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Academic Positions

2022-Present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2020-2022 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

Education

Ph.D. **University of Virginia**
Social Psychology, 2020
Dissertation: *False Growth Mindsets: An exploration*
Committee: Timothy Wilson, Sophie Trawalter, Gerald Clore, and Chris Hulleman

M.A. **University of Virginia**
Social Psychology, 2016
M.A. Thesis: *Cultural differences in intentionally-enjoyed thought*
Committee: Timothy Wilson and Shigehiro Oishi

B.A. **Yale University**
Cognitive Science, 2008
Thesis: *Advertising effects in capuchin monkeys*
Advisor: Laurie Santos

Grants and Funding

2020 Follow-up Research Grant, *Summer Institute in Computational Social Science* [\$7,500].

2020 PI, Following the Decline Effect, *Fetzer Franklin Fund* [\$20,000].

2019 Consultant, The Lived Experience of Gun Ownership, *NJ Gun Research Center*
Internal Funding Grant, Dr. Samantha Heintzelman, P.I. [\$7,500; \$100,000 total].

2018-2019 National Study of Learning Mindsets Early Career Fellow, *Mindset Scholars Network* [\$8,000].

2018 Society of Fellows Summer Fellowship Grant, *University of Virginia Society of Fellows* [\$4,000].

2017 Graduate Travel Award, *Society for Personality and Social Psychology* [\$500].

2016 A Psychology of Gun Ownership, *NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute*, Grant #1613947 [\$5,400].

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

2022 Student Publication Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology

2020 Invited to the Summer Institute in Computational Social Science

2020	Elected to the Raven honor society, University of Virginia
2019	Invited to the Summer Institute in Social and Personality Psychology, Society for Personality and Social Psychology
2018-2019	National Study of Learning Mindsets Early Career Fellow, Mindset Scholars Network
2018-2019	Elected Senior Junior Fellow, University of Virginia Society of Fellows
2017-2019	Junior Fellow, University of Virginia Society of Fellows

Publications

Buttrick, N. R., Westgate, E. C., & Oishi, S. (in press). Reading literary fiction is associated with a more complex worldview. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Westgate, E., **Buttrick, N. R.**, Lin, Y., El Helou, G., Agostini, M., Belanger, J., Gutzkow, B,... & Leander, N. P. (in press). Pandemic boredom: Little evidence that lockdown-related boredom affected risky public health behaviors across 116 countries. *Emotion*.

Buttrick, N. R. & Oishi, S. (in press). Socioecology and fiction. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.

Raza, S., Westgate, E. C., **Buttrick, N. R.**, Heintzelman, S., Furrer, R., Gilbert, D. T., Libby, L. K., & Wilson, T. D. (2021). A trade-off model of intentional thinking for pleasure. *Emotion* 22(1), 115-128. DOI: 10.1037/emo0001029

Buttrick, N. R. & Oishi, S. (2021). The cultural dynamics of declining residential mobility. *American Psychologist*, 76(6), 904-916. DOI: 10.1037/amp0000881

Wienk, M., **Buttrick, N. R.**, & Oishi, S. (2021). The psychology of income inequality and redistribution. *European Review of Social Psychology*. DOI: 10.1080/10463283.2021.1955458

Burnette, J., Hoyt, C., **Buttrick, N. R.**, & Auster-Gussman, L. (2021). Well-being in the time of COVID-19: Do metaphors and mindsets matter? *International Journal of Psychology*, 51(1), 87-95. DOI: 10.1002/ijop.12785

Nisa, C. F., Belanger, J. J., Faller, D. G., **Buttrick, N. R.**, Mireau, J. O., Austin, M.,... & Leander, N. P. (2021). Perceived economic risk (vs. health risk) motivates individual efforts to fight COVID-19: A multilevel analysis in 24 countries. *Scientific Reports*, 11, 9669. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-021-88314-4

Westgate, E. C., Wilson, T. D., **Buttrick, N. R.**, Furrer, R., & Gilbert, D. T. (2021). What makes thinking for pleasure pleasurable? *Emotion*, 21(5), 981–989. DOI: 10.1037/emo0000941

Ebersole, C. R., Mathur, M. B., Baranski, E., Bart-Plange, D.-J., **Buttrick, N. R.**,... & Nosek, B. A. (2020). Many Labs 5: Testing pre-data-collection peer review as an intervention to increase replicability. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, 3(3), 309-331. DOI: 10.1177/2515245920958687.

- Buttrick, N. R.**, Aczcel, B., Aeschbach, L. F., Bakos, B.,...& Wood, M. (2020). Many Labs 5: Registered Replication Report of Vohs & Schooler (2008), Study 1., *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, 3(3), 429-438. DOI: 10.1177/2515245920917931
- Piester, H. E., DeRieux, C. M., Tucker, J. **Buttrick, N. R.**, Galloway, J. N., & Wilson, T. D. (2020). "I'll Try the Veggie Burger": Increasing purchases of sustainable foods with information about sustainability and taste. *Appetite*, 155(1). DOI: 10.1016/j.appet.2020.104842
- Oishi, S., Choi, H., Koo, M., Galinha, I., Ishii, K., Komiya, A., Luhmann, M.,...**Buttrick, N. R.**,...& Besser, L. (2020). Happiness, meaning, and psychological richness. *Affective Science*, 1, 107-115. DOI: 10.1007/s42761-020-00011-z
- Buttrick, N. R.** (2020). Protective gun ownership as a coping mechanism. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 15(4), 835-855. DOI: 10.1177/1745691619898847
- Buttrick, N. R.**, Moulder, R., & Oishi, S. (2020). Historical change in the moral foundations of political persuasion. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 46(11), 1523-1537. DOI: 10.1177/0146167220907467
Society for Personality and Social Psychology Student Paper Award, 2021
- Axt, J. R., Conway, M. A., Westgate, E. C. & **Buttrick, N. R.** (2020). Implicit transgender attitudes independently predict beliefs about gender and transgender people. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 47(2), 257-274. DOI: 10.1177/0146167220921065
- Buttrick, N. R.***, Axt, J. R.*, Ebersole, C. R., & Huband, J. (2020). Re-assessing the incremental predictive validity of Implicit Association Tests. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 88. DOI: 10.1016/j.jesp.2019.103941
 *Authors contributed equally
- Oishi, S., Choi, H., **Buttrick, N. R.**, Heintzelman, S. J., Kushlev, K., Westgate, E. C., Tucker, J.,...& Besser, L. (2019). The Psychologically Rich Life Questionnaire. *Journal of Research in Personality* 81, 257-270. DOI: 10.1016/j.jrp.2019.06.010
- Wilson, T.D., Westgate, E.C., **Buttrick, N.R.**, & Gilbert, D.T. (2019). The mind in its own place: The difficulties and benefits of thinking for pleasure. *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology*, 60, 175-221. DOI: 10.1016/bs.aesp.2019.05.001
- Oishi, S., Koo, M., & **Buttrick, N.R.** (2019). The socio-ecological psychology of upward social mobility. *American Psychologist*, 74(7), 751-763. DOI: 10.1037/amp0000422
- Buttrick, N.R.**, Choi, H. Wilson, T.D, Oishi, S., ...& Wilks, D. (2019). Cross-cultural consistency and relativity in the enjoyment of thinking versus doing. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. DOI: 10.1037/pspp0000198

- Camerer, C. F., Dreber, A., Holtzmeister, F., Ho, T.-H.,...**Buttrick, N.R.**,... & Wu, H. (2018). Evaluating the Replicability of Social Science Experiments in *Nature and Science* between 2010 and 2015. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 2, 637-644. DOI: 10.1038/s41562-018-0399-z
- Buttrick, N.R.**, Heintzelman, S., & Oishi, S. (2017). Inequality & well-being. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 18, 15-20. DOI: 10.1016/j.copsyc.2017.07.016
- Alahmadi, S., **Buttrick, N.R.**, Gilbert, D., Hardin, A., Westgate, E., & Wilson, T.D.* (2017). You can do it if you really try: The effects of motivation on enjoying one's own thoughts. *Motivation & Emotion*, 41(5), 545-561. DOI: 10.1007/s11031-017-9625-7
*Authors in alphabetical order
- Buttrick, N.R.** & Oishi, S. (2017). The psychological consequences of income inequality. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 11, e12304. DOI: 10.1111/spc3.12304
- Wilson, T.D. & **Buttrick, N.R.** (2016). New directions in social psychological interventions to improve academic achievement. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 108(3), 392-396. DOI: 10.1037/edu0000111
- Mitkidis, P., Xygalatas, D., **Buttrick, N.R.**, Porubanova, M., & Lienard, P. (2015). The impact of authority on cooperation: A cross-cultural examination of systemic trust. *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology*, 1(3), 341-357. DOI: 10.1007/s40750-014-0011-3
- Catapano, R., **Buttrick, N.R.**, Widness, J., Goldstein, R., & Santos, L. (2014). Capuchin monkeys do not show human-like pricing effects. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5, 1330. DOI: 10.3389/fpsyg.2014.01330

Manuscripts Under Review & Invited

- Buttrick, N. R.***, Bak, H.*, & Mazen, J. (invited revision). Worries about appearing prejudiced decreased among Republicans after the 2016 election of Donald Trump. *Collabra: Psychology*.
*Authors contributed equally

- Buttrick, N. R.** & Mazen, J. (invited revision). Historical prevalence of slavery predicts contemporary American gun ownership. *PNAS Nexus*.

- Protzko, J., Krosnick, J., Nelson, L., Nosek, B., Axt, J., Berent, M., **Buttrick, N. R.**,...& Schooler, J. (invited revision). High replicability of novel social-behavioral findings is achievable. *Nature*.

- Buttrick, N. R.**, Cha, Y., & Oishi, S. (under review). Shifts in residential mobility predict shifts in culture.

Buttrick, N. R.*, Medina-Devilliers, S.,* & Wang, X. (under review). “A true friend with six hearts.” Holding a firearm helps gun-owners deal with the threat of electric shock.
*Authors contributed equally

Buttrick, N. R., Silverman, D., & Wormington, S. (under review). False growth mindsets in teachers negatively impact student beliefs and achievement.

Protzko, J., **Buttrick, N. R.**, Ebersole, C. R., Lundmark, O. S., & Schooler, J. W. (under review). Not all explanations are equal: Only explanations invoking a change from the true self mitigate responsibility.

Presentations and Posters

Buttrick, N. R. (2022, February). Historical prevalence of slavery predicts contemporary American gun ownership. In A. Allen & G. D. Higginbotham (Chairs). *Acknowledging Racism's Legacy: Re-Centering History in Studying Contemporary Racism*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Buttrick, N. R. (2020, February). ‘A True Friend with Six Hearts’ - Using firearms to cope with psychological threat. In **N. R. Buttrick** (Chair). *New Directions in the Social Psychology of Firearms*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Buttrick, N. R. (2019, February). Guns as a coping mechanism. In **N. R. Buttrick** (Chair). *The Social Psychology of Firearms and Firearm Ownership*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Buttrick, N. R. (2019, February). *Growth mindset interventions may increase academic victim-blaming*. Poster presented at the Intervention Preconference of the meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Buttrick, N. R. (2019, January). Guns as a coping mechanism. *Student Choice Colloquium*. University of Virginia.

Buttrick, N. R., Heintzelman, S., Weser, V., & Oishi, S. (2018, May). Higher population density and lower meaning in life. In M. Titova (Chair), *The Psychology of Place and Home*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Buttrick, N. R., Heintzelman, S., Weser, V., & Oishi, S. (2018, March). *Higher population density is associated with lower individual meaning in life*. Poster presented at the meeting of the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Buttrick, N. R., Choi, H., Oishi, S., & Wilson, T. D. (2017, January). *Cultural differences in enjoyment of thought*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Buttrick, N. R. & Oishi, S. (2016, January). *A historical shift in the moral foundations of public persuasion*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Buttrick, N. R., Schwader, K., Haga, S., Olson, K. R., Bargh, J., & Santos, L.R. (2011, April). *The evolutionary origins of psychological warmth: Effects of tactile temperature primes on capuchin monkey interpersonal behavior*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Invited Presentations

Education Sessions and Workshops

Topics: Implicit bias, diversity and inclusion, leadership, racial inequality, gender and disability issues in science, hiring discrimination, decision-making biases

Sep. 2019 U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia. Roanoke, VA

Apr. 2019 Albemarle County Government. Charlottesville, VA

Oct. 2018 University of Virginia Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Charlottesville, VA

Oct. 2018 Chemistry & Engineering News. Washington, DC

Oct. 2017 Suffolk University Law School Fair Housing Conference. Boston, MA

Professional Service

2017-2022 Team Lead, Deciphering the Decline Effect (osf.io/bnq5j/)

2016-2020 Team Lead, Many Labs 5: Can conducting formal peer review in advance improve replicability? (osf.io/7a6rd)

2016-2018 Team Lead, Social Sciences Replication Project (osf.io/pfdyw)

Ad-hoc Reviewer: *National Science Foundation; Asian Journal of Social Psychology; British Journal of Social Psychology; City & Community; Developmental Psychology; European Review of Social Psychology; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Journal of Personality and Social Psychology; Journal of Threat Assessment and Management; Learning and Individual Differences; Nature Communications; Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin; PNAS; Social Psychological and Personality Science; Social Science Research*

Departmental Service

2018-2020 Building Committee, University of Virginia

2016-2020 Participant Pool Coordinator, University of Virginia

2016-2020 Social Area Representative, University of Virginia

2015-2020 Colloquium Committee, University of Virginia

2014-2020 Cohort Representative, University of Virginia

2015-2016 Social Area Speaker Series Organizer, University of Virginia

Teaching

2021 Preceptor – Psychology for Public Policy, Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs
2019 Lab Teaching Assistant – Research Methods, University of Virginia
2017 Head Teaching Assistant – Social Psychology, University of Virginia
2016-2017 Section Teaching Assistant – Social Psychology, University of Virginia
2013 Head Teaching Assistant – Behavioral Economics, Duke Fuqua School of Business
2010-2011 Manager for REU Summer Internship Program in Comparative and Developmental Social Cognition, Yale University

Advising

2019-2020 Advisor, Jun Seok Bae, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University of Virginia
2017-2018 Advisor, Ted Obi, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University of Virginia
2016-2017 Advisor, Seher Raza, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University of Virginia

Other Research Experience

2011-2014 Researcher at the Center for Advanced Hindsight, Duke University, Dan Ariely, P.I.
2008-2011 Lab Manager for the Comparative Cognition Laboratory, Yale University, Laurie Santos, P.I.

Professional Affiliations

Association for Psychological Science
Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science
Society for Personality and Social Psychology