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Education

Ph.D., Harvard University, 2007
Social Psychology

M.A., Harvard University, 2004
Social Psychology

B.A., Northwestern University, *summa cum laude*, 2002
Dual Majors: Psychology (honors) & Multidisciplinary Models of the Mind (ad hoc)

Academic Honors & Fellowships

2006	Society for Personality & Social Psychology Runner-Up Poster Award
2003-06	George W. Goethals Teaching Prize
2002 (2004-07)	National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship
2002 (2002-04)	Harvard University Graduate Fellowship
2002	Jacob K. Javits Graduate Fellowship (declined)
2002	Northwestern University "MayCourt" Member, Scholarship Category
2001-02	Northwestern Honors Program in Psychology
2001	Rhodes Scholarship Competition, Semi-Finalist
2001	Phi Beta Kappa (as junior)
2001	Golden Key International Honour Society (declined)
1998-02	Northwestern University College Scholar
1998	National Merit Scholar

Academic Leadership Activities

2005-07	Harvard Psychology Department Study Pool Committee member
2005-06	Harvard Social Psychology Research Workshop Committee member
2004	Research Fellow at the Mind & Life Summer Institute for Meditation Research
2002-03	Graduate Student Council Representative for the Harvard Psychology Department
2000-02	Student Activities Board Representative for the Northwestern Psychology Department
2000-01	President of Northwestern Undergraduate Psychology Association
2000	Graduate of Northwestern Undergraduate Leadership Program
1999-01	Justice on the Northwestern Associated Student Government Judicial Board
1996, 97	Odyssey of the Mind State Championship Team Member (creative problem-solving competition)

Teaching & Advising Experience

2005-07	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Co-Supervisor at Harvard (5 students)
2003-07	Undergraduate Research (Psy 910r) Co-Supervisor at Harvard (2-6 students each year)
2003-07	Academic Advisor for Harvard Psychology Concentrators (~25 students each year)
2003-06	Instructor of Sophomore Tutorial: "The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly of Psychology": Self-designed, year-long undergraduate seminar course at Harvard
2003-06	Non-resident Tutor of Psychology for Kirkland House at Harvard: Advising and taking part in house activities with undergraduates
2000	Faculty Instructor for the Leadership division of the National High School Institute at Northwestern
2000	Teaching Assistant for Northwestern's Undergraduate Leadership Program
1995-97; 1999	Mathematics and Reading Tutor for National Honors Society & the America Reads Program

Research Publications

Akalis, S. A., Nannapaneni, J., & Banaji, M. R. (under review). Manual shifts in automatic preferences: The effect of self-generated associations on implicit attitudes.

Akalis, S. A., Banaji, M. R., & Kosslyn, S. M. (2008). Crime alert! How thinking about a single suspect automatically shifts stereotypes toward an entire group. *Du Bois Review*, 5.

Akalis, S. A. (2008). A new spin on losses looming larger than gains: Asymmetric implicit associations from slot machine experience. *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*, 21, 378-398.

Epley, N., Akalis, S., Waytz, A., & Cacioppo, J. T. (2008). Creating social connection through inferential reproduction: Loneliness and perceived agency in gadgets, gods, and greyhounds. *Psychological Science*, 19, 114-120.

Epley, N., Waytz, A., Akalis, S., & Cacioppo, J. T. (2008). When we need a human: Motivational determinants of anthropomorphism. *Social Cognition*, 26, 143-155.

Research Presentations

Akalis, S. A. (May, 2007). A new spin on losses looming larger than gains: Asymmetric implicit associations from slot machine experience. Oral defense of dissertation at the Harvard Psychology Department, Cambridge, MA.

Adams, R., Akalis, S., Banaji, M. R., & Pittinsky, T.L. (January, 2007). The effects of implicit attitude awareness on mock juror decision-making. Poster presentation at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.

Akalis, S. A. (January, 2007). Las Vegas in the lab: Implicit experiences of losses looming larger than gains. Poster presentation at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.

- Akalis, S. A., Nannapaneni, J., & Banaji, M. R. (January, 2006). Do-it-yourself mental makeovers: How self-generated thoughts shift implicit attitudes. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.
- Akalis, S. A., Nannapaneni, J., & Banaji, M. R. (June, 2005). Implicit attitude change: Can do-it-yourself debiasing work? Poster presented at the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Pasadena, CA.
- Epley, N., & Akalis, S. A. (February, 2005). Detecting versus enhancing anthropomorphic agents: The divergent effects of fear and loneliness. Paper presented in "Other minds? How people perceive non-human agents," T. Chartrand (Chair), Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Akalis, S. A., Nannapaneni, J., & Banaji, M. R. (February, 2005). Meditating on malleability: Implicit attitude change via concentration. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Akalis, S. A., & Banaji, M. R. (November, 2004). Compassion & context-independent implicit attitude change. Paper presented at the Harvard Social Psychology Research Workshop, Cambridge, MA.
- Akalis, S. A., & Banaji, M. R. (May, 2004). Buddha, big bellies, & blizzards: Implicit attitude malleability via concentration. Paper presented to the Harvard Psychology Department, Cambridge, MA.
- Akalis, S. A., & Banaji, M. R. (January, 2004). Prime & prejudice: Exploratory studies on eliciting tolerance. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Akalis, S. A., & Banaji, M. R. (April, 2003). God & groups: A divine perspective on social cognition. Paper presented at the Harvard Social Psychology Research Workshop, Cambridge, MA.

Research Grants

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| 2005 | Tom Slick Research Award in Consciousness to M. R. Banaji, S. A. Akalis, & J. Nannapaneni |
| 2004, 2005 | Gordon Allport Restricted Funds Grants |
| 2001 | Benton J. Underwood Summer Research Fellowship |
| 2001 | Northwestern U. Grant for Undergrad Summer Research (declined) |
| 1998-02 | Northwestern University College Scholar Research Stipend |

Research Experience

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| 2002-03 | Akalis, S. A., & Banaji, M. R. (unpublished). Prime & prejudice: Exploratory studies on eliciting tolerance. |
| 2001-02 | Akalis, S. A., & Gardner, W. (unpublished honors thesis). Play-Doh & perseverance: Exploring the positive consequences of creative experience. |
| 2001 | Akalis, S. A., & Gardner, W. (unpublished undergraduate project). Denying death by affirming stereotypes. |

2000-02 Research Assistant for Dr. Wendi Gardner at Northwestern University
1999-00 Research Assistant for Dr. Neal Roesse at Northwestern University

Research Interests

Implicit Attitude Dynamics:

Change, Mental Control

Formation

Applications for social cognition, economics, & marketing

Economics & Risk

Anthropomorphism & Zoomorphism

Physical Attraction & Sexuality

Creativity

Religion