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#### **APPOINTMENT**

2008-present Assistant professor of Marketing, Leeds School of Business

University of Colorado at Boulder

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Yale University, Psychology, 2008 M. Phil. Yale University, Psychology, 2007

A.B. Harvard University, Psychology, 2002, Magna cum laude

### HONORS AND AWARDS

Sterling-Rice Group Marketing Research Award, University of Colorado at Boulder

- Seminar Grant, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, University of Colorado at Boulder
- Whitebox Advisors Doctoral Fellow, *International Center for Finance, Yale University SOM*
- Graduate Research Fellowship, *National Science Foundation*

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Psychological Distance Emotional Judgment and Decision-Making

Automaticity Self-Control Embodiment and Metaphorical Thinking Media Violence

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Marketing Association Society for Consumer Psychology

Association for Consumer Research
Association for Psychological Science
Society for Judgment and Decision Making
Society for Personality and Social Psychology

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Raison, Charles L., Matthew W. Hale, Lawrence E. Williams, Tor D. Wager, and Christopher A. Lowry (forthcoming), "Somatic Influences on Subjective Well-Being and Affective Disorders: The Convergence of Thermosensory and Central Serotonergic Systems," *Frontiers in Psychology: Cognition*.

- 2. McGraw, A. Peter, Lawrence E. Williams, and Caleb Warren (2014), "The Rise and Fall of Humor: Psychological Distance Modulates Humorous Responses to Tragedy," *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 5, 566-572.
- 3. Williams, Lawrence E., Randy Stein, and Laura Galguera (2014), "The Distinct Affective Consequences of Psychological Distance and Construal Level," *Journal of Consumer Research*, 40, 1123-1138.
- 4. McGraw, A. Peter, Caleb Warren, Lawrence E. Williams, and Bridget Leonard (2012), "Too Close for Comfort or Too Far to Care: Finding Humor in Distant Tragedies and Close Mishaps," *Psychological Science*, 23, 1215-1223.
- 5. Kang, Yoona, Lawrence E. Williams, John A. Bargh, Margaret Clark, and Jeremy R. Gray (2011), "Physical Temperature Effects on Trust Behavior: The Role of Insula," *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 6, 507-515.
- 6. Morsella, Ezequiel, Giles H. Feinberg, Sepeedeh Cigarchi, James W. Newton, and Lawrence E. Williams (2011), "Sources of Avoidance Motivation: Valence Effects from Physical Effort and Mental Rotation," *Motivation and Emotion*, 35, 296-305.
- 7. Williams, Lawrence E., John A. Bargh, Christopher C. Nocera and Jeremy R. Gray (2009), "On the Unconscious Regulation of Emotion: Nonconscious Reappraisal Goals Modulate Emotional Reactivity," *Emotion*, 9, 847-854.
- 8. Williams, Lawrence E., Julie Y. Huang and John A. Bargh (2009), "The Scaffolded Mind: Higher Mental Processes are Grounded in Early Experience with the Physical World," *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 39, 1257-1267.
- 9. Williams, Lawrence E. and John A. Bargh (2008), "Experiencing Physical Warmth Promotes Interpersonal Warmth," *Science*, 322, 606-607.
- 10. Williams, Lawrence E. and John A. Bargh (2008), "Keeping One's Distance: The Influence of Spatial Distance Cues on Affect and Evaluation," *Psychological Science*, 19, 302-308.
- 11. Litz, Brett T., Lawrence Williams, Julie Wang, Richard Bryant, and Charles C. Engel, Jr. (2004), "A Therapist-Assisted, Internet Self-Help Program for Traumatic Stress," *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 35, 628-634.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

12. Williams, Lawrence E. (forthcoming), "The Building Blocks of Design: Conceptual Scaffolding as an Organizing Framework for Design," in *The Psychology of Design: Creating Consumer Desire*, ed. Rajeev Batra, Dianne Brei, and Colleen Seifert, London, Routledge.

- 13. Williams, Lawrence E. (2014), "Improving Psychological Science Requires Theory, Data, and Caution: Reflections on Lynott et al. (2014)," *Social Psychology*, 45, 321-323.
- 14. McGraw, A. Peter, Lawrence E. Williams, & Caleb Warren (2014), "Psychological Distance," in *Encyclopedia of Humor Studies*, ed. Salvatore Attardo, Los Angeles, CA: Sage, 602-604.
- 15. Bargh, John A., Lawrence E. Williams, Julie Y. Huang, Hyunjin Song, and Joshua A. Ackerman (2010), "From the Physical to the Psychological: Mundane Physical Experiences Influence Social Judgment and Interpersonal Behavior," *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 33, 267-268.
- 16. Huang, Julie Y., Lawrence E. Williams and John A. Bargh (2009), "Conceptual Scaffolding: Further Thoughts on the Relation between the Physical and Social Worlds," *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 39, 1276-1277.
- 17. Bargh, John A. and Lawrence E. Williams (2007), "The Nonconscious Regulation of Emotion," in *Handbook of Emotion Regulation*, ed. James J. Gross, New York: Guilford, 429-445.

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- 1. "Prolonging the Search for Meaning: How Hedonic Versus Eudaemonic Consumption Experiences Shape Preference for Variety," (with E. P. Carter). Under 1<sup>st</sup> round review.
- 2. "Only a Diamond Can Cut a Diamond: The Regulation of Emotions via System Fit," (with D. Fernandes and C. Kan). Preparing for 2<sup>nd</sup> round review.
- 3. "Physical Distance Leads to Self-Bifurcation," (with A. Sedlovskaya, V. Purdie-Vaughns, and J.A. Bargh). Preparing for 2<sup>nd</sup> round review.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- 1. "Draining versus Maintaining: The Effect of Emotion Regulation on Self-Control," (with D. Fernandes and C. Kan). Under revision.
- 2. "When Imitation Is Flattery: Counterfeiting Can Increase Consumers' Valuation of Genuine Products," (with J.A. Mourey, T.A. Poehlman, and C. Yoon). Under revision.
- 3. "Impervious to Threat: Power Enhances Enjoyment of Negative Feelings," (with S.R. Hennessey and J.A. Bargh). Manuscript in preparation.
- 4. "Pleasure Can Be Good for You: The Nonconscious Impact of Hedonic Experiences on Self-Regulation," (with T.A. Poehlman, E. Morsella, and J.A. Bargh). Under revision.

### **CHAIRED SYMPOSIA**

- 1. "The Depths of Pleasure, the Throes of Despair: Exploring the Multifaceted Nature of Hedonic Emotional Experiences." Session conducted at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Consumer Research*, Baltimore, MD (2014).
- 2. "Beyond Construal: Examining Broad Implications of Psychological Distance and Consumer Judgment" (co-chaired with A.P. McGraw). Session conducted at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Consumer Psychology*, Atlanta, GA (2011).
- 3. "The 'Nature' of Life: How the Physical World Colors Impressions, Informs Decisions, and Shapes Who We Are" (co-chaired with J.A. Ackerman). Session conducted at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Consumer Research*, Jacksonville, FL (2010).
- 4. "Unlocking the Unconscious: Implications for Executive Functioning, Reasoning, and Self-Regulation" (co-chaired with E.J. Masicampo). Symposium conducted at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Albuquerque, NM (2008).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. "The Distinct Affective Consequences of Psychological Distance," Invited talk for the Marketing Department Seminar, College of Business and Behavioral Science, Clemson University (2014).
- 2. "The Building Blocks of Design: Conceptual Scaffolding as an Organizing Framework for Design." Paper presented at the *Psychology of Design* Conference, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan (2014).
- 3. "The Psychophysics of Humor: Psychological Distance Modulates Humorous Responses to Tragedy," (w. A.P. McGraw and C. Warren). Paper presented at the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Consumer Research*, Chicago, IL (2013).
- 4. "Beyond Construal: Specifying the Distinct Emotional Consequences of Psychological Distance and Abstract Thought," Invited talk for the Marketing Department Seminar, Sloan School of Management, MIT (2012).
- 5. "Beyond Construal: Disentangling the Cognitive and Emotional Consequences of Distance," (w. R. Stein and L. Galguera). Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA (2012).
- 4. "Diamonds Cut Diamonds: The Unique Benefits of Conscious and Nonconscious Emotion Regulation," (with D. Fernandes and C. Kan). Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA (2012).
- 6. "The Scaffolded Mind: How Physical Experiences Shape Judgment and Decision-Making." Invited talk for the Marketing Department Seminar, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago (2011).

- 7. "When Distance Does Not Equal Construal: Dissociable Effects of Distance and Construal on Charity," (w. R. Stein and L. Galguera). Paper presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Consumer Psychology*, Atlanta, GA (2011).
- 8. "Physical Temperature Effects on Trust: The Role of Insula," (with Y. Kang, M. Clark, J.R. Gray, and J.A. Bargh). Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *European Association of Social Psychology*, Stockholm, Sweden (2011).
- 9. "The Scaffolded Mind: How Physical Experiences Shape Judgment and Decision-Making." Invited talk for the Marketing Department Seminar, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University (2010).
- 10. "Physical Distance Effects on Judgment and Decision-Making." Invited talk for the Center of Behavioral Decision Sciences Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University (2010).
- 11. "The Scaffolded Mind: How Physical Shape Judgment and Decision-Making." (with J.A. Ackerman). Paper presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Consumer Research*, Embodiment Preconference, Jacksonville, FL (2010).
- 12. "I Am Where I Am: Physical Distance Fractures the Self," (with A.Sedlovskaya, V.P. Vaughns and J.A. Bargh). Paper presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Consumer Research*, Jacksonville, FL (2010).
- 13. "Distance Makes the Will Grow Weaker: When Distance Hinders Self-Control," (with A.T. Tran and J.A. Bargh). Paper presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Consumer Research*, Jacksonville, FL (2010).
- 14. "How Physical Experiences Shape Judgment and Decision-Making." Invited talk for the Marketing Department Seminar, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan (2010).
- 15. "From Warming Hearts to Boiling Rage: Nonconsciously Navigating Everyday Life." Invited talk for Café Scientifique, Denver, CO (2010).
- 16. "The Benefits of Nonconscious Emotion Regulation," (w. J. Bargh, C. Nocera, and J. Gray). Paper presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Psychological Science*, San Francisco, CA (2009).
- 17. "Closeness is for Caring: Physical Closeness Cues Strengthen Helping Attitudes," (w. R. Stein and L. Garcia). Paper presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Psychological Science*, San Francisco, CA (2009).
- 18. "How Physical Experiences Shape Judgment and Decision-Making." Invited talk for the Department of Psychology Colloquium Series, San Francisco State University (2009).

- 19. "Experiencing Physical Warmth Promotes Interpersonal Warmth," (w. J. Bargh). Paper presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Association for Consumer Research*, San Francisco, CA (2008).
- 20. "The Benefits of Nonconscious Self-Regulation," (w. J. Bargh, C. Nocera, and J. Gray). Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Albuquerque, NM (2008).
- 21. "Metaphor priming effects on judgments and decisions." Invited talk for the Marketing Area Seminar, Johnson School, Cornell University (2008).
- 22. "Mating and metaphors: Evolutionary psychology meets priming effects," (with. J. Bargh and J. Huang). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Experimental Social Psychology*, Chicago, IL (2007).
- 23. "Metaphor priming effects on judgment"

Anderson School of Management, UCLA, November 2007 Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 2007 Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, October 2007

- 24. "Metaphor priming: How basic perceptual experiences nonconsciously shape decisions and evaluations." Invited talk for the Marketing Unit Seminar, Harvard Business School (2007).
- 25. "Moderators of the enjoyment of aversive media: Power, empathy, and self-construal," (w. S. Hennessey, E. Gregorio, L. Ihrig, and J.A. Bargh). Poster presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Memphis, TN (2007).
- 26. "Hidden ability: Nonconscious mastery goals attenuate resource-depletion effects," (w. J.A. Bargh). Paper presented at the *Four-College Social Psychology Student Conference*, New York University (2006).

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor

Advertising and Promotion, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2013-present Buyer Behavior, University of Colorado at Boulder, Spring 2009-2012 Topics in Consumer Decision Making, Yale University, Spring 2008

# **Teaching Fellow**

Emotional Intelligence, Yale University, Spring 2007 Statistics, Yale University, Fall 2006 Social Psychology, Yale University, Spring 2006

### **Dissertation Committee Service**

Daniel Gustavson (Psychology), 2015 Mark Travers (Psychology), 2015 Bridget Leonard (Marketing), 2013 Jason Gwinn (Psychology), 2013

Keith Senholzi (Psychology), 2013

Ji Hoon Jhang (Marketing), 2012

Adam Hahn (Psychology), 2012

Kelly Herd (Marketing), 2011

Ethan Pew (Marketing), 2010

Jeni Kubota (Psychology), 2010

## **Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor**

Samantha Hennessey (Psychology), Yale University, 2008

### **SERVICE**

#### **Editorial Board**

Journal of Marketing Research (2014-present)

### Ad hoc Review

Cognition and Emotion

Emotion

Journal of Consumer Research

Journal of Consumer Psychology

Journal of Experimental Psychology: General

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology

Journal of Marketing Research

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

Perspectives in Psychological Science

Psychological Bulletin

Psychological Science

## **Departmental Service**

Marketing Executive Committee, Leeds School of Business, 2011-present Subject Pool Faculty Coordinator, Leeds School of Business, 2008-09, 2012-present

### **School/University Service**

Selection Committee, Frascona Teaching Award, Leeds School of Business, 2012 Leeds Executive Committee, Leeds School of Business, 2012-2013 Advisory Board, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, 2010-present