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Education

2010	PhD, Cognitive Science Queen's University, Belfast, Institute of Cognition and Culture
2000	B.A., Cognitive Science
	B.A., Religious Studies
	University of California, Berkeley

Research Interests

Threat-assessment, Emotion, Evolutionary Psychology, Human-Robot Interaction

Awards or Grants

2023	Defense University Research Instrumentation Program: Instrumentation Enabling Investigation of Relation-based Trust in Anthropomorphic Robots, \$539,978.
2020	Air Force Office of Scientific Research: Trust in Machine Agents Under Realistic Threat, \$815,011.
2017	Defense University Research Instrumentation Program: Configurable Anthropomorphic Robot to Assess Threat-modulation of Trust in Machine Agents, \$141,481.
2015	Air Force Office of Scientific Research: Group Bias and the Attribution of Mental Properties to Allies, Antagonists, and Automata, \$360,000.
2014	UCLA Chancellor's Award for Postdoctoral Research, \$5,000.
2012	UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute Transdisciplinary Seed Grant: Reducing Group Prejudice with Neuromodulation, \$25,000.
2006	Overseas Research Student Award, \$110,000.

Publications

Holbrook, C., Holman, D., Clingo, J. & Wagner, A. R. (2023, October 9). Overtrust in AI recommendations to kill. *PsyArXiv*. https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/2umct

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Manuscripts in Preparation or Under Review

- Dayer, A., Nicolay, S., Turner, M., Wang, E., Shurik, K., & Holbrook, C. (in prep). In (those who believe in) God we trust: A replication and extension of findings of intuitive moral bias against atheists.
- Holbrook, C., Holman, D., Clingo, J., & Wagner, A. R. (in prep). Determinants of overtrust in robot recommendations to kill.
- Holbrook, C., & Fessler, D.M.T. (in prep). Harm when sanctioned versus at a distance: Distinct affective pathways to attenuated moral condemnation.
- Holbrook, C., Hahn-Holbrook, J., & Rosch, E. (in prep). Known unknowns: Inductive category-based reasoning under conscious ignorance.

Professional Experience

2021-present	Associate Professor of Cognitive and Information Sciences, University of California,
	Merced.
2017-2021	Assistant Professor of Cognitive and Information Sciences, University of California,
	Merced.
2015-2017	Research Scientist, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los

Angeles.

2010–2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for Behavior, Evolution and Culture,

Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles.

Mentor: Dr. Daniel M. T. Fessler.

2006–2010 *PhD Candidate*, Institute of Cognition & Culture, Queen's University, Belfast.

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer: Nature; Trends in Cognitive Sciences; Cognitive Science; Cognition; Transactions on Intelligent Interactive Systems; Psychological Science; Cognition and Emotion; Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience; Journal of Personality and Social Psychology; Biology; Biology Letters; Evolution and Human Behavior; Human Nature; Perspectives on Psychological Science; Social Cognition; European Journal of Social Psychology; Aggressive Behavior; Journal of Cognition and Culture; Journal of Theoretical Social Psychology; Personality and Individual Differences; Evolutionary Psychology; Journal of Applied Social Psychology; Social Behavior and Personality; Neuroscience Letters; Public Library of Science

Doctoral Student Committee Member:

- Dr. Jeffrey K. Snyder, UCLA, 2010-2012
- Dr. Jordan Clark, UN Reno, 2017-2020
- Dr. Umesh Krishnamurthy, UC Merced, 2018-2021
- Theo Samore, UCLA, 2017-present
- Helia Hosseinpour, UC Merced, 2021-present
- Zoe Griffith, UC Merced, 2021-present

Doctoral Student Advisor (UC Merced):

- Emilio Lobato, (co-advisor with Dr. Daniel Hicks) 2021-2022
- Emilio Lobato, 2018-2021
- Joshua Clingo (co-advisor with Dr. Carolyn Jennings) 2020-2021
- Shadab Tabatabaeian (co-advisor with Dr. Carolyn Jennings) 2018-2020

Primary organizer, Cognitive Science for the Common Good (UC Merced, 2017-present)

Member, Cognitive and Information Sciences Communications Committee (UC Merced, 2017-present)

Member, Cognitive and Information Sciences Climate Committee (UC Merced, 2020-present)

Teaching Experience

Fall, 2022	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of Religion (U)
Spring, 2022	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions (G)
Spring, 2022	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions (U)
Fall, 2021	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of Religion (U)
Spring, 2021	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions (G)
Fall, 2020	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of Religion (U)
Spring, 2020	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions (G)
Spring, 2020	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions (U)

Fall, 2019	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of Religion (G)
Spring 2019	UC Merced, Instructor: Mind, Technology and Society (G)
Spring 2019	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions (U)
Fall, 2018	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of Religion (G)
Spring, 2018	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions (U)
Spring, 2018	UC Merced, Instructor: The Cognitive Science of the Emotions (G)
Winter, 2017	Chapman University, Instructor: Motivation and Emotion (U)
Winter, 2016	Chapman University, Instructor: Motivation and Emotion (U)
Summer, 2014	Chapman University, Instructor: Motivation and Emotion (U)
Fall, 2013	Chapman University, Instructor: Motivation and Emotion (U)

• U =Undergraduate course G =Graduate seminar

Invited Presentations

- Holbrook, C. (2023, May). Robot anthropomorphism and trust under realistic threat. Presentation for the Association for Psychological Science, Washington D.C.
- Holbrook, C. (2022, April). Not hard-wired: Emotion adaptations are contextually sensitive to situation, self, and society. Invited presentation for the Society for Affective Science.
- Holbrook, C. (2020, September). *Political attitudes predict COVID-19 precaution and misinformation*. Invited presentation for the Department of Psychological Sciences, University of California, Merced.
- Holbrook, C. (2019, November). Size, strength and status estimates implicitly index racial bias. Invited presentation for the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, University of California, Merced.
- Holbrook, C. (2019, November). Size, strength and status estimates implicitly index racial bias. Invited presentation for the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, University of California, Merced.
- Holbrook, C. (2017, February). *Social cognition under threat*. Invited presentation for the Department of Psychology, Western University, London, Ontario, Canada.
- Holbrook, C. (2016, November). Reason under peril. Invited presentation for the Department of Psychology, CUNY-Hunter College, New York.
- Holbrook, C. (2016, March). *God and group prejudice in the threatened brain.* Invited presentation for the Department of Psychology, Chapman University, Orange.
- Holbrook, C. (2015, December). When foes loom large: Representations of relative formidability and social cognition. Invited presentation for the Research Center for Group Dynamics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
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- Holbrook, C. (2014, December). *Conceptual mediators of threat assessment and judgment bias.* Invited presentation for the Department of Psychology, University of Toronto.
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Professional Development

Member: UCLA Experimental Biological Anthropology Lab, 2010-2017.

Participant: AHRC Culture and the Mind Project, 2010-2014.

Professional Affiliations

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