

## Samantha Joel – Curriculum Vitae

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

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PhD, Psychology, University of Toronto	2015
MA, Psychology, University of Toronto	2011
Hon. BSc, Psychology, University of Toronto	2010

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### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Assistant Professor, Psychology Department, University of Utah	2016-present
Postdoctoral Fellow, Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Texas at Austin	2015-2016
Sessional Instructor, Psychology, University of Toronto	2013-2015
Visiting Scholar, Harvard Business School	2013

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### RESEARCH AWARDS AND GRANTS

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University of Utah Funding Incentive Seed Grant Title: <i>Decision strategies for investing in new relationships</i> Role: Principal Investigator (Co-Investigator: Bert Uchino) Total award: \$31,844	2017-2018
SSHRC CGS Postdoctoral Fellowship Title: <i>Decision strategies for choosing compatible long-term romantic partners</i> Total award: \$40,500	2015-2016

Ontario Graduate Scholarship Title: <i>The impact of day-to-day relationship expectations on relationship quality</i> Total award: \$15,000	2014-2015
SSHRC CGS Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement Title: <i>The role of the social network in romantic relationship choices</i> Total award: \$6000	2013
SSHRC CGS Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship Title: <i>The role of the caregiving system in romantic relationship stay/leave decisions</i> Total award: \$105,000	2011-2014
SSHRC CGS Master's Scholarship Title: <i>Understanding commitment ambivalence in romantic relationships</i> Total award: \$17,500	2010-2011
SSHRC Undergraduate Student Summer Research Awards Total award: \$11,600	2008-2009

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### HONORS & AWARDS

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Dissertation Award, International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)	2016
Student Publication Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)	2014
Steve Duck New Scholar Award, International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)	2014
Ken Dion Award, Social, Personality and Abnormal Area, University of Toronto	2014
Brendan Gail Rule Award, Canadian Psychological Association	2012

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### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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\* denotes an undergraduate or graduate student co-author

**Joel, S.**, Eastwick, P. W., & Finkel, E. J. (in press). Is romantic desire predictable? Machine learning applied to initial romantic attraction. *Psychological Science*.

**Joel, S.**, Spielmann, S. S., & MacDonald, G. (in press). Motivated use of numerical anchors for judgments relevant to the self. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Eastwick, P. W., Harden, K. P., Shukusky, J.\*, Morgan, T. A., & **Joel, S.** (in press). Consistency and inconsistency among romantic partners over time. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

Spielmann, S. S., MacDonald, G., **Joel, S.**, & Impett, A. E. (2016). Longing for ex-partners out of fear of being single. *Journal of Personality*, 84, 799-808.

- Day, L. C.\*, Muise, A., **Joel, S.**, & Impett, E. A. (2015). To do it or not to do it? How communally motivated people navigate sexual interdependence dilemmas. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *41*, 791-804.
- Sherman, G. D., Lerner, J. S., Renshon, J.\*, Ma-Kellams, C.\*, & **Joel, S.** (2015). Perceiving others' feelings: The importance of personality and social structure. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *6*, 559-569.
- Robinson, J. S.\*, **Joel, S.**, & Plaks, J. E. (2015). Empathy for the group versus indifference toward the victim: Effects of anxious and avoidant attachment on moral judgment. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *56*, 139-152.
- Joel, S.**, Teper, R., & MacDonald, G. (2014). People overestimate their willingness to reject potential romantic partners by overlooking their concern for others. *Psychological Science*, *25*, 2233-2240.
- Joel, S.**, Burton, C. M.\*, & Plaks, J. E. (2014). Conservatives anticipate and experience stronger emotional reactions to negative outcomes. *Journal of Personality*, *82*, 32-43.
- Joel, S.**, MacDonald, G., & Plaks, J. E. (2013). Romantic relationships conceptualized as a judgment and decision-making domain. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *22*, 461-465.
- Spielmann, S. S., MacDonald, G., Maxwell, J. A.\*, **Joel, S.**, Peragine, D.\*, Muise, A., & Impett, E. A. (2013). Settling for less out of fear of being single. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *105*, 1049-1073.
- Gere, J., MacDonald, G., **Joel, S.**, Spielmann, S. S., & Impett, E. A. (2013). The independent contributions of social reward and threat perceptions to romantic commitment. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *105*, 961-977.
- Maxwell, J. A.\*, Spielmann, S. S., **Joel, S.**, & MacDonald, G. (2013). Attachment theory as a framework for understanding responses to social exclusion. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, *7*, 444-456.
- Joel, S.**, Gordon, A. M., Impett, E. A., MacDonald, G., & Keltner, D. (2013). The things you do for me: Perceptions of a romantic partner's investments promote gratitude and commitment. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *39*, 1333-1345.
- MacDonald, G., Locke, K., Spielmann, S. S., & **Joel, S.** (2013). Insecure attachment predicts ambivalent social threat and reward perceptions in romantic relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *30*, 647-661.
- Spielmann, S. S., **Joel, S.**, MacDonald, G., & Kogan, A. (2013). Ex appeal: Current relationship quality and emotional attachment to ex-partners. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *4*, 175-180.
- Joel, S.**, MacDonald, G., & Plaks, J. E. (2012). Attachment anxiety uniquely predicts regret proneness in close relationship contexts. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *3*, 348-355.
- Joel, S.**, MacDonald, G., & Shimotomai, A. (2011). Conflicting pressures on relationship commitment for anxiously attached individuals. *Journal of Personality*, *59*, 51-74.

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## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

- Joel, S., Eastwick, P. W., & Finkel, E. J. (2017, January). *Is attraction like a comet or an earthquake? Testing the predictability of romantic desire*. Invited talk given at the Fred Rhodewalt Social Psychology Winter Conference, University of Utah, Park City, UT.
- Joel, S. (2017, January). *Getting a job in academia: It's possible and here's what it entails*. Invited Mentor Luncheon hosted at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Joel, S. (2016, April). *The role of prosociality in decisions to begin, advance, and maintain romantic relationships*. Invited talk given at the Brown Bag Seminar, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- Joel, S. (2015, July). *On staying for the sake of the partner*. Invited talk given at the Ontario Science Centre, Toronto, ON.
- Joel, S. (2015, March). *How self-interested are relationship decisions?* Invited talk given at TEDxUofT, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
- Joel, S. (2014, November). *Romantic relationship decisions: Focusing on the role of the partner*. Invited talk given at the Social Psychology Colloquium Series, Western University, London, ON.
- Joel, S. (2011, March). *Healthy couples, sexual couples, and sexual health*. Invited talk given at the Sexual Education Centre's Sexual Awareness Week, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
- Joel, S. (2011, May). *Are missed romantic opportunities more regrettable than rejection?* Invited talk given at the York University-University of Toronto Social/Personality/Abnormal Psychology conference, Toronto, ON.

### Conference Presentations

- Joel, S., Eastwick, P. W., & Finkel, E. J. (2017, January). *Is romantic desire predictable? Machine learning applied to initial romantic attraction*. Data blitz talk given at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Joel, S., Eastwick, P. W., & Finkel, E. J. (2016, July). *What components of romantic desire are predictable? Machine learning applied to speed-dating*. Talk given at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Toronto, Canada.
- MacDonald, G., Joel, S., & Teper, R. (2014, October). *People overestimate their willingness to reject potential romantic partners*. In G. MacDonald (Chair), *Close relationships conceptualized as a judgment and decision-making domain*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology, Columbus, OH.
- Joel, S., Impett, E., & Spielmann, S. S. (2014, July). *When caring hurts: Breakups and the communally motivated*. In E. A. Impett (Chair), *What givers receive in communal relationships*. Symposium

presented at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Sydney, Australia.

Joel, S. (2012, Chair). *Focusing on the journey: Cognitive processes underlying romantic relationship judgments and decisions*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, NS.

Joel, S., MacDonald, G., & Impett, E. (2012, July). *The vicarious sunk cost effect: Romantic investment as a reciprocal process*. In B. M. Le (Chair), *Four perspectives on prosociality in relationships*. Symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Chicago, IL.

Joel, S., Plaks, J. E., & MacDonald, G. (2012, January). *The one that got away: Missed romantic opportunities are more regrettable than rejection*. Data blitz talk given at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Joel, S., & MacDonald, G. (2010, November). *Relationships are a joint venture: Exploring the existence of a vicarious sunk-cost effect*. Talk given at the annual meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

MacDonald, G., Joel, S., Spielmann, S. S., & Locke, K. D. (2010, July). *Putting the ambivalence back in anxious-ambivalence*. Talk given at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Herzliya, Israel.

## Posters

Joel, S., Peetz, J., & MacDonald, G. (2014, February). *Pleasant surprises: Underestimating a partner's pro-relationship behaviors improves relationship quality*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Spielmann, S. S., MacDonald, G., Joel, S., & Impett, E. A. (2014, February). *Better than being alone: Longing for ex-partners out of fear of being single*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX.

Joel, S., Page-Gould, E., & MacDonald, G. (2013, November). *Wanting to stay versus not wanting to go: Unpacking relationship stay/leave decisions with a multiattribute choice framework*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making, Toronto, ON.

Robinson, J. S., Joel, S., & Plaks, J. E. (2013, June). *Attachment insecurity predicts utilitarian moral judgment*. Poster presented at the Canadian Psychological Association Convention, Quebec City, QC.

Joel, S., MacDonald, G., & Impett, E. A. (2013, January). *When feeling bad leads to being good: The benefits of guilt-proneness for romantic relationships*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Joel, S., Page-Gould, E. E., & MacDonald, G. (2012, May). *Unpacking the stay/leave decision making process: Breakups conceptualized as multiattribute choices*. Poster presented at the Southern Ontario Behavioral Decision Research Conference, Waterloo, ON.

Joel, S., MacDonald, G., & Plaks, J. E. (2012, January). *Attachment anxiety uniquely predicts regret proneness in close relationship contexts*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Joel, S., MacDonald, G., & Plaks, J. E. (2011, June). *The unique contributions of attachment anxiety and neuroticism in predicting post-decisional regret*. Poster presented at the Social and Personality Section of the Canadian Psychological Association Preconference, Toronto, ON.

Spielmann, S. S., Joel, S., & MacDonald, G. (2011, January). *Ex appeal: Substituting current partners and ex-partners to satisfy the need to belong*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

Fortune, J.L., Lockwood, P., & Joel, S. (2010, January). *The effect of talented and hard-working role models on motivation*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.

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## TEACHING

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### Courses Taught (University of Utah)

Introduction to Social Psychology (PSY3410) Fall 2016

### Courses Taught (University of Toronto)

Social Psychology of Intimate Relationships (PSY424) Summer 2015  
Social Psychology of Intimate Relationships (PSY424) Winter 2015  
Social Psychology of Intimate Relationships (PSY424) Summer 2014  
Social Psychology of Intimate Relationships (PSY424) Winter 2014  
Social Psychology of Intimate Relationships (PSY424) Summer 2013

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## MENTORING

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### Graduate Supervision

Elissa Lauber, Secondary Graduate Project 2017/2018  
Title: *The antecedents and consequences of the decision to merge finances with a romantic partner*

### Undergraduate Supervision

Annelise Murphy, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Summer 2017  
Title: *Relationship quality for non-monogamous couples: Do motives matter?*

Anthea Harvey-Cheetham, Mini-Thesis Winter 2015  
Title: *Buffering the threat: The role of partner behavior during a relationship conflict*

Yasmin Elahi, Mini-Thesis and Undergraduate Honors Thesis Title: <i>Following “the one”</i> : How relationship commitment may change your ideal partner preferences	2014/2015
Rebecca Yang, Independent Project Title: <i>The roles of autonomy and attachment style in the decision to move in with a romantic partner</i>	Fall 2013
Chantal Dougan, Mini-Thesis and Undergraduate Honors Thesis Title: <i>Easier said than done: People overestimate their willingness to break up with romantic partners</i>	2011/2012
Angela Zhang, Mini-Thesis and Independent Project Title: <i>The association between trait empathy and relationship stay/leave decisions</i>	2011
Jenna Kean, Independent Project Title: <i>Prioritization of romantic relationships versus friendships</i>	Summer 2010

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### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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#### Consulting Editor

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin	2016-present
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships	2016-present

#### Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Perspectives in Psychological Science	2017
Social Psychology and Personality Science	2015-2016
Journal of Positive Psychology	2015
Journal of Personality	2013-2014
Journal of Experimental Psychology: General	2014
Journal of Self and Identity	2013, 2017

#### University Service

Graduate Committee, Department of Psychology, University of Utah	2016-2017
Co-Founder and Coordinator, Toronto Relationships Interest Group (TRIG)	2011-2014
Graduate Chair Search Committee, University of Toronto	2013

#### National and International Service

Social Psychology Program, National Science Foundation	2016, 2017
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2016
Reviewer, Annual Convention Submissions, IARR	2016
Member, IARR Mentoring Committee	2014-2016
Member, IARR Media Relations Committee	2012-2016
Reviewer, Annual Convention Submissions, Canadian Psychological Association	2012
Reviewer, Annual Convention Submissions, Association for Psychological Science	2010

## **Community Service**

Staff Writer, Science of Relationships ([www.scienceofrelationships.com](http://www.scienceofrelationships.com))

2011-Present

Blog Writer, Psychology Today ([www.psychologytoday.com/blog/dating-decisions](http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/dating-decisions))

2012-2015