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## EDUCATION

2014 – Present	Ph.D. (in progress), Social Psychology New York University, New York, NY Advisor: Jonathan Freeman
2013 – 2014	Ph.D. (transferred), Cognitive Neuroscience Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire Advisor: Jonathan Freeman
2013	M.A., Social Psychology San Diego State University, San Diego, California Advisor: Melody Sadler
2010	B.A., Psychology Minor: Sociology Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

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## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

2017	Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Innovation Award for ‘Neural pattern similarity reveals the inherent intersection of social categories’, <i>Nature Neuroscience</i> (2016)
2017	Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Poster Award (\$200)
2016	NYU GSAS Dean’s Student Travel Grant award (\$500)
2015	NYU Center for Brain Imaging Pilot Grant (\$5000) for project ‘Stereotype Overlap in Social Category Representation’
2014	NYU Center for Brain Imaging Pilot Grant (\$5000) for project ‘The Neural Basis of Contextual Impact on Emotion Perception’

2014	NYU Summer Research Fellowship (\$6000)
2014 - Present	Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University
2014	Dean's Supplementary Fellowship Grant (\$1000)

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (in press). A neural mechanism of social categorization. *Journal of Neuroscience*.

Lazerus, T., Ingbretsen, Z., **Stolier, R. M.**, Freeman, J. B., & Cikara, M. (2016). Positivity Bias in Judging In-group Members' Emotional Expressions. *Emotion*, 16(8), 1117.

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2016). Functional and Temporal Considerations for Top-Down Influences in Social Perception. *Psychological Inquiry*, 27(4), 352-357.

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2016). Neural pattern similarity reveals the inherent intersection of social categories. *Nature Neuroscience*, 19(6), 795-797.

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2016). The neuroscience of social vision. Invited chapter for J. R. Absher & J. Cloutier (Eds.), *Neuroimaging Personality, Social Cognition, and Character*. Elsevier.

Helman, E., **Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2015). Advanced mouse-tracking analytic techniques for enhancing psychological science. *Group Processes and Intergroup Relations*, 18(3), 384-401.

Freeman, J. B., & **Stolier, R. M.** (2014). The medial prefrontal cortex in constructing personality models. *Trends in cognitive sciences*, 18(11), 571-572.

Freeman, J. B., **Stolier, R. M.**, Ingbretsen, Z. A., & Helman, E. A. (2014). Amygdala responsivity to high-level social information from unseen faces. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 34(32), 10573-10581.

Wetherell, G., Weisz, B. M., **Stolier, R. M.**, Beavers, A. J. & Sadler M. S. (2012). Policy preference in response to terrorism: The role of emotions, attributions, and appraisals. Invited chapter for S. J. Sinclair & D. Antonius (Eds.), *The Political Psychology of Terrorism Fears*. New York: Oxford University Press.

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## UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (in prep). Automatic stereotype activation in the anterior temporal lobe.

**Stolier, R. M.**, Hehman, E., & Freeman, J. B. (in prep). Risk averse social perception: threat entangles dimensions of trustworthiness and dominance in faces.

Hehman, E., **Stolier, R. M.**, & Shen, X. (in prep). Higher status groups are more homogenous in appearance: the group variance model.

Stillerman, B., **Stolier, R. M.**, Amodio, D. M., & Freeman, J. B. (in prep). The conceptual and visual bases of weapons bias.

Brooks, J. A., **Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (invited revision). Intersecting stereotypes bias visual prototypes for sex and emotion categories.

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## CONFERENCE & INVITED TALKS

Freeman, J. B., & **Stolier, R. M.** (2017, April). *Neural mechanisms of stereotypic vision*. Talk to be given at the 2017 annual conference for the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, Los Angeles, LA.

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2017, January). *Hidden category activations en route to social perception*. As part of the symposium “Decoding social categories, person knowledge & social networks from brain activity” at SPSP 2017, San Antonio, TX.

**Stolier, R. M.** (2016, November). *The neural representation of social categories during person perception*. Invited talk for the Princeton University Neuroscience and Social Decision Making talk series, Princeton, NJ.

**Stolier, R. M.** (2016, October). *Stereotypes Bias the Similarity of Social Category Representations*. Talk given at the NY-SANG 2016 meeting, New York, NY.

Freeman, J. B., Pauker, K., Sanchez, D. T., & **Stolier, R. M.** (2016, January). *A perceptual pathway to bias: Interracial exposure reduces abrupt shifts in real-time race perception that predict mixed-race bias*. As part of the symposium “New directions in intergroup contact: Behavioral and neuroscientific investigations of attention, categorization, evaluation, and learning” at SPSP 2016, San Diego, CA.

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2015, September). *Synchronized fMRI and mouse-tracking reveal the co-activation of multiple social categories*. Data blitz given at the NY-SANG 2015 meeting, New York, NY.

Freeman, J. B., **Stolier, R. M.**, Pauker, K., & Sanchez, D. T. (2015, September). *Visual Bias: The Dynamic Representation of Race*. As part of the "Race perception: From basic social cognitive processes to prejudice intervention" symposium. Society for Experimental Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

**Stolier, R. M.**, Hehman, E., & Freeman, J. B. (2015, May). *Risk-averse perception: group membership alters the fundamental dimensions underlying face-trait evaluation*. As part of the graduate student data blitz. Four College Conference, New York, NY.

Freeman, J. B. & **Stolier, R. M.** (2015, May). *Visual Bias: The Dynamic Neural Representation of Race*. As part of the "Prejudice on the brain: Individual differences and social context affect the neural representation of race" symposium. Association for Psychological Science Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

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## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2017). *Automatic stereotype activation in the anterior temporal lobe*. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society. Los Angeles, CA.

Stillerman, B., **Stolier, R. M.**, Amodio, D. M., & Freeman, J. B. (2017). *Exploring the conceptual and visual bases of weapons bias*. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society. Los Angeles, CA.

Stillerman, B., **Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2017). *Competition in face categorization reflects goal-relevant ambiguity*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Antonio, TX.

Brooks, J. A., **Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2017). *Intersecting stereotypes bias visual prototypes for sex and emotion categories*. Poster presented at the Emotion pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Antonio, TX.

**Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2016). *Visual bias: Stereotypes alter the neural representation of race*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Diego, CA.

Xie, Y., **Stolier, R. M.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2015). *Intergroup threat alters the underlying dimensions of face-trait evaluation*. Poster presented at the annual Hunter College Psychology Convention. New York, NY.

**Stolier, R. M.** & Freeman, J. B. (2015). *Synchronized fMRI and motion-tracking reveals the co-activation of multiple social categories*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society. Boston, MA.

**Stolier, R. M.** & Freeman, J. B. (2015). *Motivated to confirm: Stereotypes of unambiguous social categories resolve ambiguity in others*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Long Beach, CA.

**Stolier, R. M.** & Freeman, J. B. (2014). *The inherent intersection of social categories*. Poster presented at the Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives on Person Perception workshop at Dartmouth College. Hanover, NH.

**Stolier, R. M.**, Hehman, E. A., Ingbretsen, Z. A., & Freeman, J. B. (2014). *The amygdala's role in processing the trustworthiness of unseen faces*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society. Denver, CO.

**Stolier, R. M.**, Jones, J. L., & Sadler, M. (2014). *Where dehumanization facilitates empathy: Increased empathic embarrassment towards those attributed less executive function*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Austin, TX.

Jones, J. L., **Stolier, R. M.**, Kaye, K., Sadler, M. (2014). *The Roles of Competence and Warmth in Approach-avoidance Processing and Decision-making*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Austin, TX.

**Stolier, R. M.**, Stewart, W., Kaye, K. E., & Sadler, M. (2013). *Implicit Indices of Explicit Stigma: Approach-Avoidance and Social Distance from Individuals with Schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. New Orleans, LA.

**Stolier, R. M.**, Bates, R., & Sadler, M. (2012). *The Mediation Role of Competence and Warmth in Judgments of Different Mental Illnesses*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association. San Francisco, CA.

**Stolier, R. M.** & Lewis, L. B. (2012). *The Moderational Role of Semantic Memory in the Relationship Between Religiousness and Conservative Attitudes*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association. San Francisco, CA.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016	Invited course lecture – Methods in Social Psychology, New York University
2016	Invited workshop instructor – Data reduction and visualization in R, New York University

2016	Invited workshop instructor – Fundamentals in programming and automation in R, New York University
2015	Invited course lecture – Methods in Social Neuroscience, New York University
2014	Invited seminar instructor – Motion-tracking experimental design and data analysis, The Motivation Lab, New York University
2012 - 2013	Seminar instructor – Programming for Psychological Research, San Diego State University
2012 - 2013	Teaching Assistant – Statistical Methods in Psychology, San Diego State University
2009 - 2010	Teaching Assistant – Sociology of Adolescence, Arizona State University

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## RESEARCH ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Masters Theses	Carlina Conrad (2016), Daniel Mocombe (2016), Zahra Kadhkhodaie (2015)
Undergraduate Honors Theses	Deshana Barua (2017), Anton Gollwitzer (2015), Jay Dumanian (2014), Michael McGlenn (2013)
Student Awards	Rick Melucci (Intel Science Talent Search, 2016), Eun Myoung-Lee (Presidential Scholar, 2014), Jemin Park (Presidential Scholar, 2014)

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## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2014 - 2015	Organizer of the fMRI Workshop series - Center for Brain Imaging, New York University
2011 - 2013	Graduate Assistant - Participant Pool Management, San Diego State University

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2017	Summer School in Social Neuroscience & Neuroeconomics
2016 – Present	Association for Psychological Science

2013 - Present      The Social & Affective Neuroscience Society

2011 - Present      Society for Personality & Social Psychology

Ad-hoc reviewer (journals):

*Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience*

*Emotion*

*Social Neuroscience*