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Research Summary

My research program integrates social psychology, affective neuroscience, and psychophysiology to understand the emotional and neural mechanisms underlying intergroup relations, prejudice, and social behaviour. Using multimethod approaches including facial electromyography, neuroimaging, and behavioural paradigms, I investigate how emotions shape social perception and intergroup dynamics. Key research streams include: the psychophysiology of prejudice and discrimination; empathy and its role in intergroup relations; emotional expression and recognition across the lifespan; human-robot social interaction; and the functions of emotional crying and tears. Recent work examines online social behaviour, including trolling and social media effects, as well as moral emotions and political ideology. My research has practical applications for reducing prejudice, improving jury decision-making in sexual assault trials, and informing the design of social robots.

Key Achievements

Research Impact

- 6,631 total citations | h-index: 39 | i10-index: 68 (Google Scholar, January 2026)
- 65 peer-reviewed journal articles, 11 book chapters, 1 authored book
- Over AUD \$1.6 million in competitive research funding secured (USD \$219,000 + AUD \$1,243,000)

Recognition & Leadership

- Fellow, Society of Personality and Social Psychology (2022)
- President, Australasian Society for Social and Affective Neuroscience (2023-2026)
- President, Australasian Society for Psychophysiology (2021-2023)
- Teaching Excellence Award, Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences, UQ (2021)

Training & Mentorship

- 30 PhD students completed, four currently supervised
- 43 individual Honours students completed, 20 team thesis projects completed

Employment History/Experience

2024-present	Professor, School of Psychology, University of Queensland
2019-2023	Associate Professor, School of Psychology, University of Queensland

2011-2013	Deputy Head, Research & Research Training, School of Psychology, University of Queensland
2009-2012	Research Higher Degrees Postgraduate Coordinator, School of Psychology, University of Queensland
2007-2018	Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, University of Queensland
2007	Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Psychology, Georgia State University, Atlanta
2000-2007	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Georgia State University, Atlanta
2003-2007	Faculty member, Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, Atlanta, GA
1997-2000	Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Emory University
1996-1997	Assistant Research Scientist, Environmental Psychophysiology Laboratory, Texas A&M University; Dr. Louis Tassinari, Director
1997 (Summer)	Instructor, College of Architecture, Texas A&M University
1994-1996	Research Associate, USC Psychophysiology Laboratory; Dr. Michael Dawson, Director
1994-1996	Visiting Assistant Professor in Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience, University of Southern California

Qualifications

Ph.D., Psychology (Social), University of Southern California, Los Angeles; June 1994.

M.A., Psychology (Social), University of Southern California, Los Angeles; August 1990.

B.S., Psychology (German Minor), University of Iowa, Iowa City; December 1986.

Publications

Google Scholar [1 January 2026] Overall Citations = 6813; h-index = 39; i10 index = 68

NOTE THAT AUTHORS WHO ARE UNDERLINED ARE/WERE PHD STUDENTS UNDER MY SUPERVISION

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11. Rani, P., Lui, Sarkar, N. & **Vanman, E. J.** (2006). An empirical study of machine learning techniques for affect recognition in human-robot interaction. *Pattern Analysis and Applications*, *9*, 58-69.
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30. Sung, B., **Vanman, E.**, Hartley, N., & Phau, I. (2016). The emotion of interest and its relevance to consumer psychology and behavior. *Australasian Marketing Journal, 24*, 337-343.
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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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BOOK CHAPTERS

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78. **Vanman, E. J.** (2023). Moral emotions, empathy, and acceptance of others as ingroup members: A social neuroscience perspective. In N Ellemers, S Pagliaro, F. van Nunspeet (Eds.), *The Routledge International Handbook of the Psychology of Morality*. Routledge Publishing.

Books

79. Blascovich, J., **Vanman, E.**, Mendes, W. B, & Dickerson, S. (2011). *Social psychophysiology for social and personality psychology*. London, UK: SAGE Publications.

Awards and Prizes

Fellow, Society of Personality and Social Psychology, elected August 2022.

Teaching Excellence Award, Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences, University of Queensland, 2021.

Senior Fellow, Higher Education Academy. University of Queensland, 2019.

Teaching Excellence Award (Commendation), Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences, University of Queensland, 2018.

Mentor of Graduate Students Award, Department of Psychology, University of Southern California, 1995.

Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Psychology, University of Southern California, 1992.

Leadership Roles

Conference Convenor, International Society for Research in Emotions, Brisbane, Queensland, July 2026

President, Australasian Society for Social and Affective Neuroscience, 2023-2026.

Conference Convenor, Australasian Society for Social and Affective Neuroscience, June 2026

Conference Convenor, Society of Australasian Social Psychologists, Noosa, Queensland, November 2023.

President, Australasian Society for Psychophysiology, 2021-2023.

Director, Centre for Research in Social Psychology, School of Psychology, University of Queensland. 2021-present.

Low and Negligible Risk (LNR) Ethics Committee, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences, University of Queensland, 2017-present.

University Human Ethics in Research Committee (HREC), University of Queensland, 2016- 2019.

Coordinator of International Programs at University of Indonesia and Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), School of Psychology, University of Queensland, 2019-2021.

Postgraduate Coordinator, School of Psychology, University of Queensland, 2009-2012.

Member of the Georgia State University Institutional Review Board, 2001-2005.

Chair of the Social-Cognitive Graduate Program, Department of Psychology, Georgia State University, 2002-2005; 2006-2007.

Archives Committee, Society for Psychophysiological Research, 1997-2020.

Chair, Human Subjects Committee, Department of Psychology, Emory University, 1998-2000.

Engagement & collaborations with industry and government

Chair, CSIRO Social Science and Interdisciplinary Science Human Research Ethics Committee, CSIRO EcoSciences Precinct, Queensland 2020-present.

Several television, radio, and podcast interviews including *Sunrise* (on 7), *Insight* (SBS), *Catalyst* (ABC), American and British radio shows, Mama Mia! Podcast, and ABC Local Radio in Darwin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney, and Brisbane.

Research Projects and Research Funding Secured

Principal Investigator. *Incipient Facial Expressions of Racial Prejudice.* University Research Committee Grant, Emory University, 1999-2000. **USD \$13,290.**

Principal Investigator. *Hidden Emotions in Prejudice.* R03 Grant, National Institute of Mental Health, 2000-2002. **USD \$25,000.**

Co-Principal Investigator (with David Washburn and Sue Savage-Rumbaugh). *Individual and Species Differences in Emotional Inhibition.* GSU Research Program Enhancement Grant, 2001-2004. **USD \$49,000.**

Co-Principal Investigator (with Larry Riso and Lisa Lilienfeld). *Personality and Temperament.* GSU Research Program Enhancement Grant, 2004-2006, **USD \$40,000.**

Principal Investigator. *Emotional deficits and impairment of decision-making.* GSU Research Initiation Grant, 2004-2005, **USD \$9,500.**

Principal Investigator (with David Washburn, co-PI). *Functional neuroimaging of executive functioning in social prejudice.* Brains and Behavior Program Seed Grant, Georgia State University, 2004-2005, **USD \$26,000.**

Co-Principal Investigator (Michael Owren, PI). *Emotion in monkeys.* Brains and Behavior Program Seed Grant, Georgia State University, 2005-2006, **USD \$26,000.**

Principal Investigator (with David Washburn, co-PI). *An immersive virtual environment laboratory to study social, cognitive, and emotional processes.* Office of the Vice President for Research, Georgia State University, 2006-2007, **USD \$29,982.**

Co-Investigator (with Aarti Iyer & Matthew Hornsey). *Emotional and political reactions to representations of terrorism.* Australian Research Council Discovery Project Grant, 2009-2011, **AUD \$120,000.**

Co-Investigator (with Martin Hagger, Curtin University). *Advancing the science of willpower: Investigating the mechanisms and processes of self-control*. Australian Research Council Discovery Project Grant, 2013-2014, **AUD \$96,000**.

Co-Investigator (with Lenny Vartanian, University of New South Wales). *Intergroup emotions and prejudice toward obese people*. Australian Research Council Discovery Project Grant, 2013-2015, **AUD \$246,000**.

Co-Investigator (with Julie Henry, Sarah Grainger, Ruth Hubbard, Bill von Hippel, et al.). *Reducing social frailty in late adulthood*. Australian Research Council Linkage Project Grant, 2020-2025, **AUD \$461,088**.

Lead and Co-Investigator (with Emily Cross and Arvid Kappas). *Robots as a social group: Implications for human-robot interaction*. Australian Research Council Discovery Project Grant, 2023-2026, **AUD \$320,000**.

Teaching Awards and Accreditations

Teaching Excellence Award, Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences, University of Queensland, 2021.

Senior Fellow, Higher Education Academy. University of Queensland, 2019.

Teaching Excellence Award (Commendation), Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences, University of Queensland, 2018.

Teaching

Courses Taught

Post-Graduate Level

Contemporary Social Psychology
Advanced Social Psychology
History of Psychology
Psychophysiology
Foundations of Research
Teaching Practicum
Emotion

Psychology of Prejudice

Freshman Seminar: Freud and *Fin-de-Siècle Vienna*

History of Psychology

Introductory Psychology

Research Methods

Applied Research Methods

Statistical Methods

Elementary Statistics

Learning and Cognition

Behavioural Neuroscience: Learning and Emotion

Social Neuroscience

Psychophysiology

Undergraduate Level

Social Psychology

Motivation

Psychophysiology of Emotion

Student Supervision

PHD STUDENTS (27 COMPLETED, 4 IN PROGRESS)

1. Jessie Hwang

2001-2004

Georgia State Univ

2. Patti McCord	2002-2007	Georgia State Univ
3. Christina Vlahou	2003-2004	Georgia State Univ
4. John Ryan	2003-2007	Georgia State Univ
5. Lamonte Powell	2003-2007	Georgia State Univ
6. Toby Amoss	2005-2007	Georgia State Univ
7. Lisa Elliott	2005-2007	Georgia State Univ
8. Michael Philipp	2005-2012	UQ
9. Jennifer Wallis	2008-2010	UQ
10. Richard Ronay	2008-2010	UQ
11. Beth O'Brien-McInally	2009-2013	UQ
12. Sashenka Milston	2009-2013	UQ
13. Nerisa Dozo	2010-2015	UQ
14. David Cowan	2011-2015	UQ
15. Billy Sung	2012-2016	UQ
16. Belinda Craig	2013-2015	UQ
17. Sarah Grainger	2014-2017	UQ
18. Leah Sharman	2015-2019	UQ
19. Joel Larwood	2017-2021	UQ
20. Faye Nitschke	2017-2021	UQ
21. Tamara Van Der Zant	2019-2022	UQ
22. James Casey	2018-2023	UQ
23. Ruri Katsunuma	2019-	UQ
24. Naomi Holt	2020-2023	UQ
25. Hugh McGovern	2020-2024	UQ
26. Carly McComb	2020-2025	UQ
27. Roger Gamble	2020-2024	UQ
28. Lewis Nitschinsk	2020-2024	UQ
29. Jacob Shier	2024-	UQ
30. Haneen Abu-Obeid	2025-	UQ
31. Noah Rose	2025-	UQ

MA STUDENTS (2 COMPLETED)

HONOURS STUDENTS (50 INDIVIDUAL COMPLETED, 20 TEAM THESIS COMPLETED, 4 IN PROGRESS)

Memberships in Professional Associations

International Society for Research in Emotion (current: Executive Board)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society of Experimental Social Psychology
Association for Psychological Science (program committee for ICAPS meeting in 2023)
Society for Psychophysiological Research
Australasian Society for Psychophysiology (former President and convenor of 2022 annual meeting)
Australasian Society for Social and Affective Neuroscience (Current present)
Society for Australasian Social Psychologists. (convenor of 2023 annual meeting)

Editorial Roles

Associate Editor:

Australian Journal of Psychology. 2021-2024

Cognition and Emotion. 2013-2019

Biological Psychology. 2012-2019

Consulting Editor (Editorial Board):

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes, 1998-2002

Social Neuroscience, 2010-present

Editorial reviewer:

Biological Psychology

British Journal of Social Psychology

Cognition and Emotion

Emotion

Emotion Review

Group Processes and Intergroup Relations

Human Brain Mapping

Infancy

International Journal of Psychophysiology

Journal of Abnormal Psychology

Journal of Applied Social Psychology

Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology

Journal of Nonverbal Behavior

Journal of Personality

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

Journal of Research in Personality

Motivation and Emotion

Neuropsychologia

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin

Personality and Social Psychology Review

Psychological Bulletin

Psychological Science

Psychophysiology

Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience

Social Cognition

Social Neuroscience

Invited Talks (since 2011)

Society for Social Neuroscience Symposium, Shanghai. January 2011

Department of Psychology, University of Leiden, The Netherlands, October 2013.

Department of Psychology, Jacobs University, Germany, September 2013.

Jacobs University, Germany, November 2014.

Tilburg University, Netherlands, December 2014.

Social Psychology Program, Department of Psychology, New York University, October 2015.

Australasian Society for Psychophysiology, Keynote Speaker, Sydney, December 2015.

Department of Psychology, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, April 2016

International Society for Applied Ethology, Keynote Speaker, Brisbane, November 2017

College of Business and Law, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, November 2018

School of Psychology, Queens University, Belfast, March 2019

Psychology, College of Life and Environmental Sciences, Exeter University, UK, March 2019

School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences, Reading University, UK, March 2019

Department of Psychology, Sheffield University, UK, March 2019

School of Psychology, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, March 2019

Department of Experimental Psychology, University College London, April 2019

College of Psychology, University of Amsterdam, May 2019

Department of Psychology, Cambridge University, May 2019

School of Psychology, University of Groningen, May 2019

Keynote speaker, Annual meeting of the Australasian Society for Social and Affective Neuroscience, Melbourne, June 2021.

School of Psychology and Counseling, Queensland University of Technology, July 2022.

School of Psychology, University of Tasmania, December 2023.

School of Psychology, ETH, Zurich, April 2024.