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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2024 - present:*                    **Duke University**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Psychology & Neuroscience  
Department of Evolutionary Anthropology
- 2022 - 2024*                        **University of California, Berkeley**  
Postdoctoral Researcher  
Department of Psychology
- 2018 - 2021*                        **Boston College**  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Department of Psychology
- Parental leaves: 2021, 2025*

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## EDUCATION

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- 2013 - 2018*                        **Yale University**  
Ph.D. in Anthropology
- 2008 - 2012*                        **University of California, Los Angeles**  
B.S. in Anthropology, *cum laude*

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## FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

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- 2026*                                APS Janet Taylor Spence Award for Transformative Early Career Contributions
- 2020*                                Finalist, AAAS Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Click → to access the papers | \* denotes joint authorship | † denotes trainee

- 2026 **Amir D.**, Pitt B. What does it mean for culture to ‘shape’ cognition? *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*. →
- 2026 **Amir, D.**, Ahl, R. E., Jordan, M. R., Bolotin, H., Bogese, M., González, G. T., Callaghan, T., Sugiyama, L. S., Kabatabazi, J., Otali, E., Tusiime, P., Bangayan, S., Snodgrass, J. J., McAuliffe, K. The emergence of cooperative behaviors, norms, and strategies across five diverse societies. *Science Advances*. →
- 2025 Confer J., Champ A., **Amir D.**, Schleichauf H., Engelmann J. Group membership biases children’s evaluation of evidence. *Nature Communications*. →
- 2025 Gildner T.E., Liebert M.A., Schrock J.M, Urlacher S.S., **Amir D.**, Hartington C.J., Madimenos F.C., Cepon-Robins T.J., Bribiescas R.G., Sugiyama L.S., Snodgrass J. J. Salivary testosterone, age, and adiposity associations among Shuar males in Amazonian Ecuador challenge assumptions of “normal” testosterone patterns. *American Journal of Human Biology*. →
- 2025 Smith, J. M.†, Mohamadpour, H., Engelmann, J., Davis, H. E., Krieger, J., Sørensen, B. G., Koster, J., Heysieattalab, S., **Amir, D.** No developmental differences in preferences for epistemic versus physical uncertainty across three diverse cultures. *Developmental Science*. →
- 2025 **Amir D.**, Firestone C. Is visual perception WEIRD? The Müller-Lyer illusion and the Cultural Byproduct Hypothesis. *Psychological Review*. →
- 2025 Bribiescas R.G., Sancilio A., **Amir D.**, Cepon-Robins T.J., Gildner T., Liebert M.A., Madimenos F., Urlacher S.S., Snodgrass J., Sugiyama L. Testosterone, 8-Oxo-2'-deoxyguanosine (8-OHdG) and Cu/Zn Superoxide Dismutase (SOD) in adult Shuar males of Amazonian Ecuador: A test for evidence of trade-offs between reproductive effort and oxidative stress. *American Journal of Human Biology*. →
- 2025 Wen N., **Amir D.**, Clegg J., Davis H., Dutra N., Kline M., Lew-Levy S., MacGillivray T., Pamei G., Wang Y., Xu J., Rawlings B. Construct Validity in Cross-Cultural, Developmental Research: Challenges and Strategies for Improvement. *Evolutionary Human Sciences*. →
- 2024 Lew-Levy S., **Amir D.** Children as agents of cultural adaptation. [*Target article*]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. →
- 2024 Ahl R.E., **Amir D.**, McAuliffe K. Recalling experiences of scarcity reduces children’s generosity relative to recalling abundance. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*. →
- 2023 **Amir D.**, Melnikoff D., Warneken F., Blake P., Callaghan T.C., Corbin J., Barry O., Bowie A., Kleutsch L., Kramer K.L, Wrangham R., Ross E., Vongsachang H., McAuliffe K. Computational signatures of inequity aversion in children across seven societies. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*. →

- 2023 Ahl R.E., Hannan K., **Amir D.**, Baker A., Sheskin M., & McAuliffe K.. Tokens of virtue: Replicating incentivized measures of children's prosocial behavior with online methods and virtual resources. *Cognitive Development*. →
- 2023 Stibbard-Hawkes D., **Amir D.**, Apicella C. A cost for signaling: Do Hadza hunter-gatherers forgo calories to show-off? *Evolution and Human Behavior*. →
- 2022 Hilton C.B., Moser C.J., Bertolog M., Lee-Rubin H., **Amir D.**, Bainbridge C.M. [et al.] Acoustic regularities in infant-directed speech and song across cultures. *Nature Human Behaviour*. →
- 2022 Deutchman P., **Amir D.**, Jordan M.R., McAuliffe K. Common knowledge promotes cooperation in the Threshold Public Goods Game. *Evolution & Human Behavior*. →
- 2021 Frankenhuys W.E., **Amir D.** What is the expected human childhood? Insights from evolutionary anthropology. *Development and Psychopathology*. →
- 2021 **Amir D.**, Parsons W.S.\*†, Ahl R.E., McAuliffe K. Trustworthiness is distinct from generosity in children. *Developmental Psychology*. →
- 2021 DeLouize A.M., Liebert M.A., Madimenos F.C., Urlacher S.S., Schrock J.M., Cepon-Robins T.J., Gildner T.E., Blackwell A.D., Harrington C.J., **Amir D.**, Bribiescas R.G., Snodgrass J.J., Sugiyama L.S. Low prevalence of anemia among Shuar communities of Amazonian Ecuador. *American Journal of Human Biology*. →
- 2021 **Amir D.**, Ahl R.E., Parsons W.S.\*†, McAuliffe K. Children are more forgiving of accidental harms across development. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*. →
- 2020 Ahl R., **Amir D.**, Keil F. The world within: Children are sensitive to internal complexity cues. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*. →
- 2020 **Amir D.**, McAuliffe K. Cross-cultural developmental psychology: Integrating approaches and key insights. *Evolution and Human Behavior*. →
- 2019 **Amir D.**, Vaggia C.R., Srinivasan, M., Sugiyama L.S., Dunham Y. Measuring subjective social status in children of diverse societies. *PLoS ONE*. →
- 2019 **Amir D.**, Jordan M.R., McAuliffe K., Vaggia C.R., Sugiyama L.S., Bribiescas R.G., Snodgrass J.J., Dunham Y. The developmental origins of risk and time preferences across diverse populations. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*. →
- 2019 Cepon-Robins T.J., Schrock J., Eick G., Bedbury A., Liebert M.A., Urlacher S.S., Madimenos F.C., Harrington C.J., **Amir D.**, Bribiescas R.G., Sugiyama L.S., Snodgrass J.J. Soil-transmitted helminth infection & intestinal inflammation among the Shuar of Amazonian Ecuador. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. →
- 2018 **Amir D.**, Jordan M.R., Rand D. An uncertainty management perspective on long-run impacts of adversity: The influence of childhood socioeconomic status on risk, time, and social preferences. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*. →
- 2018 Bryant G.A., Fessler D.M.T., Fusaroli R., Clint E., **Amir D.**, Chavez B., Denton K.K., Diaz C., [et al.] The perception of spontaneous and volitional laughter across 21 societies. *Psychological Science*. →

- 2016 Jordan M.R., **Amir D.**, Bloom P. Are empathy and concern psychologically distinct? *Emotion*. →
- 2016 Polous A.M., Mehta N., **Amir D.**, Zhuravka I., Reger M.L., Fanselow M.S. Conditioning- and time-dependent increases in context fear and generalization. *Learning and Memory*. →
- 2016 Urlacher S.S., Liebert M.A., Snodgrass J.J., Blackwell A.D., Cepon-Robins T.J., Gildner T.E., Madimenos F.C., **Amir D.**, Bribiescas R.G., Sugiyama L.S. Heterogeneous effects of market integration on subadult body size and nutritional status among the Shuar of Amazonian Ecuador. *Annals of Human Biology*. →
- 2015 **Amir D.**, Ellison P.T., Hill K.R., Bribiescas R.G. Diurnal variation in salivary cortisol across age classes in Ache Amerindian males of Paraguay. *American Journal of Human Biology* 27(3):344-348. →
- 2013 **Amir D.\***, Fessler D.M.T.F.\* Boots for Achilles: Progesterone's down-regulation of cholesterol is a second-order adaptation. *Quarterly Review of Biology* 88(2): 97-116.→

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## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- 2025 **Amir D.**, Kline M., Ndlovu N., Rawlings B., Pope-Caldwell S., Wen N., Rosun N., Badiani F., Haun D., Davis H.E. Studying childhood learning across cultures. *A Field Guide to Doing Cross-Cultural Research on Childhood Learning: Theoretical, Methodological, Practical, and Ethical Considerations for an Interdisciplinary Field*. Edited by Sheina Lew-Levy and Stephen Asatsa. Open Book Publishers.
- 2025 Broesch T., Cristia A., Nowell A., **Amir D.**, Pope-Caldwell S., Dutra N., Milks A., Tian X., Hodson C., Wang Y., Duggirala S. Sharing your research. *A Field Guide to Doing Cross-Cultural Research on Childhood Learning: Theoretical, Methodological, Practical, and Ethical Considerations for an Interdisciplinary Field*. Edited by Sheina Lew-Levy and Stephen Asatsa. Open Book Publishers.
- 2025 Boyette A.H., Haun D., Pretelli I., Pope-Caldwell S., Crittenden A.N., **Amir D.**, Gurven M., Ndlovu N., Cristia A., Kanngiesser P., Schafer M., Kandza V., Dzabatou A., Preparing for the field. *A Field Guide to Doing Cross-Cultural Research on Childhood Learning: Theoretical, Methodological, Practical, and Ethical Considerations for an Interdisciplinary Field*. Edited by Sheina Lew-Levy and Stephen Asatsa. Open Book Publishers.
- 2024 **Amir D.**, Bornstein M. Culture in Development. *Developmental Science: An Advanced Textbook, 8th edition*. Psychology Press. →
- 2012 Long V., Fujioka W., **Amir D.**, Fanselow M. Pharmacological resistance of stress enhanced fear learning in an animal model of post-traumatic stress disorder. *Anxiety Disorders / Book 2*. InTech Publishing. →

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## COMMENTARIES & CORRESPONDENCES

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- In press* Rivero A. †, **Amir D.** The developmental origins of egalitarianism. Response to Stibbard-Hawkes and Von Rueden's "Egalitarianism is not Equality: Moving from outcome to process in the study of human political organization". *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. →
- 2022 **Amir D.**, Hemmatian B., Kasirzadeh A., Jasbi M., Yazdiha H., Dehghani M. Iran: amplify voices of persecuted academics. *Nature*. →
- 2017 **Amir D.**, Jordan M.R. The behavioral constellation of deprivation may be best understood as risk management. Response to Pepper & Nettle's "The Behavioural Constellation of Deprivation: Causes and Consequences". *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. →
- 2016 **Amir D.**, Jordan M.R., Rand D.G. Cultural evolution need not imply group selection. Response to Richerson et al.'s "Cultural Group Selection Plays an Essential Role in Explaining Human Cooperation: A Sketch of the Evidence". *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. →

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## EXTERNAL FUNDING — PI

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- 2023 **Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood Research Grant**  
"Formal educational contexts & learning across cultures"  
*Amount: (\$50,000)(declined)*  
*Role: PI*

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## EXTERNAL FUNDING — OTHER ROLES

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- 2025-2028 **John Templeton Foundation** | "The development of moral concern"  
*Role: Consultant*
- 2025 **European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant** | "Children as agents of cultural evolution".  
*Role: Collaborator & Secondary Advisor*
- 2018-2021 **John Templeton Foundation** | "Building Virtue: Environmental and social influences on the development of fairness, forgiveness, honesty, and trustworthiness" | *Amount: \$946,264*  
*Role: Postdoctoral Researcher*

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## INTERNAL FUNDING

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2016	Yale MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$17,600)
2014	Yale Albert Williams Fund
2013	Yale Schwartz Family Foundation Fund
2014	Yale Latin American & Iberian Studies Tinker Grant

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## SELECT MEDIA COVERAGE

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- “Do you see what I see?” *Slate* →
- “Why a classic psychology theory about vision has fallen apart”. *Scientific American* →
- “Can you see circles or rectangles? Does the answer depend on where you grew up?”. *The Guardian* →
- “Parentese is truly a lingua franca, global study finds”. *The New York Times* →
- “The key to stopping procrastination? Compassion.” *Christian Science Monitor* →
- “Personality is not only about who but also where you are”. *Aeon Magazine*. →
- “How does your childhood environment shape your preferences as an adult?” *ScienceTrends*. →
- “Can you tell a real laugh from a fake one?”. *Science Magazine*. →
- “You’re not fooling everyone with your pretend laughter”. *The Washington Post*. →
- “Empathy is nice, but it’s not exactly necessary”. *New York Magazine*. →
- “The Perils of Empathy”. *The Wall Street Journal*. →
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## INVITED TALKS

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<i>Forthcoming</i>	University of Chicago, Developmental Brown Bag, Chicago, IL.
2026	University of Glasgow, Illusion of the Fortnight Series, Glasgow, Scotland.
2026	Chinese Open Science Network Colloquium, Nanjing, China.
2026	Ohio State University, Developmental Colloquium, Columbus, OH.
2026	Max Planck Institute, Comparative Cultural Psychology Colloquium, Leipzig, Germany.
2026	Yale University, Department of Psychology, Developmental Talk, New Haven, CT.
2025	Duke Institute for Brain Sciences Colloquium, Durham, NC.
2024	Duke University, Political Science Behavior & Identity Workshop, Durham, NC.
2024	Duke University, Evolutionary Anthropology Colloquium, Durham, NC.
2024	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Perception & Sensation Colloquium, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

2024 UNC Chapel Hill, Developmental Colloquium, Chapel Hill, NC.

2024 Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability, Departmental Colloquium, Stanford, CA.

2024 Arizona State University, Evolution of Social Complexity Colloquium, Tempe, AZ.

2024 Duke University, Developmental Psychology Colloquium, Durham, NC.

2024 University of Washington, Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Seattle, WA.

2024 Harvard University, Department of Psychology Colloquium, Cambridge, MA.

2023 University of California, San Diego, Walker Lab, San Diego, CA.

2023 University of California, Merced, Psychology Colloquium, Merced, CA.

2023 Instituto de Medicina Molecular João Lobo Antunes, Lisbon, Portugal.

2023 Max Planck Institute, Center for Adaptive Rationality Colloquium, Berlin, Germany.

2023 University of California, Santa Barbara, Integrative Anthropological Sciences Colloquium, Santa Barbara, CA.

2023 University of Chicago, Cognition Workshop, Chicago, IL.

2023 University of California, San Diego, Psychology Colloquium, San Diego, CA.

2023 University of Pennsylvania, Psychology Colloquium, Philadelphia, PA.

2023 Skidmore College, Psychology Colloquium, Saratoga Springs, NY.

2022 University of Virginia, Developmental Area Lunch, Charlottesville, VA.

2022 University of Toronto, Developmental Area Seminar, Toronto, ON, Canada.

2022 University of California, Irvine, CogSci Colloquium, Irvine, CA.

2021 Simon Fraser University, Developmental Area Seminar, Burnaby, BC, Canada.

2021 University of Utah, Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Salt Lake City, UT.

2021 École Normale Supérieure, Evolution & Social Cognition Lab, Paris, France.

2021 University of Pennsylvania, MindCORE

2021 Brown University, Developmental Psychology Brown Bag, Providence, RI.

2021 Emory University, Department of Psychology Colloquium, Atlanta, GA.

2021 University of Washington, Developmental Psychology Colloquium, Seattle, WA.

2021 UCLA Behavior, Evolution, and Culture Colloquium, Los Angeles, CA.

2020 Brunel University, Decolonizing Psychology Seminar, Uxbridge, UK.

2020 HBES Roundtable Series: "Beyond WEIRD, a decade later: Population diversity in the evolutionary study of behavior."

2020 Cognitive Development and Learning Lab Meeting, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

2020 Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Comparative Cultural Psychology Seminar, Leipzig, Germany.

2020 York University, Department of Psychology eSeminar, York, UK.

2020 Social Cognitive Neuroscience Lab Meeting, MIT, Cambridge, MA.

2020 Harvard Graduate School of Education Colloquium, Cambridge, MA.

2020 Harvard Psych-Ed Meeting, Cambridge, MA.

- 2020 Northeastern Social/Personality Area Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2020 Dartmouth Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Hanover, NH.
- 2020 Emory Department of Anthropology Colloquium, Atlanta, GA.
- 2020 Johns Hopkins Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences, Baltimore, MD.
- 2020 Stanford Department of Psychology Colloquium, Stanford, CA.
- 2019 Early Childhood Cognition Lab Meeting, MIT, Cambridge, MA.
- 2019 Boston University Social Development & Learning Lab, Boston, MA.
- 2019 UC Berkeley Developmental Colloquium, Berkeley, CA.
- 2019 Harvard Women in Psychology Trends in Psychology Summit, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2018 Cognition, Brain, and Behavior Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2018 Monday Seminar, Columbia University, New York City, NY.
- 2018 Human Evolutionary Biology Colloquium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2017 Lab for Experimental Evolutionary Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

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## SCIENCE COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

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- “Do kids cooperate naturally?” *The Last Show with David Cooper Podcast*. →
- “Sapiens”. *If Books Could Kill Podcast*. [Media consulting & fact-checking]. →
- “Sense of Self: The Human Journey”. *Duke Alumni Lifelong Learning*. →
- “Mind, Culture, & Visual Illusions”. *Decoding the Gurus Podcast* →
- “Children as agents of cultural evolution”. *ManyMinds Podcast* →
- Understanding childhood adversity across time & cultures. *APS Under the Cortex Podcast*. →
- The unique stresses of Western parenting. *CBC Tapestry with Mary Hynes*. →
- A viral thread reawakens the dark history of anthropology. *Nautilus*. →
- How does where you grow up impact who you become? *The Garden*. →
- What’s missing from childhood today? *WGBH Boston*. →
- Human vestigial structures. *TED-Ed Lesson*. →
- We have slashed & burned the core features of childhood. *The Washington Post*. →
- How industrialization changed childhood. *TED |TEDxCambridge*. →
- Evolutionary anthropology live phone-in. *BBC Radio Five Live*. →
- “Are we still evolving?” *BrainsOn* podcast. →
- Love, death, and other forgotten traditions. *Nautilus Magazine*. →

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## SELECT CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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Smith J.M. ✱, Strohminger N., **Amir, D.** The Essential Moral Self Across Cultures. Poster at the 2025 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Moral Psychology & Advances in Cultural Psychology pre-conferences.

Smith J.M. ✱, Mohamadpour, H., Engelmann, J., Davis, H. E., Krieger, J., Sørensen, B. G., Koster, J., Heysieattalab, S., **Amir, D.** A preference for epistemic over physical uncertainty across development: Evidence from three diverse cultures. Talk at the 2025 Society for Research in Child Development Annual Meeting (SRCD).

*Co-Organizer:* “The Social Science of Caregiving: Modeling Care” Workshop, Stanford Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. Stanford, CA.

*Invited plenary speaker:* **Amir D.** (2024) “Childhood Matters: The Importance of Development for the Evolutionary Human Sciences”. Human Behavior and Evolution Society Annual Meeting, Aarhus, Denmark.

**Amir D.**, Dahmani A., Alderete S., Krieger J., Keene G., Engelmann J., Kidd C., Gopnik A. (2024) “Children pay (surprisingly) high expected value costs to explore”. Poster at the Cognitive Development Society Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA.

**Amir D.** (2024) “Cultural and Developmental Influences on Judgment and Decision-Making”. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Judgment and Decision-Making (JDM) Pre-Conference. San Diego, CA.

*Invited panelist:* WEIRDest People in the World Conference (2023), University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN.

*Invited panelist:* Professional Development Symposium (2022). “Navigating Research and Publishing Across (Sub)Disciplines”. Society for Personality & Social Psychology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

*Invited panelist:* Professional Development Luncheon (2022) “How to Reach Broader Audience Through Media & Popular Science Writing”. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Amir D.**, Ahl R., Bolotin H., Bogese M., Gonzalez G., Callaghan T., Sugiyama L.S., McAuliffe K. (2021) “The development of forgiveness across diverse cultures”. Talk at the 2021 Society for Research in Child Developmental Annual Meeting.

**Amir D.**, Ahl R., Bolotin H., Bogese M., Gonzalez G., Callaghan T., Sugiyama L.S., McAuliffe K. (2021) “The development of trustworthiness and fairness across five diverse cultures”. Talk at the 2021 Society for Research in Child Development Annual Meeting.  
(Part of larger **organized symposium**: “Moral development across cultures: from judgment to behavior”)

**Amir D.** (2020) “The ontogeny of social decision-making across diverse cultural contexts”. Talk at the 2020 Cognitive Science Society meeting, as part of the Cognition, Collectives, and Human Culture workshop. [*Recording of talk* →]

**Amir D.** (2020) “Best practices for cross-cultural research networks”. Talk at the “Building sustainable global collaborative research networks” symposium. New York, NY. (*Canceled due to COVID-19*)

**Amir D.** (2020) “The development of decision-making across diverse contexts”. Talk at the international Symposium on Biology of Decision-Making in Paris, France. (*Canceled due to COVID-19*)

**Amir D.** (2020) “The development of decision-making across diverse contexts”. Talk at the Society for Cross-Cultural Research Meeting in Seattle, WA.  
(Part of larger **organized symposium**: “Developing frameworks for understanding cross-cultural variation in child development”)

*Invited discussion leader*: (2019) “Integrated approaches to research on culture: Professional and practical considerations”. Human Behavior and Evolution Society Meeting in Boston, MA.

**Amir D.**, Parsons W.S., McAuliffe K. (2019) “The dual roles of intent and remorse in the development of forgiveness”. Talk at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Meeting in Boston, MA.

**Amir D.**, Ahl R.E., Dunham Y. (2019) “Children make increasingly optimal decisions about risk throughout development”. Poster at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

**Amir D.**, Ahl R.E., Young L., McAuliffe K. (2019) “The development of virtue”. Talk at the Reasoning in Moral Thought and Action Workshop, Boston, MA.

**Amir D.**, Jordan M.R., McAuliffe K., Vallengia C.R., Sugiyama L.S., Bribiescas R.G., Snodgrass J.J., Dunham Y. (2017) “Risk & time preferences as adaptive strategies: An evolutionary and cross-cultural perspective”. Talk presented at the American Anthropological Association meeting, San Jose, CA.

**Amir D.**, Jordan M.R., McAuliffe K., Vallengia C.R., Sugiyama L.S., Bribiescas R.G., Snodgrass J.J., Dunham Y. (2018) “The developmental origins of patience: Evidence from diverse cultures ” Talk at SRCD — Promoting Character Development Among Diverse Children and Adolescents: The Roles of Families, Schools, and Out-Of-School-Time Youth Development Programs, Philadelphia, PA.

**Amir D.**, Jordan M.R., McAuliffe K., Valeggia C.R., Sugiyama L.S., Bribiescas R.G., Snodgrass J.J., Dunham Y. (2017) “Risk & time preferences as adaptive strategies: An evolutionary and cross-cultural perspective”. Talk presented at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society meeting, Boise, ID.

**Amir D.**, Jordan M.R., McAuliffe K., Valeggia C.R., Sugiyama L.S., Bribiescas R.G., Snodgrass J.J., Dunham Y. (2017) “Cross-cultural variation in children’s risk and time preferences”. Talk at the Cognitive Development Society Biannual Meeting, Portland, OR.

(Part of larger **organized symposium**: “Exploring cross-cultural variation in the development of children’s attitudes toward risk”)

**Amir D.**, Dunham Y., McAuliffe K., Jordan M.R., Liebert M., Snodgrass J., Urlacher S., Madimenos F., Sugiyama L., Bribiescas R.G. (2016). “Socioeconomic environment, intertemporal choice, and risky decision-making among Shuar children”. Poster at the Human Biology Association Annual Meeting; Atlanta, GA.

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## ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

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2025	Triangle Research Academy National Honor Society Roundtable
2025	Panelist, Duke University Alumni Engagement & Development
2023 - 2025	Mentor, American Arab, Middle Eastern, and North African Psychological Association (AMENA-PSY)
2023	<i>Times Higher Education CAMPUS</i> , Readers’ Consultancy Panel
2018 - 2019	Treasurer, <i>Women of HBES</i>
2017 - 2018	Co-Founder/Organizer, <i>Harvard-Yale Conference on Human Evolution</i>
2015	Co-Founder/Coordinator, <i>Yale Conversations in Cognition Series</i>
2015	Yale Humanist Society, STEAMM Mentoring Service Program
2014 - 2015	Yale Graduate Affiliate Mentorship Program, Trumbull College
2013 - 2017	Webmaster & Online Coordinator, Yale University Anthropology
2011 - 2012	Administrator, <i>UCLA Behavior, Evolution, &amp; Culture Speaker Series</i>
2008 - 2013	Project Director, <i>UCLA InterAxon Neuroscience Outreach Group</i>

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## TEACHING

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*Instructor*                      *Duke University:*  
PSY 340S|740S: Psychology of Cooperation  
PSY 103: Developmental Psychology: Introduction & Survey

*Guest Lecturer*                *Rutgers University*, PHIL 253: Human Nature & Human Diversity  
*Duke University*, PSY 465S: Advanced Cultural Psychology

*Yale University, ANTH 242: Human Evolutionary Biology*

*Emory University, PSYC 111: Introduction to Psychology II*

*University of California Berkeley*

PSYCH 140: Developmental Psychology

PSYCH 240A: Developmental Proseminar

*Boston College, PSYCH 336901: Understanding the Social World*

*University of New Haven, PSYC 1112: Introductory Psychology*

*Teaching Fellow*

Introduction to Biological Anthropology, Instructor: David Watts

Human Evolutionary Biology, Instructor: Claudia Valeggia

Introduction to Cognitive Science, Instructor: Brian Scholl

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## MENTORSHIP

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*Postdoctoral Researchers*

Julia M. Smith (2024 - present)

*PhD Students*

Serena Spada (2025 - present)

(Primary Advisor)

Alissa Rivero (2026 - present) — 2026 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Awardee

*PhD Students*

Deborah Cesarini, Patrick Reyes

(Committee Member)

*Lab Managers*

Gita Paladugu, Julia Bainbridge

*Undergraduate Senior Theses*

Katherine Zhong (Duke '26), Claire Heyne (Duke '26), Alissa Rivero (Duke '25), Justine Krieger (UC Berkeley '23), W. Shelby Parsons (Boston College '20)

*Undergraduate Program II Mentorship*

Day Kim (Duke '28)

*Undergraduate Researchers*

Supervised 35+ undergraduate research assistants across five institutions

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP

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Consulting Editor

*Human Nature*

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, Journal

*Nature Human Behaviour, Behavioral and Brain Sciences, Proceedings of the Royal Society: B, Nature Reviews Psychology, Developmental Science, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, American Journal of Human Biology, Human Nature, Evolution and Human Behavior, Evolutionary Psychological Science, Social Psychological and Personality Science, Frontiers in Psychology, Evolutionary Human Sciences, Evolutionary Psychology, Public Library of Science (PLoS), Child Development, Perspectives on Psychological Science*

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, Conferences

*Society for Research in Child Development, Cognitive Science*

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, Grants

*Leakey Foundation*

Member

Cognitive Development Society  
Association for Psychological Science  
Society for Research in Child Development  
Cognitive Science Society

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## COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH NETWORKS

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*2014 - present* Senior Member, *Shuar Health & Life History Project* →  
*2019 - present* Director of Outreach, *Forager Child Studies Research Group* →  
*2018 - present* Executive Committee Member, *Culture & Ontogeny Research Initiative* →  
*2018 - 2021* Researcher, *The Virtue Project at Boston College* →