

## Samantha Joel – Curriculum Vitae

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

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

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### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

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### HONORS & AWARDS

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

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## FUNDING

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- SSSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2015-2016 (\$40 500)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2014-2015 (\$15 000)
- SSHRC CGS Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement, 2013 (\$6000)
- SSHRC CGS Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship, 2011-2014 (\$105 000 total)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (offer declined), 2011-2012 (\$15 000)
- SSHRC CGS Master's Scholarship, 2010-2011 (\$17 500)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (offer declined), 2010-2011 (\$15 000)
- Leon R. Furlong Academic Scholarship, Medavie Blue Cross, 2008-2012 (\$12 500 total)
- SSHRC Undergraduate Student Summer Research Awards, 2008-2009 (\$12 000 total)
- Mount Allison University Renewable Entrance Scholarship, 2006-2008 (\$11 000 total)

SSHRC: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

CGS: Canada Graduate Scholarships

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## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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\* denotes an undergraduate or graduate student co-author

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

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. (2016, April). *The role of prosociality in decisions to begin, advance, and maintain romantic relationships*. Invited talk to be 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 at the Ontario Science Centre, Toronto, ON.
- Joel, S. (2015, March). *How self-interested are relationship decisions?* Invited talk at TEDxUofT, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
- Joel, S. (2014, November). *Romantic relationship decisions: Focusing on the role of the partner*. Invited talk at the Social Psychology Colloquium Series, Western University, London, ON.

Joel, S. (2011, March). *Healthy couples, sexual couples, and sexual health*. Invited talk 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 at the York University-University of Toronto Social/Personality/Abnormal Psychology conference, Toronto, ON.

### Conference Presentations

Joel, S., Eastwick, P. W., & Finkel, E. J. (2016, July). *What components of romantic desire are predictable? Machine learning applied to speed-dating*. Talk to be 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 gives 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., Plaks, J. E., & MacDonald, G. (2011, May). *Are missed romantic opportunities more regrettable than rejection?* Talk given at the annual York University-University of Toronto Social/Personality/Abnormal Psychology conference, Toronto, ON.

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 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

**Teaching Assistantships**

Psychometrics	Fall 2012
Statistics I	Summer 2012
Social Psychology of Intimate Relationships	Fall 2011
Introduction to Personality	Summer 2011
Social Psychology of Intimate Relationships	Winter 2011

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**UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISION**

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Anthea Harvey-Cheetham, Mini-Thesis Title: <i>Buffering the threat: The role of partner behavior during a relationship conflict</i>	Winter 2015
Yasmin Elahi, Mini-Thesis and Undergraduate Honors Thesis Title: <i>Following "the one": How relationship commitment may change your ideal partner preferences</i>	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
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships	2016

**Ad-Hoc Reviewer**

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

## **Administrative Positions**

Reviewer, Annual Convention Submissions, IARR	2016
Graduate Student Representative, IARR Mentoring Committee	2014-2016
Graduate Student Representative, IARR Media Relations Committee	2012-2016
Co-Founder and Student Coordinator, Toronto Relationships Interest Group (TRIG).	2011-2014
Student Representative, Graduate Chair Search Committee	2013
Reviewer, Annual Convention Submissions, Canadian Psychological Association	2012/2013
Reviewer, Annual Convention Submissions, Association for Psychological Science	2010/2011

## **Community Service**

Staff Writer, Science of Relationships ( <a href="http://www.scienceofrelationships.com">www.scienceofrelationships.com</a> )	2011-Present
Blog Writer, Psychology Today ( <a href="http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/dating-decisions">www.psychologytoday.com/blog/dating-decisions</a> )	2012-2015