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Education

PH.D. in Psychology with a certificate in Cognitive Neuroscience
University of Michigan

M.S. in Psychology
University of Michigan

B.A. in Cognitive Science
Brown University

Academic Appointment

2017– ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Legal Studies & Business Ethics
Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania
Center for Neuroscience and Society, University of Pennsylvania

Postdoctoral training

2016–2017 Psychology and Cognitive Science, Yale University
2015–2016 Yale School of Management

2012–2015 Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University
Center for Advanced Hindsight, Duke University

Research grants

2016–2018 Happiness and Well-Being Project (John Templeton Foundation), "Authentic Happiness and the Moral True Self" *($279,000)*
2015–2017 Self, Motivation & Virtue Project (John Templeton Foundation), "Investigating the Moral Self" *($190,000)*
2014–2016 Duke Institute for Brain Science (DIBS) Incubator Award, "Measuring Implicit Moral Attitudes" *($120,000)*
2013–2015 Immortality Project (John Templeton Foundation), "Death and the Self" *($246,293)*
2010–2011 University of Michigan Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) Grant

($15,000)

2009 University of Michigan Pillsbury Graduate Research Award *($1000)*

2008 University of Michigan Rackham Research Award *($3000)*

2007 University of Michigan Rackham Pre-candidate Research Award *($1000)*

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

2016 Winner, Emotion Researcher's Young Researcher Spotlight series
Awarded to "rising stars in emotion theory"

2015 Winner, Top 5 Philosophy of Aesthetics papers of 2014

2014 Editor's Choice Article, *Science, 343*, 1178

2011–2012 The Institute for Social Research Daniel Katz Dissertation Fellowship in Psychology

2011 Finalist, Society for Personality and Social Psychology Poster Award
University of Michigan Psychology Dissertation Fellowship

2010–2011 University of Michigan Center for Ethics in Public Life Dissertation Fellowship

2010 Hough Summer Research Scholarship for Psychology & Ethics Fellowship

2008–2009 Humor at Michigan Dissertation Fellowship

2008 UCSB Cognitive Neuroscience Summer Institute Fellowship
University of Michigan Pat Gurin Distinguished Lecture Award
Finalist, Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology (COGDOP) Graduate Research Scholarship

2007–2009 William Orr Dingwall Foundation Graduate Fellowship

2005 Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2003 Brown Undergrad Teaching and Research Assistantship (UTRA) Fellowship

Publications

2013– **Strohminger N.**, Newman, G., and Knobe, J. (in press). The True Self: A psychological concept distinct from the self. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*. [pdf] Media coverage: ICCI / New Scientist / NYmag

Heiphetz, L., **Strohminger, N.**, and Young, L. (2017). The Role of Moral Beliefs, Memories, and Preferences in Representations of Identity. *Cognitive Science, 41(3),* 744–767. [pdf]

Galak J., Gray K., Elbert I., and **Strohminger N.** Trickle-down preferences: Preferential conformity to high status peers in fashion choices (2016). *PLoS ONE, 11(5),* e0153448. [html]

Garfield, J.L., Nichols, S., Rai, A.K., and **Strohminger, N.** (2015). Ego, Egoism and the Impact of Religion on Ethical Experience: What a Paradoxical Consequence of Buddhist Culture Tells Us About Moral Psychology. *Journal of Ethics, 19(3),* 293–304. [pdf] Media coverage: Slate

Strohminger, N. and Nichols, N. (2015). Neurodegeneration and Identity. *Psychological Science, 26(9),* 1468–1479. [pdf] Media coverage: NYT / WSJ / APS / Huffington Post / New Republic / Pacific Standard / Medical Daily / Scientific American

Open Science Collaboration (2015). Estimating the Reproducibility of Psychological Science. *Science, 349(6251),* 944–955. [pdf] Media coverage: Nature / NYT / 538 / TIME / Slate / Atlantic / Vox / Guardian / Buzzfeed / Washington Post / Smithsonian

Strohminger, N., Gray, K., Chituc, V., Heffner, J., Schein, C., and Heagins, T. B. (in press). The MR2: A multi-racial, mega-resolution database of facial stimuli. *Behavior Research Methods*. [pdf]

Strohminger, N. (2015). Need for Empirical Recognition [Author reply]. *Emotion Review, 7(4),* 383. [pdf] Media coverage: Daily Nous

Strohminger, N. and Nichols, S. (2014). The Essential Moral Self. *Cognition, 1(31),* 159–171. [pdf] Media coverage: Science / Boston Globe / NPR

Gray, K., Schmitt, P., **Strohminger, N.**, Kassam, K. (2014). The Science of Style: In Fashion, Colors Should Match Only Moderately. *PLoS ONE, 9(7),* e102772. [html] Media coverage: Slate / Washington Post / Medical Daily / Fast Company / Elle / InStyle

Strohminger, N. (2014). Disgust Talked About. *Philosophy Compass, 9(7),* 478–493. [pdf]

Strohminger, N. (2014). The Meaning of Disgust: A Refutation [Target article]. *Emotion Review, 6(3),* 214–216. [pdf]

Strohminger, N. (2014). Grasping the nebula: Inelegant theories for messy phenomena [Author reply]. *Emotion Review, 6(3),* 225–228. [pdf]

Liao, S., **Strohminger N.**, Sripada, C. (2014). Empirically investigating imaginative resistance. *British Journal of Aesthetics, 54(3),* 339–355. [pdf] Winner: Top 5 Philosophy of Aesthetics papers of 2014

2008–2012 **Open Science Collaboration** (2012). An Open, Large-Scale, Collaborative Effort to Estimate the Reproducibility of Psychological Science. *Perspectives on Psychological Science, 7(6)*, 657–660. [pdf]

Strohminger N., Lewis R.L., Meyer D.E. (2011). Divergent effects of different positive emotions on moral judgment. *Cognition, 119,* 295–300. [pdf]

Strohminger N. and Moore, B. W. (2010). Banishing the thought [Commentary on the book *Doing without Concepts* by E. Machery]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 33(2-3),* 225-226. [pdf]

Potter M. C., Nieuwenstein M., **Strohminger N.** (2008). Whole report versus partial report in RSVP sentences. *Journal of Memory and Language, 58(4),* 907–915. [pdf]

Under revision and under review

Strohminger N., Lewis R. L., and Schwarz, N. Negative emotions make jokes funnier. (*Under revision at* Cognition & Emotion)

Heiphetz, L., **Strohminger, N.**, Gelman, S., Young, L. Who am I? The role of moral beliefs in identity. (*Under review at* Cognitive Development)

Nichols, S., **Strohminger N.**, Rai, A.K., Garfield, J.L. Death and the Self. (Joint first authorship with S. Nichols) (*Under review at* Mind & Language)

Strohminger N., Chituc V., and Schwarz, N. Is alacrity the soul of wit? (*Under review*)

Working papers

Strohminger, N., de Brigard, F. and Sinnott-Armstrong, W. Does moral deliberation reflect moral judgment?

Strohminger N., Pizarro, D. and Ariely, D. Are corporations people? The case of corporate identity.

Strohminger N., Lewis R. L., and Schwarz, N. Disgust as entertainment.

Strohminger, N.. Seven unwarranted assumptions about the role of emotions in moral judgment: An incomplete list.

Books

Strohminger, N. and Kumar, V. (Eds.). (Forthcoming). *The Moral Psychology of Disgust.* Rowman & Littlefield.

Contributed volumes

2015– **Strohminger, N.** (forthcoming). Identity is essentially moral. In K. Gray and J. Graham (Eds.), *Atlas of Moral Psychology*.

Garfield, J., Nichols, S. and **Strohminger, N.** (forthcoming). Egocentricity, episodic memory, and barriers to oneness. In Ivanhoe, P., Sarkissian, H. and Schwitzgebel, E., Flanagan, O. and Harrison, V. (Eds.) *The Oneness Hypothesis in Philosophy, Religion, and Psychology*. New York: Columbia University Press.

2014 **Strohminger, N.** , Caldwell, B., Cameron, D., Schaich Borg, J. and Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2014). Implicit morality: A methodological survey. In H. Rusch, C. Lütge and M. Uhl (Eds.), *Experimental Ethics* (pp. 133–156). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Strohminger, N. (2014). Arousal Theory (Berlyne). In S. Attardo (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Humor Studies.* London: SAGE Publications.

Invited talks

2017 **Strohminger N.** (April). Invited symposium on "The Bright Side of Our Dark Feelings". *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Seattle, WA.

Strohminger N. (January). Workshop on the Self and Psychological Essentialism. *New York University*, New York, NY.

2016 **Strohminger N.** (June). Pre-conference on "Transformative experience". *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Austin, TX.

Strohminger N. (May). Conference on "Oneness in Philosophy and Psychology". *City University of Hong Kong*, Hong Kong.

Strohminger N. (April). "The Self: Adventures in Experimental Philosophy". *Conversations in Cognition series, Yale University*, New Haven CT.

Strohminger N. (January). "Personal Identity vs. Attribution: A Battle to the Death". *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division*, Washington, DC.

2015 **Strohminger N.** (May). "The Essential Moral Self". *Scientific Study of Values Research Interest Group at the University of Oregon*, Eugene, OR.

Strohminger N. (March). "The Eastern Self, in Theory and in Practice". *Concepts of the Self lecture series at Scripps College*, Claremont, CA.

Strohminger N. (February). "The Essential Moral Self". *Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Common-Sense Beliefs and Lay Theories Pre-conference*, Long Beach, CA.

2014 **Strohminger N.** (December). Workshop on "Experimental Philosophy of the Self" [Keynote speaker]. *New York University*, New York, NY.

Strohminger N. (December). Talk on "The Moral Self" for the Boston Area Moral Cognition Group (BAM). *Boston University*, Boston, MA.

Strohminger N. (October). Workshop on "The Experimental Philosophy of Disgust". *Boise State University*, Boise, ID.

Strohminger N. (October). "The Ick Factor: How disgust shapes our sense of good and bad" [Public lecture]. *Boise State University*, Boise, ID.

Strohminger N. (May). Workshop on "Metaphors, Promises, Slurs, and Jokes." *Lawrence University*, Björklunden, Door County, Wisconsin.

Strohminger N. (February). Author-Meets-Critics session on Daniel R. Kelly's book "Yuck!". *American Philosophical Association, Central Division*, Chicago, IL.

Strohminger N. (February). Symposium on "Disgusting Normativity". *The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Charleston, SC.

2013 **Strohminger N.** (February). "Is Alacrity the Soul of Wit?". *North East Texas Humor Research Conference*, Dallas, TX.

2012 **Strohminger N.** (June). "Disgust and Moral Knowledge" [Commentary]. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Boulder, CO.

Strohminger N. (April). "The Gross and the Engrossing: Aesthetics and the Science of Disgust". *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Seattle, WA.

Strohminger N. (January). "Is Alacrity the Soul of Wit?". *Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Humor Pre-conference*, San Diego, CA.

2011 **Strohminger N.** (January). "Disgust as A Hedonic Experience: The Case of Humor". *Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Humor Pre-conference*, San Antonio, TX.

2010 **Strohminger N.** (June). "Developing Notions of Free Will: Preschoolers' Understanding of How Intangible Constraints Bind Their Freedom of Choice: Commentary" [Commentary]. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Portland, OR.

Conference presentations

2016 **Strohminger N.** (September). Symposium on "Moral Disgust: An Interrogation" [Talk]. *Society of Experimental Social Psychology*, Santa Monica, CA.

2015 **Strohminger N.**, de Brigard, F. and Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (June). "The Utilitarian Paradox: Cognition-heavy moral decisions are more susceptible to cognitive bias" [Talk]. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Durham, NC

Strohminger N. (May). "Identity is Essentially Moral" [Poster]. *Interdisciplinary Conference on Personal Identity and Decision Making*, Chicago, IL.

Heiphetz, L., **Strohminger N.**, and Young, L. L. (March). "Children's and Adults' Reasoning about Identity: Perspectives from Psychology and Philosophy" [Talk]. *Society for Research in Child Development*, Philadelphia, PA.

Strohminger N. (February). "Is the Self Pure, or is it Good?" [Talk]. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Long Beach, CA.

Strohminger N. (February). "The Essential Moral Self" [Talk]. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Common Sense and Lay Beliefs Pre-conference*, Long Beach, CA.

Heiphetz, L., **Strohminger N.**, and Young, L. L. (February). "The development of reasoning about identity" [Talk]. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Long Beach, CA.

2014 **Strohminger N.** , with Nosek, B. A., Lai, C. K., LeBel, E. P., and Gilbert, E. (May). "The Reproducibility Project: Estimating the Reproducibility of Psychological Science" [Talk]. *Association for Psychological Science*, San Francisco, CA. Talk. [Transcript on the SPSP blog]

2013 **Strohminger N.** (September). "The unstable role of disgust in art appreciation" [Talk]. *British Society of Aesthetics*, Cambridge, UK.

Strohminger N. and Nichols, S. (June). "The Essential Moral Self" [Talk]. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Providence, RI.

Strohminger N. and Gonzalez, R. (January). "Virtues, Vices, and Personality: Do People Reason the Same Way About All Individual Differences?" [Poster]. *So-*
2012 *ciety for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.

Strohminger N. and Nichols, S. (July). "X-Files for X-Philes: What Intuitions about Demonic Possession Reveal about the Essential Self" [Talk]. *Society for*
2011 *Philosophy and Psychology*, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Liao, S. and **Strohminger N.** (May). "Empirically Investigating Imaginative Resistance" [Talk]. *Methodology of Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art*, Bloomington, IN.

Strohminger N. and Nichols, S. (March). "X-Files for X-Philes: What Intuitions about Demonic Possession Reveal about Dualism" [Talk]. *Metaethics and Experimental Philosophy Workshop*, New York, NY.

Strohminger N. (January). "Disgust as A Hedonic Experience: The Case of Humor" [Poster]. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, TX. *Finalist for the 2011 SPSP Poster Award*

2010 **Strohminger N.** (May). "The Hedonics of Disgust" [Talk]. *Metaethics and Experimental Philosophy Workshop*, New York, NY.

Strohminger N., Lewis, R.L., and Meyer D.E. (January). "The Politics of Purity" [Poster]. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Las Vegas, NV.

2009 Liao, S. and **Strohminger N.** (October). "An Experimental Perspective on the Puzzles of Resistance" [Talk]. *Buffalo EERG Weekend*, Buffalo, NY.

Strohminger N., Lewis, R.L., and Meyer D.E. (February). "What Would Seinfeld Do? Divergent effects of different positive emotions on moral judgment" [Poster]. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Tampa, FL.

2008 **Strohminger N.**, Lewis, R.L., and Meyer D.E. (June). "The Differential Effect of Positive Social Emotions on Moral Decisions: An eyetracking study" [Poster]. *Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA.

Strohminger N., Lewis, R.L., and Meyer D.E. (July). "Positive Emotions and Moral Decisions" [Poster]. *Cognitive Science Institute: Minds and Societies*, Montreal, Canada.

2005 **Strohminger N.** (January). "Uncanny Valley and the Psychology of Desire" [Poster]. *Foundation IPSEN conference on the Neurobiology of Human Values*, Paris, France.

2004 **Strohminger N.** (July). "Uncanny Valley and the Psychology of Desire" [Poster]. *Human Behavior and Evolution Society Annual Meeting*, Berlin, Germany.

Strohminger N. (February). "Humean, All Too Humean: Free Will, Morality, and the Deterrence Paradox" [Poster]. *Towards A Science of Consciousness*, Tucson, AZ.

Editorial boards

Frontiers in Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology

Ad hoc reviewing

National Science Foundation, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Psychological Science, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Perspectives on Psychological Science, Cognition, Emotion, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Topics in Cognitive Science, Social Psychological and Personality Science, Journal of Cognitive Psychology, PLoS ONE, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Cognition & Emotion, Social Cognition, Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal, British Journal of Psychology, British Journal of Management, Personality and Social Psychology Review, Psychological Reports, Emotion Review, Philosophical Review, European Journal of Personality, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Human Nature, Behavioral Neuroscience, Philosophical Psychology, Minds and Machines, Poetica, The Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Frontiers in Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology, Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion

Professional affiliations

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
Association for Consumer Research (ACR)
Academy of Management (AOM)
Association for Psychological Science (APS)
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP)
Moral Psychology Research Group (MPRG)
Center for Open Science (COS)

Professional service

2011– Member, Open Science Collaboration for the Reproducibility Project: Psychology

2012–2014 Grants committee, Reproducibility Project

2012 Member, Poster Review Committee, Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Symposium Chair, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Pre-conference on Humor

2011 Chair, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Symposium on Moral Psychology
Co-organizer and symposium chair, Society for Personality and Social Psychology's first Pre-conference on Humor

2008–2011 Co-founder, University of Michigan Moral Psychology Reading Group

2007–2012 Mentor, Michigan Association of Psychology Scholars (MAPS) Undergraduate Mentorship Program

2007–2012 Mentor/PI, Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Research Mentorship Program

Public outreach

2016 World Science Festival Panelist, "My Society, My Self", June 5, 2016, New York, NY. [html]

2014–2015 Wireless Philosophy, "Personal Identity", [video]
Very Bad Wizards podcast, Episode 22, Episode 37, and Episode 75

Selected popular media

2017 "Your true self: Why it's morals that make the human", *New Scientist*, April 19, 2017. [html]

2016 "3 Insights About Donald Trump's Constant Lying", *New York Magazine*, March 29, 2016. [html]

2015 "Moral traits, not interests or memories, are core of human identity, Alzheimer's study finds", *Deseret News*, October 7, 2015. [html]
"Morals, Not Memories, Define Who We Are", *Scientific American*, September 29, 2015. [html]
"Is Our Identity in Intellect, Memory or Moral Character?", *The Wall Street Journal*, September 9, 2015. [html]
"Your Brain, Your Disease, Your Self", *The New York Times*, August 23, 2015. [html]
"We found only one-third of published psychology research is reliable – now what?", *The Conversation*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"Over half of psychology studies fail reproducibility test", *Nature*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"Many Psychology Findings Not as Strong as Claimed, Study Says", *New York Times*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"Psychology Is Starting To Deal With Its Replication Problem", *FiveThirtyEight*, August 27, 2015. [html]

"That Amazeballs Scientific Study You Just Shared on Facebook Is Probably Wrong, Study Says", *Slate*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"How Reliable Are Psychology Studies?", *The Atlantic*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"Science is often flawed. It's time we embraced that", *Vox*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"Study delivers bleak verdict on validity of psychology experiment results", *The Guardian*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"Many scientific studies can't be replicated. That's a problem", *Washington Post*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"Scientists Replicated 100 Psychology Studies, and Fewer Than Half Got the Same Results", *Nature*, August 27, 2015. [html]
"No, Social Science Is Not Doomed", *Pacific Standard*, August 24, 2015. [html]
"Identity Is Lost Without A Moral Compass", *Pacific Standard*, August 18, 2015. [html]
"Would you rather lose your morals or your memory?", *The New Republic*, August 12, 2015. [html]
"Who Are You? Identity and Dementia", *The Huffington Post*, June 10, 2015. [html]
"Why doesn't everyone have a date to the prom?", *Aeon Ideas*, June 8, 2015. [html]

2014 "The self is moral", Aeon magazine, November 17, 2014. [html]
"Fashion Quantified: Where does your outfit fall on this equation of style?", *Slate*, August 1, 2014 [html]
"The science of style and fashion", *Washington Post*, July 22, 2014 [html]
"Are 'Matchy-Matchy' Looks a Fashion Faux Pas? Science Says, Yes", *InStyle*, July 22, 2014 [html]
"Science Says Matching Isn't Fashionable", *Fast Company*, July 21, 2014 [html]
"Color Coordinating Is Not Chic, Says Science", *Elle*, July 21, 2014 [html]
"The Reformation: Can Social Scientists Save Themselves?", *Pacific Standard* magazine, May/June 2014 [html]
"The Mind Report", bloggingheads.tv, May 6, 2014 [html]
Ethics and Psychology podcast, Episode 7: The Moral Self, Moral Injury, and Moral Emotions
"Me Me Me", *Science Magazine* Editors' Choice, March 14, 2014 [html]
"Alzheimer's Challenges Notions Of Memory And Identity", *National Public Radio*, March 4, 2014 [html]

2011–2013 "Morality, Secret to Popularity", *The Boston Globe*, October 27 2013 [html]
"The Humor Code", *Wired* magazine, April 2011 [html]