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EDUCATION

- Princeton University** 2021-2026 (expected)
Ph.D. in Psychology
Advisor: Dr. Tania Lombrozo
Dissertation: Theories of social change: a cognitive, social, and philosophical account
Committee: Tania Lombrozo, Molly Crockett, Eldar Shafir, Casey Lew-Williams, Nicole Shelton
- Boston University** 2015-2019
B.A. in Psychology with Honors & Philosophy with Honors
summa cum laude & awarded top honor in both majors
Thesis for honors in psychology: Anthropocentric teleological bias: The belief in human purpose and judgment of those who fail to fulfill it (Advisor: Dr. Deb Kelemen)
Thesis for honors in philosophy: The role of intuition in moral decision-making (Advisor: Dr. Ben Crowe)
- National University of Singapore**, Exchange Semester 2017

PUBLICATIONS AND REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

*Indicates undergraduate mentee

- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T.** (2026). Judgments of responsibility for inequality: A framework and review. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 17456916251393206.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T.** (2025). Do our theories of moral progress predict whether we vote? Evidence from the 2024 US election. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society* (Vol. 47).
- Lewry, C., *Asifriyaz, S., & Lombrozo, T.** (2024). Lay theories of moral progress. *Cognitive Science*, 48(11), e70018.
- Lewry, C., Tsai, G., & Lombrozo, T.** (2024). Are ethical explanations explanatory? Meta-ethical beliefs shape judgments about explanations for social change. *Cognition*, 250, 105860.
- Lewry, C., Kelemen, D., & Lombrozo, T.** (2023). The moral consequences of teleological beliefs about the human species. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 152(12), 3359–3379.
- Lewry, C., *Gorucu, S., Liquin, E.G., & Lombrozo, T.** (2023). Surprise! Minimally-counterintuitive stimuli trigger greater curiosity than merely improbable stimuli. *Cognition*, 230, 105286.
- Lewry, C., Curtis, K., Vasilyeva, N., Xu, F., & Griffiths, T. L.** (2021). Intuitions about magic track the development of intuitive physics. *Cognition*, 214, 104762.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T.** (2025). Do our theories of moral progress predict whether we vote? Evidence from the 2024 US election. *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Cognitive Science Society.
- Lewry, C., & Lombrozo, T.** (2022). Ethical explanations. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Cognitive Science Society.
- Lewry, C., Kelemen, D., & Lombrozo, T.** (2021). Why belief in species purpose prompts moral condemnation of individuals who fail to fulfill that purpose. *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Cognitive Science Society.
- Liquin, E. G., Callaway, F., **Lewry, C.**, & Lombrozo, T. (under review) A computational approach to disentangling the triggers of curiosity in children and adults.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T.** (submitted). Moral and causal responsibility play distinct roles in voting.
- Lewry, C., Lombrozo, T., & Peretz-Lange, R.** (in prep). How do perceived moral and causal responsibility shape children's voting behaviors?

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Psychology, East Jersey State Prison	Spring 2025
Psychology of Justice, Edna Mahan Correctional Facility	Spring 2024
Practical Issues in Ethics and Social Philosophy, Fort Dix Federal Correctional Facility	Spring 2023
Philosophy in Practice, Princeton Wintersession Course	Winter 2022
The Female Face of Homelessness, Princeton Wintersession Course	Winter 2021, 2022

Guest Lecturer

“Social Development,” PSY 252: Social Psychology, Princeton University	Spring 2024
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Courses Developed

Introduction to Psychology	Fall 2024
Psychology of Justice	Fall 2023
Practical Issues in Ethics and Social Philosophy	Fall 2022

Graduate Teaching Fellow

McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning <i>Trained incoming teaching assistants</i>	2023-2024
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Head Teaching Assistant

PSY 254: Developmental Psychology, Princeton University	Fall 2023
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Teaching Assistant

PSY 252: Social Psychology, Princeton University	Spring 2024
PSY 254: Developmental Psychology, Princeton University	Fall 2022, 2023
PS 333: Drugs and Behavior, Boston University	Summer 2018

Tutor

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology, South Woods State Prison	Fall 2025
EXCS 207: Sports Management, South Woods State Prison	Fall 2025
SCIE 101: The Nature of Science, East Jersey State Prison & South Woods State Prison	Fall 2023, 2024
HIST 201: US History: Beginnings to 1877, East Jersey State Prison	Fall 2023, 2024
MATH 030: Intermediate Algebra, East Jersey State Prison	Fall 2023, 2024, 2025
MATH 020: Elementary Algebra, East Jersey State Prison	Fall 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship (\$60,916)	2025-2026
Social Impact Fellowship (RockEDU) (\$4,800), Princeton University	2026
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$159,000)	2022-2025
Social Impact Fellowship (XPRIZE) (\$12,000), Princeton University	2024-2025
Program in Cognitive Science Research Funding (\$5,000), Princeton University	2025
Teaching Award (\$1,000), Princeton University	2024
Program in Cognitive Science Research Funding (\$1,000), Princeton University	2024
College Prize for Excellence in Psychological & Brain Sciences , Boston University	2019
College Prize for Excellence in Philosophy , Boston University	2019
Karbank Fellowship (\$6,000), Boston University	2019
Robert E. Charm Award for Writing Excellence in the Humanities (\$500), Boston University	2019
Harold C. Case Scholarship (partial tuition), Boston University	2018
Humanities Scholars Award (\$3,000), Boston University	2018
Phi Beta Kappa , Boston University	2018

UROP Stipend Award (\$6,000), Boston University	2018
Karbank Fellowship (\$3,000), Boston University	2017
Provost's Scholars Award (\$1,000), Boston University	2017
Conference Travel Award (\$600), Boston University	2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RockEDU , Large Dataset Analyst	2026-present
Hugo Mentors , Research Mentor	2026-present
XPRIZE , Climate + Energy Project Consultant	2024-2025

INVITED TALKS AND COLLOQUIA

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CONFERENCE TALKS

- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T.** [chairs]. (2024). *Who is responsible for collective action?* Symposium talk presented at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T.** (2024). *Who is responsible for inequality? Varieties of attributions.* Interactive discussion presented at the Meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Philadelphia, PA.
- Lewry, C., *Asifriyaz, S., & Lombrozo, T.** (2023). *Intuitive theories of moral progress.* Talk presented at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Lewry, C., *Asifriyaz, S., & Lombrozo, T.** (2023). *Intuitive theories of moral progress.* Talk presented at the Intuitive Theories of Social Structures and Social Change Workshop, Princeton, NJ.
- Foster-Hanson, E., **Lewry, C., & Lombrozo, T.** (2023). *Mothers are for breastfeeding: People use biological functions to justify gender norms.* Talk presented at the meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T.** (2022). *Ethical explanations.* Talk presented at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology & the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Milan, IT.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T.** (2022). *Ethical explanations.* Talk presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, CA.
- Lewry, C., Kelemen, D., & Lombrozo, T.** (2021). *From teleology to morality: Why belief in species function affects moral evaluation of individuals.* Talk presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, virtual.
- Lewry, C., *Gorucu, S., Liquin, E.G., & Lombrozo, T.** (2021). *Surprise! Minimally-counterintuitive stimuli trigger greater curiosity than merely improbable stimuli.* Talk presented in symposium at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, virtual.

COLLOQUIA, TALK SERIES, AND LAB MEETINGS

Do our theories of moral progress predict whether we vote? Evidence from the 2024 US election <i>University of Pennsylvania Social Psychology Colloquium</i> <i>Stanford University Causality in Cognition Lab Meeting</i> <i>Vassar College Early Social Concepts Lab Meeting</i> <i>Lehigh University Group Dynamics and Social Change Lab Meeting</i> <i>Haverford College Intersectionality in the Social Mind Lab Meeting</i> <i>University of Pennsylvania Social Action Lab Meeting</i> <i>Boston University Mind and Morality Lab Meeting</i> <i>Princeton University Center for Human Values Talk Series</i>	2025
Responsibility for inequality: A framework and review <i>Laurance S. Rockefeller Talk Series</i>	2024

ChatGPT and Racial Bias	2024
<i>Princeton University Cognitive Psychology Colloquium</i>	
<i>Princeton University Sinclair-Olson-Shelton Lab Meeting</i>	
Who is responsible for inequality? Varieties of attributions	2023-2024
<i>Franklin and Marshall College Developing Moral Values Lab Meeting</i>	
<i>Boston University Mind and Morality Lab Meeting</i>	
<i>Princeton University Cognitive Psychology Colloquium</i>	
Mechanisms of moral progress	2022
<i>Princeton University Cognitive Psychology Colloquium</i>	
<i>Boston University Mind and Morality Lab Meeting</i>	
Ethical explanations	2021
<i>Princeton University Cognitive Psychology Colloquium</i>	
From teleology to morality: Why belief in human purpose prompts moral condemnation of individuals who fail to fulfill it	2021
<i>Boston University Child Cognition Lab Meeting</i>	
<i>Yale University Cognition and Development Lab Meeting</i>	

CONFERENCE POSTERS

- Lewry, C., Lombrozo, T., & Peretz-Lange, R. (2026).** *How do perceived moral and causal responsibility shape children's voting behaviors?* Poster accepted at the Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Montreal, Canada.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T. (2025).** *Do our theories of moral progress predict whether we vote? Evidence from the 2024 US election.* Poster accepted at the Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T. (2025).** *Do our theories of moral progress predict whether we vote? Evidence from the 2024 US election.* Poster presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Portland, OR.
- Lewry, C. & Lombrozo, T. (2024).** *Who is responsible for inequality? Varieties of attributions.* Poster accepted at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Pittsburgh, PA
- Lewry, C., *Asifriyaz, S., & Lombrozo, T. (2023).** *Intuitive theories of moral progress.* Poster presented at the Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- Lewry, C., *Gorucu, S., Liquin, E.G., & Lombrozo, T. (2022).** *Surprise! Minimally-counterintuitive stimuli trigger greater curiosity than merely improbable stimuli.* Poster presented at the Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Madison, WI.
- Liquin, E. G., Callaway, F., **Lewry, C., & Lombrozo, T. (2022).** *A formal approach to dissociating triggers of children's curiosity.* Poster presented at the Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Madison, WI.
- Lewry, C., Lombrozo, T., & Kelemen, D. (2020).** *Teleological explanations for human purpose and their implications for moral judgment.* Poster accepted at the Meeting of the Society for Psychology and Philosophy (meeting canceled due to COVID-19).
- Lewry, C., Lombrozo, T., & Kelemen, D. (2020).** *People view humans as existing for purposes and condemn those who fail to fulfill them.* Poster presented at the Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- Aronowitz, S., **Lewry, C., & Lombrozo, T. (2020).** *Experiential explanations in iterated learning.* Poster presented at the Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- Lewry, C., Kelemen, D. (2020).** *God, Gaia, and essentialism: Investigating influences on belief in human purpose.* Poster presented at the Existential Psychology Preconference of the Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Lewry, C., Kelemen, D. (2020).** *The anthropic teleological bias: Beliefs in human purpose and their implications for moral judgment.* Poster presented at the Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Lewry, C., Kelemen, D. (2019).** *The anthropic teleological bias: Beliefs in human purpose and their implications for moral judgment.* Poster presented at the Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Louisville, KY.

- Lewry, C.,** Crowe, B. (2018). *The role of intuition in moral decision-making*. Poster presented at the UROP Symposium, Boston University.
- Nayak, S., **Lewry, C.,** Smith, I., Doan, S. N., & Tarullo, A. (2017). *Bilingual and monolingual preschoolers' error-related negativity (ERNs) on a card sort task*. Poster presented at the Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

SERVICE

Emerging Scholars in Psychological Science Committee	2023-2024
Workshop organizer, "Intuitive theories of social structures and social change"	2023
Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Cognitive Science Society, Cognition, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology	2022-
Psychology Inclusive Teaching Committee	2022-
Psychology Graduate Student Committee	2021-2022
Council of the Princeton University Community	2020-2021
Humanities Curriculum Committee	2018-2019

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

Skyé Lowe	2025-2026
Sana Asifriyaz	2022-2025
Simmi Sandhu	2024
Sera Gorucu	2020-2022