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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 – present Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology
University of Toronto, Mississauga
- 2014 – 2016 Postdoctoral Fellow
Rotman School of Management
University of Toronto
- 2013 – 2014 Postdoctoral Fellow
Institute for Personality and Social Research
University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 – 2014 Consultant
World Bank Development Report
World Bank

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Social/Personality Psychology
University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation Committee: Dacher Keltner (chair), Robb Willer, Iris Mauss,
& Kaiping Peng
- 2006 B.A., Psychology & Anthropology
University of Pennsylvania
Graduated summa cum laude

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2019 New Frontiers in Research Fund (PI; \$190,780)
- 2019 Connaught Research Fund (PI; \$20,000)
- 2018 Named Rising Star by the Association for Psychological Science
- 2017 Templeton Foundation: Pathways to Character (Collaborator; \$190,000)
- 2017 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (PI; \$70,000)
- 2017 Ontario Research Fund (PI; \$70,000)

2017	Canadian Foundation for Innovation (PI; \$75,000)
2016	Research and Scholarly Activity Fund (PI; \$10,000)
2013	SPSP Student Travel Award
2013	Departmental Mentorship Award
2012	Psi-Chi Mentorship Research Grant
2011	Hornaday Graduate Fellowship
2011	Block Departmental Fellowship
2011	Psychology Departmental Summer Research Fellowship
2009	National Science Foundation East Asian Summer Program
2008	Kirschstein-NRSA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship: NIH
2006	Morris Viteles Prize for Undergraduate Research in Psychology
2006	Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society
2005	Ernest M. Brown Jr. CAS Undergraduate Research Grant
2005	Psi Chi National Honors Society in Psychology

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Côté, S., Stellar, J. E., Willer, R., Forbes, R. C., Martin, S., & Bianchi, E. C. (2020). High SES Individuals from Privileged Backgrounds Report Uniquely High Feelings of Entitlement. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. Advance online publication.
- Le, B., Côté, S., Stellar, J. E., & Impett, E. A. (2020). Empathic Accuracy for Negative Emotions: Contrasting the Detection of a Romantic Partner's Appeasement and Dominant Emotions. *Psychological Science*. Advance online publication.
- Stellar, J. E., Anderson, C. L., & Gatchpazian, A. (2019). Profiles in empathy: Different empathic responses to emotional and physical suffering. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*. Advance online publication.
- Painter, J. M., Stellar, J. E., Moran, E. K. & Kring, A. M (2019). A Multicomponent Approach Towards Understanding Emotion Regulation in Schizophrenia. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*. 75(1), 178-189.
- Stellar, J. E. & Willer, R. (2018). Unethical and Inept? The influence of moral information on perceived competence. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 114(2), 195-210.
- Stellar, J. E., Gordon, A. M., Anderson, C. L., Piff, P. K., McNeil, G. D. & Keltner, D. (2018). Awe and humility, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 114(2), 258-269.
- Bai, Y., Maruskin, L. A., Chen, S., Gordon, A. M., Stellar, J. E., McNeil, G. D., Peng, K., & Keltner, D. (2017). Experience of awe and the small self: Universal and variations in a collective emotion. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 113(2), 185-209.
- Stellar, J. E., Gordon, A., Piff, P. K., Anderson, C.L., Cordaro, D., Bai, Y. & Maruskin, L. & Keltner, D. (2017). Self-transcendent emotions and their social functions: Compassion, gratitude, and awe bind us to others through prosociality. *Emotion Review*, 9(3), 200-207.

- Gordon*, A. M., Stellar*, J.E., Anderson, C. L., McNeil, G. D., Loew, D., Keltner, D. (2017). The dark side of the sublime: Distinguishing a threat-based variant of awe, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *113*(2), 310-328. [*Equals co-first authorship]
- John-Henderson, N., Stellar, J. E., Mendoza-Denton, R., & Francis, D.D. (2015). Socioeconomic Status and Social Support: Social Support Reduces Inflammatory Reactivity for Individuals Whose Early-Life Socioeconomic Status Was Low. *Psychological Science*, *26*(10), 1620-1629.
- John-Henderson, N., Stellar, J. E., Mendoza-Denton, R., & Francis, D.D. (2015). The role of interpersonal processes in shaping inflammatory responses to social-evaluative threat. *Biological Psychology*, *110*, 134-137.
- Stellar, J. E., Cohen, A., Oveis, C. & Keltner, D. (2015). Affective and physiological responses to the suffering of others: Compassion and vagal activity. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *108*(4), 572-585.
- Stellar, J. E., John-Henderson, N., Anderson, C. L., Gordon, A. McNeil, G. D. & Keltner, D. (2015). Positive affect and markers of inflammation: Discrete positive emotions predict lower levels of inflammatory cytokines. *Emotion*, *15*(2), 129-133.
- Stellar, J. E. & Willer, R. (2014). The Corruption of value: Negative moral associations diminish the value of money. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *5*(1), 60-66.
- Stellar, J. E., Feinberg, M., & Keltner, D. (2014). When the selfish suffer: Evidence for selective prosocial emotional and physiological responses to suffering egoists. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *35*(2), 140-147.
- Stellar, J. E., Manzo, V. M., Kraus, M. W., & Keltner, D. (2012). Compassion and class: Socioeconomic factors predict compassionate responding. *Emotion*, *12*, 449-459.
- Feinberg, M., Willer, R., Stellar, J. E., & Keltner, D. (2012). The virtues of gossip: Reputational information sharing as prosocial behavior. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *102*, 1015-1030.
- Stellar, J. E. & White D. J. (2010). Social influences on territory choice in female green anole lizards (*anolis carolinensis*). *Behavioural Processes*, *83*, 282-286.
- Rozin, P. & Stellar, J. E. (2009). Posthumous events affect rated quality and happiness of lives. *Journal of Decision Making*, *4*, 273-279.
- McCauley, C. & Stellar, J. E. (2009). U.S. Muslims after 9/11: Poll Trends 2001-2007. *Perspectives on Terrorism*, *3*, 35-47.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Stellar, J. E. & Gordon, A.M. (2019). Awe, compassion, and gratitude. In A. Scarantino (Ed.), *Handbook of Emotion Theory*.

Stellar, J. E. & Keltner, D. (2017). Compassion in the Autonomic Nervous System: The Role of the Vagus Nerve. In P. Gilbert (Ed.), *Compassion: Concepts, Research and Applications*. New York: Routledge.

Stellar, J. E. & Keltner, D. (2014). Compassion. In M. Tugade, L. Shiota, & L. Kirby (Eds.), *Handbook of Positive Emotion*, New York: Guilford Press.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Debrot, A., Stellar, J.E., MacDonald, G., Keltner, D., Impett, E.A. (*invited revision*). Is Touch in Romantic Relationships Universally Beneficial for Well-Being? Exploring the Role of Avoidant Attachment Style. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*

Park, Y., Visserman, M. L., Sisson, N., Le, B. M., Stellar, J., & Impett, E. A. (*invited revision*). How can I thank you? Highlighting the benefits or costs when expressing gratitude.

Chung, J., Meijer, L., Zonneveld R., Al Sawaf, Z., Alajak K., Rahim H., Çiftçi L., Tešanovic T., Papadantonaki M., Papakosta N., Moopen N., Taşfiliz D., Alisic E., Mooren, T., Sleijpen M., Stellar, J. E., & Laceulle O. (*invited article*). Initial insights from a study of emotions and positive personality change in Syrian origin young adults who have recently resettled in the Netherlands, *European Journal of Psychology*

Schrage, K., Le, B. M., Stellar, J. E., Impett, E. A. (*under review*) Perceived Partner Gratitude Promotes Prosocial Motivation in Avoidantly Attached individuals

Xu, Stellar, & Xu (*under review*). Evolving emotion semantics: Prototype theory as an explanatory framework

Forbes, R. & Stellar J. E. (*under review*). When the Ones We Love Misbehave: Exploring Moral Processes within Intimate Bonds.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Stellar, J.E., Bai, Y., Anderson, C.A, Gordon, A, McNeil, G.D., & Keltner, D. (*in preparation*) Culture and the Experience of Awe: Towards Understanding Awe as a Mixed Emotion

Stellar J. E. & Keltner, D. (*in preparation*). Explorations into a self-transcendent emotion: Awe as a driver cultural evolution and social revolution

Debrot, A., Klumb, P.L., & Stellar, J. E. (*in preparation*). Touch as a Stress Buffer? Gender Differences in Subjective and Physiological Responses to Partner and Stranger Touch

PRESENTATIONS

- Stellar, J. E. (2020). *Encountering the extraordinary: Understanding awe as a self-transcendent emotion*. Invited talk at Western University, London, ON.
- Forbes, R. & Stellar, J. E. (2020). *The Capacity for Power and Status to Shift Moral Perception*. Symposium at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Stellar, J. E. (2019). *Encountering the extraordinary: Understanding awe as a self-transcendent emotion*. Invited talk at Duke University, Durham, NC.
- Forbes, R. & Stellar, J. E. (2019). *When the ones we love misbehave: Exploring moral processes within close relationships*. Symposium at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Toronto, ON.
- Stellar, J. E. (2019). *When the ones we love misbehave: Exploring moral processes within close relationships*. Symposium at the Society for Experimental Social Psychology, Toronto, ON.
- Stellar, J. E. (2019). *Cultivating Humility: An emotion-focused approach*. Symposium at the Association for Research in Personality Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Stellar, J. E. (2019). *Profiles in empathy: Different empathic responses to emotional and physical suffering*. Invited talk at the pre-conference for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Portland, OR.
- Stellar, J. E.. (2019). *The benefits of self-transcendent emotions: Reducing self-focus and increasing other-focus*. Flash talk at Society for Affective Science, Boston, MA.
- Stellar, J. E. (2018). Positive Emotions and their Importance for Health and Well-being. Invited talk at Smith College Executive Education, Northampton, MA.
- Stellar, J. E. (2017) *Looking up at the stars brings us down to earth: Awe and humility*. Invited talk at the University of Albany SUNY, Albany, NY.
- Stellar, J. E. (2017). *Awe and humility*. Invited talk for the Canadian Psychological Association, Toronto, ON.
- Stellar, J. E (2017). *The dark side of the awe*. Invited talk at the Preconference for Positive Emotion at the Society for Affective Science, Boston, MA.
- Stellar, J. E. (2017). *Positive emotions, health, and well-being*. Invited talk at the Academy of Well-being, Toronto, ON
- Stellar, J. E. (2017). *Understanding awe: New explorations into a key prosocial and epistemological emotion*. Invited talk at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON

Stellar, J. E. (2015). *Positive emotions, health and well-being*. Invited talk at the American Medical Association, Boston, MA.

Stellar, J. E. (2015). *Cross-cultural experiences of awe*. Invited talk at Greater Good Center, Berkeley, CA.

Stellar, J. E. (2015). *Positive emotions and their relationship to inflammation*. Invited talk at TEDMED, Palm Springs, CA.

Stellar, J. E. (2015). *A big helping of humble pie: Novel Benefits and New Methods for Cultivating Humility*. Symposium at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Stellar, J.E. (2015). *Affective foundations of well-being: The benefits of awe and compassion*. Invited talk at the University of Toronto, Mississauga, Toronto, Canada.

Stellar, J. E. (2014). *Compassion: Cultural and evolutionary underpinnings of a prosocial emotion*. Invited talk at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

Stellar, J. E. & Keltner D. (2013) *The physiology of compassion*. Invited talk at the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education, Stanford, CA.

Stellar, J. E. & Keltner D. (2011). *The boundaries of compassion: The role of individual differences in responses to suffering*. Invited talk at the Institute of Personality and Social Research Colloquium Series, Berkeley, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016-2018 Social Psychology

2017-2018 Emotion

2018 Moral Psychology

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Consulting Editor: *Emotion*

Journal Reviewing (Ad hoc): *Emotion Review*; *European Journal of Social Psychology*; *International Journal of Psychophysiology*; *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*; *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*; *Journal of Happiness Studies*; *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*; *PLOS One*; *Psychological Science*; *Scientific Reports (Nature)*; *Social Behavior and Personality*; *Social Science & Medicine*; *Stress & Health*

Grant Reviewing: *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*

Affiliations: *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*; *Society for Experimental Social Psychology*; *Society for Affective Science*

