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Bio

BIO

Benoit Monin received his Ph.D. in Psychology from Princeton University, after earning an M.Sc. in Social Psychology at the London School of Economics. He completed his undergraduate studies at ESSEC, a business school near Paris, and at the Lycée Privé Sainte Geneviève, in Versailles. Monin joined the Stanford Department of Psychology in 2001, and since 2008 he has held appointments both in psychology and in the Organizational Behavior area at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Monin's research investigates the motivational aspects of ethics, and in particular how most people's desire to retain a positive self-image as a good, moral person affects behavior and social perception in counterintuitive ways. Monin teaches Critical Analytical Thinking and Ethics and Management to Stanford MBAs, and statistics and research methods for incoming PhD students. He received the Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, and has held visiting positions at the University of Michigan and at the University of Paris 10. He served as an associate editor for the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, and his work has appeared in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Psychological Science, and the Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Organizational Behavior
- Professor, Psychology
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Princeton University , Psychology (2002)

LINKS

- Graduate School of Business Website: <https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/faculty-research/faculty/benoit-monin>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My research deals with how people address threats to the self in interpersonal situations: How they avoid feeling prejudiced, how they construe other people's behavior to make to their own look good, how they deal with dissonance, how they affirm a threatened identity, how they resent the goodness of others when it makes them look bad, etc. I study these issues in the context of social norms, the self, and morality, broadly defined.

Teaching

COURSES

2021-22

- Acting with Power: OB 533 (Aut)
- Perspectives on the Social Psychology of Organizations: OB 673 (Spr)

2020-21

- Acting with Power: OB 533 (Spr)

2019-20

- Acting with Power: OB 333 (Aut)

2018-19

- Acting with Power: OB 333 (Spr)
- Global Study Trip Leadership Skills: GSBGEN 531 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Erik Santoro

Doctoral (Program)

Shilaan Alzahawi

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Healthier Than Thou? "Practicing What You Preach" Backfires by Increasing Anticipated Devaluation** *JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
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Bryan, C. J., Adams, G. S., Monin, B.
2013; 142 (4): 1001-1005
 - **How the Opinions of Racial Minorities Influence Judgments of Discrimination** *BASIC AND APPLIED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
Crosby, J. R., Monin, B.
2013; 35 (4): 334-345
 - **The unhealthy road not taken: Licensing indulgence by exaggerating counterfactual sins** *JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
Effron, D. A., Monin, B., Miller, D. T.
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 - **"That's the one I wanted": when do competitors copy their opponents' choices?** *JOURNAL OF APPLIED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
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 - **Inventing Racist Roads Not Taken: The Licensing Effect of Immoral Counterfactual Behaviors** *JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
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 - **Fitting In but Getting Fat: Identity Threat and Dietary Choices Among US Immigrant Groups** *PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE*
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- **Victim Entitlement to Behave Selfishly** *JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
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2009; 28 (6): 675-681
- **The retrospective gambler's fallacy: Unlikely events, constructing the past, and multiple universes** *JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING*
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- **Endorsing Obama licenses favoring Whites** *JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
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- **Reacting to an assumed situation vs. conforming to an assumed reaction: The role of perceived speaker attitude in vicarious dissonance** *GROUP PROCESSES & INTERGROUP RELATIONS*
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- **The warm glow heuristic: When liking leads to familiarity** *JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
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- **Vicarious dissonance: Attitude change from the inconsistency of others** *JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY*
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