Vladimir Chituc

—Curriculum Vitae—

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**EDUCATION**

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT

*B.S in Psychology with distinction,* May 2012  
Thesis: “Individualism and the extended-self: Cross-cultural differences in the valuation of authentic objects” (Supervised by Dr. George Newman).

*PhD in Psychology,* 2017 – Present | PI: Dr. Molly Crockett

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Center for Behavioral Economics**, Duke University | PI: Dr. Dan Ariely

*Associate in Research,* Summer 2013 – Summer 2017

Conducts research in behavioral economics, moral psychology, and public policy in an interdisciplinary research group. Prepare and renew human subjects IRB protocol, lead groups in behavioral economics workshops, and assist lab members is running experiments, using Qualtrics survey software and Amazon’s Mechanical Turk, and analyzing data using SPSS.

**Imagination and Modal Cognition Lab,** Duke University | PI: Dr. Felipe De Brigard

*Research Assistant,* Summer 2014 – Present

Topic: relationship between counterfactual, moral, and causal judgments.

**Moral Attitudes and Decision-Making Lab,** Duke University | PI: Dr. Walter Sinnott-Armstrong

*Research Assistant,* Summer 2013 – Present

Topic: social and cognitive foundations of moral obligation, moral conformity.

**Boundaries of Social Cognition Lab,** Duke University | PI: Dr. Lasana Harris

*Lab Manager and Associate in Research,* Fall 2012 – Summer 2013

Topic: neural underpinnings of dehumanized perception.

**Cognitive Development Centre,** University of Bristol, UK | PI: Dr. Bruce Hood

*Research Assistant,* Summer 2011

Topic: cross-cultural differences in preferences for authenticity; served as the basis for thesis.

**Yale Comparative Cognition Laboratory,** Yale University | PI: Dr. Laurie Santos

*Co-Project Leader,* Summer 2010-Spring 2011 | *Research Assistant,* Summer 2009-Spring 2010

Topic: comparative research on the learning of novel causal structures.

**Yale Mind and Development Lab,** Yale University | PI: Dr. Paul Bloom

*Research Assistant,* Spring 2011

Topic: children’s preferences for advantageous and disadvantageous inequity.

**Yale Philosophy Experiment Month,** Yale University | Yale Philosophy Department

*Research Assistant,* Spring 2011

Ran 10 experiments submitted by philosophers using Qualtrics and Amazon’s Mechanical Turk.

**PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Kelly, M., Ngo, L., **Chituc, V.,** Huettel, S., Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2017). Moral conformity in online interactions: rational justifications increase influence of peer opinions on moral judgments. *Social Influence* 12 (2-3)

**Chituc, V.,**Henne, P., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., De Brigard, F (2016). Blame, Not Ability, Impacts Moral "Ought" Judgments for Impossible Actions: Toward an empirical refutation of  "ought" implies "can." *Cognition 150*: 20–25.

Henne, P., **Chituc, V.,** De Brigard, F., Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2016). An Empirical Refutation of "Ought" Implies "Can." *Analysis* *76* (3):  283-290

Strohminger, N., Gray, K., **Chituc, V**., Heffner, J., Schein, C., & Heagins, T. B. (2015). The MR2: A multi-racial, mega-resolution database of facial stimuli. *Behavior research methods 48*(3), 1-8.

Edwards, B. E., Rottman, B., Shankar, M., Betzler, R., **Chituc, V.,** Rodriguez, R., Silva, L., Wibecan, L.,   
Widness, J. & Santos, L. R. (2014). Do capuchin monkeys (Cebus apella) diagnose causal relations in the absence of a direct reward? *PLoS ONE 9(2*): e88595. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0088595

Gjersoe, N. L., Newman, G., **Chituc, V.,** and Hood, B. (2014). Individualism and the extended-self: Cross-cultural differences in the valuation of authentic objects. *PLoS ONE 9(3)*: e90787. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0090787

*Under Review or In Prep*

Ansher, C., **Chituc, V**., Wolfe, J., Ariely, D.Explaining Preferences for Natural Medicine: Anticipated side effects more strongly motivate treatment preferences than expected benefits. (Under Review).

**Chituc, V.,** Sinnott-Armstrong, W. Social Conformity in Moral Judgment and its Philosophical Lessons. (In Prep).

Garcia-Rada, X., **Chituc, V.,** Nichols, A., Mann, H., Campbell, T., Ariely, D. The moral degradation of bribes. (Under Review).

Strohminger, N., **Chituc, V.,** and Schwarz, N. Is alacrity the soul of wit? (In Prep).

Wolfe, J., **Chituc, V**., Ariely, D. All That Twitters Is Not Gold: How Verbally Documenting an Experience Affects Enjoyment. (In Prep).

*Presentations*

**Chituc, V.** Toward an Empirical Refutation of “Ought” Implies “Can.” (2016) Talk presented at the Center for Research in Applied Ethics at the University of Bucharest, with commentary by Toni Gibea. Bucharest, Romania.

**Chituc, V.,**Henne, P., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., & De Brigard, F. (2016) Blame, not ability, impacts moral “ought” judgments for impossible actions: Toward an empirical refutation of ‘ought’ implies ‘can.’ Talk presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Austin, TX.

**Chituc, V.,**Henne, P., Sinnott-Armstrong, W., & De Brigard, F. (2015) You Ought to but You Can't:

Blame Drives Judgments of the Ought-Implies-Can Principle. Poster presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Durham, NC.

Santos, L. R., Edwards, B. J., Rottman, B., **Chituc, V.** & Edwards, J. (2011) Do capuchin monkeys diagnose causal structure? Talk presented at the 7th biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society. Philadelphia, PA.

*Popular Press*

**Chituc, V.** & Henne, P. (2016) The Data Against Kant. *The New York Times.*

Ariely, D. & **Chituc, V.**  (2016) Primal fear can blinker our decisions, even in elections. *New Scientist.*

**Chituc, V.** (2015) Would you rather lose your morals or your memory? *The New Republic.*

**Chituc, V.** (2015) Want to change anti-vaxxers’ minds? Show them the horrors of the disease.   
*The Daily Beast.*

**Chituc, V.** (2015) Why we fall for fake science. *The Daily Beast.*

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2017-Present)

Duke University Brain Imaging Analysis Center Post-baccalaureate Fellow (2012-2013)

Timothy Dwight Richter Grant for Summer Research (Summer 2011)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

AdHoc Reviewer: *Cognition, Consciousness and Cognition, PLoS One.*

Memberships: *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2015-present),   
Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2015-present).*