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Education

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Beer Sheva, Israel

PH.D. IN PSYCHOLOGY

2016-2021

- PI: Michael Gilead
- Dissertation Title: The Relation between the Linguistic Environment, Agency, and Depression

University of the Basque Country and the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language

San Sebastian, Spain

MSc. IN COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE OF LANGUAGE

2014-2015

- PIs: Sara Aurtenebxe, Doug Davidson
- Dissertation Title: Filtering Visual Information in Bilinguals

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Beer Sheva, Israel

B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES

2011-2014

Teaching Experience

Psychology in the Digital Age (BA level)

ADJUNCT LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

Spring 2020

Laboratory in Data Science for Psychological Science (MA level)

ADJUNCT LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

Spring 2019; Spring 2020

Introduction to R

INSTRUCTOR, JOHN BRYCE TRAINING COLLEGE

2018-2019

Experimental Psychology (BA level)

TEACHING ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

Fall 2018

Research Methods in Psycholinguistics (BA level)

ADJUNCT LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

Fall 2017

Cognitive Neuroscience and Bilingualism (BA level)

ADJUNCT LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

Spring 2016

Introduction to Semantics (BA level)

TEACHING ASSISTANT, DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

Spring 2014

Professional Experience

Lab Manager

SYMBOLIC COGNITION AND INTERACTION LAB, PI: MICHAEL GILEAD, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

2016-present

Research Consultant

PSYCHOTHERAPY RESEARCH LAB, PI: DANA ATZIL-SLONIM, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

2019

Research Assistant

WORKING MEMORY AND COLLECTIVE COGNITION LAB, PI: YOAV KESSLER, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

2013

Publications

JOURNAL PAPERS

Simchon, A., Guntuku, S. C., Simchon, R., Ungar, L. H., Hassin, R. R., & Gilead, M. (2020). Political depression? A big-data, multimethod investigation of americans' emotional response to the trump presidency. *Journal of*

Experimental Psychology: General. <https://psyarxiv.com/dk34j/download?format=pdf>

Jones, B., DeBruine, L., Flake, J., Aczel, B., Adamkovic, M., Alaei, R., Alper, S., Solas, S., Andreychik, M., Ansari, D., **Simchon, A.**, & others. (2018). To which world regions does the valence-dominance model of social perception apply?(Registered report stage 1). *Nature Human Behaviour*, In-press. <https://psyarxiv.com/n26dy>

Kessler, Y., Rac-Lubashevsky, R., Lichtstein, C., Markus, H., **Simchon, A.**, & Moscovitch, M. (2015). Updating visual working memory in the change detection paradigm. *Journal of Vision*, 15(9), 18–18. <http://jov.arvojournals.org/article.aspx?articleid=2422328>

PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

Simchon, A., & Gilead, M. (2018). A psychologically informed approach to clpsych shared task 2018. *Proceedings of the Fifth Workshop on Computational Linguistics and Clinical Psychology: From Keyboard to Clinic*, 113–118. <http://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W18-0612>

Wolf, L., Cohen, A., & **Simchon, A.** (2015). An experimental investigation of epistemic modal adverbs and adjectives. *Proceedings of Sinn Und Bedeutung*, 20, 798–814. <https://ojs.ub.uni-konstanz.de/sub/index.php/sub/article/view/296>

UNDER REVIEW

Bornstein, O., Katzir, M., **Simchon, A.**, & Tal, E. (2020). *Differential effects of abstract and concrete processing on the reactivity of basic and self-conscious emotions*. Under review.

Simchon, A., Brady, W. J., & Van Bavel, J. J. (2020). *Troll and divide: The language of online polarization*. Under review. <https://psyarxiv.com/xjd64/>

Simchon, A., Liebman, C., Svoary, T., Kloog, I., Dorman, M., & Gilead, M. (2020). *Beyond doubt in a dangerous world: The effect of existential threats on the certitude of societal discourse*. Under review.

IN PREPERATION

Simchon, A., Bhatia, S., Giorgi, S., Sedoc, J., & Ungar, L. H. (2020). *An exploration of implicit and explicit attitudes through social media*. In preparation.

Simchon, A., Hadar, B., & Gilead, M. (2020). *On pulling the strings or having your strings pulled: The relation between personal agency and linguistic agency*. In preparation.

Software Developments and Publications

R PACKAGES IN COMPREHENSIVE R ARCHIVE NETWORK (CRAN)

Ben-Shachar, M. S., & **Simchon, A.** (2020). *CheatR: Catch cheaters*. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=cheatR>

R PACKAGES ON GITHUB

Simchon, A. (2020). *HebnoRms: Affect norms for hebrew*. <https://github.com/almogsi/hebnoRms>

Simchon, A. (2019). *TATE: Text analysis tools for english*. <https://github.com/almogsi/TATE>

Conference Presentations

Simchon, A. (2020, February). *Psychologically Informed Text Analysis*. Symposium Talk at SPSP main Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Simchon, A. & Gilead, M. (2019, June). *Terror Management in the Digital Age: A big-data investigation of certainty-related language following events of mass violence*. Talk at the 1st Haifa Social Sciences Conference, Haifa, Israel.

Simchon, A. & Gilead, M. (2019, April). *Borders, Boundaries and Political Correctness*. Talk at Border, Boundaries, Walls Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

- Simchon, A.** (2019, April). *Computational Innovations in Language Studies: Not Just for Computer Scientists*. Invited talk at the 7th International Graduate Student Conference on Diverse Approaches to Linguistics (IGDAL 7), Jerusalem, Israel.
- Simchon, A., & Gilead, M.** (2019, February). *Political Depression? A Multi-Method Exploration of Americans' Emotional Response to the Trump Presidency Poster* at SPSP main Conference, Portland, OR.
- Simchon, A., & Gilead, M.** (2019, February). *Seeking Certainty in Light of Existential Threats: A big-data investigation of natural language use following terror attacks*. Data Blitz Talk at SPSP Psychology of Language Pre-Conference, Portland, OR.
- Simchon, A., & Gilead, M.** (2018, March). *Trump Depression? You don't have it*. Data Blitz Talk at SPSP Psychology of Media and Technology Pre-Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Simchon, A., & Gilead, M.** (2018, February). *The Relation between Agentive Language and Sense of Control*. Talk at IS COP Conference, Akko, Israel.
- Simchon, A., & Gilead, M.** (2017, August). *A big-data investigation of natural language use following terror attacks*. Talk at the ESCON Transfer of Knowledge Conference, Gdansk, Poland.
- Simchon, A.** (2016, July). *Order Effects in the Conjunction Fallacy: A Linguistic Account*. Poster at the Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Germany.

Awards and Honors

Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology

THE YUVAL NE'EMAN DATA SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP, \$48K

Israel

2020-2021

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

FAMILY CARE GRANT, \$250

New Orleans, LA

2020

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD, \$500

Portland, OR

2019

The Robert H. Humphrey Center for Social research, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

PH.D. FELLOWSHIP, \$3000

Beer Sheva, Israel

2018

SPSP Psychology of Media and Technology Pre-Conference

TRAVEL AWARD, \$250

Atlanta, GA

2018

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

PH.D. SCHOLARSHIP, \$35K

Beer Sheva, Israel

2016-2020

University of the Basque Country

FOREIGN STUDENTS' GRANT, €4500

San Sebastian, Spain

2014-2015

The Community Action Department, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

EXCELLENT STUDENT AWARD

Beer Sheva, Israel

2013

Service

Reviews Social Science Computer Review (1)

Skills

Languages Hebrew (native speaker), English (excellent), Spanish (beginner), German (beginner)

Programming Languages R (best proficiency), Python, MATLAB, SQL, java-script

Non-Academic Experience

Reshet TV, Researcher, 2010 I worked as a researcher in the morning talk show Ha'Olam Ha'Boker

TimeOut Tel Aviv, Reporter, 2009-2010 I worked as a reporter, writing in the urban and culture sections

IDF, 2006-2009 I served in the IDF radio station, Galei Tzahal