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Education & Standardized Testing

Bachelor of Science, Cornell University; Highest Honors, Graduated 3rd in Class (GPA: 4.09) May 2013
ILR School, Interdisciplinary Training in: *Psych., Econ., Soc., Stats.*; Minor: *Law & Society*

Master of Science, Cornell University (GPA: 4.04) May 2016
ILR School, Concentration: *Organizational Behavior*, Minor: *Cognitive Studies*

Doctorate of Philosophy, Cornell University May 2020 (expected)
Arts & Sciences, Discipline: *Psychology*, Graduate Minor: *Information Science*
Committee: Tom Gilovich, Michael Macy, Melissa Ferguson, Khenia Swallow

GRE: 170/170 Verbal (99th %), 166/170 Quantitative (92nd %), 5.5/6 Analytical Writing (98th %)

Papers

Deri, S., Davidai, S., Gilovich, T. (2017). Home Alone: Why People Believe Others' Social Lives Are Richer Than Their Own. (*in press, JPSP*)

Deri, S., Zitek, E. (2017). Rejected, but for whom?: Why it feels worse to be rejected for someone rather than no one (*in press, PSPB*)

Presentations

Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Annual Convention, 2018 (Atlanta, GA)
Chair of Symposium on Computational Social Psychology (presenters: Michal Kosinski, Morteza Dehghani, Daniele Querica, Sebastian Deri).

CODE@MIT 2017 (Conference on Digital Experimentation), (Cambridge, MA)
Data blitz talk on accuracy of human, computer, and hybrid (human-computer) judgments of deception.

Psychology of Technology Conference 2017 (Berkeley, CA)
Presenting research on social comparison attitudes from social media

Nokia Bell Labs, Summer Spritz Pecha Kuna Talk Series, 2017 (Cambridge, UK)
Gave a talk on interdisciplinary project between social scientists and computer scientists, examining computer-aided decision making and building web-based platforms to infer offline

Five Colleges Conference, Annual Conference, 2017 (New York, New York)
Gave talk on research about people's relative assessments of their social lives at Five Colleges Conference (local social psychology conference among: Yale, NYU, Princeton, Cornell, and Columbia)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Annual Convention 2017 (San Antonio, TX);
Presented research demonstrating that while people believe they are above average, they do not consider the average person a relevant standard of comparison (rather they hold themselves to a higher bar)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Annual Convention, 2016 (San Diego, CA);
Presented poster at Judgment and Decision Making pre-conference on collaborative work with Tom Gilovich and Shai Davidai on self-other differences in perceptions of our own and others' social lives

Association for Psychological Science, 27th Annual Convention, 2015 (New York, NY)
Presented poster summarizing research with Professor Zitek on the effect of different types of rejection

Society for Personality and Social Psychology, 15th Annual Convention, 2014 (Austin, Texas)
Poster summarizing results of Senior Honors Thesis accepted to general conference

Academy of Management, Annual Meeting, 2014 (Philadelphia, PA)
Gave talk on Senior Honors Thesis at symposium on Social Deviance (Symposium Title: "To Conform or Deviate"), talk related to creativity and religion (Senior Honors Thesis)

Awards

SPSP Travel Grant (\$500)	September 2017
Department of Defense NDSEG Fellowship (\$38,000 x 4 years + tuition) Award rate: < 6% of applicants	April 2017
Cornell University Sage Fellowship (\$30,000 x 2 years + tuition)	April 2016
Full scholarship for PhD in psychology (stipend x 5 years + tuition) Cornell University, Yale University, Princeton University, Columbia University, University of Chicago (Behavioral Science), University of Michigan, University of Virginia	Spring 2016
Cornell Graduate School & ILR School Travel Grant (\$500)	Fall: 2014, 2016, 2017
Martin T. Wells Social Statistics Summer Fellowship (\$3,200)	Summer 2011
Cornell Daily Sun, Best New Columnist Award	Spring 2011
National AP Scholar	Spring 2009

Service & Community Engagement

<i>Moderator</i> , Professional Development Session on New Methods (“Crisis or Opportunity? Student Perspectives on Evolving Methodological Standards” at Annual SPSP 2018 (Atlanta, GA)	Spring 2018
<i>Chair</i> , Symposium (“Computational Social Psychology: Old Question, New Methods”), at Annual SPSP 2018 (Atlanta, GA)	Spring 2018
<i>Program Committee</i> , European Symposium Series on Societal Challenges in Computational Social Science (London, UK)	Fall 2017
<i>Organizer (Assistant)</i> , Five Colleges Conference, 2017 (New York, NY)	Spring 2017
<i>Co-Chair</i> , Cornell Psychology Dept. Social Activities Committee (Ithaca, NY)	Fall 2016

Teaching Experience

Organizational Behavior (TA under Professors Emily Zitek, and Olga Khessina) <i>Taught 50 minute sections once a week for entire semester, led discussions on case studies, and various topics such as social conformity, motivation and cognitive biases; Fall semester overall teaching quality rating: 4.5/5; Spring semester overall teaching quality rating: 4.6/5</i>	Fall 2014, and Spring 2015
Social Psychology (TA under Professor Tom Gilovich) <i>Taught 50 minute section 5 times a week for intensive 4 week summer course. Was given the freedom to develop my own syllabus for the part of the course that I taught (the syllabus I developed included hands on demonstrations such as Wason’s “Guess the Rule”, and interactive demonstrations of psychological phenomena like overconfidence or illusory correlations; Rated 6.7/7 on overall teaching quality, and on an anonymous feedback form 100% of students in my section said they would select me again as their TA</i>	Summer 2013
Statistics (TA under Professor Paul Velleman) <i>Was a TA for the first part of the semester. Led 50 minute discussions every week on introductory statistical topics. Graded homeworks and statistical analyses assignments</i>	Fall 2012

Extracurricular

Cornell Daily Sun Opinion Columnist; Cornell Daily Sun 129th Editorial Board Member; Cornell Moot Court (President); Cornell Mock Trial (Team Captain, Witness, Attorney); Cornell EARS (Psychological Counseling Service Trainee); Cornell International Friendship Program (Fellow, Host)

Skills (Programming, Statistical Packages, Research Software)

R, SPSS, Java, MATLAB, Medialab, DirectRT, Superlab, Qualtrics, Amazon MTurk, CrowdFlower, TurkPrime

Miscellanea

Fluent in Hungarian, Published in Huffington Post and the *Situationist* (Harvard Law Blog); Mediocre juggler and Rubik’s cube solver (79 seconds); Intramural Basketball; Data Collector for Burning Man Census Camp