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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Psychology, University of Pennsylvania, 2015–2019  
Committee: Geoffrey Goodwin, Jon Baron, Paul Rozin  
PhD Thesis: *Attributions of mental state control: Causes and consequences*

B.A. Philosophy & Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill, 2007–2011  
Graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* and with *Highest Distinction*

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2019–present Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Human Values and Program in Cognitive Science, Princeton University.  
Advisor: Tania Lombrozo

2015–2019 Graduate Student, Psychology Department, University of Pennsylvania.  
Advisor: Geoffrey Goodwin

2013–2015 Lab Manager, Social Cognitive Science Research Center. Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences Department, Brown University.  
Advisor: Bertram Malle

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Interpersonal perception; Judgment and decision making, Metacognition, Moral reasoning

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

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Cusimano, C., & Lombrozo, T. (In press) Reconciling scientific and commonsense values to improve reasoning. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*. [[Link](#)]

**Cusimano, C., & Lombrozo, T.** (2021) Morality justifies motivated reasoning in the folk ethics of belief. *Cognition*. [[Link](#)]

◊ No. 1 “Most downloaded article” *Cognition*, Jan – May 2021

**Cusimano, C., & Goodwin, G.P.** (2020). People judge others to have more voluntary control over beliefs than they themselves do. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *119*, 999-1029. [[Link](#)]

**Cusimano, C., & Goodwin, G.P.** (2019). Lay beliefs about the controllability of everyday mental states. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *148*, 1701-1732. [[Link](#)]

Royzman, E., **Cusimano, C.**, Metas, S. & Leeman, R. F. (2019). Is opposition to genetically modified food “morally absolutist”? A consequence-based perspective. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *15*, 250-272. [[Link](#)]

**Cusimano, C.**, Royzman, E., Metas, S., & Leeman, R. F. (2018). Methodology is the core disgust problem: Reply to Inbar and Scott. *Judgment and Decision Making*, *13*, 639–651. [[Link](#)]

Royzman, E., **Cusimano, C.**, & Leeman, R. F. (2017). What lies beneath? Fear vs. disgust as affective predictors of absolutist opposition to genetically modified food and other new technologies. *Judgment and Decision Making*, *12*, 466-480. [[Link](#)]

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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**Cusimano, C., & Goodwin, G.P.** Mental state control and responsibility. (In press). In T. Nadelhoffer & A. Monroe (eds). *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Free Will and Responsibility*. London, UK: Bloomsbury Publishing. [[Link](#)]

## WORKING PAPERS (drafts available)

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**Cusimano, C., & Lombrozo, T.** People acknowledge and condone their own morally motivated reasoning.

**Cusimano, C., & Goodwin, G.P.** People regulate each other’s emotion regulation.

**Cusimano, C.** Five ways to think about your biased, superstitious, and unscientific belief.

**Cusimano, C., Zorrilla, N., Danks, D., & Lombrozo, T.** Reasoning, rationality, and control in theory of mind.

## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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- Cusimano, C.**, Zorrilla, N., Danks, D., & Lombrozo, T. (2021). Reason-based constraint in Theory of Mind. *Proc. of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- Cusimano, C.**, Lombrozo, T. (2020). Morality justifies motivated reasoning. *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- Cusimano, C.**, Goodwin, G.P. (2017). Folk attributions of control and intentionality over mental states. *Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- Cusimano, C.**, Thapa Magar, S., Malle, B.F. (2017). Judgment before emotion: People access moral judgments faster than affective states. *Proc of the 39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- Voiklis, J., Kim, B., **Cusimano, C.**, & Malle, B. F. (2016). Moral judgments of human vs. robot agents. In *Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN), 2016 25th IEEE International Symposium*.
- Zhao, X., **Cusimano, C.**, & Malle, B. F. (2016). Do people spontaneously take a robot's visual perspective? In *Human-Robot Interaction, 11th ACM/IEEE International Conference*
- Zhao, X., **Cusimano, C.**, and Malle, B. F. (2015). "In Search of Triggering Conditions for Spontaneous Visual Perspective Taking." *Proceedings of the 37th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- Malle, B. F., Scheutz, M., Arnold, T., Voiklis, J., & **Cusimano, C.** (2015). Sacrifice one for the good of many? People apply different moral norms to human and robot agents. In *Proceedings of the 10th ACM/IEEE international conference on HRI*.
- Zhao, X., **Cusimano, C.**, and Malle, B. F. (2015). "Do people spontaneously take a robots visual perspective?" In *Proceedings of the 2015 ACM/IEEE international conference on HRI*.
- Voiklis, J., **Cusimano, C.**, and Malle, B. F. (2014). "A social-conceptual map of moral criticism." *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*

## HONORS & AWARDS

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2019 – 2020	Dissertation Completion Fellowship ( <i>Declined in order to start post-doc</i> )
2018 – 2019	Mellon Foundation Graduate Fellowship
2018 – 2019	Russell Ackoff Fellowship
2018 – 2019	Social and Behavioral Science Initiative Research Grant
2017	President Gutmann Leadership Award
2017	NSF GRFP Honorable Mention
2016 – 2018	Norman Anderson Fellowship

## TEACHING & MENTORING

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### Administrator

Summer 2018, 2019     *Assistant Director*, Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship,  
University of Pennsylvania  
-     Mentored/Advised 15 undergraduates each summer.

### Instructor of Record

#### *University of Pennsylvania*

Summer 2018     *Scientific Programming*  
Summer 2019     *Scientific Programming*

#### *Princeton University*

Fall 2021     *Belief and Ideology*

### Teaching Assistant

#### *University of Pennsylvania*

Fall 2016     *Social Psychology*, Dr. Andrew Ward,  
Spring 2017     *Introduction to Psychology*, Dr. Caroline Connolly  
Fall 2017     *Judgment and Decision Making*, Dr. Barbara Mellers  
Fall 2017     *Introduction to Psychology*, Dr. Caroline Connolly  
Spring 2018     *Language and Thought*, Dr. John Trueswell  
Fall 2018     *Social Psychology*, Dr. Geoffrey Goodwin

#### *Princeton University*

Fall 2020     *Ethics of Eating*, Dr. Andrew Chignell

### Undergraduate Advising

#### *Senior/Honors Theses*

2020     Emma Cottrill     *The norms of belief and hope*  
2019     Faustine Corbani     *Establishing precedence: The temporal relationship  
between emotion and moral judgment*

#### *Independent Research*

2019     Emma Cottrill     *Evaluating the use of thinks vs believes*  
2018     Vanessa Hernandez     *Exploring creepiness*  
2018     Temitope Oshilaja     *Handling everyday immoralities in Muslim, Christian,  
and Jewish populations*  
2018     Kevin Zheng     *Attitudes towards non-nutritive sweeteners*  
2018     Tyler Williams     *Music preferences in early adulthood*  
2018     Richard Chen     *Measuring the belief in the benevolence of nature*  
2014     Dennis Gu     *Measuring social perspective taking using eye-tracking*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & OUTREACH

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2019 - 2020	Graduate Student Mentor, Center for Human Values, Princeton University
2018 - 2019	Co-Founder/Director, Pennsylvania Morality Society
2018 - 2019	Co-chair, MindCORE Professional Development Workshop Series
2016 - 2019	Co-founder, Member, MindCORE Professional Development Workshop Series
2016 - 2019	Senior Seminar Panelist on Graduate School
2017	Science Project Mentor, Sayre High School
2016 - 2017	Science Fair Project Advisor and Judge, Penn-Alexander Middle School

Reviewer for:

*Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*  
*Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*  
*Cognition*  
*Cognitive Science*  
*Human-Computer Interaction*  
*Philosophical Psychology*  
*Philosophers' Imprint*  
*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*  
*SJDM Annual Meeting*  
*Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology*

## INVITED TALKS

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- Cusimano, C., Lombrozo, T. (2020).** “Morality justifies motivated reasoning”, Kent University, October 16.
- Cusimano, C., Lombrozo, T. (2020).** “Morality justifies motivated reasoning”, Causality in Cognition Lab, Stanford University, August 26.
- Cusimano, C., Lombrozo, T. (2020).** “Morality justifies motivated reasoning”, Xphi Under Quarantine, August 7.
- Cusimano, C., Lombrozo, T. (2020).** “Morality justifies motivated reasoning”, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, April 23.
- Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2019).** “Regulating Emotion Regulation: When people make others feel bad in order to make them feel better”, Franklin & Marshall College June 4.
- Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2019).** “People believe others have more control over their beliefs than they do.”, Concepts and Cognition Lab, Princeton University. May 28.
- Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2018).** “People believe others have more control over their beliefs than they do.”, Moral Psychology Research Group. October 13-14.

**Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2016).** “When are we (thought to be) in control of our minds?”, Social Cognitive Science Research Center. Brown University, RI. February 20.

**Cusimano, C., Voiklis, J., Malle, B.F. (2015).** “The time-course of social, moral, and affective judgment.”, Moral Psychology Research and Moral Cognition Laboratories. Harvard University, MA. March 26.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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**Cusimano, C., Lombrozo, T. (2021).** “Reason-based constraint in Theory of Mind”, Talk presented at the Cognitive Science Conference.

**Cusimano, C., Lombrozo, T. (2021).** “Morality justifies motivated reasoning”, Talk presented at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

**Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2021).** “Why do people criticize others’ irrational emotions?”, Poster presented at Cognitive Science Society Conference.

**Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2021).** “Regulating emotion regulation: When people make others feel worse in order to make them feel better”, Talk presented at International Society for Justice Research.

**Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2019).** “Regulating emotion regulation: When people make others feel worse in order to make them feel better”, Talk presented at SJDM. Montreal, Canada. Nov 15-18.

**Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2018).** “I can’t believe it! People believe others have more control over their beliefs than they do”, Talk presented at Neurons to Norms. Beirut, Lebanon. May 22-25.

**Cusimano, C., Thapa Magar, S., Malle, B.F. (2017).** “Judgment before emotion: People access moral judgments faster than affective states.” Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

**Cusimano, C., Goodwin, G.P. (2016).** “When are we (thought to be) in charge of our minds.”, Talk presented at ICT: International Conference of Thinking. Providence, RI. August 3-6.

Voiklis, J., **Cusimano, C., Malle, B.F. (2016).** “Using moral communication to reveal moral cognition.”, Talk presented at ICT: International Conference of Thinking. Providence, RI. August 3-6.

Voiklis, J., **Cusimano, C., Malle, B.F. (2015).** “Building a moral lexicon to study (and implement) moral communication.”, Talk presented at the ECOM workshop on “Expressive Language: Storrs, CT. Nov 19. Semantics, Pragmatics, and Origins.

Zhao, X., **Cusimano, C.**, Malle, B.F. (2015). “Activating Spontaneous Visual Perspective Taking: Actions, Space, and the Mind.”, Talk presented at the 6th Joint Action Meeting (JAM 6). Budapest. July 1–4.

Korman, J., **Cusimano, C.**, Malle, B.F. (2015). “Fitting the final puzzle piece: Choosing between belief and desire in intentional action explanation.”, Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

Malle, B.F., Scheutz, M., Voiklis, J., Arnold, T., **Cusimano, C.** (2015). “Sacrifice one for the good of many? People impose different norms on human and robot agents.”, Talk presented at the IEEE International Conference on Human- Robot Interaction.

Voiklis, J., **Cusimano, C.**, Malle, B.F. (2014). “A Social–Conceptual Map of Moral Criticism.”, Talk presented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society. Quebec City, Canada. July 23–26.

## REFERENCES

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