

# Jeffrey Kravitz

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## Research Positions

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Lab Manager for Curtis Lab  
Department of Psychology & Center for Neural Science  
New York University

Sep 2019 – Mar 2022

## Education

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M.A. Experimental Psychology  
Brooklyn College  
GPA: 4.00

Sep 2017 – May 2019

Master's Thesis: The Distinct Social Function of Emotion in Morality: Disgust and Anger Adaptively Respond to Moral Character and Actions  
Advisor: Dr. Hanah Chapman

B.S. Psychology, *cum laude*  
Stony Brook University  
GPA: 3.64 Psychology GPA: 3.98

Sep 2013 – May 2017

Honors Project: Focusing on the Present Could Potentially Help Your Future: The Effects of Mindfulness Meditation on Delay Discounting Rates  
Advisor: Dr. Nancy Franklin

## Honors, Awards, and Creative Works

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- Psi Chi National Honor Society
- Stony Brook University Psychology Honors Program
- Presidential Scholarship (Stony Brook University, \$2,500/year)
- Dean's List (Stony Brook University)
- Photograph in URECA Art Exhibition

Spring 2016 – Current  
Spring 2016 – Spring 2017  
Fall 2013 – Spring 2017  
Fall 2014 – Spring 2017  
April 2016

## Research Interests

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- The potential benefits of mindfulness on emotion regulation
- The role of emotion in moral judgment and other social functions
- The impact of stress and other physiological processes on judgment
- Mindfulness
- Emotion
- Morality

## Publications (Acknowledgments\*)

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Rahmati, M., DeSimone, K., Curtis, C. E., & Sreenivasan, K. K. (2020). Spatially specific working memory activity in the human superior colliculus. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 40(49), 9487-9495. \*

## Poster Presentations

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Kravitz, J., & Chapman, H. (May 2018). *The effect of positive character information on disgust and anger*. Poster presentation at Science Research Day. Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY.

Kravitz, J., & Franklin, N. (April 2017). *Focusing on the present could potentially help your future: The effects of mindfulness meditation on delay discounting rates*. Poster presentation at Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URECA). Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.

## Research Experience

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### Lab Manager – Curtis Lab, Dr. Clayton Curtis

Sep 2019 – Mar 2022

New York University, Department of Psychology & Center for Neural Science

- Designed, developed, and supported experimental method to stimulate visual field for population receptive field mapping in the Curtis Lab at New York University as well as the Dynamic Social Cognition Lab at Columbia University
- Coordinated and launched multi-stage online psychophysics experiment to elucidate the cognitive deficits associated with aphantasia, known as the inability to voluntarily create mental images
- Analyzed behavioral data including eye tracking data, psychophysics data, and survey data
- Collected data from various experiments utilizing fMRI and TMS methods
- Administrative duties including management of IRBs, petty cash, lab website, and Github

### Graduate Research Assistant – Emotion and Morality Lab, Dr. Hanah Chapman

Sep 2017 – May 2019

Brooklyn College, Department of Psychology

- *Thesis*: Designed, conducted, and analyzed a series of experiments to investigate the effect of transgressor character on anger and moral disgust
- Designed an experiment to test whether the effect of false physiological feedback on the severity of moral judgments is moderated by trait mindfulness and personal body consciousness
- Programmed surveys in Qualtrics, collected online data via Amazon MTurk, analyzed data using techniques including multiple regression, multilevel modeling, and bootstrapped mediation analyses
- Registered studies on Open Science Framework

### Research Assistant – Franklin Lab, Dr. Nancy Franklin

Sep 2015 – May 2017

Stony Brook University, Department of Psychology

- *Honors Project*: Designed, conducted, and analyzed an experiment to investigate the potential of mindfulness meditation training to ameliorate measures of impulsivity in decision making
- Administered an anger induction paradigm in a study that aimed to determine whether anger influences the focus of memory
- Setup and managed Amazon MTurk and TurkPrime, managed lab SONA account, created IRB
- Programmed surveys using Qualtrics, generated stimuli for multiple studies

## Data Analysis, Data Collection, and Programming

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- Python
- R, R Markdown
- MATLAB
- Bash
- MRI, TMS
- Qualtrics
- Amazon's MTurk
- Pavlovia
- SONA
- Github

Personal website: <https://jeffkravitz.github.io/personal/index.html>

Github: <https://github.com/jeffkravitz>

## Teaching Experience

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- Lab Instructor, Experimental Psychology Summer 2018 – Spring 2019
  - (PSYC3450; Brooklyn College)
- Lab Instructor, Statistical Methods in Psychological Research Spring 2018
  - (PSYC3400; Brooklyn College)

## Professional Affiliations

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- Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Fall 2018 – Current
- Psi Chi National Honor Society Spring 2016 – Current

## Professional References

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- Dr. Clayton Curtis
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- Dr. Gaurav Patel
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- Dr. Hanah Chapman
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  - (908) 412-1648
- Dr. Nancy Franklin
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