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## EDUCATION

M.Phil Psychology, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, NY 2009  
M.A. Experimental Psychology, Brooklyn College of CUNY, NY 2007  
B.A. Acting, Central School of Speech and Drama, London, U.K. 1994

## PUBLICATIONS

Magee, M. W. & Hardin, C. D. (2010). In Defense of Religion: Shared Reality Moderates the Unconscious Threat of Evolution. *Social Cognition*.28, 379.

Ackroff, K., Bonacchi, K., Magee, M. W., Yiin, Y., Graves, J., & Sclafani, A., (2007). Obesity by choice revisited: Effects of food availability, flavor variety and nutrient composition on energy intake. *Physiology & Behavior*, 92, 468.

## PAPERS IN PRESS

Hardin, C. D., Cheung, M. H., Magee, M. W., Noel, S. & Yoshimura, K. (in prep). *The interpersonal functions of ideological thinking*. In Jon Hanson (Ed) *Ideology, Psychology, and Law*. Oxford University Press.

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Magee, M. W. & Kozbelt, A. (under review). Adult Romantic Attachment and Humor Styles. *European Journal of Personality*.

## PAPERS IN PREP.

Magee, M. W. & Kozbelt, A. (in prep). The Atheist Stereotype: Two perspectives of a modern prejudice.

## RESEARCH STATEMENT

Our beliefs are only as strong as the relationships upon which they are founded. Animated by ideas from shared reality theory and attachment theory, my research so far has looked at the interpersonal foundations of religious belief. I am interested in how threats to the personal religious experience are defended as a function of the quality of the parental relationship. My dissertation looks specifically at the psychological threat posed by atheists, and how anti-atheist prejudice is moderated by the perceived quality of the parental relationship.

My other research interests include: anti-atheist prejudice & atheist stereotyping, terror management theory, magical & superstitious thinking, how people unconsciously connect the scientific enterprise with atheism, and web-based data collection.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS - SYMPOSIA

Crawford, J., Magee, M.W., & Grysman, A. (2010 October). *The Effects of Mortality Salience in Religious Believers and Non-Believers*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Kaufman, S.B., Erickson, J, Ramesh, S, Kozbelt, A, Magee, M.W., Kaufman, J.C.(2010 June). *What are Funny People Like?* Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS - POSTERS

Magee, M. W. & Hardin, C.D. (2010 April). *Anti-Atheist Prejudice in the Interpersonal Regulation of Religious Belief: A Shared Reality Perspective*, Building Bridges All-Psychology Research Day, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, NY.

\**City-as-Lab: Using Brooklyn's Urban Spaces to Enact Place-Based Environmental Science Studies*, National Science Foundation's (NSF) annual GK12 conference, Washington, D.C., 2010

\*Magee, M.W. & Rahi, R. (2010 February). *The Effects of Air Pollution on Brooklyn Residents*, American Association for the Advancement of Science Conference, San Diego.

Magee, M. W. & Hardin, C.D. (2010 January). *Anti-Atheist Prejudice in the Interpersonal Regulation of Religious Belief: A Shared Reality Perspective*, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Magee, M. W. & Hardin, C.D. (2008). *Relationship Bolstering in Religious Experience: Adult Attachment Style Moderates Effects of Unconscious Threats to Religiosity*, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Magee, M. W. & Hardin, C.D. (2007). *Unconscious Thoughts of Evolution Affect the Religious Experience of Christians and Jews Differently*, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Memphis TN.

Magee, M. W. & Hardin, C.D. (2007). *Unconscious Thoughts of Evolution Affect the Religious Experience of Christians and Jews*, Association for Psychological Science Conference, Washington DC.

Magee, M. W. & Hardin, C.D. (2006). *Unconscious Evolutionary Thoughts Threaten the Religious Commitment of Christians and Jews*, Association for Psychological Science Conference, New York, NY.

\* Denotes posters and presentations associated with the NSF GK12 teaching fellowship.

## EDITORIAL and REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

Social Justice Research (SJR)  
Ad hoc reviewer

Society for the Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Ad hoc reviewer. Reviewed proposals submitted for presentation (2008)

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2009-2010 NFS GK12 Teaching Fellowship, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York  
 2008-2009 Graduate Fellowship A, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York  
 2004-2009 Chancellor's Tuition Fellowship Award, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York.  
 2004-2008 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Psychological Association (APA).  
 Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)  
 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)  
 Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP)

### **TEACHING POSITIONS**

Adjunct Instructor, Brooklyn College of CUNY, 2004-2010 (see below for teaching assignments)

### **COURSES TAUGHT** (Syllabi available upon request)

Cognitive Psychology, Brooklyn College, 2009-2010 (PSY 57.1; undergraduate elective course)  
 Independent Psychological Research, 2006-2010 (PSY 83.1; undergraduate advanced elective)  
 Social Psychology. Brooklyn College, 2006 -2010. (PSY 10; undergraduate elective course)  
 Introductory Psychology. Brooklyn College, 2005-2006. (PSY 1.1; undergraduate core course)  
 Experimental Psychology. Brooklyn College, 2004-2005. (PSY 57; undergraduate core course)

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Social Psychology  
 Cognitive Psychology  
 Research Methods  
 Evolutionary Psychology  
 Introductory Psychology  
 Critical Thinking (scientific analysis of pseudoscience and the paranormal)  
 History and Philosophy of Psychology

### **TECHNOLOGY PROFICIENCIES**

Research and Productivity: SPSS, Qualtrics, Eprime, FormArtist, Microsoft Office Suite

Web-Based Course Management: Blackboard, Moodle  
Web Authoring: Dreamweaver, NetObjects Fusion

Also proficient in the use of global positioning systems (GPS) and geospatial information systems (GIS; My World GIS)