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Cornell University
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Education

Ph.D., Psychology 2023
Cornell University
Research Area: Social Psychology
Advisor: David Pizarro

M.A., Philosophy 2015
Tufts University

B.A., Philosophy 2011
Florida Atlantic University

B.A., Psychology 2011
Florida Atlantic University

A.A., Philosophy 2006
Broward College

Employment

Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Cornell University

AUG. 2024 – PRESENT, ITHACA, NY

Spring 2026

- *Does Anything Matter? The Psychology of Moral Relativism & Free Will*
- *What if? The Psychology of Thought Experiments*

Fall 2025

- *Does Anything Matter? The Psychology of Moral Relativism & Free Will*
- *What if? The Psychology of Thought Experiments*

Spring 2025

- *What is morality?*
- *What if? The Psychology of Thought Experiments*

Fall 2024

- *What is morality?*
- *What if? The Psychology of Thought Experiments*

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Psychology, Virginia Tech

AUG. 2022 – MAY 2023, BLACKSBURG, VA

Spring 2023

- *Advanced Social Psychology*
- *Psychology Perspectives in Social Psychology* (Graduate course)

Fall 2022

- *Psychology of Personality*
- *Senior Seminar: Moral Psychology*

Instructor, First-Year Writing Seminar, Knight Institute, Cornell University

AUG. 2018 – MAY 2019, ITHACA, NY

Spring 2019

- *Psychological perspectives on the nature of morality*

Fall 2018

- *Psychological perspectives on the nature of morality*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, Cornell University

AUG. 2021 – DEC. 2021, ITHACA, NY

- *Introduction to psychology. Instructor: David Pizarro*

JUN. 2021 – AUG. 2021, ITHACA, NY

- *Introduction to psychology. Instructor: Bryan West*

JAN. 2021 – MAY 2021, ITHACA, NY

- *Introduction to social psychology. Instructor: Tom Gilovich*

JAN. 2018 – MAY 2018, ITHACA, NY

- *Developmental psychology. Instructor: Jennifer Schwade*

JUN. 2017 – AUG. 2017, ITHACA, NY

- *Personality & social psychology: The individual in the social world. Instructors: Tom Gilovich & Amy Krosch*

JAN. 2017 – MAY 2017, ITHACA, NY

- *Evolution of human behavior. Instructor: Alex Ophir*

AUG. 2016 – DEC. 2016, ITHACA, NY

- *Introduction to personality psychology. Instructor: Jennifer Schwade*

SEP. 2015 – DEC. 2015, ITHACA, NY

- *Introduction to social psychology. Instructor: Tom Gilovich*

Adjunct Instructor in Philosophy, MCPHS University

SEP. 2014 – MAY 2015, BOSTON, MA

Spring 2015

- *Healthcare ethics*
- *Introduction to Philosophy*
- *Science, Technology, and Values*

Fall 2014

- *Healthcare Ethics*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Tufts University

JAN. 2013 – MAY 2013, MEDFORD, MA

- *Liberty, Justice, Equality. Instructor: David Denby*

Publications

Bush, L. S. (2026). Why training paradigms won't rescue experimental metaethics. Review of Philosophy and Psychology. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-026-00827-x>

Montealegre, A., **Bush, L. S.**, Moss, D., Pizarro, D. A., & Jimenez-Leal, W. (2025). Does Maximizing Good Make People Look Bad? *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01461672251361210>

Moss, D., Montealegre, A., **Bush, L.S.**, Caviola, L., & Pizarro, D. (2025). Signaling (in)tolerance: Social evaluation and metaethical relativism and objectivism. *Cognition* 254 (C):105984. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2024.105984>

Moss, D., & **Bush, L. S.** (2021). Measuring metaaesthetics: Challenges and ways forward. *New ideas in psychology* 62, 100866.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.newideapsych.2021.100866>

Bush, L.S. & Moss, D. (2020). Misunderstanding metaethics. *Diametros* 17(64), 6-21.

<https://doi.org/10.33392/diam.1495>

Bush, L.S. (2016). Cultural & moral relativism. In T. K. Shackelford & V. A. Weekes-Shackelford (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of evolutionary psychological science*. Springer International Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16999-6>

Millhouse, T., **Bush, L.S.**, & Moss, D. (2016). The containment problem and the evolutionary debunking of morality. In T. K. Shackelford & R. D. Hansen (Eds.). *The evolution of morality* (pp. 113-135). Springer International Publishing.

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-19671-8_5

Liddle, J.R., **Bush, L.S.**, & Shackelford, T.K. (2011). An introduction to evolutionary psychology and its application to suicide terrorism. *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression*, 3(3), 176-197. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19434472.2010.512157>

Scholarships & Awards

2025. Cognition Outstanding Reviewer Award – 2025

2020. Diametros Essay Prize Contest

2018. Effective Altruism Grants award

2017. Giving for Impact grant

2016. SPSP Small Research Grant

2010. Undergraduate Researcher of the Year in Evolutionary Psychology, Broward Psychology Association

Presentations & Posters

Bush, L.S. (2026, April). Invited Talk for the University of Florida Undergraduate Philosophy Society (virtual).

Bush, L. S. (2026, April). Schrödinger's Categories: The Indeterminacy of Folk Metaethics. Invited talk for the University of Arkansas Philosophy Club (virtual).

Bush, L. S. (2025, June). Why training paradigms won't rescue experimental metaethics. Poster presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Bush, L.S. (2021, May). Misunderstanding metaethics. Invited talk at the 2021 Six College Conference (6CC).

Bush, L.S. (2020, February). The mismeasure of metaethics. Poster presented at the 2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Bush, L.S. (2020, February). The mismeasure of metaethics and free will. Invited talk at the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS) preconference at the 2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Bush, L.S. (2020, February). The mismeasure of metaethics. Conference presentation. Paper presented at the inaugural Mind and Moral Psychology Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Bush, L.S. (2017, September). Does maximizing good make us look bad? Reputational concerns in effective giving. Conference presentation. Paper presented at the 4th SPI Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Bush, L.S. (2016, October). Does maximizing good make us look bad? Reputational concerns in effective giving. Invited talk for SPARK talks: Scholars present about research and knowledge, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Bush, L.S., & Moss, D. (2016, September). Qualitative studies in metaethics: Variability, inconsistency, & indeterminacy. Invited talk at the 2016 Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, Buffalo, NY.

Montealegre, A. **Bush, L.S.**, Moss, D., Jimenez-Leal, W., & Pizarro, D. (2016, August). Does maximizing good make people look bad? Reputational concerns in effective donations. Poster presented at the International Conference on Thinking, Brown University, Providence, RI.

Bush, L.S., & Millhouse, T. (2016, June). Operationalizing metaethics: The disagreement paradigm in empirical moral psychology. Invited talk at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

Millhouse, T. & **Bush, L. S.** (2014, March). Possible Metaethics and Alternative Moral Domains. Invited talk at the Boston Area Moral Cognition Group, Boston University, Boston, MA.

Research Assistantships

Morality Lab, Department of Psychology, *Boston College*

SEP. 2014 – MAY 2015, CHESTNUT HILL, MA

Evolutionary Psychology Lab, Department of Psychology, *Florida Atlantic University*

SEP. 2007 – JUN. 2008, DAVIE, FL

Professional Activities and Services

Ad hoc reviewer

2025–2026. Review of Philosophy and Psychology

2026. Synthese

2025. Cognition

2016–2025. Personality and Individual Differences

2017–2025. Philosophical psychology

2016–2023. Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin

2016. Evolutionary Psychological Science

2016. Terrorism and Political Violence

2015–2018. Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression