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I am a social psychologist currently working as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto. I am interested in how a range of psychological processes influence the types of moral values and beliefs people internalize and how this impacts their moral judgments and behaviour. As an extension, my research focuses on harnessing our knowledge of the moral mind to devise interventions that increase the quality, tone, and effectiveness of moral rhetoric while reducing feelings of polarization.

## INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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September 2018      **Postdoctoral Fellow**  
*University of Toronto, Toronto, ON*  
*Supervisor: Jason E. Plaks*

## EDUCATION

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2017      **PhD in Psychology**  
*University of Toronto, Toronto, ON*  
*Dissertation: Beyond 'passion versus reason': Identifying person and feature attributes that predict deontological and consequentialist moral judgment*  
*Supervisor: Jason E. Plaks*  
*Committee: Yoel Inbar, William A. Cunningham, David A. Pizarro, Cendri Hutcherson, Matthew Feinberg*

- 2012                      **MA in Psychology**  
*University of Toronto, Toronto, ON*  
*Thesis: The consequentialist scale: Elucidating the role of deontological and utilitarian beliefs in moral judgments*
- 2009                      **HBSc in Psychology (with High Distinction)**  
*University of Toronto*

## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2015-2017              **SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship**  
*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$40,000)*
- 2016                      **Faculty of Arts & Science Doctoral Completion Award**  
*University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts and Science (\$3,100)*
- 2012-2013              **Social Sciences & Humanities Conference Grant**  
*School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto (\$800)*
- 2012-2016              **Faculty of Arts & Science Fellowship**  
*University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts and Science (\$15,500)*
- 2012-2016              **Faculty of Arts & Science Tuition Fellowship**  
*University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts and Science (\$33,300)*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Robinson, J. S.**, Xu, X., & Plaks, J. E. (2019). Disgust and deontology: Trait sensitivity to contamination promotes a preference for order, hierarchy, and rule-based moral judgment. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *10*(1), 3-14.
- Robinson, J. S.**, Page-Gould, E., & Plaks, J. E. (2017). I appreciate your effort: Asymmetric effects of actors' exertion on observers' consequentialist versus deontological judgments. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *73*, 50–64.
- Plaks, J. E., & **Robinson, J. S.** (2017). Proximal and distal intent: Toward a new folk theory of intentional action. *Review of General Psychology*, *21*(3), 242–254.
- Plaks, J. E., Fortune, J. L., Liang, L. H., & **Robinson, J. S.** (2016). Effects of culture and gender on judgments of intent and responsibility. *PLoS ONE*, *11*(4), 1–19.  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0154467>
- Plaks, J. E., & **Robinson, J. S.** (2015). Construal level and free will beliefs shape perceptions of actors' proximal and distal intent. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *6*(777).

**Robinson, J. S.,** Joel, S., & Plaks, J. E. (2015). Empathy for the group versus indifference toward the victim: Effects of anxious and avoidant attachment on moral judgment. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 56*, 139–152.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION**

**Robinson, J.S.,** Forbes, R., & Plaks, J.E. (*under review*). Appealing to anger versus sadness: The signaling function of emotions in moral justifications

**Robinson, J.S.,** & Plaks, J.E. (*in prep*). Meta-moral foundations: The role of moral expansion, impartiality, and motivation in moral judgment and behaviour.

**Robinson, J.S.,** Hutcherson, C., & Plaks, J.E. (*in prep*). Information accumulation during moral judgment: Differential search patterns predict moral judgments.

**Robinson, J.S.,** & Plaks, J.E. (*in prep*). Moral humility decreases extremity of moral judgments and increases perceived persuasiveness.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

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##### **CONFERENCE TALKS**

**Robinson, J.S.** (2019). Disgust and Deontology: Trait Sensitivity to Contamination Promotes a Preference for Order, Hierarchy, and Rule-Based Moral Judgment. To be presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual convention of the American Psychological Society, Washington, DC, USA

**Robinson, J.S.,** & Plaks, J.E. (2014). Beyond intentional versus unintentional: Varieties of intent in moral judgment. Presented at the annual convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

**Robinson, J.S.** (2013). Beyond dual-process models in moral cognition: An individual differences approach. Presented at the annual meeting of YUTSPA, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

##### **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**Robinson, J.S.,** & Plaks, J.E. (2019). Effort versus reputation: Asymmetric effects of actors' effort on observers' evaluations of deontological versus consequentialist decisions. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR, USA.

Friesdorf, R., **Robinson, J.S.,** & Conway, P. (2018). The morality of dating multiple people: The influence of cognitive deliberation, moral rules, and integrating emotion with cognition on moral judgments and behavioral intentions. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, USA.

**Robinson, J.S.,** & Plaks, J.E. (2016). I appreciate your effort: Asymmetric effects of actors' effort on observers' evaluations of deontological versus consequentialist decisions. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, USA.

**Robinson, J. S.,** Joel, S., & Plaks, J. E. (2015). Empathy for the group versus indifference toward the victim: Effects of anxious avoidant attachment on moral judgment. Presented at the Justice & Morality Pre-conference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA, USA.

- Robinson, J.S., & Plaks, J.E.** (2015). The angry deontologist and the sad utilitarian: Discrete emotions predict moral judgments. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA, USA.
- Robinson, J.S., & Plaks, J.E.** (2014). The role of emotion in utilitarian moral judgement. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Robinson, J.S., & Plaks, J.E.** (2014). Moral deontologists are more likely to flip flop. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX, USA.
- Robinson, J.S., Joel, S., & Plaks, J.E.** (2013). Attachment insecurity predicts moral judgments. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.
- Robinson, J.S., & Plaks, J.E.** (2013). Emotionality and deontological beliefs independently predict moral judgments. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, D.C., USA.
- Robinson, J.S. & Plaks, J.E.** (2013). Why do conservatives and religious people make more severe moral judgments? Mediating effects of deontological and utilitarian beliefs. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA, USA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### INVITED GUEST LECTURES

Spring 2017

**Moral Cognition**

*PSY326 – Social Cognition, University of Toronto*

### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, ST. GEORGE CAMPUS**

Fall 2011

**PSY414 – Moral Development**

Fall 2012, Spring 2015, Fall 2015,  
Spring 2016, Summer 2016

**PSY426 – Motivation**

Summer 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014

**PSY320 – Attitudes**

Spring 2013, Spring 2017

**PSY326 – Social Cognition**

Spring 2014

**PSY332 – Organizational Behaviour**

Spring 2016

**PSY329 – Social Psychology Laboratory**

Fall 2016

**PSY321 – Cultural Psychology**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS**

Spring 2019

**PSYB04 – Foundations in Psychological Research**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS**

Fall 2012, Fall 2013

**PSY220 – Introduction to Social Psychology**

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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October 2016	<b>What is Open Science and how do I do it? University of Toronto</b> <i>Hosted by Dr. Lorne Campbell</i>
September 2016	<b>Bayesian Cognitive Modeling, University of Toronto</b> <i>Hosted by Drs. Michael Lee &amp; Joachim Vandekerckhove</i>
June 2016	<b>Good research practices and Open Science, University of Toronto</b> <i>Hosted by Dr. Daniël Lakens</i>
December 2015	<b>R workshop, University of Toronto</b> <i>Hosted by Dr. Elizabeth Page-Gould</i>
March 2014	<b>Mediation and moderation, University of Toronto</b> <i>Hosted by Dr. Andrew Hayes</i>
January 2014	<b>Multilevel Modeling, University of Toronto</b> <i>Hosted by Dr. David A. Kenny</i>

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2012-2013	<b>Poster Reviewer, Social-Personality Section</b> <i>Association for Psychological Science</i>
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### MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

2019	<b>Cognitive Neuropsychiatry</b>
2018	<b>Journal of Experimental Social Psychology</b>

### AD HOC MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

2018	<b>Journal of Personality and Social Psychology</b>
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### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2012-2018	<b>Society for Personality and Social Psychology</b>
2012-2018	<b>Association for Psychological Science</b>
2012-2018	<b>Canadian Psychological Association</b>

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## UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION

2018	<b>Sepehr Lari, Honours Thesis</b>
2017	<b>Rachel Forbes, Honours Thesis</b>
2016	<b>Kate Guan, Honours Thesis</b>