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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2021-present **Postdoctoral Associate**
Department of Psychology, New York University

EDUCATION

2021 **Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology**
Princeton University
Advisor: Dr. Tania Lombrozo
Dissertation: *Imperfect inquiry: How curiosity and satisfaction guide learning*

2020 **M.A. in Cognitive Psychology**
Princeton University
Advisor: Dr. Tania Lombrozo

2016 **B.A. in Cognitive Science, Psychology** (*summa cum laude*, departmental honors)
Northwestern University
Advisor: Dr. David Uttal
Thesis: *Touchscreen devices and young children: Symbolic understanding, the video deficit, and increasing symbolic competence*

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2020 Graduate Student Research Grant, Princeton Program in Cognitive Science
2019-2020 Graduate Fellow, Princeton Program in Cognitive Science
2016-2021 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2016-2018 Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study
2015 Summer Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University
2015 Benton J. Underwood Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
2015 Fellowship for International Study, Northwestern University
2014 Cognitive Science Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Northwestern University

HONORS & AWARDS

2021	William James Prize (best paper) Finalist, Society for Philosophy and Psychology
2019	Graduate Student Travel Award, Society for Philosophy and Psychology
2019	Graduate Student Travel Award, Society for Research in Child Development
2018	Glushko Student Travel Award, Cognitive Science Society
2018	Graduate Student Travel Award, Society for Philosophy and Psychology
2016	Franklin N. & Lee L. Corbin Prize
2015	Phi Beta Kappa, Northwestern University chapter

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Liquin, E. G., Metz, S. E., & Lombrozo, T. (2020) Science demands explanation, religion tolerates mystery. *Cognition*, 204, 104398.
2. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2020) Explanation-seeking curiosity in childhood. *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*, 35, 14-20.
3. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2020) A functional approach to explanation-seeking curiosity. *Cognitive Psychology*, 119, 101276.
4. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2018). Structure-function fit underlies the evaluation of teleological explanations. *Cognitive Psychology*, 107, 22-43.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. Liquin, E. G., Callaway, F., & Lombrozo, T. (2021). Developmental change in what elicits curiosity. In T. Fitch, C. Lamm, H. Leder, & K. Teßmar-Raible (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. (pp. 1360-1366). Cognitive Science Society.
2. Liquin, E. G., Callaway, F., & Lombrozo, T. (2020). Quantifying curiosity: A formal approach to dissociating causes of curiosity. In S. Denison., M. Mack, Y. Xu, & B.C. Armstrong (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 309-315). Cognitive Science Society.
3. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2019). Inquiry, theory-formation, and the phenomenology of explanation. In A.K. Goel, C.M. Seifert, & C. Freksa (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 664-670). Cognitive Science Society.
4. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2018). Determinants and consequences of the need for explanation. In T.T. Rogers, M. Rau, X. Zhu, & C.W. Kalish (Eds.), *Proceedings of the*

40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (pp. 696-701). Cognitive Science Society.

5. Liquin, E. G., Metz, S. E., & Lombrozo, T. (2018). Explanation and its limits: Mystery and the need for explanation in science and religion. In T.T. Rogers, M. Rau, X. Zhu, & C.W. Kalish (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 2065-2070). Cognitive Science Society.
6. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2017). Explain, explore, exploit: Effects of explanation on information search. In G. Gunzelmann, A. Howes, T. Tenbrink, & E. J. Davelaar (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 2598-2603). Cognitive Science Society.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. Liquin, E. G. & Gopnik, A. (under review). Children are more exploratory and learn more than adults in an approach-avoid task. Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/6watc/>
2. Liquin, E. G., & Lombrozo, T. (under review). In search of satisfying explanations.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Talks

1. Liquin, E. G., Callaway, F., & Lombrozo, T. (2021, June). *Drivers of curiosity: A computational account*. Talk presented at “Minds at Play” pre-conference workshop at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, virtual.
2. Liquin, E. G., & Lombrozo, T. (2021, June). *Explanatory satisfaction tracks epistemic success and motivates inquiry*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, virtual.
3. Liquin, E. G., Callaway, F., & Lombrozo, T. (2021, April). *Developmental change in the triggers of curiosity*. Talk presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, virtual.
4. Liquin, E. G., Callaway, F., & Lombrozo, T. (2020, July). *Quantifying curiosity: A formal approach to dissociating causes of curiosity*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, virtual.
5. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2019, July). *Inquiry, theory-formation, and the phenomenology of explanation*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Montreal, QB.
6. Liquin, E.G. & Lombrozo, T. (2019, July). *Causal structure modulates the preference for simple explanations*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy

and Psychology, San Diego, CA.

7. Liquin, E. G. & Gopnik, A. (2019, March). *Learning from approach-avoid decisions: Children explore and learn more than adults*. Talk presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.
8. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2019, March). *Determinants of explanation-seeking curiosity across development*. Talk presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.
9. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2018, July). *Determinants and consequences of the need for explanation*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI.
10. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2018, July). *What demands an explanation? Expertise and utility drive explanation search*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Ann Arbor, MI.
11. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2017, June). *Function over mechanism: Why teleological explanations are so compelling*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Baltimore, MD.

Posters

1. Liquin, E. G., Callaway, F., & Lombrozo, T. (2021, July). *Developmental change in what elicits curiosity*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, virtual.
2. Kosoy, E., Hart, Y., Liquin, E. G., Leonard, J., Mackey, A., & Gopnik, A. (2021, June). *Creative foraging in children*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, virtual.
3. Hart, Y., Kosoy, E., Liquin, E. G., Leonard, J., Mackey, A., & Gopnik, A. (2020, July). *The development of creative search strategies*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, virtual.
4. Liquin, E. G., Gorucu, S., & Lombrozo, T. (2019, October). *Developmental changes in future-oriented explanation search*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Louisville, KY.
5. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2019, July). *Causal structure and probability information modulate the preference for simple explanations*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Montreal, QB.
6. Metz, S. E., Liquin, E. G., & Lombrozo, T. (2019, July). *The varieties of belief: Epistemic differences between scientific and religious beliefs*. Poster presented at the

annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, San Diego, CA.

7. Liquin, E. G., Metz, S. E., & Lombrozo, T. (2018, July). *Explanation and its limits: Mystery and the need for explanation in science and religion*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI.
8. Liquin, E. G. & Gopnik, A. (2018, July). *Learning from approach-avoid decisions in children and adults*. Poster presented at “Understanding Exploration-Exploitation Tradeoffs” pre-conference workshop at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI.
9. Liquin, E. G. & Gopnik, A. (2017, October). *4- to 8-year-olds balance exploration and exploitation*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Portland, OR.
10. Liquin, E. G. & Lombrozo, T. (2017, July). *Explain, explore, exploit: Effects of explanation on information search*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London, England.
11. Liquin, E. G., Sheehan, K. J., & Uttal, D. H. (2017, April). *Symbols and screens: Young children are better at using a paper map than a touchscreen map*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.
12. Sheehan, K. J., Liquin, E. G., Hamilton, L., & Uttal, D. H. (2016, May). *Taking a break promotes symbolic understanding in 3-year-old children*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science 28th Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
13. Sheehan, K. J., Liquin, E. G., & Uttal, D. H. (2015, March). *Delay improves 3-year-olds’ ability to use a novel symbol, with and without instructions*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
14. Liquin, E., DeHaas, M., Gustafson, C., Sheehan, K. J., & Uttal, D. H. (2014, May). *Overall similarity facilitates young children’s symbolic understanding*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

INVITED TALKS

1. The role of curiosity and satisfaction in learning from inquiry (2020). *Affective Brain Lab Seminar, University College London*
2. Developmental changes in curiosity, exploration, and learning (2020). *Developmental Psychology Brownbag, Stanford University*
3. Explanation seeking and satisfaction within the process of inquiry (2019). *Early Childhood Cognition Lab Meeting, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.*

4. Explanation seeking and satisfaction within the process of information search (2019).
ConCats (Concepts and Categories) Seminar, New York University
5. A functional approach to explanation-seeking curiosity (2019).
Cognitive Science Graduate Seminar, Rutgers University
6. How do children balance information and reward in exploratory decision making? (2017).
Language and Cognitive Development Lab Meeting, UC Berkeley

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant
Developmental Psychology, Princeton University
Instructor: Dr. Casey Lew-Williams
- Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant
Sense and Sensibility and Science, UC Berkeley
(interdisciplinary course on problem solving and group decision making)
Instructors: Drs. Tania Lombrozo, John Campbell, and Saul Perlmutter
- Fall 2017 Guest Instructor
Quantitative Analysis and Coding Knowledge Workshops, UC Berkeley
(topics: basic statistics in R, plotting in R with ggplot2, intro to online experiments)
- Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant
Sense and Sensibility and Science, UC Berkeley
(interdisciplinary course on problem solving and group decision making)
Instructors: Drs. Tania Lombrozo, John Campbell, and Saul Perlmutter

SERVICE

Institutional Service

- Spring-Fall 2019 Co-Coordinator
Neuroscience and Social Decision Making (NSDM) talk series
Princeton University
- Fall 2017 Co-Coordinator
Quantitative Analysis and Coding Knowledge (QuACK): Statistics and coding workshop series for first-year graduate students in psychology
University of California, Berkeley

Ad Hoc Reviewing Cognition

PLOS ONE

Information and Learning Sciences

The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Cognitive Science Society

Cognitive Development Society

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Society for Research in Child Development