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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2025 – Present | Assistant Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience
Faculty fellow, Institute of Cognitive Science
Member, Center for Neuroscience
University of Colorado Boulder |
| 2021 – 2025 | Postdoctoral Research Scientist
Columbia University |

EDUCATION

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| 2015 – 2021 | Ph.D. in Social Psychology
University of California Santa Barbara |
| 2011 – 2015 | B.S. in Psychology & B.A. in Statistics
University of Minnesota Twin Cities |

HONORS/AWARDS

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| 2020 | UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship |
| 2020 | Charles G. McClintock Award |
| 2020 | SPSP Graduate Travel Award |
| 2019 | Kavli Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellowship |
| 2018, 2019 | UCSB GSA Excellence in Teaching Award nominee (x2) |
| 2015 | Phi Beta Kappa |
| 2013 | Juanita J. Mortensen Research Award |

PUBLICATIONS

14. **Hong, Y.** (2026). Core body temperature is associated with visual representations of social group members. *Acta Psychologica*, 267, 107178.
13. **Hong, Y., & Ratner, K. G.** (2025). The self as a representational base: My sense of “me” shapes what I think “us” looks like. *Self and Identity*, 24(8), 1058-1072.
12. **Hong, Y., Auten, A. R., & Ratner, K. G.** (2025). Group Bouba-Kiki effects: The interplay of social categorization, competition, and sound symbolism. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 154(10), 2709-2725.
11. **Hong, Y., Maitner, A. T., & Ratner, K. G.** (2024). Psychological effects of anti-Arab politics on American and Arab peoples' views of each other. *PLoS ONE*, 19(5), e0301282.
10. **Hong, Y., & Freeman, J. B.** (2024). Shifts in facial impression structures across group boundaries. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 15(6), 619-629.
9. **Hong, Y., Chua, C-W., & Freeman, J. B.** (2024). Reducing facial stereotype bias in consequential social judgments: Intervention success with White male faces. *Psychological Science*, 35(1), 21-33.
8. **Hong, Y., Reed, M., & Ratner, K. G.** (2023). Facial stereotypes of competence (not trustworthiness and dominance) most resemble facial stereotypes of group membership. *Social Cognition*, 41(6), 562-578.
7. **Hong, Y., Mayes, M. S., Munasinghe, A. P., & Ratner, K. G.** (2022). Scrutinizing whether mere group membership influences the N170 response to faces: Results from two preregistered ERP studies. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 34(11), 1999-2015.
6. **Hong, Y., & Ratner, K. G.** (2021). Minimal but not meaningless: Seemingly arbitrary category labels can imply more than group membership. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 120(3), 576-600.
5. Welborn, B. L., **Hong, Y., & Ratner, K. G.** (2020). Exposure to negative stereotypes influences the representations of monetary incentives in the nucleus accumbens. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 15(3), 347-358.

4. Hu, C., Yin, J., ..., **Hong, Y.**, ..., & IJzerman, H. (2019). Data from the Human Penguin Project: A cross-national dataset testing principles from social thermoregulation theory. *Scientific Data*, 6(1), 32.
3. Ratner, K. G., Kaczmarek, A. R., & **Hong, Y.** (2018). Can over-the-counter pain medications influence our thoughts and emotions? *Policy Insights from the Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 5(1), 82-89.
2. IJzerman, H., ..., **Hong, Y.**, ..., & Lindenberg, S. M. (2018). The human penguin project: Complex social integration buffers human core temperatures from cold climates. *Collabra: Psychology*, 4(1), 37.
1. IJzerman, H., ..., **Hong, Y.**, ..., & Lindenberg, S. M. (2017). Does distance from the equator predict self-control? Lessons from the Human Penguin Project. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 40.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

*Current or former student/trainee

- Cohen, B. R.* , & **Hong, Y.** (revise and resubmit). Seeing faces through groups: Asymmetric divergence of group-associated visual information.
- Cohen, B. R.* , Ratner, K. G., & **Hong, Y.** (under review). Social categorization shapes emotion differentiation.
- Hong, Y.**, Fajardo, G., & Freeman, J. B. (under review). The implicit activation and explicit application of facial stereotypes.
- Brodie, K.* , Cohen, B. R.* , & **Hong, Y.** (under review). Facial evidence matters less for stereotype-consistent judgments: Weaker formidability-aggression associations in Black vs. White faces.
- Brodie, K.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Racializing outgroups through threat.
- Brodie, K.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). From pixels to voxels: Distributed pattern decoding across stimulus and neural spaces.
- Brodie, K.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Cross-cultural consensus in facial impressions masks meaningful variation in their visual correlates.
- Cohen, B. R.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Shared facial cues tie impressions of power to distrust in women.
- Cohen, B. R.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Racial stereotypes paradoxically amplify gender stereotypes in facial impressions.
- Cohen, B. R.* , Allred, G.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). A standardized pipeline for real-time generation and manipulation of facial stimuli for social perception research.
- Cohen, B. R.* , Brodie, K.* , Peace, M. G.* , Moner, F.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Beyond visualization: Testing the causal impact of reverse correlated facial features on social impressions.
- Peace, M. G.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Judged in a crowd: Surrounding faces influences consequential social judgments.
- Peace, M. G.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Changing and adding group memberships: Implications for social and face perception.
- Peace, M. G.* , Brodie, K.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Looking like “us” requires more: Asymmetric visual representational boundaries of group membership.
- Moner, F.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Who represents the race? Gendered racial prototypicality of faces depends on status.
- Moner, F.* , & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Seeing immigration: Appearance-based judgments of immigrant status, belonging, and integration

INVITED TALKS

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| Oct, 2026 | Department of Psychology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. |
| Apr, 2026 | Department of Psychology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. |
| Jan, 2026 | Department of Psychology, National University of Singapore, Remote presentation. |
| Jan, 2026 | Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO. |
| Jan, 2026 | Department of Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, CO. |
| Dec, 2024 | Department of Psychology, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO. |

Oct, 2024 Department of Psychology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Feb, 2024 Department of Psychology, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*Current or former student/trainee

CHAired SYMPOSIA:

Hong, Y. (February, 2027). Not at face value: The flexible meaning of facial cues across social categories and judgments. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Philadelphia, PA.

TALKS:

Cohen, B. R. * & **Hong, Y.** (February, 2027). Gender-dependent perceptual cue weighting in facial impressions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Philadelphia, PA.

Brodie, K. L., * Cohen, B. R., * & **Hong, Y.** (February, 2027). Aggression judgments depend less on facial formidability for Black than White faces. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Philadelphia, PA.

Hong, Y. (February, 2025). How facial stereotyping changes: Exploring potential mechanisms. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

Hong, Y. (February, 2024). Reducing facial stereotype bias in consequential social judgments. Paper presented at the Intervention Science preconference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Hong, Y. (February, 2023). Shifts in core person perception dimensions across group boundaries. Paper presented at the Social Cognition preconference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Hong, Y. (February, 2022). Minimal group paradigm in the modern era: How reverse correlation methods can advance rich theoretical tradition. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Hong, Y. (October, 2021). How does my sense of “me” shape what I think “us” looks like? Paper presented at the annual meeting of Person Memory Interest Group, Santa Barbara, CA.

SELECT POSTERS:

Cohen, B. R. * & **Hong, Y.** (February, 2026). Stereotype-driven perceptual cue weighting explains why dominance reduces perceived trustworthiness of female faces. Presented at the Gender preconference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

Hong, Y., Maitner, A., & Ratner, K. G. (February, 2020). Exposure to political rhetoric during the 2016 elections shifted American and Arab people’s mental representations of each other. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Mayes, M. S., * **Hong, Y.**, Munasinghe, A. P., & Ratner, K. G. (February, 2020). Examining N170 encoding bias in intergroup face processing with multilevel modeling. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Hong, Y., & Ratner, K. G. (February, 2019). Overestimators are not underestimators: Novel category labels are meaningful when visualizing ingroup and outgroup faces. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.

Hong, Y., & Ratner, K. G. (January, 2017). Core body temperature moderates intergroup bias in face representations. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Hong, Y., & Borgida, E. (May, 2015). Malleability of implicit attitude via common in-group identity inducement. Presented at the annual meeting for the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING

Fall 2026 Professional Issues in Social Psychology, Graduate, University of Colorado Boulder

Fall 2026 General Statistics I, Graduate, University of Colorado Boulder

Spring 2026 General Statistics II, Graduate, University of Colorado Boulder

Spring 2026	Psychological Statistics, Undergraduate, University of Colorado Boulder
Fall 2025	General Statistics I, Graduate, University of Colorado Boulder
Summer 2019	Social Cognition, University of California Santa Barbara
Winter 2019	Statistical Methods in Psychological & Brain Sciences, University of California Santa Barbara
Summer 2018	Social Psychology, University of California Santa Barbara

MENTORING AND ADVISING

Postdoctoral Trainees:

Kirstan Brodie (2026 – Present)

Doctoral Students:

Brandon Cohen (2025 – Present), Morgan Peace (2026 – Present), Finneaz Moner (2026 – Present)

Undergraduate Students:

Grace Allred (2026, Research Fellowship), Marissa Hendrickson (2026, Research Fellowship),
Matthew Mayes (2019, Honors Thesis)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

AD-HOC REVIEWER (JOURNALS):

Acta Psychologica
Behavior Research Methods
Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience
Developmental Science
Group Processes & Intergroup Relations
Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied
Journal of Experimental Psychology: General
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Nature Human Behaviour
Nature Communications Psychology
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Perspectives in Psychological Science
Psychological Research
Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience
Social Neuroscience
Social Psychological and Personality Science

AD-HOC REVIEWER (CONFERENCES):

Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Midwestern Psychological Association

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

2026 – Present Member, Merit & Salary Review Committee (CU Boulder)
2026 – Present Member, Human Subjects Committee (CU Boulder)
2025 – Present Member, Committee on Psychology Undergraduate Education (CU Boulder)
2025 Reviewer, RIO Seed Grant (CU Boulder)
2025 Member, Teaching Faculty Search Committee (CU Boulder)
2025 – 2026 Chair, Social Psychology Graduate Admissions Committee (CU Boulder)