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About

Title of PhD: Role of Self-Relevance in Social Cognitive Ageing: Compensation or Motivation?

Supervisors: Kimberly Quinn, Pia Rotshtein

Brad Mattan is a doctoral researcher exploring the effects of ageing on social cognitive abilities such as perspective taking. Adapting existing perspective-taking paradigms, Brad has shown that older participants tend to prioritise personally relevant perspectives relative to irrelevant perspectives (e.g., a stranger's perspective). Brad recently won a Doctoral Researcher Development Award to present his research at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference at Austin, Texas in 2014.

Qualifications

- B.A. Psychology and Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
- M.A. Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Biography

Brad Mattan studied Psychology and Philosophy as an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Following his graduation, he spent 3 years living in Ecuador, where he worked as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer and later as a field consultant for Community Enterprise Solutions. Brad then returned to the U.S. to complete his Masters of Arts degree in the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago before crossing the Atlantic to conduct his Ph.D. research at the University of Birmingham.

Research

Research interests

Ageing, Social Cognition, Social Cognitive Neuroscience, Stereotyping and Prejudice, Person Perception

Publications

Published Work:

Narvaez, D., Mattan, B., MacMichael, C., & Squillace, M. (2008). Kill bandits, collect gold or save the dying: the effects of playing a prosocial video game. *Media Psychology Review*, 1 (1). Available 31/08/08 from <http://goo.gl/IGD2B>

Manuscripts in Preparation:

Mattan, B. & Cloutier, J. (manuscript in preparation). *Legal or illegal: Individual differences in stereotype content endorsement and explicit bias affects implicitly assessed bias toward immigrants.*

Mattan, B., Quinn, K. A., Apperly, I. A., Sui, J., & Rotshtein, P. (manuscript in preparation). *Is it always me first? Effects of self-tagging on third-person perspective taking.*

Powell, N. L., Zumbé, S., Beck, S., Mattan, B., & Quinn, K. A. (manuscript in preparation). *Is it worth the effort? Moral elevation without outcome knowledge does not promote helping.*

Mattan, B., Rotshtein, P., Rappaport, S., & Quinn, K. A. (manuscript in preparation). *Individual differences in cross-race bias modulate adaptation to ingroup and outgroup faces: An fMRI study.*

