Vladimir Chituc | Curriculum Vitae

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Education and research positions

2024—	Postdoctoral Associate with Laurie Santos	**Yale University**
2017—2024	PhD in Psychology with Brian Scholl	**Yale University**
2012—2017	Associate in Research with Dan Ariely	**Duke University**
2008—2012	B.S. in Psychology with distinction	**Yale University**

Awards and honors

2025	**Glushko Dissertation Award**, *Cognitive Science Society*	$10,000
2022	Yale GSAS Summer Writing-in-Residence Dissertation Fellowship	$500
2017—2022	**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship**	$138,000
2011	Timothy Dwight Richter Grant for Summer Research	$1,000

Journal articles

Chituc, V., Crockett, M. J., & Scholl, B. J. (2025). How to show that a cruel prank is worse than a war crime: Shifting scales and missing benchmarks in the study of moral judgment. *Cognition*.

Chituc, V., & Scholl, B. J. (2025). The El Greco Fallacy, this time with feeling: How (not) to measure group differences in emotional intensity. *Affective Science*.

McKee, P., Kim, He., Tang, H. Everett, J.A.C, **Chituc, V.** Gibea, T., Murrins Marques, L. Boggio, P. Sinott Armstrong, W. (2023). Does it matter who harmed whom? A cross-cultural study of moral judgments about harm by and to insiders and outsiders. *Current Psychology*.

Everett, J. A. C., Colombatto, C., Awad, E., Boggio, P., Bos, B., Brady, W. J., Chawla, M., **Chituc, V.**, … Crockett, M. J. (2021). Moral dilemmas and trust in leaders during a global health crisis. *Nature Human Behaviour*.

Chituc, V., & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2020). Moral conformity and its philosophical lessons. *Philosophical Psychology*.

Henne, P., Semler, J., **Chituc, V.**, De Brigard, F., & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2018). Against some recent arguments for 'ought' implies 'can.' *Philosophia*.

Kelly, M., Ngo, L**., Chituc, V.**, Huettel, S., & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2017). Moral conformity in online interactions: rational justifications increase influence of peer opinions on moral judgments. *Social Influence*.

Chituc, V., Henne, P., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., & De Brigard, F. (2016). Blame, not ability, impacts moral "ought" judgments for impossible actions: Toward an empirical refutation of "ought" implies "can." *Cognition*.

Henne, P., **Chituc, V.**, De Brigard, F., & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2016). An empirical refutation of "ought" Implies "can." *Analysis*.

Strohminger, N., Gray, K., **Chituc, V.**, Heffner, J., Schein, C., & Heagins, T. B. (2015). The MR2: A multi-racial, mega-resolution database of facial stimuli. *Behavior research methods*.

Edwards, B. E., Rottman, B., Shankar, M., Betzler, R., **Chituc, V.**, Rodriguez, R., Silva, L., Wibecan, L., Widness, J.& Santos, L. R. (2014). Do capuchin monkeys (Cebus apella) diagnose causal relations in the absence of a direct reward? *PLoS ONE*.

Gjersoe, N. L., Newman, G., **Chituc, V.**, and Hood, B. (2014). Individualism and the extended-self: Cross-cultural differences in the valuation of authentic objects. *PLoS ONE.*

Manuscripts, book chapters, and preprints

Chituc, V. Do moral judgments follow the Weber-Fechner laws? Yes and no (respectively). *Manuscript in preparation.*

Everett, J.A.C., Skorburg, J.A., Livingston, J.L., **Chituc, V.**, Crockett, M.J. (2022). Morality dominates perceived identity persistence for the self, a stranger, a friend, and a foe. In Tobia, K. (Ed.). Experimental Philosophy of Identity and the Self. London, Bloomsbury.

Chituc, V., Paul, L., & Crockett, M. (2021). Evaluating Transformative Decisions. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*

Chituc, V. On the magic of 10 bits/s: A surprise constraint on the channel capacity of machine and human intelligence. *Preprint*

Talks and posters

Chituc, V. (2025) Moral and affective psychophysics: Or, how (not) to study subjective magnitude. Talk presented at the 47th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society conference in San Francisco, CA. *Part of the Glushko Award Symposium*

Chituc, V. (2025) Representing moral magnitude: Linear encoding, scalar variability, and logarithmic compression onto Likert. Poster presented at the 51st annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology conference in Ithaca, NY.

Chituc, V. (2024) Moral Psychophysics: Some old and new work. Talk Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference in San Diego, CA.

Chituc, V. & Crockett, M. J. (2023) How to show that a cruel prank is worse than a war crime? Use standard measures and a between-subjects design. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference in Atlanta, GA.

Kealoha, C.*, **Chituc, V.***, Carlson, R., & Crockett, M. (2022). Altruism dominates selfishness in spontaneous inferences about public displays of moral behavior. Poster presented at the 3rd joint meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology. * *These authors contributed equally to this work.*

Chituc, V. (2022). Apparent gender differences in emotional intensity are probably just artefacts caused by the improper use of labeled scales. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Six College Conference, held virtually. | *6CC (formerly 5CC / 4CC) is a yearly social psychology conference organized by graduate students at Yale, Cornell, Columbia, NYU, Princeton, and CUNY.*

Chituc, V., Paul, L., & Crockett, M.J. (2021). Evaluating Transformative Decisions. Talk presented at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society virtual conference.

Chituc, V., Bloom, P., & Crockett, M. J. (2021) The Moral Devaluation of Art. Talk presented at the 21st meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology virtual conference

Chituc, V., Paul, L.A.., Crockett, M. J. (2019) The Moral Devaluation of Art. Poster Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference in Portland, OR.

Chituc, V. (2018) Moral conformity in online interactions: Rational justifications increase influence of peer opinions on moral judgments Talk given at the Boston Area Moral Cognition Group.

Chituc, V. (2018) Moral conformity in online interactions. Data blitz given at the 2018 meeting of the 5 College Conference in Princeton, NJ.

Chituc, V., Kim, H., Tang, H., Gibea, T., Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2018) Loyalty and Care Across Cultures: Diverging Effects of Interpersonal Closeness on Judgements of Harm. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference. Atlanta, GA.

Chituc, V. Toward an Empirical Refutation of "Ought" Implies "Can." (2016) Talk presented at the Center for Research in Applied Ethics at the University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania.

Chituc, V., Henne, P., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., & De Brigard, F. (2016) Blame, not ability, impacts moral "ought" judgments for impossible actions: Toward an empirical refutation of 'ought' implies 'can.' Talk at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Austin, TX.

Chituc, V., Henne, P., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., & De Brigard, F. (2015) You Ought to but You Can't:

Blame Drives Judgments of the Ought-Implies-Can Principle. Poster presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Durham, NC.

Santos, L. R., Edwards, B. J., Rottman, B., **Chituc, V.** & Edwards, J. (2011) Do capuchin monkeys diagnose causal structure? Talk at the 7th biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society. Philadelphia, PA.

Teaching and mentorship

Lecturer   The Science of Wellbeing, Foote School (2024). *Designed and taught a 3-lecture course on the science of wellbeing to local high school students.*

Introduction to Psychology, Yale University (2021—2023). *Designed and taught a guest lecture on measurement and psychophysics to introductory course of ~300 students.*

Introduction to Cognitive Science, Yale University (2018). *Designed and taught a guest lecture on reasoning and rationality to introductory course of ~300 students.*

The Science of Wellbeing, University of Connecticut (2021). *Led discussions and online sessions for* The Science of Well-Being, *a college-level course for high-school students*.

Personal statement writing workshop, Yale Sneak Peak program (2020—2025). *Designed and taught yearly personal statement writing workshop for marginalized students applying to PhD programs.*

Teaching Fellow   Yale University, Multivariate Statistics (2024), Introduction to Psychology (2020, 2024), The Mystery of Sleep (2019, 2024).

Mentoring   Silliman College Mellon Forum (2017—2024), Yale University.
Supported a group of 20 seniors as they presented on their thesis work to their peers.

Graduate Writing Lab (2018—2024), Yale University. *Weekly consultations with graduate students to discuss drafts and provide guidance to improve writing skills in one-on-one meetings*

Peer Orientation Program (2020), Yale University.
Met weekly with a small group of 10 first year graduate students to build community virtually given COVID restrictions

Thesis Advising: Michael Tappel, '18, *Cognitive Science.*
Sofia Caro, '21. Laura Koech, '21, *Psychology*.

Research Assistants: Breanna Nguyen, '25. Keenan Miller, '25. Ynes Traore, '25. Ilyana Benjelloun, '24. Mira Raju, Yale '24. Charlotte Austin, Cardiff '22. Rachel Calcott, '22. Conor Downey, '22. Yehia Elkersh, '22. Jarett Malouf, '22. Endure McTier, '22. Karissa McCright, '22. Amisha Vyas, NYU '22. Nell Mermin-Bunnell, '21. Alexa Owen, WCSU '21

Selected popular press articles

2016   The Data Against Kant. *The New York Times.*
2015   Would you rather lose your morals or your memory? *The New Republic.*
2015   Why we fall for fake science. *The Daily Beast.*

Service and professional experience

2018—2022   Yale organizer for 6CC (formerly 5CC) | *annual graduate student organized social psychology conference*
2019—2020   Student organizer for Social Area colloquium, Yale University.

2018—2019	Student organizer for Social Area current works weekly talk series, Yale University.
Reviewer	Cognition, Consciousness and Cognition, Open Mind, Synthese, PLoS One, Personality and Individual Differences, Scientific Reports, Cognitive Science Society Conference, Philosophical Psychology.
Membership	Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2015—present) Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2015—present) Cognitive Science Society (2021—present) Society for Judgment and Decision Making (2020—2021)

Professional References

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