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POSITIONS

Associate Professor	Minerva Schools at KGI	2020-Present
Assistant Professor	Minerva Schools at KGI	2018-2020
Research Affiliate	Yale University	2015-Present
Lecturer	Yale University	2015-2019
Postdoctoral Researcher	École Normale Supérieure, Paris	2013-2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Psychology)	Yale University	2013
B.S. (Neuroscience)	University of Miami	2007
B.A. (Philosophy, Theatre)	University of Miami	2007

ARTICLES

- Sheskin, M., Scott, K., ... Schulz, L. (in press). Online developmental science to foster innovation, access, and impact. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*.
- Chuey, A., Lockhart, K., **Sheskin, M.**, & Keil, F. (2020). Children and adults selectively generalize mechanistic knowledge. *Cognition*.
- Johnston, A. M., **Sheskin, M.**, & Keil, F. (2019). Learning the relevance of relevance and the trouble with truth: Evaluating explanatory relevance across childhood. *Journal of Cognition and Development* 20(4), 555-572.
- Kominsky, J. F., Gerstenberg, T., Pelz, M., Singmann, H., **Sheskin, M.**, & Keil, F. C. (2019). The trajectory of counterfactual simulation in development. *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- Sheskin, M.** & Keil, F. C. (2018). TheChildLab.com: An video chat platform for developmental research. psyarxiv.com/rn7w5
- Chuey, A., **Sheskin, M.**, & Keil, F. (2018). Mechanistic Knowledge Generalizes Differentially. *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- Sheskin, M.**, Chevallier, C., Kanovsky, M., Hulin, M., Ivanescu, A., Lenfesty, H., Regnier, D., Berniunas, R., Castelain, T., Sebesteny A., & Baumard, N. (2018). The needs of the many: Judging sacrifices for the group across cultures. *Journal of Cognition and Culture*.
- Wynn, K., Bloom, P., Jordan, A., Marshall, J., & **Sheskin, M.** (2018). Not noble savages after all: Limits to early altruism. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 27, 3-8.
- Starmans, C., **Sheskin, M.**, & Bloom, P. (2017). Why people prefer unequal societies. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 1, 0082.

- Johnston, A. M., **Sheskin, M.**, Johnson, S. G. B., & Keil, F. (2017). Preferences for explanation generality develop early in biology, but not physics. *Child Development*.
- Sheskin, M.**, & Baumard, N. (2016). Switching away from utilitarianism: The limited role of utility calculations in moral judgment. *PLoS ONE*, *11*(8), e0160084.
- Sheskin, M.**, Lambert, S., & Baumard, N. (2016). Biological markets explain human ultrasociality. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- Sheskin, M.**, Nadal, A., Croom, A., Mayer, T., Nissel, J., & Bloom, P. (2016). Some equalities are more equal than others: Quality equality emerges later than numerical equality. *Child Development*, *87*(5), 1520-1528.
- Safra, L., Tecu, T., Lambert, S., **Sheskin, M.**, Baumard, N., & Chevallier, C. (2016). Neighborhood deprivation negatively impacts children's prosocial behavior. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *7*, 1760.
- Magid, R., **Sheskin, M.**, & Schulz, L. (2015). Imagination and the generation of new ideas. *Cognitive Development*, *34*, 99-110.
- Sheskin, M.**, Chevallier, C., Lambert, S., & Baumard, N. (2014). Life-history theory explains childhood moral development. *Trends in Cognitive Science*, *18*(2), 613-615.
- Sheskin, M.**, Ashayeri, K., Skerry, A., & Santos, L. (2014). Capuchin monkeys (*Cebus apella*) fail to show inequality aversion in a no-cost situation. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *35*(2), 80-88.
- Sheskin, M.**, Wynn, K., & Bloom, P. (2014). Anti-equality: Social comparison in young children. *Cognition*, *130*(2), 152-156.
- Gray, K., Knobe, J., **Sheskin, M.**, Bloom, P., & Barrett, L. (2011). More than a body: Mind perception and the nature of objectification. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *101*(6), 1207-1220.
- Skerry, A., **Sheskin, M.**, & Santos, L. (2011). Capuchin monkeys are not prosocial in an instrumental helping task. *Animal Cognition*, *14*(5), 647-654.
- Ibanez, L., Messinger, D. Newell, L., **Sheskin, M.**, & Lambert, B. (2008). Visual disengagement in the infant siblings of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). *Autism: International Journal of Research and Practice*, *12*, 523-535.

CHAPTERS

- Sheskin, M.** (2017). The evolution of moral development. In M. Li & D. Tracer (Eds.), *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Fairness, Equality, and Justice*. Springer.
- Baumard, N. & **Sheskin, M.** (2015). Partner choice and the evolution of a contractualist morality. In Decety, J. & Wheatley, T. (Eds.), *The Moral Brain*. M.I.T. Press, 35-48.
- Sheskin, M.** & Santos, L. The evolution of morality. (2012). In J. Vonk & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Evolutionary Psychology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

FOR A POPULAR AUDIENCE

- Sheskin, M.** (2018). The inequality delusion: Why we've got the wealth gap all wrong. United Kingdom: *New Scientist*.

- Sheskin, M.** (2018). Inequality is different from unfairness, and only one of them is wrong. Switzerland: *Schweizer Monat*.
- Starmans, C., **Sheskin, M.**, & Bloom, P. (2017). The science of inequality: Why people prefer unequal societies. United Kingdom: *Guardian*.
- Starmans, C., **Sheskin, M.**, & Bloom, P. (2017). Inequality isn't the real issue. United States: *Wall Street Journal*.

SELECTED POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Sheskin, M.** (2020). TheChildLab.com and ChildrenHelpingScience.com. ICIS Webinar about Online Data Collection.
- Sheskin, M.** (2019). TheChildLab.com and multi-lab collaborations for developmental psychology. MIT.
- Sheskin, M.** (2018). New directions in online child data collection. Invited colloquium for Cognitive Science Group, Göttingen, Germany.
- Sheskin, M.** (2018). The psychology of treating animals unequally. Invited talk for Yale Effective Altruists Fellows.
- Sheskin, M.** (2018). What (if anything) makes humans unique? Invited speaker for Darwin Day, Connecticut.
- Sheskin, M.** (2016). Fairness leads to preferences against (but also for) equality. Invited talk at the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office Seminar on "The Colors of Inequality: Costs and Consequences," New York, NY.
- Sheskin, M.** (2016). Why moral behavior emerges slower than moral knowledge. Invited talk at CogSci Connects Cognitive Science Conference on "Monkeys to Infants to Humans," Johns Hopkins University, Maryland, USA.
- Sheskin, M.** (2016). Moral decision-making across primates. Invited talk at the 5th International Symposium on Biology of Decision Making, Paris, France.
- Sheskin, M.**, Chevallier, C., Lambert, S., & Baumard, N. (2015). An evolutionary account of moral development. Poster at EHBEA, Helsinki, Finland.
- Sheskin, M.** (2015). The origins of fairness. Invited talk at UC Santa Barbara, California.
- Sheskin, M.** (2014). The continuous ingroup: Strangers are just friends you haven't met yet. Talk at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.
- Sheskin, M.** (2013). Unfairness in children and monkeys: The late emergence of deep fairness. Talk at CNRS Morality and Cognition Workshop, Cerisy, France.
- Sheskin, M.**, Bloom, P., & Wynn, K. (2013). Fairness and advantage-seeking in young children. Talk at Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, Washington.
- Sheskin, M.** (2011). Idealization and scientific models. Poster for Cognitive Development Society, Philadelphia.
- Sheskin, M.**, Ashayeri, K., Skerry, A., Santos, L. (2011). Social evaluation by nonhuman primates. Presentation for Cognitio Conference on Nonhuman Minds, Montreal, Canada.
- Sheskin, M.** (2011). The development of social comparisons: Children prefer relative wealth over absolute wealth. Presentation for Four College Conference, Columbia University.
- Sheskin, M.**, Johnston, A., Keil, F. (2011). The development of generality preference for explanation. Poster at Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.

Sheskin, M., Ashayeri, K., Skerry, A., Santos, L. (2010). Responses to advantageous and disadvantageous inequity by capuchin monkeys. Poster presented at the International Society on Infant Studies Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Sheskin, M. (2009). The origins of altruistic punishment. Presentation for the Society for Empirical Ethics at the Eastern American Philosophical Association Conference, NYC.

TEACHING

<i>Instructor at Minerva Schools at KGI</i>	<i>Semester</i>
Complex Systems I	F18, F19
Complex Systems II	S20
Perception, Cognition and Reality	F19

<i>Instructor at Yale University</i>	<i>Semester</i>
The Evolution of Morality	S16, F16
Theories of Human Uniqueness	F18
Junior Seminar in Cognitive Science	F15, F16, F17, F18
Junior Colloquium in Cognitive Science	S16, S17, S18, S19
Senior Thesis Workshop in Cognitive Science	S16, S17, S18, S19

REVIEWING

Journals: Biology Letters, Child Development, Cognition, Cognitive Development, Consciousness and Cognition, Developmental Psychology, Developmental Science, European Journal of Developmental Psychology, Emotion Review, Frontiers in Psychology, Infancy, International Journal of Psychology, Journal of Applied Social Psychology, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Journal of Mental Health, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Perspectives on Psychological Science, Philosophical Psychology, PLoS ONE, Psychological Science, Review of General Psychology, Royal Society Open Science, Scientific Reports, Social Development

Conferences: SRCD, CDS, SPP

Grants: Israel Science Foundation

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

2017	Flipped Science Fair: Children Judge PhD Projects
2017	Co-Taught 6-Week Summer Stats Workshop
2017	New Haven Science Fair Judge

2016-Present Coordinator of Advisory Panel for Cognitive Science
2016-Present Website Administrator for Cognitive Science
2015-Present Organizer of "Conversations in Cognition" Colloquium Series
2015 Reviewer for Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference
2011 Professional Development Workshop on HTML/CSS
2008-2009 Organizer of Weekly Developmental Lunch Lecture Series
2008 Reviewer for the Graduate Student Assembly Conference Travel Fund Awards
2008 Psychology Representative on Yale Graduate Student Assembly
2008 Panel Member for "The Naked Truth" (APS Conference, Chicago, IL)
2007-2008 APS Mentorship Program
2007 New Haven Science Fair Mentor