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POST-DOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006 - present Assistant professor, Department of Psychology, Arizona State University.
- 2005 – 2006 Assistant professor of psychology, School of Science and Health, Philadelphia University.
- 2003 – 2005 Assistant specialist, Institute of Personality and Social Research, University of California, Berkeley. Advisor: Dr. Dacher Keltner.
- 2002 – 2003 Post-doctoral fellow, Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development and Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health, Duke University Medical Center. Advisor: Dr. Harold Koenig.
- 2001 – 2002 Visiting assistant professor, Department of Psychology, Dickinson College.
- 2000 – 2001 Post-doctoral fellow, Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania. Advisor: Dr. Paul Rozin.

EDUCATION

- 2000 Ph.D. in psychology, University of Pennsylvania. Advisor: Dr. Paul Rozin.
- 1997 A.M. in psychology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 1995 – 1996 Doctoral student in biopsychology, Cornell University. Advisor: Dr. Robert Johnston.
- 1994 B.A. in psychology and Judaic studies, Dickinson College. Advisors: Drs. J. A. Skelton & S. Ned Rosenbaum.
- 1990 Beginning teacher in Judaic studies certificate, Gratz College.
- 1990 High school diploma, Akiba Hebrew Academy.

SELECTED HONORS

- 2006 – present Associate, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- 2005 – 2006 Faculty affiliate, Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2004 Certified Facial Action Coding System (FACS) coder.

- 2002 Scholar, Positive Psychology Summer Institute.
- 1999 Summer institute, Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania.
- 1995 – 1996 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University.
- 1996 National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship honorable mention.
- 1994 Latin honors (*summa cum laude*), Dickinson College.
- 1994 Departmental honors in Judaic Studies, Dickinson College.
- 1994 *Phi Beta Kappa*, Dickinson College.
- 1993 The Wilbur Harrington and Helen Burns Norcross Prize (psychology department outstanding junior), Dickinson College.
- 1990 The Neil Horowitz '73 Memorial Award (for excellence in Jewish studies and community service), Akiba Hebrew Academy.

PUBLICATIONS

- Cohen, A. B. (In press). On gratitude. *Social Justice Research*.
- Cohen, A. B., Kenrick, D. T., & Li, Y. J. (In press). Ecological variability and religious belief [Commentary]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- Pierce, J. D., Jr., Cohen, A. B., Chamber, J. A., & Meade, R. M. (In press). Gender differences in death anxiety and religious orientation among US high school and college students. *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*.
- Siev, J., & Cohen, A. B. (In press). Is thought-action fusion related to religiosity? Group differences between Jews and Christians. *Behaviour Research & Therapy*.
- Cherfas, L., Rozin, P., Cohen, A. B., Davidson, A., & McCauley, C. (2006). The framing of atrocities: Documenting and exploring wide variation in aversion to Germans and German-related activities among Holocaust survivors. *Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology, 12*, 65-80.
- Cohen, A. B. (2006). *Sanity & Sanctity: Mental Health Work Among the Ultra-Orthodox in Jerusalem* [Book review]. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, 194*, 147-149.
- Cohen, A. B., Malka, A., Rozin, P., & Cherfas, L. (2006). Religion and unforgivable offenses. *Journal of Personality, 74*, 85-118.
- Cohen, A. B., Hall, D. E., Koenig, H. G., & Meador, K. G. (2005). Social versus individual motivation: Implications for normative definitions of religious orientation. *Personality and Social Psychology Review, 9*, 48-61.
- Cohen, A. B., Pierce, J. D., Jr., Meade, R., Chambers, J., Gorvine, B. J., & Koenig, H. G. (2005). Intrinsic and extrinsic religiosity, belief in the afterlife, death anxiety, and life satisfaction in young Catholic and Protestant adults. *Journal of Research in Personality, 39*, 307-324.
- Hill, P. C., Exline, J. J., & Cohen, A. B. (2005). The social psychology of forgiveness and justice in civil and organizational settings. In E. V. Worthington, Jr. (Ed.), *Handbook of forgiveness* (pp. 477-490). New York: Brunner/Routledge.
- Cohen, A. B., & Koenig, H. G. (2004). Religion and mental health. In C. Spielberger (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Applied Psychology* (Vol. 3, pp. 255-258). San Diego: Academic Press.

- Cohen, A. B., & Rankin, A. (2004). Religion and the morality of positive mentality. *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*, 26, 45-57.
- Cohen, A. B., Rozin, P., & Keltner, D. (2004). Different religions, different emotions [Commentary]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 27, 734-735.
- Pierce, J. D., Jr., Cohen, A. B., & Ulrich, P. (2004). Sensitivity to two odorants, androstenone and amyl acetate, and the affective impact of odors on interpersonal relationships. *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, 118, 14-19.
- Cohen, A. B. (2003). Religion, likelihood of action, and the morality of mentality. *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 13, 273-285.
- Cohen, A. B., & Koenig, H. G. (2003). Religion, religiosity and spirituality in the biopsychosocial model of health and ageing. *Ageing International*, 28, 215-241.
- Cohen, A. B., Siegel, J. I., & Rozin, P. (2003). Faith versus practice: Different bases for religiosity judgments by Jews and Protestants. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 33, 287-295.
- Rozin, P., & Cohen, A. B. (2003). High frequency of facial expressions corresponding to confusion, concentration, and worry, in an analysis of naturally occurring facial expressions in Americans. *Emotion*, 3, 68-75.
- Rozin, P., & Cohen, A. B. (2003). Reply to commentaries: Confusion infusions, suggestives, correctives, and other medicines [Commentary]. *Emotion*, 3, 92-96.
- Abramowitz, J., Huppert, J., Cohen, A. B., Cahill, S. P., & Tolin, D. F. (2002). Religious obsessions and compulsions in a non-clinical sample: The Penn Inventory of Scrupulosity. *Behaviour Research and Therapy*, 40, 825-838.
- Cohen, A. B. (2002). The importance of spirituality in well-being for Jews and Christians. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 3, 287-310.
- Cohen, A. B., & Koenig, H. G. (2002). The role of spirituality in palliative care. *Geriatric Times*, 3, 25-26.
- Rozin, P., Kurzer, N., & Cohen, A. B. (2002). Free associations to "food": The effects of gender, generation, and culture. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 36, 419-441.
- Cohen, A. B., & Rozin, P. (2001). Religion and the morality of mentality. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 81, 697-710.
- Cohen, A. B., & Tannenbaum, I. (2001). Lesbian and bisexual women's judgments of the attractiveness of different body types. *Journal of Sex Research*, 38, 226-232.
- Rozin, P., Trachtenberg, S., & Cohen, A. B. (2001). Stability of body image and body image dissatisfaction in American college students over about the last 15 years. *Appetite*, 37, 235-238.
- Cohen, A. B., Johnston, R. E., & Kwon, A. (2001). How golden hamsters (*Mesocricetus auratus*) distinguish top from bottom flank scents in over-marks. *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, 115, 241-247.
- Cohen, A.B. (1998). Cause of homosexuality and Jewish tradition. *Jewish Spectator*, 62, 22-23.

Levin, R. M., Saito, M., Wein, A., Packard, D., Cohen, A., & Haugaard, N. (1993). Effect of partial outlet obstruction on choline acetyltransferase activity in the rat and rabbit. *Neurourology and Urodynamics*, 12, 255-261.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

Cohen, A. B., & Hall, D. E. (2006). *Social support, existential beliefs, and well-being among Catholic, Jewish and Protestant older adults*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Cohen, A. B., & Hill, P. C. (2006). *A cultural approach to social and individual religion and spirituality among American Catholics, Jews, and Protestants*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Cohen, A. B., Keltner, D., & Gruber, J. (2006). *Varieties of awe: Spiritual transformations and experiences of profound beauty*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Hall, D. E., Hill, P. C., & Cohen, A. B. (2006). *Measuring faith in health research: Review and critique*. Manuscript in preparation.

Oveis, C., Cohen, A. B., & Keltner, D. (2006). *Vagal tone as a physiological marker of social connection*. Manuscript in preparation.

ADDRESSES AND COLLOQUIA

Cohen, A. B. (2006, June). Religion and unforgivable offenses. Address delivered at the Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Cohen, A. B. (2006, May). Presented day-long seminar for doctoral students and faculty in the Center for Psychology of Religion, Department of Psychology, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium.

Cohen, A. B. (2006, April). Does religion make you moral? Roundtable discussion presented at the Office of Spiritual Development, Philadelphia University, Philadelphia, PA.

Rozin, P., & Cohen, A. B. (2006, March). Challah and humus and lox: Oh my! Discussion of Jewish culture and food at the Jewish Studies program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Cohen, A. B. (2006, March). Dealing with the complexity of religion: A cultural psychological approach (and some methodological and statistical lessons). Address delivered at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA.

Cohen, A. B. (2006, January). The religious roots of American individualism. Address delivered at the cultural psychology preconference of the seventh annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.

Cohen, A. B. (2005, November). The religious roots of American individualism. Address delivered at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Cohen, A. B. (2005, September). Effect of religion on morality and forgiveness (two topics important in ethnopolitical conflict). Address delivered at the Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

- Cohen, A. B. (2005, May). Religion, culture, and the morality of mentality. In I. Hansen (chair), *Cultural psychological approaches to religion*. Symposium conducted at the seventeenth annual convention of the American Psychological Society, Los Angeles, CA.
- Cohen, A. B., Keltner, D., & Haidt, J. (2005, June). Prospective study of awe and spiritual transformation. Address delivered at the Metanexus Institute conference on science and religion, Philadelphia, PA.
- Cohen, A. B., Keltner, D., & Haidt, J. (2004, June). Varieties of religious experience: Challenges for the study of spiritual transformation. Address delivered at the Metanexus Institute conference on science and religion, Philadelphia, PA.
- Cohen, A. B. (2004, March). The Jewish view of forgiveness. Address delivered at the University of California, Berkeley Hillel.
- Cohen, A. B. (2003, October). Spiritual transformation: What is it and how can we study it? Address delivered at the Gordon Allport Society, University of California, Berkeley.
- Cohen, A. B. (2003, October). The importance of religion in positive psychology: Morality and forgiveness. Address delivered at the Second International Positive Psychology Summit, Washington, D.C.
- Cohen, A. B. (2003, March). Religion and forgiveness: Similarities and differences among Catholics, Jews and Protestants. Address delivered at the conference of Division 36 (Psychology of Religion) of the American Psychological Association, Baltimore, MD.
- Cohen, A. B. (2002, October). The importance of mental states to Jews and Protestants: Religiosity, morality, and life satisfaction. Address delivered at the Life Cycle Institute of the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.
- Cohen, A. B. (2002, September). The importance of faith in Judaism and Protestantism: Implications for aging. Address delivered at the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC.
- Cohen, A. B., Tiede, B., & Peterson, C. (2002, August). Strengths and virtues among parents of children with cancer. Address delivered at the Positive Psychology Summer Institute, Wilmington, DE.
- Cohen, A. B. (2001, April). Religion and the morality of mentality. Invited address delivered at the Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Hemsley, D., Marans, A., Simon, E., Tran, T., Trout, K., Kiry, P., Cohen, A., & Ashley, J. (2006, May). *Can lifestyle influence mercury levels?* Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, West Chester, PA.
- Cohen, A. B., & Hill, P. C. (2006, January). *A cultural approach to religiousness and spirituality among American Catholics, Jews, and Protestants*. Poster presented at the seventh annual conference of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.
- Horberg, E. J., Keltner, D., & Cohen, A. B. (2006, January). *Disgust and the moralization of purity*. Poster presented at the seventh annual conference of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.

- Cohen, A. B., Malka, A., Rozin, P., & Cherfas, L. (2005, January). *Religion and unforgivable offenses*. Poster presented at the sixth annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Goetz, J. L., Cohen, A. B., & Keltner, D. (2004, July). *Culture and morality of motivations: How do we judge prosocial acts?* Poster presented at the Mind, Culture & Evolution Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Shiota, M. N., Cohen, A. B., Keltner, D., & Pierce, J. D., Jr. (2004, January). *The many flavors of happiness: Varying relationships among demographics, life satisfaction, and discrete positive affect dispositions*. Poster presented at the 2004 meeting of the Association of Research in Personality, Austin, TX.
- Meade, R., Chambers, J., Cohen, A. B., & Pierce, J. D., Jr. (2003, June). *Religious orientation, death anxiety, belief in the afterlife and life satisfaction in young Catholic and Protestant adults*. Poster presented at the fifteenth annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Chambers, J., Meade, R., Cohen, A. B., & Pierce, J. D., Jr. (2003, June). *Correlates of death anxiety among high school and college students*. Poster presented at the fifteenth annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Cohen, A. B., Meade, R. M., Chambers, J. A., Pierce, J. D. Jr., Gorvine, B. J., & Koenig, H. G. (2003, April). *Death anxiety, belief in the afterlife and life satisfaction in young adults: Different relationships with religious orientation in Catholics and Protestants*. Poster presented at Integrating Research on Spirituality and Health and Well-Being Into Service Delivery: A Research Conference, Bethesda, MD.
- Pierce, J. D., Jr., Cohen, A. B., & Ulrich, P. (2002, June). *Interpersonal significance of androstenone sensitivity and the affective impact of odors*. Poster presented at the fourteenth annual convention of the American Psychological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Cohen, A. B. (2002, February). *Religion, likelihood of action, and the morality of mentality*. Poster presented at the third annual conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Savannah, GA.
- Cohen, A. B., Huppert, J. D., & Abramowitz, J. S. (2001, November). *Effects of religion and religiosity on obsessive-compulsive scrupulosity*. Poster presented at the thirty-fifth annual convention of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Philadelphia, PA.
- Abramowitz, J. S., Huppert, J. D., Cohen, A. B., & Tolin, D. F. (2001, November). *Religious obsessions and compulsions: The Penn Inventory of Scrupulosity*. Poster presented at the thirty-fifth annual convention of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Philadelphia, PA.
- Cohen, A. B., Cherfas, L., Rozin, P., & Davidson, A. (2001, July). *Forgiveness, religiousness, spirituality and meaning-making as sources of resilience for Holocaust survivors*. Poster presented at the thirteenth annual conference of the American Psychological Society, Toronto, ON.
- Cohen, A. B., & Rozin, P. (2000, June). *Religion and the morality of mentality*. Poster presented at the twelfth annual conference of the American Psychological Society, Miami Beach, FL.
- Cohen, A. B., Heine, S. J., & Sabini, J. (1999, April). *Face-saving in the US and Japan*. Poster presented at the second annual graduate student conference of the Northeastern Cognitive Science Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Cohen, A. B., Johnston, R. E., & Kwon, A. (1997, July). *The analysis of scent over-marks: How do male golden hamsters (Mesocricetus auratus) determine which scent is on top?* Poster presented at the eighth international symposium on Chemical Signals in Vertebrates, Ithaca, NY.

Johnston, R. E., Bhorade, A., & Cohen, A. B. (1996, April). *Perception of scent over-marks: How do hamsters determine which scent is on top?* Poster presented at the twenty-eighth conference of the Association for Chemoreception Sciences, Sarasota, FL.

Cohen, A. B. (1994, June). *Increased competence and perceived competence increase emergency helping: A meta-analysis.* Poster presented at the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, Harrisburg, PA.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Psychology (Camden County College, University of Pennsylvania, University of California, Berkeley, University of San Francisco, and Philadelphia University).

Psychological Applications of Statistics I (Philadelphia University)

Psychological Applications of Statistics II (Philadelphia University).

Senior Colloquium (Philadelphia University).

Social Psychology (University of Pennsylvania and University of California, Berkeley).

Psychology and Religion (Dickinson College and University of Pennsylvania).

Evolutionary Psychology (Dickinson College).

Morality seminar (Dickinson College).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2005 - 2006 Faculty Affairs and Development Committee, Subcommittee on Evaluation of Administrative Offices, Philadelphia University.

2004 - 2005 Colloquium committee, Institute of Personality and Social Research, University of California, Berkeley.

2003 Reviewer of poster abstracts, Society of Personality and Social Psychology conference.

2002 Planning and advisory committee, conference on spirituality and health, International Center for the Integration of Health & Spirituality.

2002 Reviewer of proposals on unlimited love, Institute for Research on Unlimited Love.

2001 - present Ad-hoc reviewer for *American Psychologist*, *Cognition & Emotion*, *European Journal of Social Psychology*, *International Journal of Psychology*, *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *Journal of Health Psychology*, *Journal of Personality*, *Journal of Personality & Social Psychology: Attitudes & Social Cognition*, *Journal of Personality & Social Psychology: Personality Processes & Individual Differences*, *Journal of Research in Personality*, *Journal of Social Issues*, *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, *Personality & Social Psychology*

Bulletin, Psychological Reports.

- 2001 - 2002 Faculty advisor to Public Affairs Symposium, Dickinson College.
2001 - 2002 Minority student recruitment volunteer, Dickinson College.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2006 - 2008 Principal investigator for \$100,000 grant for two years on "Competitive Dynamics and Cultural Evolution of Religion and God Concepts", Templeton Advanced Research Program, sponsored by the Metanexus Foundation. Co-investigators Drs. Paul Rozin and Peter Hill.
- 2003 - 2005 Project director for project entitled "Prospective study of awe and spirituality transformation." Principal investigators: Dacher Keltner and Jonathan Haidt. \$136,308 in direct costs over two years funded by the Spiritual Transformation Scientific Research Program from the Metanexus Foundation.
- 2002 Proposal approved for intramural support by Duke Center for Care at the End of Life for project entitled "Afterlife belief in Judaism: Denomination differences and relationships with mental health". \$7,500 in direct costs for one year. Declined funding to accept position at UC Berkeley.
- 2002 - 2003 Institutional NRSA post-doctoral fellow (NIA grant T32 - AG00029), Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development and Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health, Duke University Medical Center.
- 2002 - 2003 Principal investigator for project entitled "Religious beliefs and well-being in older Jews and Christians". \$10,000 in direct costs for one year awarded by the Templeton Positive Psychology Young Scholars program.
- 2002 - 2003 Principal investigator for project entitled "Strengths and virtues among parents of cancer patients". \$500 in research expenses funded by the Positive Psychology Network.
- 2000 - 2002 Principal investigator for project entitled "Forgiveness, religiosity, health and well-being among Holocaust survivors". \$7,000 in research expenses awarded by the Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict.
- 1999 Supervisor/collaborator with Ilana Tannenbaum on project entitled "Attraction among lesbian and bisexual women". \$400 in research expenses awarded by Psychology Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

MEDIA CONTACTS

- March 2006 Interviewed by Bryan Schwartzman, *Jewish Exponent*, on Judaism and forgiveness. Written up in "The choice is yours: Forgive or fester?", April 21, 2006.
- July 2005 Interviewed by Barbara Bradley Hagerty, National Public Radio, on religious and spiritual experiences.
- December 2004 Interviewed by Pamela Paul, *Time* magazine, on religion and well-being. Quoted in "The power to uplift", January 17, 2005.
- October 2004 Interviewed by Melissa Dribben, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, on religion, morality and

- politics. Quoted in “Religious issues leave less room for debate”, October 25, 2004.
- April 2004 Interviewed by Lucette Lagnado, *Wall Street Journal*, on forgiveness and the Holocaust.
- October 2002 Interviewed by Maricris Briones, *Science and Spirit* magazine, on optimism, spirituality and positive psychology.
- June 2002 Reuters write-up of American Psychological Society presentation with John Pierce and Patricia Ulrich on androstenone sensitivity and affective impact of odors.

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Psychological Association Division 8 (Society of Personality and Social Psychology).
- American Psychological Association Division 36 (Psychology of Religion).
- American Psychological Society.