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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Scholar 08/2026 – present
Stanford University, Environmental Social Sciences

Postdoctoral Research & Teaching Fellow 08/2024 – 08/2026
Columbia Business School, Management

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Psychology, New York University 05/2024
Dissertation: Individual Causes and Consequences of Collective Social Phenomena

M.A. in Psychology, San Diego State University 12/2017

B.A. in Psychology & Cognitive Science, University of California San Diego 05/2014
Magna Cum Laude

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Robert Cialdini Prize	2025
Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, NYU	2018 – 2024
NYU Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund Award (Supervised)	2017 – 2024
NYU MA Research Grant (Supervised)	2018 – 2019
SDSU CCN Student Travel Award	2015
CA State University Grant	2014 – 2015
SDSU Student Success Grant	2014
UCSD Psychology graduate Cum Laude	2013

PUBLICATIONS

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Gao, R., Tang, R., & Vlasceanu, M. (2025). Internet image search outputs propagate climate change sentiment and impact policy support. *Nature Climate Change* ([paper](#))

- Featured in *Stanford Report*: “How image search algorithms shape views on climate change” ([website](#))
- Featured in *Anthropocene*: “Search the web for climate change, and the image you get depends on the country you’re in” ([website](#))

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Goldwert, D., Doell, K.C, Van Bavel, J.J., & Vlasceanu, M. (2024). The differential impact of climate interventions along the political divide in 60 countries. *Nature Communications* ([paper](#))

- Featured in *TIME*: “How to Overcome Polarization on Climate Action” ([website](#))
- Featured in *Earth*: “Conservatives and liberals unite on climate action despite different beliefs” ([website](#))
- Featured in *Science Magazine*: “Liberals and Conservatives Differ on Climate Change Beliefs—But Are Relatively United in Taking Action” ([website](#))

Vlasceanu, M., Doell, K.C., Bak-Coleman, J., Todorova, B., **Berkebile-Weinberg, M.**, ... & Van Bavel, J.J. (2024). Addressing climate change with behavioral science: A global intervention tournament in 63 countries. *Science Advances* ([paper](#))

- **Awarded the 2025 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Robert Cialdini Prize**
- Featured in *Scientific American*: “Beyond the Doom and Gloom, Here’s How to Stimulate Climate Action” ([website](#))
- Featured in *ScienceDaily*: “Psychology study unearths ways to bolster global climate awareness and climate action” ([website](#))
- Featured in *Futurity*: “Tool highlights best messages to kickstart climate action” ([website](#))
- Featured in *The Conversation*: “How psychology can help people live more climate-friendly lives – lessons from around the world” ([website](#))

Doell, K.C., Todorova, B., Vlasceanu, M., Bak Coleman, J.B., Pronizius, E., Schumann, P., Azevedo, F., Patel, Y., **Berkebile-Weinberg, M.**, ...Lutz, A.E. (2024). The International Climate Psychology Collaboration: Climate change-related data collected from 63 countries. *Scientific data* ([paper](#))

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Krosch, A.R., & Amodio, D.M. (2022). Economic scarcity increases racial stereotyping in beliefs and face representation. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* ([paper](#))

- Featured in *SPSP Character & Context*: “Economic Instability Leads to Stereotyping” ([website](#))

Neta, M., **Berkebile, M.**, & Freeman, J.B. (2021). The dynamic process of ambiguous emotion perception. *Cognition and Emotion* ([paper](#))

Nair, S., Keehn, R.J.J., **Berkebile, M.**, Maximo, J.O., & Müller, R.-A. (2017). Local resting state functional connectivity: Site, cohort variability, and eye status. *Brain Imaging & Behavior* ([paper](#))

Wessel, J.R., O’Doherty, J.P., **Berkebile, M.**, Linderman, D., & Aron, A.R. (2014). Stimulus devaluation induced by stopping action. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General* ([paper](#))

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

Berkebile-Weinberg, M. Distributed Bias: A Distributed Cognition Approach to the Emergence of Institutional Bias. (*under 2nd review*)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION AND IN PROGRESS

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Traast, I., & Amodio, D.M. (in prep). Effects of the COVID-19 Recession on Collective and Individual-level Dehumanization of Ethnic Minorities

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Kealoha, C., Brown, N.D., (in prep). Tools of Inequality: Embedded Bias in Algorithmic Aids Can Shape Downstream Hiring Decisions.

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Raymundo, I., & Brown, N.D. (in prep). Representations of Equality Default to Zero-Sum Across Contexts.

Block, K., **Berkebile-Weinberg, M.**, Rösler, I., & Amodio, D.M. (in progress). Shifts in gendered perceptions of nursing resulting from COVID-19

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Kealoha, C., & Brown, N.D. Embedded Bias in Algorithmic Aids Can Shape Downstream Hiring Decisions. Accepted symposium talk, SESP, 2026

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Raymundo, I. & Brown, N.D. Representations of Equality Default to Zero Sum Across Contexts. Symposium talk, SESP, 2025

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Raymundo, I. & Brown, N.D. Beyond Balancing Scales: Exploring the Pervasive Representation of Equality as Zero Sum. Symposium talk, AOM, 2025

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Gao, R., Tank, R., & Vlasceanu, M. Internet Search Output Propagates Climate Change Sentiment. Poster, SPSP 2025.

Berkebile-Weinberg, M. & Vlasceanu, M. The Differential Impact of Climate Interventions along the Political Divide. Symposium Talk, SPSSI 2024.

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Tang, R., Gao, R., & Vlasceanu, M. Internet Search Output Propagates Climate Change Sentiment. Symposium Talk, SPSSI 2023.

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Tang, R., & Vlasceanu, M. The effects of internet search algorithms on support for climate action. Data Blitz, Political Psychology Pre-Conference, SPSP 2023.

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., & Amodio, D.M. Anti-Black dehumanization in the wake of COVID-19: Natural language processing of news media. Poster, SPSP 2022.

Bertin, JA, **Berkebile-Weinberg, M.**, & Amodio, D.M. Examining the functional relationship between stereotype content and hierarchy strength using word embeddings. Poster, SPSP 2022.

Berkebile-Weinberg, M., Krosch, A.R., & Amodio, D.M. Stereotypic perceptions of Black Americans during economic scarcity. Poster, SPSP 2020.

Berkebile, M. Utilizing reverse correlation to assess implicit biases in intergroup perception. Panel talk, 5CC 2019.

Berkebile, M., Krosch, A.R., & Amodio, D.M. Economic Scarcity Induces Dehumanization of Black Americans. Poster, SPSP 2019.

Berkebile, M., Freeman, JB, & Neta, M. Dynamic Process of Ambiguous Emotion Perception. Poster, SANS 2018.

Weinberg, A.W., **Berkebile, M.**, & Dilla, A.M. Intergroup self-disclosure and racial conversations benefit more than just outgroup attitudes. Poster, SPSP 2017.

TEACHING

Negotiations, Instructor MBA & EMBA programs, Columbia Business School [Average effectiveness rating: 4.74/5]	2025 – 2026
Psychology Research Methods and Experience, Graduate TA New York University	2022 – 2024
Introduction to Psychology, Graduate TA New York University	2021
Cognitive Psychology, Graduate TA New York University	2020
Social Psychology, Graduate TA New York University	2018 – 2019
Physiological Psychology, Graduate TA San Diego State University	2015
Sensation and Perception, Graduate TA San Diego State University	2015
Introduction to Psychology, Graduate TA San Diego State University	2014

ACADEMIC SUPERVISION

<i>M.A. students:</i> Fateme Hatef (NYU), Hsien Lilly (NYU)	
<i>B.A. students:</i> Rebecca Sanchez (Columbia University), Runji Gao (NYU), Hope Oloye (NYU), Yi Zhang (NYU), Peter Jin (NYU), Jake Dahill-Fuchel (NYU)	

SERVICE

Committees:	
NYU Diversity and Inclusivity Steering Committee (<i>Founder; member</i>)	2018 – 2021
NYU Admissions Committee (<i>member</i>)	2021 – 2023
NYU Climate Committee (<i>member</i>)	2019 – 2020
NYU Social Programming Committee (<i>member</i>)	2019
NYU Student Representative (<i>member</i>)	2018, 2021
SDSU Journal Club (<i>member</i>)	2015 – 2016
SDSU Social Neuroscience Colloquium (<i>Founder, member</i>)	2015
Invited Reviewer: <i>Nature Communications, British Journal of Social Psychology, Group Processes & Intergroup Relations, Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology</i>	

SKILLS

Languages: R, Python, Javascript, TCSH/BASH shell scripting, HTML, Matlab, CSS, SQL

Data analysis: Regression, ANOVA, multilevel modeling, sentiment analysis, word embeddings
random forests, spline modeling, data simulation

Tools: RStudio, SPSS, SAS, Jupyter, Git, Qualtrics, MouseTracker, EPrime

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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David Amodio, Ph.D.

- Professor of Social Psychology, University of Amsterdam
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