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About

Dr Stewart is an experimental Social Psychologist with research interests in social cognition, intergroup relations, and ageing. Much of his research focuses on how goals and environments influence automatic and controlled thinking to produce prejudice and influence intergroup relations and decision making.

Qualifications

MPH (University of Massachusetts)
MA (Ohio State University)
PhD (Ohio State University)

Biography

Dr Stewart completed his PhD in Social Psychology at the Ohio State University in December 2007. He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Social and Cognitive Aging at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia in 2008 and 2009 before moving to the University of Birmingham in November 2009 as a Lecturer in Social Psychology and Social Cognitive Neuroscience.

Teaching

Introduction to Social Psychology at Level 2 (Module Leader), Social Cognition at Level 3 (Module Leader).

Postgraduate supervision

Dr Stewart welcomes applications from enthusiastic students who have performed well in their studies (i.e., first class degree) and who have an interest in experimental psychology studying social cognition, prejudice, intergroup relations, or ageing, especially examining the automatic and controlled components of these phenomena. My students have access to good research computers for conducting experiments as well as the School's EEG lab and fMRI lab. For information on PhD projects, please email me at **b.stewart@bham.ac.uk. (mailto:b.stewart@bham.ac.uk.)**

Primary advisor for:

- Laura Kimberley (Internally and externally imposed egalitarian goals and stereotyping)
- David Morris (Ideology, morality, intergroup relations, and prejudice reduction)
- Fyqa Gulzaib (Judging perspectives, intergroup relations, and prejudice reduction)

Secondary advisor for:

- Laura Healy (Self-regulation, goal striving, and disengagement from sport performance)
- Hamad AlTayyar (Self-regulation and sport performance)

Research

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Examples of research questions include:

How does changing the framing of appeals about intergroup interactions influence prejudice and collective action, for both majority and minority members?

When do people accept externally imposed egalitarian goals?

Does changing implicit bias (automatic stereotyping/prejudice) alter actual behaviour and decision making?

Why do behavioural measures of executive control fail to tap the same kinds of processes as meta-cognitive measures, and why do these types of measures predict health, happiness, and well-being differently, regardless of age?

Other activities

He also belongs to the following professional societies:

- Association for Psychological Science

- Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- European Association for Social Psychology

Publications

Ntoumanis, N., Healy, L. C., Sedikides, C., Duda, J., Stewart, B.D., Smith, A., & Bond, J. (2013). When the going gets tough: The "why" of goal striving matters. *Journal of Personality*, **doi.org/10.1111/jopy.12047 (http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jopy.12047)**

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