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## Appointments

Associate Professor	Aug 2018-Present	University of Alabama, Department of Psychology
Assistant Professor	Aug 2012-Aug 2018	University of Alabama, Department of Psychology

## Education

Ph.D.	2008-2012	University of Toronto, Psychology Supervisor: Dr. Michael Inzlicht Outside Project Advisor: Dr. Jason Plaks
Visiting Scholar	Jan-Apr 2011	Duke University, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience Supervisor: Dr. Lasana Harris
M.A.	2007-2008	University of Toronto, Psychology Supervisor: Dr. Michael Inzlicht Subsidiary Advisor: Dr. Laura-Ann Petitto
B.Sc.	2003-2007	University of Western Ontario, Physiology and Psychology

## Honors and Awards

2018 *College of Arts & Sciences – University of Alabama*  
A&S Prison Teaching Fellowship

2017 *Psychology Department - University of Alabama*  
Award for Distinguished Faculty Teaching

2014 *University of Toronto*  
Nominee for the ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award: Social Sciences 2014

## Funding

### 2019 Templeton Foundation

PI: Simine Vazire, CoPI: Alexa Tullett

“The Intellectual Humility of Psychological Scientists Before and After the Credibility Revolution”

\$233,017

### 2017 National Science Foundation

PI: Alexa Tullett, PI: Simine Vazire

"RR: Collaborative Research: Tracking Scientific Progress in Social Psychology"

\$425,344

### 2014-2015 University of Alabama

College Academy for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (CARSCA) Grant

“Does Experiencing Naïve Realism Lead to Increased Tolerance and Openness to Alternative Perspectives”

\$5,000

## Scholarly and Professional Work

### Publications

\* indicates graduate student first author

\*Lewis, J. A., Hamilton, J. C., Elmore, J. D., & Tullett, A. M. (in press). The effects of severity and number of misfortunes on reactions to victims. *Social Justice Research*.

Paxton, A., & Tullett, A. M. (2019). Open science in data-intensive psychology and cognitive science. *Policy Insights from the Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 6(1), 47-55.

Tullett, A. M., & Vazire, S. (2018). Scientific progress is like solving a puzzle, not building a wall. [Peer commentary on “Making replication mainstream” by R. A. Zwaan, A. Etz, R. E. Lucas, & M. B. Donnellan]. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 41, e120.

\*Grant, B. J., Fetterman, Z., Weyhaupt, M. B., Kim, M., & Tullett, A. M. (2018). It takes two: A replication. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 72, 58-63

Tullett, A. M., Feinberg, M., Mensch, Z., Hart, W., & Gottlieb, S. (2017). The political reference point: How geography shapes political identity. *PloS one*, 12(2), e0171497.

\*Tortoriello, G., Hart, W., Richardson, K., & Tullett, A. M. (2017). Do narcissists try to make romantic partners jealous on purpose? An examination of motives for deliberate jealousy-induction among subtypes of narcissism. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 114, 10-15.

Hart, W., Richardson, K., Tortoriello, G., & Tullett, A. M. (2017). Strategically out of control: A self-presentational conceptualization of narcissism and low self-control. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 114, 103-107.

- Tullett, A. M., & Plaks, J. P. (2016). Testing the link between empathy and lay theories of happiness. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 42(11), 1505-1521.
- Tullett, A. M., Hart, W. P., Feinberg, M., Fetterman, Z., & Gottlieb, S. (2016). Is ideology the enemy of inquiry? Examining the link between political orientation and interest in novel data. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 63, 123-132.
- Tullett, A. M. (2015). In search of true things worth knowing: Considerations for a new article prototype. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 9(4), 188-201.
- Tullett, A. M., Wildschut, T., Sedikides, C., & Inzlicht, M. (2015). Right-frontal cortical asymmetry predicts increased proneness to nostalgia. *Psychophysiology*, 52, 990-996.
- Randles, D., Inzlicht, M., Proulx, T., Tullett, A. M., & Heine, S. (2015). Is dissonance reduction a special case of fluid compensation? Evidence that dissonant cognitions cause compensatory affirmation and abstraction. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 108(5), 697-710.
- Teper, R., Tullett, A. M., Page-Gould, E., & Inzlicht, M. (2015). Errors in moral forecasting: Perceptions of affect shape the gap between moral behaviors and moral forecasts. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 41(7), 887-900.
- Hart, W., Adams, J., & Tullett, A. M. (2015). "It's complicated" – Sex differences in perceptions of cross-sex friendships. *The Journal of Social Psychology*.
- Tullett, A. M., Kay, A. C., & Inzlicht, M., (2014). Randomness increases self-reported anxiety and neurophysiological correlates of performance monitoring. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 10(5), 628-635.
- Tullett, A. M., Prentice, M., Teper, R., Nash, K., Inzlicht, M., & McGregor, I. (2013). Neural foundations of meaning and threat. In K. Markman, T. Proulx, & M. Lindberg (Eds.). *The Psychology of Meaning*. American Psychological Association.
- Tullett, A. M., Harmon-Jones, E., & Inzlicht, M. (2012). Right frontal cortical asymmetry predicts empathic reactions: Support for a link between withdrawal motivation and empathy. *Psychophysiology*, 49, 1145-1153.
- Tullett, A. M., Teper, R. & Inzlicht, M. (2011). Confronting meaninglessness: A new framework for understanding responses to unsettling events. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 6(5), 447-453.
- Inzlicht, M., Tullett, A. M., & Good, M. (2011). The need to believe: A neuroscience account of religion as a motivated process. *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, 1(3), 192-212 [Target article].
- Inzlicht, M., Tullett, A. M., & Good, M. (2011). Existential neuroscience: A proximate explanation of religion as flexible meaning and palliative. *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, 1(3), 244-251 [Commentary on the target article "The need to believe: A neuroscience account of religion as a motivated process"].

Inzlicht, M., Tullett, A. M., Legault, L., & Kang, S. K. (2011). Lingering effects: Stereotype threat hurts more than you think. *Social Issues and Policy Review*, 5, 227-256.

Inzlicht, M., Tullett, A. M., & Gutsell, J. N. (2011). Stereotype threat spillover: The short and long-term effects of coping with threats to social identity. In M. Inzlicht & T. Schmader (Eds.). *Stereotype Threat: Theory, Process, and Application*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Tullett, A. M., & Inzlicht, M. (2010). The voice of self-control: Blocking the inner voice increases impulsive responding. *Acta Psychologica*, 135, 252-256.

Inzlicht, M. & Tullett, A. M. (2010). Reflecting on God: Religious primes can reduce neurophysiological response to errors. *Psychological Science*, 21, 1184-1190.

### Conference Presentations

Tullett, A. M., Hidayet, M., Iglesias, V., Nathan, P., Kovats, D. (2020). Conferences and meetings. *Society Street*, Virtual Conference.

Tullett, A. M. (2019). Scientific misconduct and researcher degrees of freedom. *Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences - Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2)*, Washington, DC.

Tullett, A. M., Pizarro, D., Inbar, Y., & Sargeant, M. (2018). As pod is my witness: Podcasting as public scholarship. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Portland, OR.

Tullett, A. M., Giner-Sorolla, R., Vazire, S., & Cesario, J. (2018). Editors panel on reporting pre-registered and exploratory research. *Improving psychological science: Community action meeting* preconference, *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Portland, OR.

Tullett, A. M. (2018). Novel techniques to improve social psychological research. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Atlanta, GA.

Tullett, A. M. (2018). Evaluating scientific evidence: Implications for avoiding post-truth science. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology: Social Cognition Preconference*, Atlanta, GA.

Tullett, A. M., Davis-Kean, P., Chopik, W., Vazire, S., & Srivastava, S. (2018). Panel session on career issues: Hiring, promotion, and reproducibility. *Social and Behavioral Sciences Initiative (SBSRI) Reproducibility and Replicability Workshop*, Urbana, IL.

Tullett, A. M. (2017). The myth of self-correction in science and society. *Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago, IL.

Tullett, A. M. (2017). Statistical power in social neuroscience: The challenge of ensuring that hard-to-collect data becomes rigorous science. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, TX.

- Tullett, A. M., Hart, W. P., & Shreves, W. (2015). A preference for ignorance: Evidence that people collect less information to avoid conclusive results. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Long Beach, CA.
- Tullett, A. M., Plaks, J. P., & Tackett, J. L. (2014). Empathy and lay theories of happiness: An empathy theory of happiness predicts empathic responding. *Association for Psychological Science*. San Francisco, CA.
- Tullett, A. M., Inzlicht, M., & Kay, A. (2012). Keeping chaos at bay: Messages about comprehensible and incomprehensible order reduce ERN amplitude. *Society for Psychophysiological Research*. New Orleans, LA.
- Tullett, A. M., Harmon-Jones, E., & Inzlicht, M. (2012). Fearful and empathic: Evidence for empathy as distress. *Association for Psychological Science*. Chicago, IL.
- Tullett, A. M., Inzlicht, M., & Kay, A. (2011). The power of belief: Religion and order as buffers against anxiety. *Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies - Spiritual/Religious Issues in Behavior Change SIG*. Toronto, Canada.
- Tullett, A. M., Inzlicht, M., & Kay, A. (2011). The threat of nonsense: Randomness increases ERN amplitude. *European Association for Social Psychology*, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Tullett, A. M., & Inzlicht, M. (2011). New directions in stereotype research: Stereotype spillover, social influence, and interventions. *Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention*, Toronto, Canada.
- Tullett, A. M. & Inzlicht, M. (2011). Disgust as a prosocial motivator: A new perspective on disgust. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, TX.
- Tullett, A. M. & Inzlicht, M. (2010). Ambivalent reactions to physical suffering. *Social Affective Neuroscience Society*, Chicago, IL.
- Tullett, A. M. & Inzlicht, M. (2009). Does similarity matter?: An investigation into the link between dehumanization and empathy. *York / University of Toronto Social Personality and Abnormal Conference*, Toronto, ON.

### **Conference Posters**

- McDiarmid, A., & Tullett, A. M. (2020). Scientific self-correction. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, New Orleans, LA.
- McDiarmid, A., & Tullett, A. M. (2019). Opposed and underexposed atheists: How atheists' origin stories influence anti-atheist prejudice. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Portland, OR.
- Whitt, C. M., Tullett, A. M., Bowes, S., & Lilienfeld, S. (2019). Weakening the ideological immune system: Can debiasing techniques reduce confirmation bias? *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Portland, OR.

- McDiarmid, A., & Tullett, A. M. (2018). Resistance to disbelief: Asymmetrical sensitivity to supportive and contradictory evidence. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Atlanta, GA.
- Gibson, C., McDonald, K., & Tullett, A. M. (2018). Perceived identification and empathy. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Atlanta, GA.
- Gibson, C., McDonald, K., & Tullett, A. M. (2017). A silver lining to rejection sensitivity?: Increases in empathy for rejected others. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, TX.
- Grant, B. & Tullett, A. M. (2017). Depletion and empathy. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, TX.
- McDiarmid, A. & Tullett, A. M. (2017). Misperceiving the other: Religious and non-religious groups. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, TX.
- Mensch, Z. & Tullett, A. M. (2017). Perceived bias in the past, present, and future. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Antonio, TX.
- Gibson, C., McDonald, K., & Tullett, A. M. (2016). Conditional empathy: Empathy for rejected others based on race and experience. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.
- Grant, B., Southard, C., & Tullett, A. M. (2016). Psychopathic traits and prefrontal cortical activity: A test of the interhemispheric imbalance hypothesis. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Long Beach, CA.
- Grant, B., Gable, P. A., & Tullett, A. M. (2015). “Catching” motivations and emotions: Manipulation through films of affective expression. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Long Beach, CA.
- Fetterman, Z., Hart, W. P., & Tullett, A. M. (2015). Reductions in naïve realism related phenomena following a brief learning task. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Long Beach, CA.
- Grant, B., Gable, P. A., & Tullett, A. M. (2015). “Catching” motivations and emotions: Manipulation through films of affective expression. *Society for Psychophysiological Research*. Atlanta, GA.
- Fetterman, Z., Stanek, K. M., Sellbom, M., & Tullett, A. M. (2014). Profiles of body image disturbance and their external correlates. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Austin, TX.
- Grant, B., Tullett, A. M., & Gable, P. A. (2014). The functional role of emotional contagion: Can “catching” the emotions of others encourage adaptive behavior. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. Austin, TX.

- Tullett, A. M., Plaks, J. E., & Tackett, J. L., (2013). An incremental theory of happiness predicts empathic responding. *Association for Research in Personality*. Charlotte, NC.
- Grant, B., Tullett, A. M., Inzlicht, M., & Kay, A. (2013). Keeping chaos at bay: Messages about comprehensible and incomprehensible order reduce ERN amplitude. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. New Orleans, LA.
- Tullett, A. M., Inzlicht, M., & Kay, A. (2012). The anxiety-reducing power of belief: Contemplating belief systems is associated with lower ERN amplitude. *Social and Affective Neuroscience Society*, New York, NY.
- Tullett, A. M., Harmon-Jones, E., & Inzlicht, M. (2012). Right-frontal EEG asymmetry predicts empathic reactions. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, San Diego, CA.
- Tullett, A. M. & Inzlicht, M. (2010). Does similarity matter?: An investigation into the link between dehumanization and empathy. *Association for Psychological Science*, Boston, MA.
- Tullett, A. M., Inzlicht, M., McGregor, I. (2010). Religion and the anterior cingulate cortex: Religious belief quiets the cortical alarm bell. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Las Vegas, NV.
- Tullett, A. M. & Inzlicht, M. (2010). Does similarity matter?: An investigation into the link between dehumanization and empathy. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Las Vegas, NV.
- Tullett, A. M. & Inzlicht, M. (2009). Neural and behavioral consequences of blocking the inner voice. *Society for Psychophysiological Research*, Berlin, Germany.
- Tullett, A. M., & Inzlicht, M. (2009). The voice of self-control. *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Tampa, FL.

### **Other Scholarly Activities**

Podcaster for *The Black Goat*, a podcast about scientists doing science. As of March 31, 2020 there are 76 episodes, with over 260,000 downloads. <https://blackgoat.podbean.com/>

Teacher with the *Alabama Prison Arts and Education Project*.

### **Talks and Invited Lectures**

Scientific Self-Correction. *Psychology Brown Bag*, University of California, Davis, February, 2020.

So you want to do (more) open science. *Capstone College of Nursing*, University of Alabama October, 2019.

A registered report for debiasing techniques. *Personality Summit*, August, 2018.

Assessing self-correction in psychological science. *Personality Summit*, December 2017.

The myth of self-correction in science and society. *Psychology Brown Bag*, Department of Psychology, Mississippi State University, February 2016.

Replicating Cognitive Dissonance. *Personality Summit*, August 2017.

Scientific self-correction. *Personality Summit*, August 2016.

The myth of self-correction in science and society. *Social Psychology Brown Bag*, Department of Psychology, Michigan State University, February 2016.

Don't talk about politics or religion. *Personality Summit*, December 2015.

Maximizing contributions as a psychological researcher. *Personality Summit*, June 2015.

Narrative vs. reliability: Factors in evaluating scientific evidence. *Personality Summit*, December 2014.

Empathy and lay theories of happiness. *Psi Chi Meeting*, University of Alabama, November 2014.

Doubt: The good, the bad, and the ugly. *Psi Chi Induction Ceremony*, Mississippi State University, March 2014.

Doubt: The good, the bad, and the ugly. *Psi Chi Meeting*, University of Alabama, March 2014.

Emotional and motivational contagion. *Motivation and Emotion Scientific Society*, February 2014.

Empathy and lay theories of happiness: How prior beliefs shape reactions to unhappiness. *Social Psychology Brown Bag*, Department of Psychology, University of Tennessee, October 2013.

The benefits of uncertainty. *Motivation and Emotion Scientific Society*, January 2013.

Who cares?: Personal and situational factors that encourage empathic concern. *Social Psychology Brown Bag*, Department of Psychology, Washington University, December 2011.

## **Service**

### **Editorial**

Associate Editor - *Advanced Methods and Practices in Psychological Science* (2018 – present)

Editor - *Collabra* (2015 – present)

Associate Editor – *Social Psychological and Personality Science* (2018 – 2019)



Editorial Board – *Perspectives on Psychological Science* (2019 – present)

Editorial Board – *Advanced Methods and Practices in Psychological Science* (2017 – 2018)

Editorial Board – *Social Psychological and Personality Science* (2014 – 2018)

### **Other Service**

President – Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (2018 – present)

Registered Reports Steering Group – Center for Open Science (2016 – present)

Program Committee – Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (2016 – 2018)

Moderator – PsychMAP (Psychological Methods and Practices) Facebook Group (2016 – 2018)

Personality/Social Poster Reviewer – Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention (2016)

Symposium Reviewer – Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting (2015)

Personality/Social Poster Reviewer – Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention (2011)

Ad Hoc Reviewer – Psychological Science, Perspectives on Psychological Science, Personality and Social Psychology Review, Journal of Personality, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Social Cognitive Affective Neuroscience, Psychophysiology, Biological Psychology

### **Professional Affiliations**

Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science

### **Selected Media**

Tullett, A. M., & Feinberg, M. (2017, Mar 16). Are you a liberal or a conservative? That may depend on where you live. *The Washington Post*  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/03/16/are-you-a-liberal-or-a-conservative-that-may-depend-on-where-you-live/?utm\\_term=.b7c7c53a4ca7](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/03/16/are-you-a-liberal-or-a-conservative-that-may-depend-on-where-you-live/?utm_term=.b7c7c53a4ca7)

Florida, R. (2017, Mar 2). Putting politics in place. *From The Atlantic: Citylab*  
<https://www.citylab.com/politics/2017/03/putting-politics-in-place/517980/>

Herbert, W. (2014, May 24). Why we feel others' pain – or don't. *Huffington Post*  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wray-herbert/why-we-feel-others-pain\\_b\\_5385578.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wray-herbert/why-we-feel-others-pain_b_5385578.html)

Villarica, H. (2010, Oct 21). To keep willpower from flagging, remember the f-word: 'Fun.'  
*Time Magazine* (<http://healthland.time.com/2010/10/21/to-keep-willpower-from-flagging-remember-the-f-word-fun/>)