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Education

Yale University, B.A. in Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, 1985.
University of Pennsylvania, M.A. in Psychology, 1988.
University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. in Psychology, 1992. Dissertation title: "Moral judgment, affect, and culture, or, is it wrong to eat your dog?"
Advisors: Jonathan Baron, Alan Fiske

Professional Experience

Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Chicago, Committee on Human Development.
NIMH Training Program in Culture, Emotion, and Mental Health. Under Richard Shweder, 7/92-6/94.
Post-Doctoral Associate, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Program on Mental Health and Human Development. Under Judith Rodin, 7/94-8/95.
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Virginia, 9/95-8/01.
Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Virginia, 8/01-
Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Associate Professor for Distinguished Teaching, Princeton University Center for Human Values, 9/06-7/07.

Honors

National Science Foundation. Graduate Fellowship, 1988-1991.
American Psychological Association. Dissertation Research Award, 1991.
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Dissertation Fellowship, 1991-1992.
Fulbright Program, and Council for International Exchange of Scholars. Indo-American Fellowship, 1993-1994. (Funding for 3 months of research in India.)
Outstanding Professor Award, 1998, UVA Dept. Of Psychology
Templeton Prize in Positive Psychology, grand prize, 2001.
All-University Teaching Award, 2003, University of Virginia.
Outstanding Professor Award, 2003, UVA Dept. of Psychology.
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Outstanding Faculty Award, 2004 (Awarded by the Governor to 11 professors each year.)
Elected to Fellow status, Association for Psychological Science, 2007
Sidney award (from David Brooks) for one of the 10 best essays of 2007, for "Moral Psychology and the Misunderstanding of Religion"

Grant Support:

National Institute on Drug Abuse, "Reason and Intuition in Moral Judgment." RO3 grant (\$50,000), 7/99-6/01.

John Templeton Foundation: Templeton Prize in Positive Psychology, grand prize, 2001 (\$70,000 for research)

John Templeton Foundation: Funded sabbatical semester to write a book on positive psychology (*The Happiness Hypothesis*), Spring 2003.

Metanexus Foundation: Awe and Spiritual Transformation, 9/03-9/05 (\$150,000, with Dacher Keltner and Michelle Shiota).

Books

Keyes, C. L. M., & Haidt, J. (Eds.) (2003). *Flourishing: Positive psychology and the life well lived*. Washington DC: American Psychological Association.

Haidt, J. (2006). *The happiness hypothesis: Finding modern truth in ancient wisdom*. New York: Basic Books. Also published in the UK, and in translation in Spain, the Netherlands, Brazil, Italy, Taiwan, Poland. (Forthcoming in Germany, Turkey, Korea, Israel, and Romania)

Haidt, J. (in prep). *The Righteous Mind: Why good people are divided by politics and religion*. Book under contract with Pantheon/Knopf, to be completed in 2009.

Articles

- 1) Haidt, J., Koller, S., & Dias, M. (1993). Affect, culture, and morality, or is it wrong to eat your dog? *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *65*, 613-628.
- 2) Rozin, P., Haidt, J., & McCauley, C. (1993). Disgust. In M. Lewis & J. Haviland (Eds.) *Handbook of emotions*. New York: Guilford Press.
- 3) Shweder, R., & Haidt, J. (1993). The future of moral psychology: Truth, intuition, and the pluralist way. *Psychological Science*, *4*, 360-365. Reprinted in: B. Puka (Ed.) (1994). *Moral development: A compendium, Vol. 7*, p. 336-341. New York: Garland.
- 4) Imada, S., Yamada, Y., & Haidt, J. (1993). The differences of Ken'o (disgust) experiences for Japanese and American students. *Studies in the Humanities and Sciences, Hiroshima-Shudo University*, *34*, 155-173
- 5) Haidt, J., McCauley, C., & Rozin, P. (1994). Individual differences in sensitivity to disgust: A scale sampling seven domains of disgust elicitors. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *16*, 701-713.
- 6) Haidt, J., & Koller, S. (1994). Julgamento moral nos Estados Unidos e no Brasil: Uma visão intuicionista. (English title: "Moral judgment in the United States and Brazil: An intuitionist view.") *Psicologia: Reflexão e Crítica*, *7*, 79-94. (Brazil)
- 7) Haidt, J. & Rodin, J. (1995). Control and efficacy: An integrative review. Report to the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.
- 8) Haidt, J. & Baron, J. (1996). Social roles and the moral judgement of acts and omissions. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, *26*, 201-218.

- 9) Haidt, J., Rozin, P., McCauley, C., & Imada, S. (1997). Body, psyche, and culture: The relationship of disgust to morality. *Psychology and Developing Societies, 9*, 107-131.
- 10) Rozin, P., Haidt, J., McCauley, C., & Imada, S. (1997). Disgust: Preadaptation and the cultural evolution of a food-based emotion. In H. MacBeth (Ed.) *Food preferences and taste*. Providence: Berghahn Books, 65-82.
- 11) Rozin, P., Haidt, J., & McCauley, C. R. (1999). Disgust: The body and soul emotion. In T. Dalgleish & M. Power (Eds.). *Handbook of cognition and emotion*. Chichester, UK: Wiley. 429-445.
- 12) Rozin, P., Lowery, L., Imada, S., & Haidt, J. (1999) The moral-emotion triad hypothesis: A mapping between three moral emotions (contempt, anger, disgust) and three moral ethics (community, autonomy, divinity). *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 76*, 574-586.
- 13) Haidt, J. & Keltner, D. (1999). Culture and emotion: Multiple methods find new faces and a gradient of recognition. *Cognition and Emotion, 13*, 225-266.
- 14) Rozin, P., Haidt, J., McCauley, C., Dunlop, L., & Ashmore, M. (1999). Individual differences in disgust sensitivity: Comparisons and evaluations of paper-and-pencil versus behavioral measures. *Journal of Research in Personality, 33*, 330-351.
- 15) Keltner, D., & Haidt, J. (1999). Social functions of emotions at four levels of analysis. *Cognition and Emotion, 13*, 505-521.
Reprinted in: Parrott, W. G. (Ed). (2001). *Emotions in social psychology: Essential readings*. Philadelphia: Psychology Press (pp. 175-184).
- 16) Haidt, J. & Rodin, J. (1999) Control and efficacy as interdisciplinary bridges. *Review of General Psychology, 3*, 317-337.
- 17) Rozin, P., Haidt, J., & McCauley, C. R. (2000). Disgust. In M. Lewis & J. Haviland (Eds.) *Handbook of emotions, 2nd edition* (pp. 637-653). New York: Guilford Press.
- 18) Shweder, R. A., & Haidt, J. (2000). The cultural psychology of the emotions: Ancient and new. In M. Lewis & J. Haviland (Ed.), *Handbook of emotions, 2nd edition* (pp. 397-414). New York: Guilford.
- 19) Haidt, J. (2000). The positive emotion of elevation. *Prevention and Treatment, 3*, <http://journals.apa.org/prevention/volume3/pre0030003c.html>
- 20) Keltner, D., & Haidt, J. (2001). Social functions of emotions. In T. Mayne & G. A. Bonanno (Eds.), *Emotions: Current issues and future directions*. New York: Guilford Press. (pp. 192-213).
- 21) Haidt, J., & Hersh, M.(2001). Sexual morality: The cultures and emotions of conservatives and liberals. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology, 31*, 191-221.
- 22) Haidt, J. (2001). The emotional dog and its rational tail: A social intuitionist approach to moral judgment. *Psychological Review, 108*, 814-834.
Reprinted in Korean, 2003, Kang, I. (trans.). Seoul, South Korea: Seohyunsa Publisher.
- 23) Haidt, J. (2002). "Dialogue between my head and my heart:" Affective influences on moral judgment. *Psychological Inquiry, 13*, 54-56.
- 24) Greene, J., & Haidt, J. (2002). How (and where) does moral judgment work? *Trends in Cognitive Science, 6*, 517-523.

- 25) Haidt, J. (2003). The moral emotions. In R. J. Davidson, K. R. Scherer, & H. H. Goldsmith (Eds.), *Handbook of affective sciences*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (pp. 852-870).
- 26) Haidt, J. (2003). Elevation and the positive psychology of morality. In C. L. M. Keyes & J. Haidt (Eds.) *Flourishing: Positive psychology and the life well-lived*. Washington DC: American Psychological Association. (pp. 275-289).
- 27) Keyes, C. L. M., & Haidt, J. (2003). Positive Psychology: The study of "That Which Makes Life Worthwhile." In C. L. M. Keyes & J. Haidt (Eds.) *Flourishing: Positive psychology and the life well-lived*. Washington DC: American Psychological Association. (pp. 3-12).
- 28) Keltner, D., & Haidt, J. (2003). Approaching awe, a moral, spiritual, and aesthetic emotion. *Cognition and Emotion*, 17, 297-314.
- 29) Haidt, J., Rosenberg, E., & Hom, H. (2003). Differentiating diversities: Moral diversity is not like other kinds. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 33, 1-36.
- 30) Haidt, J. (2003). The emotional dog does learn new tricks: A reply to Pizarro and Bloom (2003). *Psychological Review*, 110, 197-198.
- 31) Haidt, J. & Keltner, D. (2004). Appreciation of beauty and excellence. Chapter 23 of C. Peterson and M. E. P. Seligman: *Character strengths and virtues*. Washington DC: American Psychological Association Press. pp. 537-551
- 32) Haidt, J., & Algoe, S. (2004). Moral amplification and the emotions that attach us to saints and demons. In J. Greenberg, S. L. Koole, & Tom Pyszczynski (Eds.) *Handbook of Experimental Existential Psychology*. New York: Guilford. pp. 322-335.
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- 35) Haidt, J., & Joseph, C. (2004). Intuitive Ethics: How Innately Prepared Intuitions Generate Culturally Variable Virtues. *Daedalus*, Fall 2004, pp. 55-66. [Special issue on human nature]. Translated into French and published as: "Comment des intuition ayant des bases innees engendrent des vertus culturellment variable," *Terrain*, 48.
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- 37) Wheatley, T., & Haidt, J. (2005). Hypnotic disgust makes moral judgments more severe. *Psychological Science*, 16, 780-784.
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- 39) Haidt, J. et al. (2006). What is the role of heuristics in making law? In C. Engel and G. Gigerenzer, eds. *Heuristics and the Law*. Dahlem Workshop Report 94. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press.
- 40) Keltner, D., Haidt, J., & Shiota, L. (2006). Social Functionalism and the Evolution of Emotions. In M. Schaller, D. Kenrick, & J. Simpson (Eds.) *Evolution and Social Psychology*. pp. 115-142.
- 41) Haidt, J., & Bjorklund, F. (2008). Social intuitionists answer six questions about moral psychology. In W. Sinnott-Armstrong (Ed.), *Moral Psychology, Volume 2: The Cognitive Science of Morality: Intuition and Diversity*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. (pp. 181-217).

- 42) Haidt, J., & Graham, J. (2007). When morality opposes justice: Emotions and intuitions related to ingroups, hierarchy, and purity. *Social Justice Research*.
- 43) Haidt, J., & Kesebir, S. (2007). In the forest of value: Why moral intuitions are different from other kinds. In H. Plessner, C. Betsch, & T. Betsch (eds.) *A new look on intuition in judgment and decision making*.
- 44) Haidt, J., & Bjorklund, F. (2008). Social intuitionists reason, as a normal part of conversation. In W. Sinnott-Armstrong (Ed.), *Moral Psychology, Volume 2: The Cognitive Science of Morality: Intuition and Diversity*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
- 45) Haidt, J., & Joseph, C. (2007). The moral mind: How 5 sets of innate moral intuitions guide the development of many culture-specific virtues, and perhaps even modules. In P. Carruthers, S. Laurence, and S. Stich (Eds.) *The Innate Mind, Vol. 3*.
- 46) Haidt, J. (2007). The new synthesis in moral psychology. *Science*, 316, 998-1002.
- 47) Haidt, J. (2007) Response (to a letter by David Barash), *Science*, 317, 596-597.
- 48) Haidt, J., & Graham, J. (in press). Planet of the Durkheimians, Where Community, Authority, and Sacredness are Foundations of Morality. In J. Jost, A. C. Kay, & H. Thorisdottir (Eds.), *Social and Psychological Bases of Ideology and System Justification*
- 49) Rozin, P., Haidt, J., & McCauley, C. R. (in press). Disgust. In M. Lewis & J. Haviland (Eds.) *Handbook of emotions, 3rd edition*. New York: Guilford Press.
- 50) Shweder, R. A., & Haidt, J., Horton, R., & Joseph, C. (in press). The cultural psychology of the emotions: Ancient and renewed. In M. Lewis & J. Haviland (Ed.), *Handbook of emotions, 3rd edition*. New York: Guilford.
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- 54) Haidt, J. (2008). Morality. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 3, 65-72
- 55) Haidt, J. (2007) Moral psychology and the misunderstanding of religion. Published on www.edge.org, 9/9/07, http://www.edge.org/3rd_culture/haidt07/haidt07_index.html
Reprinted in: J. Schloss & M. Murray (eds.), *The spiritual primate: Scientific, philosophical, and theological perspectives on the origin of religion*. Oxford.
- 56) Haidt, J. (2007). Doing science as if groups existed. Published on www.edge.org, 12/7/07, http://www.edge.org/discourse/moral_religion.html#haidt
- 57) Silvers, J., & Haidt, J. (2008). Moral Elevation Can Induce Lactation. *Emotion*, 8, 291-295.
- 58) Haidt, J., Seder, P., & Kesebir, S. (in press). Hive Psychology, Happiness, and Public Policy. *Journal of Legal Studies*.
- 59) Haidt, J. (in press). Meaning in life, and how it emerges. Commentary on Susan Wolf's Tanner Lectures at Princeton. To be published by Princeton University Press.
- 60) Schnall, S., Haidt, J., Clore, G., & Jordan, A. (in press). Disgust as embodied moral judgment. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.
- 61) Graham, J., Haidt, J., & Rimm-Kaufman, S. E. (in press). Ideology and intuition in moral education. *European Journal of Developmental Science*.

- 62) Olatunji, B. O., Haidt, J., McKay, D., David, B., (in press). Core, animal reminder, and contamination disgust: Three kinds of disgust with distinct personality, behavioral, physiological, and clinical correlates. *Journal of Research in Personality*.
- 63) Algoe, S., & Haidt, J., & Gable, S. (in press). Beyond reciprocity: Gratitude and relationships in everyday life. *Emotion*.

Manuscripts under review

- Algoe, S., Haidt, J., (n.d.). Witnessing Excellence in Action: The other-praising emotions of elevation, admiration, and gratitude. (Under review at *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*)
- Graham, J., Haidt, J., & Nosek, B. (n.d.). Liberals and conservatives use different sets of moral foundations. (Under review at *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*)
- Olatunji, B. O., Moretz, M. W., Bjorklund, F., de Jong, P., Haidt, J., Hursti, T. J., Imada, S., Koller, S., Mancini, F., McKay, D., Page, A. C., & Schienle, A. (n.d.). Confirming the Three-Factor Structure of the Disgust Scale-Revised in Eight Countries. (Under review at *Journal of Research in Personality*.)
- Sherman, G., Haidt, J., & Coan, J. (n.d.) Taking Care: Viewing Cute Images Improves Fine Motor Skill (Under review at *Emotion*)

Manuscripts under revision

- Haidt, J., Sabini, J., Gromet, D., & Darley, J. (n.d.). What exactly makes revenge sweet?
- Oveis, C., Cohen, A. B., Gruber, J., Shiota, M. N., Haidt, J., & Keltner, D. (n.d.). Vagal tone as a physiological marker of social connection.
- Sherman, G., Oveis, C., Haidt, J., & Coan, J. (n.d.). Why good deeds make us cry: Interpersonal tenderness and vagal withdrawal.
- Sherman, G., Haidt, J., & Coan, J. (n.d.). Nazis really are disgusting: Psychophysiological evidence for sociomoral disgust.

Manuscripts in progress

- Haidt, J., Lobue, V., Chiong, C., Nishida, T., & Deloache, J. (in preparation). When getting something good is bad: Young children's reactions to inequity.
- Haidt, J., Bjorklund, F., & Murphy, S. (in preparation). Moral dumbfounding: When intuition finds no reason.
- Bjorklund, F., & Haidt, J. (in preparation). Just Because it's Disgusting Does Make it More Wrong: Affective Intuitions Influence Moral Judgments.
- Haidt, J., & Kesebir, S. (in preparation). Morality. Invited contribution to S. Fiske et al. (ed.) *Handbook of Social Psychology*.
- Graham, J., Haidt, J., Nosek, B., Iyer, R., Hawkins, C. (n.d.). Utilitarianism and politics.
- Graham, J., Haidt, J., Nosek, B., Iyer, R., Koleva, S., & Ditto, P. (n.d.). Validating the moral foundations questionnaire.

Popular press or non-academic articles

- Haidt, J. "Elevation and the revelation of our better selves." Research News in Science and Theology, October 2001.
- Haidt, J. (2005). "Disgust and Elevation: Opposing Sources of 'Spiritual Information'". In C. L. Harper, Jr. (Ed.), *"Spiritual information": 100 perspectives*. Philadelphia, PA: Templeton Foundation Press.
- Haidt, J. (2006). "The morality of a billiard table versus the morality of a hive." Posted on. http://www.science-spirit.org/article_detail.php?article_id=643
- Haidt, J. (2006). "Humans are Hive Creatures." *Free Inquiry*, 26, p.47.
- Haidt, J. (2007). *The Spirit of Dharmacracy*. Op-ed, Los Angeles Times, 1/14/07
- Haidt, J. (2007). *Honey I shrunk the President*. Op-ed, Los Angeles Times, 12/16/07

Popular press articles/broadcasts about my work (selected)

- "Seeing how the spirit moves us." By Gareth Cooke. *Boston Globe*, 12/6/00, p. A1.
- "Ethically Speaking." Television program on ethics, aired on PBS stations in Virginia; episode focused on the role of emotion in moral judgment, summer 2002.
- "Kindness: The ripple effect." By Joan Duncan Oliver *O: The Oprah Magazine*, 11/02. (pp. 77-91)
- "A new emotion: Elevation." Radio program aired on "With Good Reason" (NPR program produced by Virginia Foundation for the Humanities), Summer 2004
- "Making those choices about right and wrong." By Katherine Hobson. *U.S. News & World Report*, 2/28/05
- "Interview with Jonathan Haidt." *The Believer*, August 2005. [www.believermag.com]
- Appearance on *The Today Show*, 2/28/06 (about *The Happiness Hypothesis*)
- Review of *The Happiness Hypothesis* in *The New Yorker*, 2/27/06, by John Lanchester
- Review of *The Happiness Hypothesis* in *Nature*, 5/4/06, by Daniel Nettle.
- Radio interviews on Voice of America, Canadian Broadcasting Company, BBC Radio, and several NPR affiliates. (Can be heard at www.happinesshypothesis.com)
- "Is 'do unto others' written into our genes?" by Nicholas Wade, *New York Times*, 9/18/07.
- "The moral instinct." By Steven Pinker, *New York Times Magazine*, 1/13/08.

Selected Conference Presentations (full list contains 2-3 times as many. Does anyone ever read this part of a CV anyway? There are a few you can watch online near the end of the list.)

- "Disgust, disrespect, and culture: Moral judgment of victimless violations in the U.S. and Brazil." Society for Cross-Cultural Research, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2/91.
- "The cultural psychology of disgust." Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Washington, DC, 2/93.
- "Researching street children: Methodological and ethical Issues." Society for Research on Child Development, Indianapolis, 3/95.
- "How Cultural Psychology can advance Socio-Economics." Chair of panel discussion, 7th International Conference on Socio-Economics, Washington, DC, 4/95
- "Culture and the gradient of emotion universality." American Psychological Society, Washington, DC, 6/95

- “Cross-cultural studies of emotion.” Panel discussant, International Society for Research on Emotions, Toronto, 8/96.
- “Cultural and class variation in the domain of morality.” Society for Research on Child Development, Washington DC, 4/5/97
- “Four questions about morality for cultural and cognitive-developmental theorists.” Association for Moral Education, Atlanta, 11/20/97
- “Moral/emotional development on the streets of Brazil.” Jean Piaget Society, Chicago, 6/12/98
- “The positive psychology of morality.” Positive Psychology conference, Akumal Mexico, 1/4/99.
- “Fostering caring: Find the buttons, and push them later.” Brookfield Zoo conference on caring, empathy, and environmental education. Brookfield IL, 3/6/99
- “Culture and the vertical dimensions of social cognition.” Society for Psychological Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM, 9/25/99.
- “Elevation and political engagement.” Planning meeting for “Student Voices” project, Grand Cayman, BWI, 3/4/00.
- “Elevation and the Positive Moral Emotions.” Positive Psychology Summit Meeting, Washington DC, 10/15/00.
- “Elevation, Awe, and Transformation.” American Psychological Association, Chicago, 8/02.
- “Gut feelings and lofty reasons: A social intuitionist view of justice talk.” Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Los Angeles, 1/03
- “Many moral emotions and a few co-evolutionary implications.” Santa Fe Institute conference on co-evolution and cooperation. 1/03
- “The Emotional Psychology of Finding a Purpose.” Templeton-sponsored conference on how youth acquire a sense of purpose. Stanford, CA, 3/03
- “How culturally variable morals might be built out of innate and universal intuitions”, AHRB project on innateness, University of Maryland, 4/03. Similar talk given at Dartmouth conference on the psychology and biology of morality, 5/04.
- “The five intuitive foundations of the culture war (and the need for political empathy).” Talk given at session on ideology, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA, 1/06.
- “How to flourish using ancient wisdom and modern science.” International Positive Psychology Summit, Washington DC, 10/06
- “The moral psychology of hypocrisy, or, Why good reasons have so little power to cause good actions.” James A. Moffett Lecture, Princeton University, 11/06.
- “Moral Psychology: It’s Not Just About Harm and Fairness Anymore.” Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis TN, 1/07.
- “Morality 2012, when liberals will understand conservatives and most other people.” The New Yorker 2012 conference, New York, 5/07. Presentation can be viewed at: <http://www.newyorker.com/online/video/conference/2007/haidt>
- “Enlightenment 2.0 requires morality 2.0”. Beyond Belief 2, San Diego CA, 11/07. Presentation can be viewed at: <http://thesciencenetwork.org/BeyondBelief2/watch/haidt.php>
- “Meaning in life and how it emerges.” Tanner Lecture, Commentary on Susan Wolf, Princeton University, 11/07.

- Hom, H. (2004). "Gossip as a Vehicle for Value Comparison: The Development of Social Norms and Social Bonding through Moral Judgment"
- Algoe, S. (2005). "A Relational Account of Gratitude: A Positive Emotion that Strengthens Interpersonal Connections."

Professional Activities

Director: Positive Psychology Summer Institute. 8/02 – present.

Associate editor: Indian Psychological Abstracts (1997- 2000), Revista Psicologia: Reflexao & Critica (1994-1998)

Advisory Board Member:

Student Voices project (increasing political engagement among urban youth). Organized by Kathleen Hall-Jamieson, Annenberg School of Communications.

Youth Sense of Purpose (project to study how adolescents find purpose and commit to higher goals). Organized by William Damon, Stanford University.

Positive Psychology Steering Committee

Ad Hoc Reviewer for: Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Child Development, Cognition and Emotion, European Journal of Social Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Emotion, American Psychologist, Science, Psychological Science, Neuroimage,

Member: American Psychological Association (Div. 8: Personality and Social Psychology), Association for Psychological Science, International Society for Research on Emotion, Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Organizer: *Moralistic Politics*. A workshop held at Princeton, 5/19/07. See www.CivilPolitics.com

Research Interests: Morality, emotion, culture, and ideology. Specific projects include:

- 1) Moral intuition: Investigating the role of intuition and affect (versus reasoning) in moral judgment and moral dumbfounding. Developing an account of "intuitive ethics," a story about how moral intuitions are innate, yet moral virtues are socially constructed on top of those intuitions.
- 2) Moralistic politics: Studying the psychological foundations of liberal and conservative ideologies. Examining the ways that moral commitments blind partisans to the truth and drive them to hold destructive and close-minded views of their opponents. Testing methods to reduce moralism and judgmentalism.
- 3) The positive moral emotions: Documenting the existence of a set of positive emotions caused by exposure to excellence, virtue, and beauty. Moral elevation is a response to witnessing acts of moral beauty. It makes people want to become more virtuous themselves. Exploring the possible use of elevation experiences in the formation of moral character. Expanding out to related emotions of awe and admiration. Examining the role of the vagus nerve and the hormone oxytocin in these emotions.
- 4) The moralization of the body: Why do people in most cultures care what others do with their bodies? Several projects are investigating why and how food, sex, drug use, and body modification are moralized in the United States. All projects are guided by ongoing

research into the emotion of disgust and the rules of “purity and pollution” in India and in other non-Western cultural traditions.

Personal Information

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Married to Jayne Riew.

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Non-academic work experience:

1) President, Connecticut Committee for Handgun Control. Managed a grass-roots lobby working for stronger handgun control laws in the state of Connecticut. 5/83-5/85.

2) Systems Analyst (GS-11), U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Designed and wrote computer software for revised Consumer Price Index. 10/85-8/87.

3) Holder of U.S. Patent 4432477, “Carrier for music player;” Licensed to Sony corporation.