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New York, NY

May 2019

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM*Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and General Studies in Humanities* | GPA: 3.94 | advisors: Prof. Maya Tamir and Prof. Rechav Rubin

Jerusalem, Israel

July 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE*Full-Time Research Assistant, STANFORD SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE LAB (P.I.: Jamil Zaki, PhD)*

July 2019 – present

- Stanford Communities Project: Implementation of campus-wide semi-yearly network nomination and trait surveys ($n = \sim 1000$); collection of ecological momentary assessment (EMA) data via a cell-phone app; network analysis; development of an independent project on the role of belief in societal legitimizing myths in network formation. Statistical analysis methods include ANOVA, multivariate linear regression, logistic regression, mediation modeling, fixed effects modeling.
- Belief in zero-sum happiness: Lead role on a collaborative research project; review of literature; hypothesis formation; preregistration; online data collection via Mturk; data analysis; presentation of findings in lab and conferences.
- Collective threat in the context of COVID-19: Four monthly waves of data collection via Mturk in the outbreak of the pandemic; preregistration; data analysis with multivariate linear regression and mediation modeling; drafting of manuscript.
- Market cognition: literature review for a theory paper on people's cynical beliefs, norm of self-interest, and zero-sum thinking.
- Mentorship: Formation and implementation of undergraduate summer program; administration of professional development series for undergraduates from underrepresented backgrounds.
- Interim lab manager: Lead role of lab's IRB protocols; work with departmental administrative personnel on lab expenses and equipment.

Graduate Research Assistant, SOCIAL JUSTICE LAB, NYU (P.I.: John Jost, PhD)

Sep. 2017 – June 2019

- Stereotypical humor as a form of system justification (independent project): reviewed literature, formed hypotheses, designed correlational study, wrote and submitted IRB, created Qualtrics survey and administered it on Mturk, analyzed data in R using multiple regression and fixed effects models, presented findings.
- Elements of system-justification in mental illness stigma: formed Qualtrics surveys, cleaned data with SPSS.
- Psychological distance influences criticism of social system: assembled Qualtrics survey, formed measures of system criticism, analyzed pilot data in R.
- EEG (electroencephalogram) study examining ideological differences in emotion regulation tendencies: reviewed literature, trained in EEG administration, collected and pretested stimuli, administered survey on Mturk, analyzed pretest results.
- Ideological asymmetry in hateful speech on Twitter: coded tweets for a machine learning algorithm.
- A Theory of System Justification (book): assembled reference list and formed figures.

Graduate Research Assistant, MALONEY LAB, NYU (P.I.: Laurence Maloney, PhD)

Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2019

- Wrote code (MATLAB) for a visual perception task testing parabola interpolation from a set of dots.

Graduate Research Assistant, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL PROCESSES LAB, NYU (P.I.: Maureen Craig, PhD)

Feb. 2018 – Jan. 2019

- Collected behavioral data for studies on social perception of prototypical ethnic individuals.
- Managed participants with SONA.

Research Assistant, EMOTION AND SELF-REGULATION LAB (P.I.: Maya Tamir, PhD)

Oct. 2015 – June 2016

- Planned and formed an online experimental study, executed the study on MTurk, and analyzed it with SPSS.
- Instructed participants and taught them emotion regulation strategies, such as cognitive re-appraisal, expressive suppression, and rumination.

PUBLICATIONS

Baltiansky, D., Craig, M. A. & Jost, J. T. (in press). At whose expense? System justification and the appreciation of stereotypical humor targeting high vs. low status groups. *Humor*. osf.io/xr95h/ | [preprint](#)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION AND UNDER REVIEW

Simonsson, O., Vaghani, M., Hasan V., Mehta, A., Sun, S., Bukiet, M., **Baltiansky, D.**, Hassed, C., Bakker, F., Doty, J., & Martin, M., Fisher, S. (under review). The politics of meditation: Effects of mindfulness-based and compassion-based programs on liberal-conservative attitudes. *Mindfulness*. osf.io/p5yh9/

Santos, L. A., **Baltiansky, D.**, & Zaki, J. (in prep). Collective threat predicts polarized responses to COVID-19 restrictions. osf.io/26ky5/

Zaki, J., Neumann, E., & **Baltiansky, D.** (in prep). Market cognition (working title). *Current Directions in Psychological Science*.

Baltiansky, D., Santos, L. R., & Zaki, J. (in prep). The role of belief in zero-sum happiness in prosocial behavior and subjective happiness (working title). osf.io/phyek/

PRESENTATIONS

Baltiansky, D., Craig, M. A., & Jost, J. T. (July 2020). *At Whose Expense? System Justification and the Appreciation of Stereotypical Humor Targeting High vs. Low Status Groups*. Symposium talk (initially accepted as a poster) presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, virtual presentation. osf.io/xr95h/

Baltiansky, D., Santos, L. R., & Zaki, J. (May 2020). *Belief in Zero-Sum Happiness: The More I Give, The Less I Have?* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Affective Science, [virtual presentation. osf.io/phyek/](https://osf.io/phyek/)

Baltiansky, D., Craig, M. A., & Jost, J. T. (Feb. 2020). *No Laughing Matter: Appreciation of Stereotypic Humor as Predicted by System Justification and Perception of Joke Targets*. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA. [pdf](#)

Valtonen, J., **Baltiansky, D.**, & Jost, J. T. (Feb. 2020). *System Justification and the Stigmatization of Mental Illness*. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Baltiansky, D., Craig, M. A., & Jost, J. T. (Apr. 2019). *No Laughing Matter: Appreciation of Stereotypic Humor as Predicted by System Justification and Perception of Joke Targets*. Poster presented at the M.A. Psychology Research Conference, New York University, New York, NY.
***1st Prize Winner**

Baltiansky, D. (Apr. 2019). *No laughing matter: System justification and interpretation of stereotypic jokes predict their level of funniness*. Presented at the GSAS Theresis Challenge, New York University, New York, NY.

Baltiansky, D., Craig, M. A., & Jost, J. T. (Dec. 2018). *Stereotypic Humor as a Form of System Justification*. Talk presented at the Social Justice Lab, New York University, New York, NY.

Baltiansky, D., Craig, M. A., & Jost, J. T. (Apr. 2018). *Stereotypic Humor as a Form of System Justification*. Poster presented at the M.A. Psychology Research Conference, New York University, New York, NY.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, NYU (Professors Jim Uleman and Eric Knowles)** Sep. 2018 – May 2019

- Reviewed course material in recitations (60 students per semester); engaged students in activities during class.
- Graded, revised and provided support for paper-writing; developed exam questions; graded exams.

EXTRANEOUS RESEARCH WORK

MORE IN COMMON

Yudkin, D., Hawkins, S., & Dixon, T. (June 2019). *The perception gap: How false impressions are pulling Americans apart*. [pdf](#)

*contribution: reviewed and edited statistical analyses and final report.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

aCHORD CENTER – SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY FOR SOCIAL CHANGE Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019
Website manager – en.achord.huji.ac.il

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM Jan. 2016 – Apr. 2017
Website content editor and social network manager

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY CENTER Oct. 2014 – June 2015
Counselor/Mentor

MILITARY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

FOREIGN RELATIONS UNIT, ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) Dec. 2009 – Dec. 2012
Foreign Relations Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)

- Managed strategic and tactic dialogue between the IDF and the Egyptian Army: relayed critical information to senior Egyptian military officers, built relationships through face-to-face meetings and daily phone calls, and processed politically sensitive material.
- Worked in cooperation with the Multinational Force & Observers (MFO) situated in the Sinai Peninsula.
- Wrote, translated and presented delicate material regarding the strategic relations between the IDF and the Egyptian Army.

Deputy to Southern Liaison Branch Commanding Officer

- Personally and professionally commanded 10-12 soldiers.
- Lead professional guidance in the branch.

Commander in Foreign Relations NCO Course

- Produced tours and different activities for 40-50 soldiers.

SKILLS

- **Statistics Software and Coding Languages:** R, Tidyverse, MATLAB, SPSS
- **Survey platform:** Qualtrics, MTurk, TurkPrime, SONA
- **Video Editing:** Adobe Premiere Pro
- **Languages:** native Hebrew, fluent English