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## ACADEMIC HISTORY

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Postdoctoral Associate, Lecturer	Yale University	2015-Current
Postdoctoral Researcher	École Normale Supérieure	2013-2015
Doctorate of Philosophy	Yale University	2013
Bachelor of Arts	University of Miami	2007
Bachelor of Science	University of Miami	2007

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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- Sheskin, M.**, Chevallier, C., Kanovsky, M. Hulín, M., Ivanescu, A., Lenfesty, H., Regnier, D., Berniunas, R., Castelain, T., Sebesteny A., & Baumard, N. (accepted pending revisions). The needs of the many: Judging sacrifices for the group across cultures. *Journal of Cognition and Culture*.
- Starmans, C., **Sheskin, M.**, & Bloom, P. (2017). Why people prefer unequal societies. *Nature Human Behaviour*.
- Johnston, A. M., **Sheskin, M.**, Johnson, S. G. B., & Keil, F. (2017). Preferences for explanation generality develop early in biology, but not physics. *Child Development*.
- Sheskin, M.**, & Baumard, N. (2016). Switching away from utilitarianism: The limited role of utility calculations in moral judgment. *PLoS ONE*, *11*(8), e0160084.
- Sheskin, M.**, Lambert, S., & Baumard, N. (2016). Biological markets explain human ultrasociality. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- Sheskin, M.**, Nadal, A., Croom, A., Mayer, T., Nissel, J., & Bloom, P. (2016). Some equalities are more equal than others: Quality equality emerges later than numerical equality. *Child Development*, *87*(5), 1520-1528.
- Safra, L., Tecu, T., Lambert, S., **Sheskin, M.**, Baumard, N., & Chevallier, C. (2016). Neighborhood deprivation negatively impacts children's prosocial behavior. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *7*, 1760.
- Magid, R., **Sheskin, M.**, & Schulz, L. (2015). Imagination and the generation of new ideas. *Cognitive Development*, *34*, 99-110.
- Sheskin, M.**, Chevallier, C., Lambert, S., & Baumard, N. (2014). Life-history theory explains childhood moral development. *Trends in Cognitive Science*, *18*(2), 613-615.
- Sheskin, M.**, Ashayeri, K., Skerry, A., & Santos, L. (2014). Capuchin monkeys (*Cebus apella*) fail to show inequality aversion in a no-cost situation. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *35*(2), 80-88.
- Sheskin, M.**, Wynn, K., & Bloom, P. (2014). Anti-equality: Social comparison in young children. *Cognition*, *130*(2), 152-156.

- Gray, K., Knobe, J., **Sheskin, M.**, Bloom, P., & Barrett, L. (2011). More than a body: Mind perception and the nature of objectification. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *101*(6), 1207-1220.
- Skerry, A., **Sheskin, M.**, & Santos, L. (2011). Capuchin monkeys are not prosocial in an instrumental helping task. *Animal Cognition*, *14*(5), 647-654.
- Ibanez, L., Messinger, D. Newell, L., **Sheskin, M.**, & Lambert, B. (2008). Visual disengagement in the infant siblings of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). *Autism: International Journal of Research and Practice*, *12*, 523-535.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- Sheskin, M.** (in press). The evolution of moral development.
- Baumard, N. & **Sheskin, M.** (2015). Partner choice and the evolution of a contractualist morality. In Decety, J. & Wheatley, T. (Eds.), *The Moral Brain*. M.I.T. Press, 35-48.
- Sheskin, M.** & Santos, L. The evolution of morality. (2012). In J. Vonk & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Evolutionary Psychology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

## SUBMITTED AND IN PREP

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- Sheskin, M.** & Baumard, N. (in prep). Moral psychology is broadly shaped by individual selection, not group selection.
- Sheskin, M.**, Helming, K., Langlet, J., Chevallier, C., & Baumard, N. (in prep). Trust and trustworthiness between adolescents: calibrating behavior to environment.
- Sheskin, M.**, Johnson, S., Olash, C., & Keil, F. (in prep). The Ideological Turing Test.
- Wynn, K., Bloom, P., Jordan, A., Marshall, J., & **Sheskin, M.** (in prep). The limits of natural morality across development.

## SELECTED POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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- Sheskin, M.** (2016). Fairness leads to preferences against (but also for) equality. Invited talk at the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office Seminar on "The Colors of Inequality: Costs and Consequences," New York, NY.
- Sheskin, M.** (2016). Why moral behavior emerges slower than moral knowledge. Invited talk at CogSci Connects Cognitive Science Conference on "Monkeys to Infants to Humans," Johns Hopkins University, Maryland, USA.
- Sheskin, M.** (2016). Moral decision-making across primates. Invited talk at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Biology of Decision Making, Paris, France.
- Sheskin, M.**, Chevallier, C., Lambert, S., & Baumard, N. (2015). An evolutionary account of moral development. Poster at European Human Behavior and Evolution Association, Helsinki, Finland.
- Sheskin, M.** (2015). The origins of fairness. Invited talk at UC Santa Barbara, California.
- Sheskin, M.** (2014). The continuous ingroup: Strangers are just friends you haven't met yet. Talk at CEU Summer School "Morality: Evolutionary Origins and Cognitive Mechanisms," Budapest, Hungary.

- Sheskin, M.** (2013). Unfairness in children and monkeys: The late emergence of deep fairness. Talk at CNRS Morality and Cognition Workshop, Cerisy, France.
- Sheskin, M., Bloom, P., & Wynn, K.** (2013). Fairness and advantage-seeking in young children. Talk at Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, Washington.
- Sheskin, M.** (2011). Idealization and scientific models. Poster for Cognitive Development Society, Philadelphia.
- Sheskin, M., Ashayeri, K., Skerry, A., Santos, L.** (2011). Social evaluation by nonhuman primates. Presentation for Cognitio Conference on Nonhuman Minds, Montreal, Canada.
- Sheskin, M.** (2011). The development of social comparisons: Children prefer relative wealth over absolute wealth. Presentation for Four College Conference, Columbia University.
- Sheskin, M., Johnston, A., Keil, F.** (2011). The development of generality preference for explanation. Poster at Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.
- Sheskin, M., Ashayeri, K., Skerry, A., Santos, L.** (2010). Responses to advantageous and disadvantageous inequity by capuchin monkeys. Poster presented at the International Society on Infant Studies Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Sheskin, M.** (2009). The origins of altruistic punishment. Presentation for the Society for Empirical Ethics at the Eastern American Philosophical Association Conference, NYC.

## TEACHING

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### *Instructor*

The Evolution of Morality  
 Junior Seminar in Cognitive Science  
 Junior Colloquium in Cognitive Science  
 Senior Thesis Workshop in Cognitive Science

### *Teaching Assistant*

Human Emotion	
Philosophy of Art	(Weekly Sections)
Introduction to Psychology	
Developmental Psychology	(Weekly Sections)
Moralities of Everyday Life	(Weekly Sections)
Sex, Evolution, and Human Nature	
Philosophy and the Science of Human Nature	(Weekly Sections)

### *Guest Lectures*

“Moral Emotions”	(course: Human Emotion)
“Cognitive Dissonance”	(course: Social Psychology)
“Intuitions about Philosophy of Art”	(course: Philosophy of Art)

## **AD-HOC REVIEWING**

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Biology Letters, Child Development, Cognition, Developmental Psychology, Developmental Science, European Journal of Developmental Psychology, Emotion Review, Frontiers in Psychology, Infancy, International Journal of Psychology, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, Journal of Mental Health, Perspectives on Psychological Science, Philosophical Psychology, PLoS ONE, Psychological Science, Review of General Psychology, Social Development

## **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

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2017	(Upcoming) Summer Stats 6-Week Workshop
2017	(Upcoming) New Haven Science Fair Judge
2016-Present	Coordinator of Advisory Panel for Cognitive Science
2016-Present	Website Administrator for Cognitive Science
2015-Present	Organizer of "Conversations in Cognition" Colloquium Series
2015	Reviewer for Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference
2014	Reviewer for SRCD Bi-Annual Conference
2011	Professional Development Workshop on HTML/CSS
2008-2009	Organizer of Weekly Developmental Lunch Lecture Series
2008	Reviewer for the Graduate Student Assembly Conference Travel Fund Awards
2008	Psychology Representative on Yale Graduate Student Assembly
2008	Panel Member for "The Naked Truth" (APS Conference, Chicago, IL)
2007-2008	APS Mentorship Program
2007	New Haven Science Fair Mentor