & Eisenberger, N. (2019). *Consoling touch: Showing you care*. Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (hosted by UCLA), Los Angeles, California.

- Sahi, R.S., Cooper-White, M., Hazlett, L., Gan, S., Lee, M. Lieberman, M., & Eisenberger, N. (2019). *I'm here for you: the effects of consoling touch on negative emotional experiences*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Portland, Oregon.
- Sahi, R.S., Cooper-White, M., Hazlett, L., Lieberman, M., & Eisenberger, N. (2018). *I feel your pain: examining empathic processing and coregulation in romantic couples during consoling touch*. Sao Paolo School of Affective Neuroscience (SPSAN), São Paolo, Brazil.
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2016). *The MSCEIT misses the mark: emotional intelligence is a practical ability.* The Foundations of Emotions in Mind, Brain, and Culture (hosted by Emory University), Atlanta, Georgia.
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2016). *The MSCEIT misses the mark: emotional intelligence is a practical ability.* The Neuroscience Institute Brains and Behavior Retreat (hosted by Georgia State University), Atlanta, Georgia.
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2015). *The MSCEIT misses the mark: emotional intelligence is a practical ability*. International Society for the Research of Emotions (ISRE), Geneva, Switzerland.

POPULAR PRESS

- *Indicates first author is mentee
- He, J.* & Sahi, R.S. (2020, April). Is Happiness Feeling What's "Right"? [Web blog post]. Retrieved from https://www.psychologyinaction.org/psychology-in-action-1/2020/3/6/is-happiness-feeling-whats-right
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2019, September). The Costs of Emotion Regulation. [Web blog post]. Retrieved from <a href="https://www.psychologyinaction.org/psychology-in-action-1/2019/9/10/the-costs-of-emotion-regulation-facing-harm-as-vulnerable-individuals-and-marginalized-communities?rq=razia
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2019, March). Ouch: Understanding the Pain of Social Rejection. [Web blog post]. Retrieved from https://www.psychologyinaction.org/psychology-in-action-1/2019/2/25/why-dont-you-like-me-understanding-the-pain-of-social-rejection?rq=razia
- **Sahi, R.S.** (2018, February). What is Empathy? [Web blog post]. Retrieved from https://www.psychologyinaction.org/psychology-in-action-1/2018/2/21/what-is-empathy?rq=razia
- Sahi, R.S. (2017, November). Social Cognition and Language. [Web blog post]. Retrieved from https://www.psychologyinaction.org/psychology-in-action-1/2017/11/4/social-cognition-and-language?rq=razia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020	University of California, Los Angeles – Teaching Associate for Graduate Courses Course: Sociology 210B Intermediate Statistical Methods (50% appointment – 1 quarter)
2018 – 2020	University of California, Los Angeles – Teaching Associate for Undergraduate Courses Course: Psych 136A Experimental Research Methods (50% appointment – 2 quarters) Course: Psych 137K Psychology of Emotion (50% appointment – 1 quarter) Course: Psych 135 Social Psychology (50% appointment – 1 quarter) Course: Psych 10 Introduction to Psychology (25% appointment – 1 quarter)
2014 – 2017	Georgia State University – Instructor for Undergraduate Courses Course: Philosophy 1010 Critical Thinking (50% appointment – 5 semesters) Course: Philosophy 1010 Critical Thinking (25% appointment – 2 semesters)

2013 – 2014	East Harlem Tutorial Program/Scholar's Academy – Lower School Math Instructor Additional responsibilities: 5 th Grade Team Leader, K-3 Emotional Intelligence Lesson Design
2012 – 2013	Brownsville Ascend Lower School – Lower School Math Supplemental Instructor
2011 – 2012	New York University – Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Course: Logic (1 section – undergraduate course) Course: EXCEL Academy Intro to Logic (2 sections – college preparatory program)

EDITING EXPERIENCE

2016 – 2017 Oxford Handbook of Positive Emotion and Psychopathology, Oxford University Press Copyeditor for editor June Gruber, Ph.D.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

2018 **Resonance Inc.,** Los Angeles, CA

Functional Near Infrared Spectroscopy Technician for Matthew Lieberman, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: Social Cognitive Affective Neuroscience

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (with Dr. Naomi Eisenberger): Psychological Science, Perspectives on Psychological Science, PNAS, Biological Psychiatry

Ongoing Contributor for UCLA Psychology in Action Blog: https://www.psychologyinaction.org

Coordinate and Lead Professional Development Workshops for UCLA SAN Lab Research Assistants: Statistics Workshops: Winter 2019, Summer 2019, Winter 2020 Journal Club: Summer 2020

UCLA Social Psychology Student Colloquium Representative 2018 – 2020 (2 academic years)

UCLA Diversity Issues Committee Contributing Member 2019 – present

UCLA Underrepresented Graduate Students in Psychology Member 2018 – present

Society for Affective Science Conference Volunteer – 2018

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

2020	University of Washington Neurohackademy (NIMH) - Online format due to COVID-19
2020	Towards More Reproducible Neuroimaging Research: A Hands-on Workshop (ReproNim)
2019	Duke University Summer School in Social Neuroscience and Neuroeconomics (NIA)
2018	Advanced Social Neuroscience Workshop (FAPESP)
2018	University of Michigan Training Course in fMRI (NIH)
2018	University of Connecticut Emotions and Expressions Workshop (NSF)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Affective Science (SAS) Social and Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS)

International Society for the Research of Emotions (ISRE) Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data analysis/programming:

Proficient in R, MATLAB, SPSS, Microsoft Office Suite Working knowledge of Python, SPM, FSL, SAS, HLM, MindWare, AcqKnowledge, E-Prime, PsychoPy

Data collection:

Experienced in collecting neural data using functional near infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS), functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), psychophysiology tools, and Qualtrics

Clinical training:

Experienced in conducting clinical pre-assessments for medical and mental health history