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EDUCATION

PhD, Social Psychology Cornell University Department of Psychology Chair: Dr. David Pizarro	Expected 2023
MA, Social Psychology Cornell University Department of Psychology	2020
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Psychology & Social Behavior University of California, Irvine Department of Psychology & Social Behavior	2016
BA, Music University of California, Los Angeles Department of Music Dual Concentration in Cello Performance & Music Composition	2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

Cornell Psychology Department Travel Award	2019
Cornell Graduate School Conference Travel Award	2019
SPSP Graduate Travel Award	2019
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention	2018
Cornell Graduate School Conference Travel Award	2018
Post-Bacc GRE Course Scholarship, UC Irvine	2016
Post-Bacc Conference Travel Award, UC Irvine	2016
Outstanding Poster, Undergrad. Res. Conf., UC Irvine	2016
Full tuition merit scholarship, UCLA (Green Scholarship)	2005 – 2010

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher Cornell University Department of Psychology	2017 – Present
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Research Assistant 2016
Social Inequality & Cohesion Lab
UC Irvine

PI: Dr. Paul K. Piff

Research Assistant 2015 – 2016
Hot Cognition Lab
UC Irvine

PI: Dr. Peter H. Ditto

Research Assistant 2015 – 2016
Social Cognition & Intergroup Perception Lab
UC Irvine

PI: Dr. Jacqueline M. Chen

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
Association for Psychological Science (APS)
Sigma Xi

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

West, S. B. & Pizarro, D. A.. Moral Pessimism & Moral Nostalgia.

Monteiro, C. A. & **West, S. B.**. Morality as Cooperation & Political Ideology.*

Monteiro, C. A, **West, S. B.**, & Pizarro, D. A.. Morality & Creativity (invited book chapter).*

* Joint authorship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

West, S. B. (2019, May). *Moral Pessimism*. Presentation at the Conference of Social Psychologists around Western New York (SPAWN), Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

West, S. B. & Pizarro, D. A. (2019, February). *Moral Pessimism*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

West, S. B. & Shariff, A. (2018, May). *Uncertainty and Apocalyptic Thinking*. Poster presentation at the Association of Psychological Science Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

West, S. B. (2018, April). *Moral Pessimism, Apocalyptic Beliefs, and Uncertainty: Are we really going to hell in a handbasket, or is that just wishful thinking?* Talk at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

West, S. B. (2018, April). *Moral Pessimism*. Talk at the Five College Conference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

West, S. B., Robinson, A. R., & Chen, J. M. (2017, January). *Prosociality, Anonymity, & Religious Belief*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality & Social Psychology Conference, San Antonio, TX.

West, S. B., Robinson, A. R., & Chen, J. M. (2016, May). *Prosociality, Anonymity, & Religious Belief*. Poster presentation at UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Opportunities Project Symposium, 2016, Irvine, CA.

Da Pace, D., Mesa, N., Salem, R., **West, S. B.**, Li, C., & Piff, P. (2016, May). *An Embarrassment of Riches: The Expression of Wealth Guilt in Social Interaction*. Poster presentation at Association of Psychological Science Annual Convention, 2016, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING, MENTORING, & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant
Cornell University

Intro to Personality Psychology (Dr. Parnia Haj-Mohamadi) Fall 2020

Intro to Social Psychology (Dr. Tom Gilovich) Spring 2020

Intro to Psychology Seminar (Dr. David Pizarro) Fall 2019
Seminar Instructor: Morality & Society

Designed and taught an introductory seminar focused on reading and discussing research articles about morality, politics, and current social issues. Chose readings for students, led weekly discussions, and graded all assignments.

Intro to Psychology (Rajen Anderson) Summer 2019

Prejudice, Stereotyping, & Discrimination (Dr. Amy Krosch) Spring 2019

Intro to Social Psychology (Dr. Tom Gilovich) Fall 2018
Writing in the Majors (WIM) Instructor

Designed and taught a writing-intensive course that focused on reading and communicating current research in social psychology. Chose readings for students, led weekly discussions, and graded all assignments.

Intro to Social Psychology (Dr. Tom Gilovich) Spring 2018

Intro to Personality Psychology (Dr. Vivian Zayas) Fall 2017

Mentorship Experience
Cornell University

Pizarro Lab Fall 2019 – Present

Psychology Department Mentorship Program

Fall 2019 – Present

Mentorship Experience

UC Irvine

Post-Baccalaureate Peer Mentor

September 2016 – June 2017

Research Mentor

April 2016 – June 2016

Social Cognition and Intergroup Perception Lab