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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**University of Colorado Boulder** 2025 – present  
Assistant Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience  
Faculty fellow, Institute of Cognitive Science

**Columbia University in the City of New York** 2021 – 2024  
Postdoctoral Research Scientist

## EDUCATION

**University of California, Santa Barbara** 2015 – 2021  
Ph.D. in Social Psychology

**University of Minnesota Twin Cities** 2011 – 2015  
B.S. in Psychology & B.A. in Statistics

## PUBLICATIONS

**Hong, Y.**, & Ratner, K. G. (in press). The self as a representational base: My sense of “me” shapes what I think “us” looks like. *Self and Identity*.

**Hong, Y.**, Auten, A. R., & Ratner, K. G. (in press). Group Bouba-Kiki effects: The interplay of social categorization, competition, and sound symbolism. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.

**Hong, Y.**, Maitner, A. T., & Ratner, K. G. (2024). Psychological effects of anti-Arab politics on American and Arab peoples’ views of each other. *PLoS ONE*, 19(5), e0301282.

**Hong, Y.**, & Freeman, J. B. (2024). Shifts in facial impression structures across group boundaries. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 15(6), 619-629.

**Hong, Y.**, Chua, C-W., & Freeman, J. B. (2024). Reducing facial stereotype bias in consequential social judgments: Intervention success with White male faces. *Psychological Science*, 35(1), 21-33.

**Hong, Y.**, Reed, M., & Ratner, K. G. (2023). Facial stereotypes of competence (not trustworthiness and dominance) most resemble facial stereotypes of group membership. *Social Cognition*, 41(6), 562-578.

**Hong, Y.**, Mayes, M. S., Munasinghe, A. P., & Ratner, K. G. (2022). Scrutinizing whether mere group membership influences the N170 response to faces: Results from two preregistered ERP studies. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 34(11), 1999-2015.

**Hong, Y.**, & Ratner, K. G. (2021). Minimal but not meaningless: Seemingly arbitrary category labels can imply more than group membership. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 120(3), 576-600.

Welborn, B. L., & **Hong, Y.**, & Ratner, K. G. (2020). Exposure to negative stereotypes influences the representations of monetary incentives in the nucleus accumbens. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 15(3), 347-358.

Hu, C., Yin, J., ..., **Hong, Y.**, ..., & IJzerman, H. (2019). Data from the Human Penguin Project: A cross-national dataset testing principles from social thermoregulation theory. *Scientific Data*, 6(1), 32.

Ratner, K. G., Kaczmarek, A. R., & **Hong, Y.** (2018). Can over-the-counter pain medications influence our thoughts and emotions? *Policy Insights from the Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 5(1), 82-89.

IJzerman, H., ..., **Hong, Y.**, ..., & Lindenberg, S. M. (2018). The human penguin project: Complex social integration buffers human core temperatures from cold climates. *Collabra: Psychology*, 4(1), 37.

IJzerman, H., ..., **Hong, Y.**, ..., & Lindenberg, S. M. (2017). Does distance from the equator predict self-control? Lessons from the Human Penguin Project. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 40.

**Hong, Y.** (2013). The relationship between students' conscientiousness level and their healthy eating behavior, *Sentience*, 8, 8-11.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREP/UNDER REVIEW

**Hong, Y.**, Fajardo, G., & Freeman, J. B. (under review). The implicit activation and explicit application of facial stereotypes.

**Hong, Y.**, Fajardo, G., & Freeman, J. B. (in prep). The neural bases of facial stereotyping.

Cohen, B\*., & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Stereotype-driven perceptual cue weighting explains why dominance reduces women's perceived trustworthiness.

Cohen, B\*., & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Differential effects of high-order social cognitive beliefs on perceptual bias in trait impressions of men and women.

Cohen, B\*., & **Hong, Y.** (in prep). Outgroup differentiation drives intergroup bias in face processing.

\*Denotes advised student/trainee

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

**Hong, Y.** (April, 2026). Mechanisms and malleability of facial stereotyping. Invited talk, Depart of Psychology, The University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

**Hong, Y.** (February, 2026). Stereotype-driven perceptual cue weighting explains why dominance reduces women's perceived trustworthiness. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL.

**Hong, Y.** (January, 2026). Mechanisms and malleability of facial stereotyping. Invited talk, Institute of Cognitive Science, The University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO.

**Hong, Y.** (January, 2026). Mechanisms and malleability of facial stereotyping. Invited talk, Department of Psychology, The University of Denver, Denver, CO.

**Hong, Y.** (February, 2025). How facial stereotyping changes: Exploring potential mechanisms. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO.

**Hong, Y.** (December, 2024). Mechanisms and malleability of facial stereotyping. Invited talk, Department of Psychology, The University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO.

**Hong, Y.** (October, 2024). Mechanisms and malleability of facial stereotyping. Invited talk, Department of Psychology, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

**Hong, Y.** (February, 2024). Mechanisms and malleability of facial stereotyping. Invited talk, Department of Psychology, The University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX.

**Hong, Y.** (February, 2024). Reducing facial stereotype bias in consequential social judgments. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

**Hong, Y.** (February, 2023). Shifts in core person perception dimensions across group boundaries. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

**Hong, Y.** (February, 2022). Minimal group paradigm in the modern era: How reverse correlation methods can advance rich theoretical tradition. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

**Hong, Y.** (October, 2021). How does my sense of "me" shape what I think "us" looks like? Paper presented at the annual meeting of Person Memory Interest Group, Santa Barbara, CA.

**Hong, Y.** (May, 2018). The relationship between core body temperature and intergroup bias. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

**Hong, Y.** (February, 2017). Effects of exposure to political rhetoric on intergroup biases among American and Arab people. Paper presented at the symposium for Social Psychological Perspectives on the 2016 Election, Santa Barbara, CA.

## SELECTED TEACHING

### **University of Colorado Boulder**

*Instructor of Record*

General Statistics (Graduate Course)  
Psychological statistics

### **University of California Santa Barbara**

*Instructor of Record*

Statistics  
Introduction to Social Psychology  
Social Cognition

## HONORS/AWARDS

UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship	2020
Charles G. McClintock Award	2020
SPSP Graduate Travel Award	2020
Kavli Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellowship	2019
SANS Poster Award	2019
UCSB GSA Excellence in Teaching Award nominee (x2)	2018, 2019
Phi Beta Kappa	2015
Juanita J. Mortensen Research Award	2013

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Ad-hoc Review for

*Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience*  
*Developmental Science*  
*Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*  
*Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*  
*Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*  
*Nature Human Behaviour*  
*Nature Communications Psychology*  
*Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*  
*Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*  
*Social Neuroscience*  
*Social Psychological and Personality Science*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
Social and Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS)  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)