

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Psychology
Claremont McKenna College (2011 – present)

Graduate Faculty in Psychology
Claremont Graduate University (2011 – present)

College Fellow (Advisor: Mahzarin Banaji)
Harvard University (2010-2011)

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow
Amherst College (2008-2010)

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Associate Editor:
Emotion (2015 – present)

Editorial Board Member:
Emotion (2013 – 2015)
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology (2012 – present)
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition (2013 – present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Social Psychology, Northeastern University, 2004-2008
Beyond Emotion and Reason: The Social Function of Morality

M.S. Social Psychology, Northeastern University, 2004-2006
Manipulations of Emotional Context Shape Moral Judgment

B.A. Psychology, Amherst College, 2003

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS _____

2015 Mellon Presidential Roundtable Award
2013 Character Project Essay and Book Prize, for *Out of Character*
2013 Fellow, *Society for Experimental Social Psychology*
2013 Association for Psychological Science “Rising Star”
2012 Koch Research Award, Salvatori Center, CMC
2012, 2014 Dean’s Summer Research Award
2011 Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence
2010 College Fellowship in Psychology, Harvard University
2008-2010 Faculty Research Award, Amherst College
2008-2010 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Psychology, Amherst College
2005-2008 Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Award,
Northeastern University
2003 Highest honors in Psychology, Amherst College
2003 Psi Upsilon Prize for preeminence in scholarship and citizenship,
Amherst College

RESEARCH INTERESTS _____

- Influence of discrete emotions on social judgment.
- Emotional predictors of science learning.
- Moral decision-making and behavior.

PUBLICATIONS _____

Citation Count (h-index = 10, i10-index = 10) The papers below have been cited 1,234 times as of June 1, 2016 (Google Scholar). Note: * Indicates undergraduate student co-author.

Books and Edited Volumes

Valdesolo, P. & Graham, J. (2016). *Social Psychology of Political Polarization*. New York: Psychology Press.

DeSteno, D.A & **Valdesolo, P.** (2011). *Out of Character: Surprising Truths about the Liar, Cheat, Sinner (and Saint) lurking in all of us.* New York: Crown Publishing.

Journal Articles and Chapters

Rai, T., **Valdesolo, P.**, & Graham, J. (under review). Dehumanization predicts instrumental, not moral violence.

Valdesolo, P., Shtulman, A. & Baron, A. (accepted pending minor revision). Wisdom Begins in Wonder: Emotional Antecedents of Science Learning. *Emotion Review*.

Valdesolo, P., Park, J.* & Gottlieb, S. (in press) Awe and Scientific Explanation, *Emotion*.

Graham, J., & **Valdesolo, P.** (in press). Morality. To appear in K. Deaux & M. Snyder (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Personality and Social Psychology*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Valdesolo, P. (in press) Getting emotions right in moral psychology. To appear in *The Atlas of Moral Psychology*. Guilford Press.

Lerner, J., Li, Y., **Valdesolo, P.** & Kassam, K. (2015) Emotion and Decision Making. *Annual Review of Psychology*. Vol. 66

Jamieson, J.P., **Valdesolo, P.** & Peters, B. (2014). Sympathy for the devil? The physiological and psychological effects of being an agent (and target) of dissent during intragroup conflict. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 55, 221-227.

Valdesolo, P., & Graham, J. (2014). Awe, uncertainty, and agency detection. *Psychological Science*, 25(1), 170-178.

Valdesolo, P. & DeSteno, D. (2014). Positive emotion, social cognition, and intertemporal choice. In M. Tugade, M. Shiota, & L. D. Kirby (Eds.), *Handbook of Positive Emotions* (pp. 201-214). New York: Guilford Press

Valdesolo, P. (2014). The Character in Competence. In H. Sarkissian & J.C. Wright (Eds.), *Advances in Experimental Moral Psychology* (pp. 21-35). New York: Bloomsbury Press.

Valdesolo, P., & DeSteno, D. (2011). Synchrony and the social tuning of compassion. *Emotion, 11*(2), 262 - 266.

Valdesolo, P. & DeSteno, D.A. (2011). The Virtue in Vice: Short-sightedness in the study of moral emotions. *Emotion Review, 3*(3), 276-277.

Valdesolo, P., Ouyang, J. & DeSteno, D.A. (2010). The rhythm of joint action: Synchrony promotes cooperative ability. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 46*, 693-695.

Valdesolo, P. & DeSteno, D.A. (2008). The Duality of Virtue: Deconstructing the Moral Hypocrite. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 44* (5), 1334-1338.

-Featured in Editor's choice, *Science*, May 9 2008

Valdesolo, P. & DeSteno, D.A. (2007). Moral Hypocrisy: Social Groups and the Flexibility of Virtue. *Psychological Science, 18* (8), 689-690.

Valdesolo, P. & DeSteno, D.A. (2006). Manipulations of Emotional Context Shape Moral Decision Making. *Psychological Science, 17* (6), 476-477.

Desteno, D.A., Valdesolo, P., & Bartlett, M.Y. (2006). Jealousy and the threatened self: Getting to the heart of the green-eyed monster. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 91* (4), 626-641.

In Preparation

Bartlett, M.Y., Valdesolo, P. & Ornelas, M.* (in prep). When power increases gratitude.

Valdesolo, P., Park, J.* & Nguyen, N.* (in prep). Inconceivable! Awe, improbability and meaning.

Valdesolo, P. & Bartlett, M.Y. (in prep). Gratitude and Luck: The necessary role of agency.

Valdesolo, P., Park, J.* & Fu, Y.* (in prep). Awe, Meaning, and Meaninglessness.

Valdesolo, P., Shtulman, A. & Sherman, S. (in prep). *Awe and Essentialism in Art and Science*.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

Valdesolo, P., Shtulman, A. & Baron, A.S. (May, 2016) *Awe and Science Learning*. University of California Berkeley. Workshop on Epistemic Emotions.

Valdesolo, P. (Nov, 2014) *Awe & Order*. University of California Riverside, Riverside, CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Feb, 2014) *Moral Emotions*. Guest Lecturer, Seminar in Moral Psychology, University of Iowa.

Valdesolo, P. (Jan, 2014) *Compassion for one, Compassion for All*. Stanford Center for Compassion and Altruism.

Valdesolo, P. (Dec, 2013) *Awe, Uncertainty and Agency Detection*. Skeptic Society Lecture Series, Caltech, Pasadena, CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Dec, 2013) *Community building and online resources for Veterans*. Invited talk at Facebook Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Oct 2013) *Moral Emotions*. Occidental College, Highland Park, CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Sep, 2013) *True Colors: Learning to tell the sheep from the Wolves*. Vail Living Well Summit, Vail, CO.

Valdesolo, P. (Apr 2013) *Outbreaks of Mistrust: Principles of Spread and Containment*. Rady School of Management, UCSD, San Diego, CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Nov, 2012) *Affiliation Cues and Conflict Resolution*. Invited talk at Facebook Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Oct. 2012) *Moral Psychology*. Guest Lecturer, Seminar in Social Cognition, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY.

Valdesolo, P. (Oct 2012) *Moral Hypocrisy*. Guest Lecturer, Seminar in Psychology of Morality, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.

Valdesolo, P. (Mar, 2012) *Social Emotions and Morality*. Guest Lecturer, Mind Perception and Agency Lab, University of Maryland.

Valdesolo, P. (Feb, 2012) *Social Movements*. Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Nov, 2011; Nov 2012) *Psychology of Morality*. Guest Lecturer, Seminar in Social Psychology, Pomona College, Claremont CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Nov, 2011) *Social Movements*. University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

Valdesolo, P. (Feb, 2011) *Unity in body and mind: The social function of coordinated action*. University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

Valdesolo, P. (Nov. 2010) *Dancing with the Devil: Synchrony modulates judgments of moral character*. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Valdesolo, P. (Nov, 2010) *The Flexibility of Morality*. Davidson College, Davidson, NC.

Valdesolo, P. (Oct 2010) *Unity in body and mind: The influence of coordinated movement on moral value*. Northeastern University, Boston, MA.

Valdesolo, P (March 2010) *The functional elasticity of morality*. Evolution of Human Nature Lecture Series, Amherst College, Amherst, MA.

Valdesolo, P (February 2010) *The functional elasticity of morality*. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Valdesolo, P. (February 2010) *In-group morality*. Suffolk University, Boston, MA

Valdesolo, P. (April, 2009) *In group morality*. Guest Lecturer, Religion in Scientific Perspective, Amherst College, Amherst, MA.

Valdesolo, P (February, 2009) *Social function of morality*. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst MA.

Valdesolo, P. (October, 2008). *Social function of morality*. Hampshire College, Amherst, MA.

Conference Presentations

Valdesolo, P. (June, 2016) *Awe and Scientific Explanation*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, TX.

Valdesolo, P., Fu, Y.* & Dziewulski, K.* (Apr 2016) *Inconceivable! The Effect of Improbability on Awe and Meaning*. Poster accepted for presentation at the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, CA.

Valdesolo, P., Park, J.*, & Gottlieb, S (Feb, 2016). *Awe and Scientific Explanation*. Poster accepted for presentation at annual meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San, Diego, CA.

Bartlett, M.A., Ornelas, M.* & Valdesolo, P. (Jan, 2016). *When power increases gratitude*. Poster accepted for presentation at annual meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San, Diego, CA.

Valdesolo, P., Osthoff-Magalhaes, I.*, Linder, K.* (May, 2014) *Awe and Power*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Association of Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Valdesolo, P. & Graham, J. (May, 2014). *Awe, uncertainty and agency detection*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Association of Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Osthoff-Magalhaes, I.* Valdesolo, P., & Bartlett, M.A. (Feb 2014). *Beating them down with kindness: Gift-giving shapes interpersonal power*. Poster accepted for presentation at annual meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

DeSteno, D.A., Condon, P. & Valdesolo, P. (Sep, 2013). *Nudging Compassion: Two routes to enlightenment and resilience*. Paper accepted for presentation at annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Berkeley, CA.

Valdesolo, P., Osthoff-Magalhaes, I.*, Reddy, P.* (Apr, 2013). *Beating them down with kindness: Gift-giving shapes interpersonal power*. Poster accepted

for presentation at annual meeting of Western Psychological Association, Reno, NV.

Valdesolo, P., Chen, K* & Jokela, S.* (Apr, 2013). *Entitativity moderates efficacy of responses to Institutional corruption*. Poster accepted for presentation at annual meeting of Western Psychological Association, Reno, NV.

Valdesolo, P., & Graham, J. (2013). *Bridging ideological divides*. Claremont Symposium on Applied Social Psychology, Claremont, CA (co-chair). Speakers: Pete Ditto, Yoel Inbar, Ronnie Janoff-Bulman, Lee Jussim, Jamie Napier, Linda Skitka, Adam Waytz, Robb Willer.

Valdesolo, P & DeSteno, D. (Jan, 2013) *Compassion and Conflict Resolution in Facebook*. Project presented at Facebook Compassion Day, Facebook Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA.

Valdesolo, P., Jokela, S.*, & Chen, K.* (Jan, 2013) *Compassion for one, Compassion for all*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Valdesolo, P. (Oct, 2012) *Gaming moral judgment*. Paper presented at USC Game Theory Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Valdesolo, P & DeSteno, D. (July, 2012) *The Social Tuning of Compassion*. Paper presented at Facebook Compassion Day, Facebook Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA.

Valdesolo, P., Graham, J., & Srinivasan, M.* (May 2012) *Awe, Ambiguity and Agency Detection*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Foda, M.* & **Valdesolo, P.** (May, 2012) *Moving the Masses: Synchrony increases persuasion*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Wiltermuth, S., **Valdesolo, P.** & Harmon, D. (Oct, 2011) *Synchrony and the Reduced Sense of Self*. Paper accepted for presentation at annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Washington, D.C.

Valdesolo, P. & Winter, W.* (July, 2011). *Dancing with the Devil: Synchrony modulates moral judgment and action*. Paper accepted for presentation

as part of symposium *Synchrony in Body and Mind* (Chair) at the annual meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology, Stockholm, Sweden.

Valdesolo, P., Lehr, S., Banaji, M., & Lessig, L. (May, 2011). *Perceptions of Institutional Corruption: One Bad apple spoils the barrel*. Poster accepted for presentation at the Annual Convention for the Association of Psychological Science, Washington , DC.

Lehr, S., Paharia, N., **Valdesolo, P.**, Lessig, L. & Banaji, M. (May, 2011) *The Consequences of Implicit Money Attitudes*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual convention for the Association of Psychological Science, Washington, D.C.

Mestre, J.* & **Valdesolo, P.** (January, 2011). *Rebels with a cause: The impact of group membership on evaluations of moral rebellion*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Winter, W.* & **Valdesolo, P.** (January, 2011). *Dancing with the devil: rhythmic entrainment modulates moral judgment and decision-making* Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Valdesolo, P. (Oct 2010) *Rhythm of Joint Action: Synchrony Promotes Cooperative Ability*. Paper accepted for presentation at the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Minneapolis, MN.

Valdesolo, P & DeSteno, D.A. (August 2009) *Egoism and Altruism: Compassion on Two Levels*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the International Society for Research on Emotion, Leuven, Belgium.

Valdesolo, P & DeSteno, D.A. (May, 2009) *The Social Tuning of Compassion*. Paper accepted for presentation as part of symposium *Talk is Cheap: Prosocial Behavior in Action* (Chair) at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Valdesolo, P. & DeSteno, D.A. (February, 2009) *The Social Tuning of Compassion: the long and the short of altruism*. Poster accepted for presentation at the Emotion preconference, at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.

Valdesolo, P. (August, 2008) *For whom do we feel? Similarity and empathy as mediators for Moral Interpersonal and Intergroup Behavior*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Valdesolo, P. & DeSteno, D.A. (May, 2008) *Perceptions of Similarity Determine Empathy-Based Altruism*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.

Valdesolo, P. (February, 2008) *On Villians and Victims: Group Membership as a Determinant of Emotion-based Moral Judgment*. Poster accepted for presentation at the Group Processes and Intergroup Relations Preconference, at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.

Valdesolo, P. (August, 2006). *Contextual Sensitivity of Moral Judgment*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the International Society for Research on Emotion, Atlanta, GA.

Valdesolo, P. (May, 2006). *Manipulations of Emotional Context Shape Moral Decision Making*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, New York, NY.

DeSteno, D., **Valdesolo, P.**, & Bartlett, M. (January, 2005). *Jealousy and the threatened self*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

* Undergraduate Collaborator

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Social Psychology, *Northeastern University and Claremont McKenna College*
Research Methods and Experimental Design, *Claremont McKenna College*
Social Function of Emotion, *Harvard University and Amherst College*
Psychology of Morality, *Claremont McKenna College, Harvard University and Amherst College*
Statistics and Experimental Design, *Amherst College*
Political Ideology, *Amherst College*

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

2015-2016 Daniel Schmidt, Huakai Liao, Joseph Mondello
2014-2015 Andrew Levihn-Coon
2013-2014 Kelly Chen, Annika Jessen
2012-2013 Isabela Osthoff Magalhaes, Jeanine Kelber
2010-2011 Jenifer Ouyang (Project published in *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*), Warren Winter, Jessica Mestre, Wen Zhang
2009-2010 Jake Duker, Tiffany Lim

SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewing

American Sociological Review, Cognition, Cognition and Emotion, Evolution and Human Behavior, European Journal of Social Psychology, Emotion, Emotion Review, Journal of Applied Social Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Journal of Nonverbal Behavior, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Motivation and Emotion, National Science Foundation, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, PLoS One, Psychological Science, Social and Personality Psychology Compass, Social Psychology, Social Psychological and Personality Science

Committee Work

Administration Committee (2015- present)
Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (2012- present)
Claremont McKenna Activities Committee (2012-2013)
Student Recruitment (2012-2013)
Faculty Athletic Representative (2012-2013)
Faculty Advisor of Psychology Club and Claremont Chapter of Psi Chi (2012- present)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association (Division 2, Division 8)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Association for Psychological Science
Society for Affective Science
Society of Experimental Social Psychology
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Western Psychological Association

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH _____

The Atlantic (June, 2011)
Boston Globe (August, 2006)
Daily Mail (Nov, 2013)
Discovery Channel (May, 2010)
Forbes.com (July, 2012)
Harvard Business Review (June 2014)
Huffington Post (Dec, 2013; Feb, 2014; April, 2014)
Independent (Nov, 2013)
LA Times (July, 2008)
Nature (Aug, 2013)
Newsweek (June 2008)
New York Academy of Sciences (Sep, 2013)
New York Times (July 2008, July 2012, July 2013, Jan 2014)
NPR (Nov, 2009; May, 2011; June, 2011; Aug, 2013; Nov, 2013)
Pacific Standard (Sep, 2014)
Salon (Aug 2013, Nov 2013)
Science, Editor's Choice (May, 2008)
Scientific American (March, 2014; Sep, 2015)
Slate (Dec, 2013; Jan, 2015)
Time (Nov 2013)
USA Today (May, 2011)
Vice (Nov 2013)
Washington Post (March, 2007; Aug 2013)

POPULAR WRITING _____

Valdesolo, P. (2016) Is swearing a sign of a limited vocabulary. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2015) How do we fix the liberal slant in social psychology? *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2014) The secret to a successful Thanksgiving: Free will. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2014) Trust in science reduces concerns about climate change. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2014) An unusual cure for not enough sleep. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2013) Scientists find one source of prayer's power. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2013) The psychological power of Satan. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2013) Just thinking about science triggers moral behavior. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2013) Smile: you are about to lose. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2013) Psychologists uncover hidden signals of trust using a robot. *Scientific American*.

Ward, A & Valdesolo, P. (2012) What internet habits say about mental health. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2012) What a yawn says about your relationship. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2011) How our brains turn women into objects. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2011) Bet on the losing team. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2011) A Scientific dating insight: Create uncertainty. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2011) Forbidding makes the heart grow fonder. *Psychology Today*.

Valdesolo, P. (2011) Parenthood and delusions of pleasure. *Psychology Today*.

Valdesolo, P. (2011) You aren't what you eat: judging character from food. *Psychology Today*.

Valdesolo, P. (2011) Wolves in sheep's clothing. *Psychology Today*.

Valdesolo, P. (2010) Why magical thinking works for some people. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2010) The neuroscience of distance and desire. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2010) Flattery will get you far. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2009) The New Science of Temptation. *Scientific American*.

Valdesolo, P. (2009) Come Together: Our need to cooperate. *Scientific American*.