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EDUCATION

Harvard University – Cambridge, MA

- Doctoral candidate in Psychology
- Expected date of degree: June 2006

Harvard University – Cambridge, MA

- A.M. in Psychology
- June 2004

Stanford University – Stanford, CA

- B.A. in Philosophy, Departmental Honors, with Distinction
Concentration: History and Philosophy of Science
 - B.S. in Symbolic Systems, with Distinction
Concentration: Neural Systems
 - June 2002
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AWARDS AND HONORS

- **George W. Goethals Teaching Prize**, awarded for high scores on teaching evaluations as an instructor for a sophomore tutorial, Spring 2005
- **William James Prize** for best psychology graduate student essay presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Summer 2004
- **Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching**, awarded for high scores on teaching evaluations as a Teaching Fellow for course titled “The Human Mind,” Spring 2004
- **Harvard University Mind, Brain, and Behavior Graduate Student Award** for summer travel to interdisciplinary conferences, Spring 2004
- **Harvard University Department of Psychology Restricted Funds Grant** for graduate student research, Spring 2004
- **National Science Foundation (NSF) Fellowship** for graduate study, awarded 2002
- **National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship** for graduate study, awarded 2002
- **Robert M. Golden Medal** for Excellence in Humanities and Creative Arts, awarded by Stanford for honors thesis in philosophy, 2002
- **Philip R. Rhinelanders Prize** in recognition of outstanding achievement and service, awarded by Stanford Department of Philosophy, 2002
- **Phi Beta Kappa**, elected to Stanford chapter 2002
- **Cap and Gown**, Stanford Women’s Honors Society, elected 2001
- **Stanford University President's Scholar**, named in 1998

PUBLICATIONS

- **Lombrozo, T.** Lovely versus likely: simplicity and probability in explanation. *Under review*.
- Sloman, S., **Lombrozo, T.** & Malt, B. (In Press). Mild ontology and domain-specific categorization. In M. J. Roberts (Ed.). *Integrating the Mind*. Hove, UK: Psychology Press.
- **Lombrozo, T.** & Carey, S. (In Press). Functional explanation and the function of explanation. *Cognition*.
- **Lombrozo, T.**, Shtulman, A., & Weisberg, M. (2006). The Intelligent Design controversy: lessons from psychology and education. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, 10(2), 56-57.
- **Lombrozo, T.**, MacLeod, D.I.A, & Judson, J. (2005). Flexibility of spatial integration in human contrast perception. *Proceedings of the Royal Society: Biological Sciences*. 272(1564): 725-732.
- **Lombrozo, T.** & Rutstein, J.J. (2004). Simplicity in explanation. *Proceedings of the 26th annual conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. 837-842.
- Federmeier, K. D., Segal, J. B., **Lombrozo, T.**, & Kutas, M. (2000). Brain responses to nouns, verbs, and class-ambiguous words in context. *Brain*. 123: 2552-2566.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Lombrozo, T.** (2005, November). Darwin and design: do evolutionary explanations require understanding evolution? *Poster presented at the 46th annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Toronto, Canada*.
- **Lombrozo, T.** (2005, July). Why adaptationist explanations are so seductive. *Poster presented at the 27th annual conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Stresa, Italy*.
- **Lombrozo, T.** & Rutstein, J.J. (2004, August). Simplicity in explanation. *Poster presented at the 26th annual conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Chicago, IL*.
- **Lombrozo, T.** (2004, July). Teleological explanation: causal constraints and regularities. *Paper presented at the first joint meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Barcelona, Spain*.
- **Lombrozo, T.** (2004, June). Simplicity and probability in explanation. *Poster presented at the Annual Summer Interdisciplinary Conference, Cavalese, Italy*.
- **Lombrozo, T.** (2004, February). Functional explanation and the function of explanation. *Talk delivered for a Harvard Cognition, Brain and Behavior Research Seminar, Cambridge, MA*.
- **Lombrozo, T.** & Carey, S. (2003, August). Teleological explanation: why we answer “why?” the way we do. *Poster presented at the 25th annual conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Boston, MA*.

- **Lombrozo, T.**, MacLeod, D.I.A. (2000, May). Spatial integration in contrast perception is anisotropic and contrast dependent. *Paper presented at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology annual meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL.*
 - Federmeier, K. D., Segal, J. B., **Lombrozo, T.**, and Kutas, M. (1999, April). Electrophysiological investigations of nouns and verbs in context. *Poster accepted at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.*
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TEACHING

- **Sophomore Tutorial Instructor**, Dept of Psychology, Harvard University. Designed and taught seminar on several topics in psychology for psychology majors, Spring 2005.
 - **Guest Lecturer**, Dept of Psychology, Harvard University. Delivered lecture on concepts and categories for “Introduction to Cognitive Psychology,” taught by Prof. Yuhong Jiang, Fall 2004.
 - **Teaching Fellow**, Core Program, Harvard University. Lead two weekly discussion sections, graded papers and exams for “The Human Mind,” taught by Prof. Steven Pinker, Spring 2004.
 - **Writing Tutor**, Center for Teaching and Learning, Stanford University. Tutored peers on writing in all disciplines, Fall 2000 – Spring 2002.
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2005-2006 Psychology representative to the graduate student steering committee for Harvard’s Mind, Brain, and Behavior Interfaculty Initiative
 - 2004-2006 Student Representative to the Committee for Higher Degrees, Harvard University Department of Psychology
 - 2004, summer Organized symposium titled “Causal Cognition: From Inference to Explanation,” for the first joint meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology
 - 2003 Created and continue to manage a listserv on the philosophy and psychology of explanation, www.philpsych.com
 - 2001-2002 Organized CogLunch, a cognitive science seminar series sponsored by CSLI, The Center for the Study of Language and Information at Stanford
 - 1999-2000 Editor-in-Chief of *The Dualist*, Stanford’s undergraduate journal of philosophy
 - *Ad Hoc Reviewer*: Cognitive Science Society Conference, *Memory & Cognition*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Psychological Science*, *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*
 - *Student Member*: Cognitive Science Society, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Philosophy of Science Society
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