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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

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2009- Harvard University  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology

## EDUCATION

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2009 University of California, Berkeley  
*Ph.D., Social/Personality Psychology*  
Advisor and Dissertation Committee Chair: Dacher Keltner  
Committee: Cameron Anderson, Serena Chen, & Oliver P. John

2003-2006 NIMH Training Consortium in Emotion Research, Bay Area, CA  
Predoctoral Fellow

2002 University of Virginia  
*B.A. with highest distinction, Psychology*  
Thesis Committee: Jonathan Haidt (Advisor) & Gerald L. Clore

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Emotions  
Power  
Decision Making  
Social Cognition  
Empathy  
Cooperation and Trust

## HONORS & AWARDS

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2009-	Harvard University College Fellow
2003-2006	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2003-2006	National Institute of Mental Health Ruth L. Kirchstein NRSA Predoctoral Fellowship in Affective Science (T32), (training accepted, funding declined)
2004, 2005, 2006	NSF Travel Award
2004-2005	Research Fellowship (\$9,000), Greater Good Science Center, "Compassion, Cognition, and Cooperation"
2004	Invited Scholar, Conference for the Measurement and Conceptualization of Compassion
2003	Graduate Fellowship, Department of Psychology, University of California, Berkeley
2002	Best Psychology Honors Thesis, Maury Pathfinder Award, University of Virginia
2002	Highest Distinction in Psychology (for honors thesis)
2001-2002	Distinguished Major Program, University of Virginia
2001	Phi Beta Kappa
2001	Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society
2000	Research Fellowship (\$2,250), University of Virginia Undergraduate Research Fund, "The Anatomy of Elevation"
1998-2002	Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship (\$6,000), University of Virginia

## RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

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2006-2009	Graduate Student Researcher, "Spiritual Experience, Pro-Social Emotion, and Human Flourishing" Funded by the Metanexus Institute PI: Dacher Keltner
2004	Graduate Student Researcher, "Social Ordering and Mental/Physical Health in Children" Funded by National Institute of Mental Health RO1 MH062320 PI: W. Thomas Boyce

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Oveis, C., Horberg, E. J., & Keltner, D. (in press). "Compassion, Pride, and Social Intuitions of Self-Other Similarity." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.
2. Horberg, E. J., Oveis, C., & Keltner, D., & Cohen, A. B. (in press). "Disgust and the Moralization of Purity." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.
3. Oveis, C., Gruber, J., Keltner, D., Stamper, J. L., & Boyce, W. T. (2009). "Smile Intensity and Warm Touch as Thin Slices of Child and Family Affective Style." *Emotion, 9*, 544-548.
4. Oveis, C., Cohen, A. B., Gruber, J., Shiota, M. N., Haidt, J., & Keltner, D. (2009). "Resting Respiratory Sinus Arrhythmia is Associated with Tonic Positive Emotionality." *Emotion, 9*, 265-270.
5. Van Kleef, G. A., Oveis, C., van der Löwe, I., LuoKogan, A., Goetz, J., & Keltner, D. (2008). "Power, Distress, and Compassion: Turning a Blind Eye to the Suffering of Others." *Psychological Science, 19*, 1315-1322.
6. Gruber, J., Johnson, S. L., Oveis, C., & Keltner, D. (2008). "Risk for Mania and Positive Emotional Responding: Too Much of a Good Thing?" *Emotion, 8*, 23-33.
7. Keltner, D., Horberg, E. J., & Oveis, C. (2006). "Emotional Intuitions and Moral Play." *Social Justice Research, 19*, 208-217.
8. Keltner, D., & Oveis, C. (2007). "Elevation." In R. F. Baumeister & K. D. Vohs (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of social psychology* (Vol. 1, p. 283). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
9. Keltner, D., Horberg, E. J., & Oveis, C. (2006). "Emotions as Moral Intuitions." In J. P. Forgas (Ed.), *Affect in thinking and social behavior* (pp. 161-175). New York: Psychology Press.

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2009      Harvard University  
             University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
             Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University  
             Northeastern University  
             University of California, Berkeley

## CHAired CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA

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- 2010 “Gimme Five! Tactile Communication and Its Social Consequences.” (w/ M. W. Kraus)  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.

## CONFERENCE TALKS

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- Oveis, C. (2010, February). “Thin Slices of Touch Reveal Affective Style and Relationship Dynamics.” Talk presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Las Vegas, NV.
- Keltner, D., Gruber, J., & Oveis, C. (2008, February). “Emotion in Asperger’s Syndrome and Mania: Lessons from the Boundaries of Adaptation.” Talk presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Pre-Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Oveis, C. (2007, January). “Emotions as Moral Intuitions: The Vagus Nerve as a Fount of Pro-Social Beliefs.” Talk presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.
- Keltner, D., Oveis, C., & Horberg, E. J. (2006, January). “Compassion as a Moral Intuition.” Talk presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Pre-Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Oveis, C., Horberg, E. J., & Keltner, D. (2005, April). “Compassion, Pride, and Social Connection.” Talk presented at the annual Stanford-Berkeley Social-Personality Conference.

## CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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- LuoKogan, A. B., Impett, E. A., Oveis, C., Cheng, C., & Keltner, D. (2009, May). A diary investigation of different types of love. Presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.
- Saslow, L. R., Vartan, A., Purnell, D., van der Löwe, I., Oveis, C., Keltner, D., McCoy, S., & Epel, E. (2008, October). Thinking under pressure: Linguistic cognitive complexity and stress. Presented at the 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Austin, TX.

- Oveis, C., Liu, M. Y., LuoKogan, A., & Keltner, D. (2008, February). Power and status are conveyed in dominant and submissive laughter. Presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.
- Horberg, E. J., Oveis, C., & Keltner, D. (2008, February). The quickest to judge: Reduced heart rate while feeling disgust hastens moral judgments. Presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.
- Liu, M. Y., Oveis, C., LuoKogan, A., & Keltner, D. (2007, June). The effects of trait- and state-based power. Presented to Emotional Capabilities in Organizations: The Influence of Context and Culture, INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France.
- Sherman, G., Oveis, C., Haidt, J., & Coan, J. A. (2007, January). Why good deeds make us cry: Tenderness is a stress-regulatory phenomenon. Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.
- Oveis, C., Gruber, J., LuoKogan, A., Liu, M. Y., Keltner, D., Boyce, W. T., & Stamper, J. L. (2007, January). Thin slices of child and family temperament. Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Pre-Conference, Memphis, TN.
- Liu, M. Y., Oveis, C., LuoKogan, A., & Keltner, D. (2007, January). Dominant and submissive laughter in a hierarchical setting: The effects of trait- and state-based power. Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Pre-Conference, Memphis, TN.
- Sherman, G., Oveis, C., Haidt, J., & Coan, J. A. (2007, January). The psychophysiology of elevation: Vagal withdrawal and tenderness. Presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Pre-Conference, Memphis, TN.
- van der Löwe, I., Saslow, L. R., Oveis, C., & Keltner, D. (2006, October). Other-oriented prosocial emotions and vagal response. Presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Oveis, C., Horberg, E. J., & Keltner, D. (2006, January). The role of shifting self-other representations in emotion-based prosocial behavior. Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.
- Gruber, J., Oveis, C., Keltner, D., & Johnson, S. L. (2006, January). Self-referentiality and emotional responding: Clues from depression. Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.

- van der Löwe, I., Oveis, C., & Keltner, D. (2006, January). Locating goodness in the heart: The physiological and relational consequences of compassion-based prosocial behavior. Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.
- Liu, M. Y., Oveis, C., & Keltner, D. (2006, January). The communication of discrete emotions through laughter. Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion Pre-Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Gruber, J., Johnson, S. L., Keltner, D., & Oveis, C. (2005, October). Mania vulnerability and chronic positive emotional responding. Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Miami, FL.
- Oveis, C., Horberg, E. J., & Keltner, D. (2005, January). Compassion, pride, and social perception. Presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING

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- Training course in analysis of Dyadic Diary Data using HLM, 2008.  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Taught by Dr. Niall Bolger and Dr. J. P. Laurenceau
- Semester-long course in Hierarchical Linear Modeling and Structural Equation Modeling, 2008.  
Taught by Dr. Thomas Wickens
- Facial Action Coding System (FACS) Certified, 2004.  
Completed training course and passed standardized reliability test
- 15-week course on Advanced FACS Coding Methodology, 2004.  
Taught by Dr. Paul Ekman and Dr. Robert Levenson
- NIMH Affective Science Training Workshop, “Dynamic Factor Analysis and Growth Curve Modeling,” 2005.  
University of California, Davis  
Taught by Dr. Emilio Ferrer, University of California, Davis
- NIMH Affective Science Training Workshop, “Primate Behavioral Observation,” 2006.  
University of California, Davis  
Taught by Dr. John Capitanio, Primate Center, University of California, Davis

NIMH Affective Science Training Workshop, “Patient Populations,” 2005.  
 Stanford University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
 Taught by Dr. Terrence Ketter and Dr. Po Wang

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor of Record

2009      *Cooperation and Altruism*, Harvard University

### Laboratory Instructor

2007      *Social Psychology*, University of California, Berkeley  
 Professor Dacher Keltner  
 Designed and taught three weekly hour-long lab sessions

2006      *Human Emotion*, University of California, Berkeley  
 Professor Dacher Keltner  
 Designed and taught three weekly hour-long lab sessions

2003      *Research Methods and Data Analysis*, University of California, Berkeley  
 Professor Jack Gallant  
 Designed and taught two weekly 2-hour lab sessions

2002      *Personality Psychology*, University of California, Berkeley  
 Professor Oliver John  
 Designed and taught three weekly hour-long lab sessions

### Guest Lecturer

2004      *Introduction to Psychology*, University of California, Berkeley  
 Professor Adam Cohen  
 “Psychophysiological Methods in the Study of Emotion”

2002      *Personality Psychology*, University of California, Berkeley  
 Professor Oliver John  
 “Positive Emotions and Personality”

## MENTORING

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Direct supervisor for three undergraduate honors thesis students under Professor Dacher Keltner, University of California, Berkeley

Aleksandr (Luo)Kogan, 2008, *highest honors*

“A Hierarchical Model of Love”

Currently: Ph.D. Student in Social/Personality Psychology, NSF Graduate Research Fellow, Hong Kong University

Mary Y. Liu, 2006, *highest honors*

“Status, Power, and Distinct Types of Laughter: Dominant and Submissive Laughs in a Hierarchical Setting”

Currently: Ph.D. Student in Social Psychology, NSF Graduate Research Fellow, University of Michigan

Ilmo van der Löwe, 2006, *highest honors*

“Other-oriented Pro-social Emotions and Vagal Response”

Currently: Ph.D. Student in Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford (UK)

## REVIEWING (*ad hoc*)

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Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Society for Personality and Social Psychology

International Society for Research on Emotion

Association for Psychological Science

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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Poster Committee, Institute of Personality and Social Research, 2007-2009.

Colloquium Committee, Institute of Personality and Social Research, 2005-2007.

Admissions Committee, University of California, Berkeley, 2006.

Graduate School Preparation Course Speaker, University of California, Berkeley, 2004-2006.

Website Design Committee, Institute of Personality and Social Research, 2004-2005.

Computing Administrator, Institute of Personality and Social Research, 2003-2005.