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Research Interests

Social Neuroscience, Empathy, Outrage, Motivation, Morality, Decision-Making

Research Fellowships

2016-2017 NIH T32 Fellowship, *University of Iowa* (declined)
2015-2016 NIH T32 Fellowship, *University of Iowa*

Education

2016-Present **The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, USA**
PhD, Social Psychology
Specialization, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience
PhD Advisor: Dr. Daryl Cameron

2014-2016 **University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, USA**
MA, Social Psychology
Trainee, T32 Behavioral-Biomedical Interface
MA Advisor: Dr. Daryl Cameron
T32 Advisors: Dr. Daniel Tranel, Dr. Jan Wessel

2008-2013 **University of Toronto, Scarborough, ON, CAN**
BSc, Majors in Neuroscience and Psychology
BSc Advisors: Dr. Elizabeth Page-Gould, Dr. Michael Inzlicht

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

Cameron, C.D., Payne, B.K., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., **Scheffer, J.A.**, & Inzlicht, M. (2017). Implicit moral evaluations: A multinomial modeling approach. *Cognition*, 158, 224-241.
Cameron, C. D., **Scheffer, J.A.**, & Spring, V.L. (in press). Moral intuitions. For inclusion in J. Graham & K. Gray (Eds.), *Atlas of Moral Psychology*. Guilford Press.

Manuscripts Under Review

Scheffer, J.A.*, Cameron, C.D.* , & Inzlicht, M. *Caring is costly: People avoid the cognitive effort of compassion.*
Cameron, C.D., Hutcherson, C.A., Ferguson, A.M., **Scheffer, J.A.**, Hadjiandreou, E., & Inzlicht, M. *Empathy is hard work: People avoid empathy due to its cognitive costs.*

Cameron, C. D., Scherer, A., **Scheffer, J.A.**, McKee, S., & Hadjiandreou, E. *Bleeding or cold hearts?: Examining ideological stereotypes about compassion.*

Manuscripts in Preparation

Cameron, C. D., Scherer, A., **Scheffer, J.A.**, McKee, S., & Hadjiandreou, E. (in prep). A *motivational explanation of the political compassion gap.*

Scheffer, J.A.*, Reber, J.* , Cameron, C.D., & Tranel, D. (in progress). *Empathy choice in amygdala lesion patients.*

Reber, J.* , **Scheffer, J.A.***, Cameron, C.D., & Tranel, D. (in progress). *Are vmPFC lesion patients really more utilitarian?: A process dissociation approach.*

Scheffer, J.A., Wessel, J., & Cameron, C.D. (in progress). *Motor inhibition, effort, and empathy: Empathy's cognitive costs dampen motor inhibition.*

(*equal author contributions)

Conference Presentations

Scheffer, J.A., Cameron, C.D., Scherer, A.M., McKee, S., & Hadjiandreou, E. (2018). *Bleeding or cold hearts? Examining ideological stereotypes about compassion.* Findings to be presented at the Emotion Preconference at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA, USA.

Scheffer, J.A., Cameron, C.D., & Inzlicht, M. (October, 2017). *Caring is costly: People avoid the cognitive effort of compassion.* Talk presented at the meeting of the Moral Psychology Research Group, State College, PA, USA.

Scheffer, J.A., Cameron, C.D., & Inzlicht, M. (April, 2017). *Feeling with or caring for? Comparing empathy and compassion avoidance.* Talk presented at the 89th annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL, USA.

Scheffer, J.A., Cameron, C.D., & Inzlicht, M. (January, 2017). *Feeling with or caring for? Comparing empathy and compassion avoidance.* Poster presented at the 18th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX, USA.

Scheffer, J.A., Cameron, C.D., Payne, B.K., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., & Inzlicht, M. (May, 2015). *Implicit moral cognition: A process dissociation approach.* Findings presented at the 87th annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL, USA.

Scheffer, J.A., Cameron, C.D., Payne, B.K., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., & Inzlicht, M. (February, 2015). *Implicit moral cognition: A process dissociation perspective.* Poster presented at the 16th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA, USA.

Scheffer, J.A., & Page-Gould, E. (February, 2014). *The parent-student dyad: Research suggests that students' perceptions of their mother's goals for their desire to develop academic ability is more beneficial for academic achievement than perceptions of their father's goals.* Poster presented at the 15th annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX, USA.

Scheffer, J.A., & Page-Gould, E. (May, 2013). *Success in academics: Implicit theories of intelligence with intrinsic and extrinsic motivators.* Poster presented at the 25th annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC, USA.

Scheffer, J.A., & Page-Gould, E. (April, 2012). *Success in academics: Implicit theories of intelligence with intrinsic and extrinsic motivators*. Findings presented at the 42nd annual York University Undergraduate Thesis Conference, Toronto, ON, CAN.

Teaching

Penn State University

Research Methods in Psychology, Lab Instructor (Spring, 2018; Fall, 2017)

University of Iowa

Guest Lecturer on Neuroscience (Intro to Psychology, Instructor: Ji Xia; Summer, 2015)

Service

Service to the Profession

Ad Hoc Manuscript Review

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin

Service to Penn State University

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Diversity and Inclusivity Committee (Steering 2017-Present)

Departmental Service

Social Psychology Area Student Representative (2017-Present)

BRIDGE Diversity Committee (Steering 2017-Present; Media 2016-2017)

AXONS Advisory Board (Vice-President, 2017-2018; Secretary, 2016-2017)

Department Climate Reviewer (2017)

Service to University of Iowa

University Service

Undergraduate Research Fair Judge (2014-2016)

Honors & Awards

2017	Herman Goffberg Memorial Travel Award, <i>PSU</i> ; Diversity Travel Award, <i>MPA</i> ; Travel Award, <i>PSU</i>
2016	BBIP T32 Summer Training Grant, <i>University of Iowa</i>
2015	BBIP T32 Summer Training Grant, <i>University of Iowa</i> ; GPSG Travel Grant, <i>University of Iowa</i> ; GSS Travel Grant, <i>University of Iowa</i>
2013	Honors List, <i>University of Toronto</i> ; Letter Award, <i>University of Toronto</i>
2012	Honors List, <i>University of Toronto</i>