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EDUCATION

University of California San Diego

La Jolla, US

Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology

2023 -

- Advisor: Prof. Chujun Lin & Prof. Tim Brady
- Research area: Computational Models of Social Cognition

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen

Shenzhen, China

MSc. in Applied Psychology

2018 - 2020

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- Advisor: Prof. X. T. (XiaoTian) Wang
- GPA: 3.86/4.00, Rank: 1/27.

Northeastern University

Shenyang, China

B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering

2014 - 2018

• GPA: 3.51/5.00, Rank: 36/255.

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Lu, J.*, & Lin, C. Small-World Minds Create the Illusion of Low-Dimensional Social Cognition Under Constrained Stimuli. *PsyArXiv*, September 1, 2025. https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/zsh6u_v1.
- 2. Lu, J.*, & Wang, X.T. A Normative Model of Delay Discounting Across the Lifespan: Tradeoffs Between Mortality, Fertility, and Parenting. *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*, 2025.
- 3. Lu, J.*, & Lin, C. From latent constructs to networks: modeling high-dimensional social inferences in naturalistic settings. *Communications Psychology*, 3(1), 98, 2025.
- 4. Long, J.*, Lu, J.*, Hu, Y., Tobler, P. N., & Wu, Y.* Testosterone administration increases the computational impact of social evaluation on the updating of state self-esteem. *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging*, in press, 2025.
- 5. Ackerman, J. M.*, Samore, T., Fessler, D. M., Kupfer, T. R., Choi, S., Merrell, W. N., ... & Žeželj, I. I see sick people: Beliefs about sensory detection of infectious disease are largely consistent across cultures. *Brain, Behavior, and Immunity*, in press, 2025.
- 6. Samore, T.*, Fessler, D. M., Sparks, A. M., Holbrook, C., Aarøe, L., Baeza, C. G., ... & Wang, X. T. Accordance and conflict between religious and scientific precautions against COVID-19 in 27 societies. *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, 1–20, 2024.
- 7. Lu, J., Ye, Y., & Wu, Y.* Little evidence that androstadienone affects social distance-dependent prosocial behaviour: a pre-registered study. *Royal Society Open Science*, 11, 240004, 2024.
- 8. Lu, J.*, Jin, Y.*, Liang, S., Wang, Q., Li, X., & Li, T.* Risk factors and their association network for young adults' suicidality: a cross-sectional study. *BMC Public Health*, 24(1), 1378, 2024.
- 9. Lu, J., Yao, J., Zhou, Z., & Wang, X. T.* Age effects on delay discounting across the lifespan: A meta-analytical approach to theory comparison and model development. *Psychological Bulletin*, 149(7–8), 447, 2023.
- 10. Samore, T.*, Fessler, D. M., Sparks, A. M., Holbrook, C., Aarøe, L., Baeza, C. G., ... & Wang, X. T. Greater traditionalism predicts COVID-19 precautionary behaviors across 27 societies. *Scientific Reports*, 13(1), 4969, 2023.
- 11. Wang, X. T.*, Wang, P.*, Lu, J., Zhou, J., Li, G., & Garelik, S. Episodic future thinking and anticipatory emotions: Effects on delay discounting and preventive behaviors during COVID-19. *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being*, 14(3), 842–861, 2022.
- 12. Lu, J.*, Lu, Q.*, & Lu, L. Differential effects of fundamental and longitudinal life-history trade-offs on delay discounting: An evolutionary framework. *Behavioral Sciences*, 12(3), 67, 2022.

13. Lu, J.* The signaling effects of blood glucose and appetitive stimuli on delay discounting: A meta-analysis. *PsyArXiv*, August 10, 2022. https://psyarxiv.com/zkgwt/

PROJECTS

A Hierarchical Bayesian Account of Stereotype Formation and Maintenance Under Varying Environments

Advisor: Prof. Chujun Lin 2024.12 -

Conference Presentations

1. Lu, J., & Wang, X.T. (2025, Aug).

A Normative Model of Delay Discounting Across the Lifespan: Tradeoffs Between Mortality, Fertility, and Parenting.

Oral presentation at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (acceptance rate: 13.8%), San Francisco, CA, United States.

2. Lu, J., & Lin, C. (2025, Feb).

Modeling Social Inferences using Naturalistic Videos and Unconstrained Descriptions at the symposium "High-Dimensional Social Cognition: New Directions in Person Perception Research."

Oral presentation at the 2025 Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO, United States.

Awards and Honors

- Disciplinary Diversity & Integration Award, Cognitive Science Society 2025.06
- Anderson Travel and Research Fund, University of California San Diego 2025.06
- Graduate Registration Stipend, Society for Personality and Social Psychology's Annual Convention
 2025.02
- Outstanding Graduate, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen 2020.11 Awarded to 10 out of 486 students.
- Academic Excellence Award, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen 2020.11 Awarded to one student in each program.
- Academic Scholarship Gold Award, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen 2019.11

Awarded 20,000 RMB to the top 1 student.

- Exam-Free Postgraduate Recommendation, Northeastern University 2017.10 Eligibility granted to top 15% students for admission without entrance exam.
- Academic Scholarship Award (Class C), Northeastern University
 Awarded to top 25% students in each department.
- Academic Scholarship Award (Class C), Northeastern University 2016.09
- Academic Scholarship Award (Class C), Northeastern University 2015.09

Teaching Experience

University of California San Diego | US

2024.01 - Present

- Teaching Assistant for PSYC 122 Animal Behavior
- Teaching Assistant for PSYC 184 Choice and Self-Control
- Teaching Assistant for PSYC 148 Judgment and Decision-Making

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen | China 2019.09 - 2020.01

- Taught SPSS and introductory statistics in English for four classes.
- Designed rubrics and scored assignments and exams for 142 students.

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University | Hong Kong, China 2022.10 - Present

- Organized and conducted behavioral experiments with graduate students.
- Created digital exams using Qualtrics; wrote R code to convert short answers in Excel spreadsheets to Word documents, which were then submitted to VeriGuide in bulk for similarity detection.
- Provided guidance to graduate students on writing the portfolio of their individual projects.

Skills

Languages: Chinese, English.

Programming: R, Stan, Python, NetLogo, HTML, CSS, JavaScript.

Modeling: Hierarchical Bayesian Modeling, Dirichlet Process Mixture Model, Gaussian Process Regression, Agent-Based Modeling, Network Psychometrics, Choice Models in Be-

havioral Economics.

Reviewers for:

Academic Services

Australian Journal of Psychology

Personality and Individual Differences (with Prof. Yin Wu)

Social Cognition (with Prof. Chujun Lin)

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Referees

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