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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 - **University of Waterloo**, Ontario, CA
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
- 2024 - **University College London**, London, UK
Honorary Lecturer, Department of Experimental Psychology
- 2022 - 2023 **University College London**, London, UK
Research Fellow, Department of Experimental Psychology
Sponsor: Steve Fleming
- 2021 - 2022 **Yale University**, New Haven, CT
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Psychology
Sponsor: M. J. Crockett

EDUCATION

- 2015 - 2021 **Yale University**, New Haven, CT
M.S. (2018), *M. Phil.* (2018), *Ph.D.* (2021) in Cognitive Psychology
Advisor: Brian Scholl
- 2011 - 2015 **Duke University**, Durham, NC
B.A. in Philosophy (*magna cum laude*)
B.S. in Neuroscience (*with High Distinction*)
Advisors: Scott Huettel & Walter Sinnott-Armstrong

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2026 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Insight Development Grant
“The Moral Weight of Confidence: How Decision Dynamics Shape Perceptions of Moral Character”
PI: Colombatto
Amount: CAD \$36,739

- 2025 Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF)
“Socio-Cognitive Foundations of Human-Machine Interactions”
PI: Colombatto, Co-PIs: Elizabeth Nilsen, Evan Risko
Amount: CAD \$450,000
- 2025 University of Waterloo — Network for Aging Research (NAR)
Catalyst Grant
“Attentiveness-Aware Robot Teleoperation for Aging in Place”
PI: Yue Hu, Co-PI: Colombatto
Amount: CAD \$10,000
- 2024 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
Discovery Grant
“Perceptual Mechanisms of Mental State Representation”
PI: Colombatto
Amount: CAD \$212,500
- 2024 University of Waterloo — *Interdisciplinary Research Infrastructure Seed Grant*
“Future Training Laboratory”
PI: Evan Risko, Co-PI: Colombatto
Amount: CAD \$10,000
- 2024 Microsoft Research — *Cognition, and the Economy (AICE) Program*
“Metacognition and Trust in Human-AI Collaboration” Extension
PI: Colombatto
Amount: CAD \$70,000
- 2024 University of Waterloo — UW/SSHRC Explore Grant
“How Doubt Illuminates Moral Character”
PI: Colombatto
Amount: CAD \$7,000
- 2023 Microsoft Research — *Cognition, and the Economy (AICE) Program*
“Metacognition and Trust in Human-AI Collaboration”
PI: Colombatto, Co-PIs: Steve Fleming, Jonathan Birch, Marco Wittmann
Amount: CAD \$34,000

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2025 *Outstanding Reviewer Award, Cognition*
Awarded to contributions of “exceptional clarity, depth, and scholarly insight”

- 2023 *Exceptional Reviewer Award, Journal of Vision*
Awarded to “the most thoughtful, expert and helpful reviews”
- 2022 *James B. Grossman Dissertation Prize*
Awarded annually to the best doctoral dissertation in Psychology at Yale
- 2019 *Student Travel Award*
Object Perception, Attention, and Memory Conference
- 2019 *Student Travel Award*
Vision Sciences Society
- 2016 *Phi Beta Kappa*
Duke University

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 *Neuroscience of Consciousness Winter School Fellowship*
CIFAR program in Brain, Mind & Consciousness
- 2019 *Computational Summer School Fellowship*
Methods in Neuroscience at Dartmouth
- 2016 *Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellowship*
Kavli Foundation
- 2014 *Neuroscience Program of Research Fellowship*
Duke University
- 2013 *Bass Connections Scholarship*
Duke University

PUBLICATIONS (*equal contribution; ^student trainee)

Awad, E., **Colombatto, C.**, Demaree-Cotton, J., Earp, B. D., Everett, J. A. C., Liu, P., Schaefer, G. O., Singh, I., Wilkinson, D., & Savulescu, J. (in press). Public perceptions of polygenic testing and embryo selection for non-medical traits. *Nature Human Behaviour*.

Colombatto, C. (in press). Public beliefs about AI sentience. In C. Chace & T. Lappas (Eds.), *Perspectives on Machine Consciousness* (pp. 233-239). Chapman and Hall/CRC.

Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2026). Beliefs about accuracy shape confidence attributions to humans and artificial agents. *Communications Psychology*, 4, Article 114, 1–15.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C., & Ristic, J. (2026).** Perceptual grouping of individuals in social triads. *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*, 88, Article 60, 1–8.

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2025). Attending to attention: Reverse correlation reveals subtle cues to attentiveness in others' faces. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 32, 3176–3184.

Colombatto, C., Capozzi, F., Fratino, V., & Ristic, J. (2025). A perceptual advantage for social groups in interactive configurations. *Visual Cognition*, 32, 574–585.

Colombatto, C., Birch, J., & Fleming, S. M. (2025). The influence of mental state attributions on trust in Large Language Models. *Communications Psychology*, 3, Article 84, 1–7.

*Nguyen, D-A., *Bhattacharyya, R., **Colombatto, C., Fleming, S., Posner, I., & Hawes, N. (2025).** Group decision-making in robot teleoperation: Two heads are better than one. *IEEE/ACM International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction*.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C., & Ristic, J. (2024).** Search advantages for facing social groups reflect optimal interactive group sizes. *iScience*, 27, Article 111105, 1–12.

*Kim, J. S., ***Colombatto, C., & Crockett, M. J. (2024).** Goal inference in moral narratives. *Cognition*, 251, Article 105865, 1–12.

Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2024). Folk psychological attributions of consciousness to large language models. *Neuroscience of Consciousness*, 2024, Article niae013, 1–5.

Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2024). Perceived gaze dynamics in social interactions can alter (and even reverse) the perceived temporal order of events. *Cognition*, 247, Article 105745, 1–8.

Bhattacharyya, R., **Colombatto, C., Fleming, S., Posner, I., & Hawes, N. (2023).** Investigating the role of metacognition for joint decision-making in human-robot collaboration. *AAAI 2023 Summer Symposium: Building Connections: From Human-Human to Human-AI Collaboration*.

Colombatto, C., Everett, J. A. C., Senn, J., Maréchal, M. A., & Crockett, M. J. (2023). Vaccine nationalism counterintuitively erodes public trust in leaders. *Psychological Science*, 34, 1309–1321.

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2022). Unconscious pupillometry: An effect of ‘attentional contagion’ in the absence of visual awareness. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *151*, 302–308.

Colombatto, C., Uddenberg, S., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). The efficiency of demography in face perception. *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*, *83*, 3104–3117.

Colombatto, C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). Hidden intentions: Visual awareness prioritizes perceived attention even without eyes or faces. *Cognition*, *217*, Article 104901, 1–7.

*Everett, J. A. C., ***Colombatto, C.**, Awad, E., Boggio, P., Bos, B., Brady, W. J., Chawla, M., Chituc, V., Chung, D., Drupp, M. A., Goel, S., Grosskopf, B., Hjorth, F., Ji, A., Kealoha, C., Kim, J. S., Lin, Y., Ma, Y., Maréchal, M. A., Mancinelli, F., Mathys, C., Olsen, A. L., Pearce, G., Prosser, A. M. B., Reggev, N., Sabin, N., Senn, J., Shin, Y. S., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., Sjøstad, H., Strick, M., Sul, S., Tummers, L., Turner, M., Yu, H., Zoh, Y., & Crockett, M. J. (2021). Moral dilemmas and trust in leaders during a global health crisis. *Nature Human Behaviour*, *5*, 1074–1088.

Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2020). Gaze deflection reveals how gaze cueing is tuned to extract the mind behind the eyes. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *117*, 19825–19829.

Colombatto, C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2020). Gazing without eyes: A ‘stare-in-the-crowd’ induced by simple geometric shapes. *Perception*, *49*, 782–792.

Colombatto, C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2019). Intentionally distracting: Working memory is disrupted by the perception of other agents attending to you — even without eye-gaze cues. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, *26*, 951–957.

Chen, Y. -C., **Colombatto, C.**, & Scholl, B. J. (2018). Looking into the future: An inward bias in aesthetic experience driven only by gaze cues. *Cognition*, *176*, 209–214.

Colombatto, C., & McCarthy, G. (2017). The effects of face inversion and face race on the P100 ERP. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, *29*, 664–676.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

^Simpson, C., & **Colombatto, C.** (in revision). The appearance of mind: Folk attributions of cognitive capacities to large language models.

Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (in revision). Perceiving others’ metacognition: The role of metacognitive sensitivity in competence impressions.

Colombatto, C., Conway, P., De Brigard, F., Hofmann, W., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., Stanley, M. L., Yu, H., & Crockett, M. J. (in revision). Motivated abstraction of personal transgressions in moral narratives.

Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (under review). Metacognition and self-awareness in humans and machines.

^Hussain, L., & **Colombatto, C.** (under review). When attention turns to you: How eye contact alters subjective time duration.

Colombatto, C., Rintel, S., & Tankelevitch, L. (under review). Metacognition and confidence dynamics in advice-taking from Generative AI.

^Simpson, C., **Colombatto, C.**, & Fugelsang, J. A. (under review). Trusting the machine: How anthropomorphism impacts epistemic trust in generative AI.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (under review). Close encounters: Interpersonal distance shapes social group perception.

Cesarini, D., Brown, D. F., Rehren, P., Simmons, C., **Colombatto, C.**, Zong, C., Crockett, M. J., Huettel, S. A., & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (under review). Everyday moral stories evoke different cognitive processes than traditional academic vignettes.

^Yan, C., ^Farquharson, E., ^Patient, C., Fleming, S. M., & **Colombatto, C.** (submitted). Individual differences in social cognition predict attributions of consciousness to AI.

Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (submitted). 'Mind contact': Perceptual roots of social cognition.

^Yeung, M., **Colombatto, C.**, & Risko, E. F. (submitted). How the relation between accuracy and difficulty shapes perceived task competence.

Rebello, K., Rasouli, S., **Colombatto, C.**, Fernandes, N., Nehaniv, C. L., & Dautenhahn, K. (submitted). A little less mimicry, a little more empathy: Modeling robot empathic responses for human-robot interaction.

Watson, A., Birch, J., & **Colombatto, C.** (submitted). The effects of linguistic mimicry on user trust in large language models.

WORKING PAPERS

^Huang, Y., van Dijk-Allen, M., Smilek, D., & **Colombatto, C.** (invited submission). Intuitive theories of attention: From introspection to everyday cognition.

Colombatto, C. (invited submission). Vision and mentalizing. *Elements in Perception*. Cambridge University Press.

Colombatto, C., Crockett, M. J., & Scholl, B. J. (in preparation). ‘Perceptual ageism’: Distinct trajectories of first impressions from faces across their lifespan.

Colombatto, C., McCrackin, S. D., Scholl, B. J., & Ristic, J. (in preparation). Pupil dilation widens the perceived cone of direct gaze.

*Everett, J. A. C., ***Colombatto, C.**, ..., & Crockett, M. J. (in preparation). Moral dilemmas: from theory to practice.

Colombatto, C., Wu, B., Albini, A., Nygren, M., Berthouze, N., Maiolino, P., & Fleming, S. M. (in preparation). Metacognition in motion: Action force as an implicit marker of confidence.

INVITED TALKS

- 2026 York University, BBSC pre-conference on “Social Gaze”
- 2025 University of Waterloo, Social Psychology seminar
- 2025 The City University of New York (CUNY), Cognitive Science seminar
- 2025 University of Guelph, Neuroscience and Applied Cognitive Science seminar
- 2025 UCL-PSL Summer School on Consciousness and Metacognition
- 2025 International Center for Consciousness Studies Conference “AI and Sentience”
- 2025 University of Guelph, Psychology Graduate Student Association Conference
- 2025 University of Toronto, Psychology department
- 2025 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Cognition seminar
- 2024 University of Guelph, Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical AI
- 2024 Microsoft Research, Collaborative Intelligence group
- 2024 Croatian Consciousness & Computation Conference
- 2024 Animal Consciousness Conference

- 2024 Western University, Mind and Brain Institute
- 2024 Georgia Institute of Technology, Rahnev Lab
- 2024 University of Central Lancashire, Perception and Cognition Neuroscience Group
- 2023 Université Libre de Bruxelles, Center for Research in Cognition & Neurosciences
- 2023 LSE-UCL Workshop on Attributions of Consciousness to AI
- 2023 Oxford Robotics Institute
- 2023 UCL-PSL Summer School on Consciousness and Metacognition
- 2023 Birkbeck, University of London, Department of Psychology
- 2022 University of Waterloo, Department of Psychology
- 2022 University of Bristol, Robotics Laboratory
- 2021 McGill University, Laboratory for Attention & Social Cognition
- 2021 UCLA, Computational Vision and Learning Laboratory
- 2021 University College London, Consciousness Club
- 2020 New School for Social Research, Perception Laboratory

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

^Huang, Y., & **Colombatto, C.** (2026). Intuitive theories of attention shape perceptions of others' attentiveness. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Psychological Association*, Montreal, QC, Canada.

^Smith, C. & **Colombatto, C.** (2026). Minds in motion: Inferring mental states from observed kinematics. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science*, Toronto, ON, Canada.

^Hussain, L., & **Colombatto, C.** (2026). When attention turns to you: How eye contact alters the perception of time. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science*, Toronto, ON, Canada.

^Cash, T. N., Johnson, S. B. G., & **Colombatto, C.** (2026). How we think we know ourselves: Investigating Meta-Meta knowledge in decision making. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science*, Toronto, ON, Canada.

^Yeung, M., **Colombatto, C.**, & Risko, E. F. (2026). How the relationship between accuracy and difficulty shapes perceived task competence. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science*, Toronto, ON, Canada.

^Bal, S. & **Colombatto, C.** (2026). Social cues and facial attractiveness: How gaze shapes aesthetic perception. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Toronto Aesthetics Sciences and Creativity Conference*, Toronto, ON, Canada.

^Yeung, M., Risko, E. F., & **Colombatto, C.** (2026). How patterns of mistakes shape perceived competence. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

^Bal, S., & **Colombatto, C.** (2026). How gaze and head direction shape first impressions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2025). Social metacognition: The role of confidence calibration in competence impressions. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, Denver, CO.

^Simpson, C., **Colombatto, C.**, & Fugelsang, J. A. (2025). Trusting the machine: How anthropomorphism impacts epistemic trust in generative AI. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, Denver, CO.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2025). Searching for facing social groups: An eye-tracking study. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, Denver, CO.

Colombatto, C. (2025). Attributions of consciousness to AI: From mind perception to trust. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, Heraklion, Greece.

Erdogan, M., Wong, K., & **Colombatto, C.** (2025). Perceived social dynamics bias representations of motion. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Ithaca, NY.

Colombatto, C., McCrackin, S. D., Scholl, B. J., & Ristic, J. (2025). Eyes vs. attentiveness: Pupil dilation widens the perceived cone of direct gaze. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 25(9), 1885, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2810220>.]

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.,** & Ristic, J. (2025). Interpersonal distance modulates the detection of social groups. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 25(9), 2307, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2809836>.]

^Simpson, C., & **Colombatto, C.** (2025). The mind in the machine: How theory of mind capabilities in generative AI agents impact impressions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

^Wu, B., Albini, A., Nygren, M., Berthouze, N., Maiolino, P., Fleming, S. M., & **Colombatto, C.** (2025). Metacognition in motion: Action force as an implicit marker of confidence. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2024). "Attending to attention": The perception of attentiveness in others' faces. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science*, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.,** & Ristic, J. (2024). Unveiling the dynamics of pupil responses to gaze signals. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Psychological Association*, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.,** & Ristic, J. (2024). Hindered individuation of people in facing relative to non-facing social groups. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Social & Affective Neuroscience Society Conference*, Ottawa, ON, Canada.

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2024). Attending to attention: Reverse correlation reveals how we perceive attentiveness in other people's faces. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment*, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada.

Ristic, J., Yan, L., & **Colombatto, C.** (2023). Social perceptual grouping is sensitive to group size. Talk given at the *European Conference on Visual Perception*, Paphos, Cyprus.

Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2023). Illusions of confidence in artificial systems. Poster presented at the *Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*, Oxford, UK.

Yan, L., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2023). Perceptual grouping of social interactions is sensitive to group size. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Canadian Psychological Association*, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2023). Inferring metacognition in humans and machines. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, New York, NY.

Colombatto, C., & Fleming, S. M. (2023). Illusions of confidence in the advice of artificial systems. Talk given at the Perceptual Metacognition Satellite of the *Association of Scientific Studies of Consciousness*, New York, NY.

Ristic, J., **Colombatto, C.**, & Yan, L. (2023). From dyads to crowds: Perceptual unity of group interactions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 23(9), 5336, <https://doi.org/10.1167/jov.23.9.5336>.]

Colombatto, C., Guo, Y. Y. L., Scholl, B. J., & Ristic, J. (2022). Pupil size modulates gaze cueing. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, online.

McCrackin, S. D., **Colombatto, C.**, Fratino, V., Scholl, B. J., & Ristic, J. (2022). Pupil dilation widens the perceived cone of direct gaze. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, online.

Ristic, J., **Colombatto, C.**, & Fratino, V. (2022). Perceptual grouping of social interactions: From dyads to triads. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Psychonomic Society*, online.

Crockett, M. J., **Colombatto, C.**, & Chawla, M. (2022). Immoral behavior generates higher disagreement in collective moral impressions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Milan, Italy.

Colombatto, C., & Crockett, M. J. (2022). Motivated obfuscation of moral transgressions in natural language. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Milan, Italy.

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2022). Attending to attention: Reverse correlation reveals how we perceive attentiveness in other people's faces. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 22(14), 3339, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2783984>.]

Fu, S., Chen, Y. -C., **Colombatto, C.**, & Lu, H. (2022). Visual impressions of social avoidance from moving shapes. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 22(14), 3693, <https://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2784196>.]

Fratino, V., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2022). From dyads to triads: Perceptual unity of social groups. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, online.

Colombatto, C., & Crockett, M. J. (2022). Linguistic obfuscation of reality in narratives of moral transgressions. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Francisco, CA.

Fratino, V., **Colombatto, C.**, & Ristic, J. (2022). Two is company, three is a crowd: Perceptual unity of dyads and small groups. Talk given at the annual *Harvard Women in Psychology Trends in Psychology Summit*, online.

Colombatto, C., Kim, J. S., Rodriguez, D., & Crockett, M. J. (2021). I see where you are going: Perception of persuasion goals in moral narratives influences character impressions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Cognitive Sciences Society*, online.

Crockett, M. J., Kim, J. S., & **Colombatto, C.** (2021). Competing goals in the construction and perception of moral narratives. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, online.

Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). From eyes to minds: Perceiving perception, and attending to attention? Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, online.

Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). Gazing to look vs. gazing to think: Gaze cueing is modulated by the perception of others' external vs. internal attention. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, online. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 21(9), 2800, <https://arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2777666>.]

Lopez-Brau, M., **Colombatto, C.**, Jara-Ettinger, J., & Scholl, B. J. (2021). Attentional prioritization for historical traces of agency. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, online. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 21(9), 2748, <https://arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2777716>.]

Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2020). Observed gaze dynamics in social interactions alter the perceived temporal order of events. Talk given at the annual *Object Perception, Attention, & Memory* meeting, online.

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2020). Eyes vs. minds: A Janus-like manipulation reveals that perceived intentionality boosts gaze cueing. Poster accepted at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, online.

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2019). Unconscious attentional contagion: Faster breakthrough into awareness for faces with dilated pupils. Poster presented at the annual *Object Perception, Attention, & Memory* meeting, Montréal, Québec, CA.

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2019). Unconscious pupillometry: Faces with dilated pupils gain preferential access to visual awareness. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 19(10), 218, <https://arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2750796>.]

Uddenberg, S., **Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2019).** The speed of demography in face perception. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 19(10), 229d, <https://arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2750849>.]

Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2018). Illusions of morality: Visual impressions of causality override overt judgment in moral decision making. Talk given at the annual *European Conference on Visual Perception*, Trieste, Italy.

Chen, Y. -C., **Colombatto, C., & Scholl, B. J. (2018).** Looking into the future: An inward bias in aesthetic experience driven only by gaze cues. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 18(10), 1333, <http://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2700313>.]

Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2018). Gaze cueing is tuned to extract the mind behind the gaze: Investigations of ‘gaze deflection’. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 18(10), 197, <http://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2699191>.]

Colombatto, C., Chen, Y. -C., & Scholl, B. J. (2017). Gaze cueing is tuned to extract the mind behind the gaze: Investigations of ‘gaze deflection’. Poster presented at the annual *European Conference on Visual Perception*, Berlin, Germany.

Colombatto, C., van Buren, B., & Scholl, B. J. (2017). ‘Mind contact’: Might eye-gaze effects actually reflect more general phenomena of perceived attention and intention? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL. [Abstract published in *Journal of Vision*, 17(10), 60, <http://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2650946>.]

Colombatto, C., McCarthy, G. (2017). Face processing at 100 ms: the effects of race and configuration. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, CA.

Colombatto, C. (2014). I'll do what you think we should do: Pronouns and the construction of the tutoring community. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Southeastern Writing Center Association*, Greenville, NC.

Russell, V. & **Colombatto, C.** (2013). We deliver!: The multi-modal medium is the message. Talk given at the annual meeting of the *Southeastern Writing Center Association*, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

TEACHING

University of Waterloo

Undergraduate Courses

2026	Perception
2025	Cognitive Processes
2024-2026	Honours Seminar in Cognition: Social Perception
2024	Reading Course: Metacognition

Graduate Courses

2025	Special Topics in Cognition and Perception: Metacognition
2024	Reading Course: Metamemory
2024	Special Topics in Cognition and Perception: Social Perception

Guest Lectures

2026	Cognitive Science Seminar (Jesse Hoey, Waterloo)
2025	Social Attention and Cognition (Mario Dalmasso, U of Padova)
2025	Cognitive Processes (Evan Risko, Waterloo)
2024	Affective Computing (Jesse Hoey, Waterloo)
2024	Systems Design Engineering (Cameron Shelley, Waterloo)
2023	Neuroscience MSc (Tali Sharot, UCL)

Yale University

2020	Teaching Fellow, The Modern Unconscious (John Bargh)
2018	Teaching Fellow, Decision-Making (Dave Rand)
2017	Teaching Fellow, Cognitive Neuroscience (Steve Chang)
2017	Teaching Fellow, Social Psychology (John Bargh)
2016	Teaching Fellow, Intro to Cognitive Science (Brian Scholl)
2016 - 2018	Writing Fellow, Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

Duke University

2015	Teaching Assistant, Calculus and Functions II (Lewis Blake,)
2015	Teaching Assistant, Calculus and Functions II (Emily Braley)
2014	Teaching Assistant, Calculus and Functions I (Rann Bar-On)
2014	Teaching Assistant, Writing Literacy (Vicki Russell)
2013	Teaching Assistant, Freshmen Writing (Jesse Summers)
2013	Teaching Assistant, Freshmen Writing (Lindsay Smith)
2012	Peer Tutor, Academic Resource Center

STUDENT SUPERVISION

(Unless otherwise noted, students are affiliated with Waterloo Psychology)

Ph.D. Students

2026 - Yuanze Huang

Master's Students

2025 -	Caroline Simpson
2025 -	Carter Smith
2024 - 2026	Shakthi Senthil Kumar
2024 - 2026	Yuanze Huang
2024 - 2025	Claire Yan (University College London; co-advised with Steve Fleming)

Research Staff

2025 - 2026	Matthew Yeung
2024 - 2025	Brian Wu

Undergraduate Honours Students

2026 -	Duncan Wylie
2026 -	Andy Bang
2025 -	Jessica Hoang
2025 - 2026	Hannah Chung
2024 - 2025	Layla Hussain
2024 - 2025	Simran Bal
2024	Amy Delia Younesi
2024	Aarifah Panchbhaya
2024	Daniela Pasqualini

Other Undergraduate Research Students

2026 -	Brayden Boris
2026 -	Joshua Jung

2026 -	Annabel Chow
2026 -	Faaiza Ahmad
2026 -	Lily Ge
2025 - 2026	Duncan Wylie
2024 - 2025	Fikir Mekonnen (Yale College; co-advised with Brian Scholl)
2024 - 2025	Audrey Hempel (Yale College; co-advised with Brian Scholl)
2024	Irsa Duka
2023 - 2024	Claire Yan (University College London; co-advised with Steve Fleming)
2023 - 2024	Eliza Farquharson (UCL; co-advised with Steve Fleming)
2023 - 2024	Charlotte Patient (UCL; co-advised with Steve Fleming)
2021 - 2022	Maria Canon (Yale College; co-advised with Brian Scholl)
2021 - 2022	Victoria Fraterno (McGill University, then PhD student at Concordia)
2021 - 2022	Yang Yi Lin Guo (McGill University, then PhD student at UBC)
2019 - 2022	Conor Downey (Yale College, then PhD student at MIT)
2019 - 2021	Joanna Zukin (Yale College)
2019 - 2020	Rui Zhe Goh (Yale-NUS College, then PhD student at Johns Hopkins)
2018 - 2019	Lan Luo (Yale College, then PhD student at Columbia Business School)
2018 - 2019	Daniel Do (Yale College, then COO at Cortex College Consulting)
2015 - 2016	Audrey Luo (Yale College, then MD/PhD student at U of Pennsylvania)

PhD Committees

2026 -	Peter Diep
2025 -	Jordan Sheen
2025 -	Hamza Tariq
2025 -	Mel Sellick (Arizona State University)
2025	Maheen Shakil (External Examiner; McMaster, Psychology)
2024 -	April Pereira
2024 -	Fatima Zohra (University of Waterloo, English)
2024 -	Adrian Berk Safati
2024 -	Julianna Salvatierra
2024	Kaiden Stewart
2024	Megan Kelly
2024	Keith Rebello (University of Waterloo, Electrical Engineering)

Master's Committees

2025	Jordan Sheen
2025	Peter Diep
2024	Madeline Wiseman
2024	Neil Wegenschimmel
2024	Hamza Tariq
2024	Amie Durston

Undergraduate Thesis Reviewer

2025	Caleb Lee
2025	Maryam Hodaie
2025	Ava Hall
2025	Mooneb Altwer
2025	Katherine Guo
2025	Karen Eng
2024	Matthew Yeung
2024	Syrus Koetke
2024	Lucas Robert Betts
2024	Caroline Simpson

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025	Panelist, Student Career Event at the 28th ASSC Conference
2024	Donald O. Hebb Award Committee, Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science
2023 -	Editorial Board Reviewer, Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance
2021 - 2023	Reviewer, Application Statement Feedback Program

Conferences, Symposia, & Workshops

2026	Co-organizer, workshop on “Evaluating Language-Model Welfare Under Uncertainty” (under review for 2027)
2025 -	Co-organizer, Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment Conference
2025	Co-organizer, RANLP 2025 workshop on “Interdisciplinary Workshop on Observations of Misunderstood, Misguided and Malicious Use of Language Models”
2025	Co-organizer, ASSC 2025 symposium “Intuitions about Consciousness”
2023	Co-organizer, LSE-UCL workshop “Attributions of Consciousness to AI”
2022 - 2023	Co-organizer, UCL-PSL Consciousness & Metacognition Summer School

Department & University Service

2025 -	Head of the Cognition Area
2024 -	Departmental Executive Committee: Cognition Area representative
2024 -	Human Research Ethics Board, Delegated Review Committee
2024 -	Lift Psychology Undergraduate Mentorship Program: Faculty mentor
2024 -	Psychology Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
	- member of the Resources team (since 2024)
	- statement reviewer for the Mentorship team (since 2024)
	- faculty lead of the Resources team (since 2025)

Ad-Hoc Reviewing: Journals

Acta Psychologica
American Psychologist
Biological Psychology
British Journal of Psychology
Cognition
Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience
Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications
Cognitive Science
Communications Psychology
Computers in Human Behavior Reports
Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences
Developmental Science
Emotion
Frontiers in Neuroscience
Frontiers in Psychology
Heliyon
iScience
JEP: General
JEP: Human Perception and Performance
Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience
Journal of Vision
Memory & Cognition
Nature Communications
Neuroscience of Consciousness
Open Mind
Perception
PCI Registered Reports
Plos One
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Nexus
Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences
Psychological Inquiry
Psychological Research
Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts
Psychonomic Bulletin & Review
Psychophysiology
Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology
Scientific Reports
Social Neuroscience
Social Psychological and Personality Science
The Ask: Research and Methods
The Journal of Pain
Visual Cognition

Ad-Hoc Reviewing: Conferences

Cognitive Computational Neuroscience

Cognitive Science Society

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Ad-Hoc Reviewing: Grant Agencies

National Science Foundation

Ad-Hoc Reviewing: Other

Cambridge University Press

Oxford University Press

Princeton University Press