

COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Of Trolleys and Cheaters: Automatic and Controlled Processes in Moral Judgment

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(Please join us after the talk for light refreshments.)



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ABSTRACT:

In this talk I will cover three related topics. First, I will review evidence for the "dual-process" theory of moral judgment, according to which deontological moral judgments (favoring "rights" over the "greater good") are driven by intuitive emotional responses, while utilitarian judgments (favoring the "greater good" over "rights") are enabled by controlled cognitive mechanisms. This review will focus on research by other researchers as well as unpublished fMRI and behavioral research from my own lab. Second, I'll discuss a series of behavioral experiments aimed at identifying factors to which our intuitive emotional responses are sensitive, with an eye on evaluating the quality of these intuitions. Finally, I will discuss a new line of research on the neural and cognitive bases of honesty and dishonesty, which is also the first research on brain-based lie-detection to study actual lies.

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