# Zidong Zhao

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## **EDUCATION**

Princeton University	Princeton, NJ
Ph.D., Psychology	2019 -
M.A., Psychology	May, 2019

Vanderbilt University

B.A., Psychology (Hons), summa cum laude

Minors in Quantitative Methods and Philosophy

Nashville, TN

May, 2016

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Princeton Social Neuroscience Lab Summer, 2016 – Present

Principal Investigator: Diana Tamir

Graduate Student

Neuropsychology and Applied Cognitive Neuroscience Lab

Chinese Academy of Sciences
Principal Investigator: Raymond Chan

Summer, 2015

Principal Investigator: Raymond Chan Summer Research Intern

Clinical Neuroscience Lab Fall, 2014 – Spring, 2016

Principal Investigator: Sohee Park

Honors Candidate

Emotion and Anxiety Research Lab (EARL) Fall, 2013 – Spring, 2016

Principal Investigator: Bunmi Olatunji

Research Assistant

Tong Lab Spring, 2013

Principal Investigator: Frank Tong

Directed Study

#### PREPRINTS AND PUBLICATIONS

**Zhao, Z.**, Thornton, M. A., & Tamir, D. I. (in press). Accurate Emotion Prediction in Dyads and Groups and its Potential Social Benefits. *Emotion*.

**Zhao, Z.**, Mildner, J., & Tamir, D.I. (in press). Successful simulation requires bridging levels of abstraction. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.

Meyer, M. L., **Zhao, Z.**, & Tamir, D. I. (2019). Simulating others changes the self. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.

Olatunji, B. O., Berg, H. E., & **Zhao, Z.** (2017). Emotional regulation of fear and disgust: Differential effects of reappraisal and suppression. *Cognition and Emotion*.

#### **POSTERS**

- Zhao, Z., Brietzke, S.C., Meyer, M.L., & Tamir, D. I. (February, 2019). Simulating Others Induces Malleability in Neural Representations of the Self. Poster presented at the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society annual meeting, Miami, FL.
- Zhao, Z., Thornton, M. A., & Tamir, D. I. (February, 2019). Accurate Prediction of Emotion Transitions is Associated with Social Benefits. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology annual meeting, Portland, OR.
- Zhao, Z., Meyer, M. L., & Tamir, D. I. (March, 2018). Simulating others induces changes in the self.

  Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Zhao, Z., & Olatunji B. O. (September, 2014). Disgust Learning and Eating Disorder Symptoms. Poster presented at the Vanderbilt Undergraduate Research Fair, Nashville, TN

# HONORS AND AWARDS

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Princeton Centennial Fellowship	2016-present
Vanderbilt University Dean's List	2012 – 2016
Vanderbilt Undergraduate Summer Research Grant \$4000 towards funding 10 weeks of full time research over the summer Disgust Learning and Eating Disorder Symptoms	Summer, 2014
TEACHING	
PSY 232 Social Psychology Assistant Instructor	Fall, 2017
PSY 300 Research Methods in Psychology	Fall, 2019

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Graduate-Level Courses:

Scientific Computing for Psychological and Brain Sciences

Computational Models of Human Memory

Computational Models of Cognition

Multilevel Modeling

**Assistant Instructor** 

Structural Equation Modeling

#### **SKILLS**

Programming: Python, R, JavaScript, MATLAB Languages:

- Mandarin Chinese (Native proficiency)
- English (Full professional proficiency)
- Cantonese (Full professional proficiency)
- Spanish (Intermediate proficiency)

Liaison Educating and Advocating for Psychological Support Fall, 2015 – Spring, 2016 Engaged in important discussions about various campus mental health issues such as suicide, stress, perfectionism, and body image, Organized and facilitated on-campus events to raise awareness about these issues.

Project: Bridges Spring, 2013 – Fall, 2014 Worked with recently immigrated refugee families, facilitated the families' assimilation into the education and healthcare systems