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EDUCATION

PhD, Social Psychology Cornell University Department of Psychology Chair: Dr. David Pizarro	Spring 2024 (expected)
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

Sage Fellowship	Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
Cornell Graduate School Conference Travel Award	2022
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 2017 – Present

Department of Psychology
Cornell University

PI: Dr. David Pizarro

PI: Dr. Tom Gilovich

PI: Dr. Melissa Ferguson

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

PUBLICATIONS

Monteiro, B., **West, S.B.**, & Pizarro, D.A. (in press). Monsters and the Moral Psychology of the “Other.” In H. Kapoor & J. Kaufman (Eds.), *Creativity and Morality*. Elsevier.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

West, S.B. & Pizarro, D.A. (2022) *Belief in Persistent Moral Decline* [Manuscript submitted for publication]. Department of Psychology, Cornell University.

Monteiro, B.A. & **West, S.B.*** (2022) *Morality as Cooperation & Political Ideology* [Unpublished manuscript]. Department of Psychology, Cornell University.

* Joint authorship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- West, S. B.** (2022, February). *Moral Foundations and Political Ideology: Problems, Confounds, and Confusion*. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- West, S. B.** (2021, May). *Moral Foundations and Political Ideology: Problems, Confounds, and Confusion*. Talk at the Six College Conference, New York University, New York, NY.
- West, S. B.** (2021, March). *Moral Psychology and Political Ideology: Problems, Confounds, and Confusion*. Talk at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- 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

Course Instructor
Cornell University

Intro to Psychology Summer 2021
Designed and taught introductory psychology in an online, asynchronous format.

Teaching Assistant
Cornell University

Intro to Cognitive Science (Dr. Shaun Nichols)	Fall 2023
Writing in the Majors (WIM) Instructor	
<i>Designed and taught a writing-intensive course that focused on reading and communicating current research in cognitive science. Chose readings for students, led weekly discussions, and graded all assignments.</i>	
Intro to Personality Psychology (Dr. Vivian Zayas)	Winter 2023, Summer 2022
Intro to Social Cognition (Dr. Melissa Ferguson)	Summer 2023, Summer 2022
Intro to Social Psychology (Dr. Tom Gilovich)	Spring 2022
Writing in the Majors (WIM) Instructor	
<i>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.</i>	
Prejudice, Stereotyping, & Discrimination (Dr. Amy Krosch)	Fall 2021
Intro to Social Psychology (Dr. Tom Gilovich)	Spring 2021
Intro to Social Cognition (Dr. Melissa Ferguson)	Winter 2021
Intro to Personality Psychology (Dr. Parnia Haj-Mohamadi)	Fall 2020
Intro to Personality Psychology (Dr. Vivian Zayas)	Summer 2020
Intro to Social Psychology (Dr. Tom Gilovich)	Spring 2020
Intro to Psychology Seminar (Dr. David Pizarro)	Fall 2019
Seminar Instructor: Morality & Society	
<i>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.</i>	
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	
<i>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.</i>	
Intro to Social Psychology (Dr. Tom Gilovich)	Spring 2018
Intro to Personality Psychology (Dr. Vivian Zayas)	Fall 2017

Mentorship Experience
Cornell University

Psychology Department Mentorship Program	Fall 2019 – Spring 2022
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Mentorship Experience

UC Irvine

Post-Baccalaureate Peer Mentor

September 2016 – June 2017

Research Mentor

April 2016 – June 2016

Social Cognition and Intergroup Perception Lab