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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2013-Present Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology, Ryerson University
- External Supervisor
School of Psychology, Plymouth University
- 2010-2013 Assistant Professor
School of Psychology, Plymouth University
- 2008-2010 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Psychology, Wilfrid Laurier University, York University

FORMAL EDUCATION

- PhD Brock University, 2008
Major: Social Psychology
- MA Wilfrid Laurier University, 2004
Major: Community Psychology
- Honours BA Brock University, 2002
Major: Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

- MacInnis, C. C., Busseri, M. B., **Choma, B. L.**, & Hodson, G. (accepted). The happy cyclist: Examining the association between generalized authoritarianism and subjective well-being. *Journal of Research in Personality*.
- Weissflog, M. J., **Choma, B. L.**, van Noordt, S. J. R., & Dywan, J., & Segalowitz, S. (accepted pending minor revision). The Political (and Physiological) Divide: Political Orientation, Performance Monitoring, and the Anterior Cingulate Responses. *Social Neuroscience*.

- Visser, B. A., Sultani, F., **Choma, B. L.** & Pozzebon, J. A. (accepted). Enjoyment of sexualisation: Is it different for men? *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.
- Busseri, M. B., Malinowski, A., & **Choma, B. L.** (2013). Are dispositional optimists uniquely oriented toward the future? Investigating dispositional optimism from a temporally-expanded perspective. *Journal of Research in Personality, 47*, 533-538.
- Choma, B. L.**, Hanoch, Y., Gummerum, M., & Hodson, G. (2013). Relations between Risk Perceptions and Socio-Political Ideology are Domain- and Ideology- Dependent. *Personality and Individual Differences, 54*, 29-34.
- Hodson, G., **Choma, B. L.**, Boisvert, J., Hafer, C. L., MacInnis, C., & Costello, K. (2013). The role of intergroup disgust in predicting outgroup prejudice. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 49*, 195-205.
- Choma, B. L.**, Busseri, M. B., & Sadava, S. W. (2012). Deciphering Subjective Trajectories for Life Satisfaction Using Self-versus-Normative Other Discrepancies, Self-esteem, and Hope. *European Journal of Personality*.
- Choma, B. L.**, Hafer, C. L., Dywan, J., Segalowitz, S. J., & Busseri, M. A. (2012). Political liberalism and political conservatism: Functionally independent? *Personality and Individual Differences, 53*, 431-436.
- Choma, B. L.**, Hafer, C. L., Crosby, F., & Foster, M. D. (2012). Perceptions of personal sex discrimination: The role of belief in a just world and discrimination against one's group. *Journal of Social Psychology, 152*, 568-585.
- Choma, B. L.**, Hodson, G., & Costello, K. (2012). Intergroup Disgust Sensitivity as a predictor of Islamophobia: The modulating effect of fear. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, 48*, 499-506.
- Busseri, M. A., **Choma, B. L.**, & Sadava, S. W. (2012). Subjective temporal trajectories for subjective well-being. *The Journal of Positive Psychology, 7*, 1-15.
- Choma, B. L.**, Visser, B. A., Pozzebon, J. A., Bogaert, A. F., Busseri, M. A., & Sadava, S. W. (2010). Self-objectification, self-esteem, and gender: Testing a moderated mediation model. *Sex Roles, 63*, 645-656. doi:10.1007/s11199-010-9829-8.
- Choma, B. L.**, Ashton, M. C., & Hafer, C. L. (2010). Conceptualizing political orientation among Canadian political candidates: A tale of two (correlated) dimensions. *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science, 42*, 24-33. doi:10.1037/a0015650.
- Choma, B. L.**, & Hafer, C. L. (2009). Understanding the relation between explicitly and implicitly measured political orientation: The moderating role of political sophistication. *Personality and Individual Differences, 47*, 964-967. doi:10.1016/j.paid.2009.07.024.
- Choma, B. L.**, Shove, C., Busseri, M. A., Sadava, S. W., & Hosker, A. (2009). Assessing the role of body image coping strategies as mediators or moderators of the links between self-objectification, body shame, and well-being. *Sex Roles, 61*, 699-713.

Hodson, G., **Choma, B. L.**, & Costello, K. (2009). Experiencing alien-nation: Effects of a simulation intervention on attitudes toward homosexuals. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *45*, 974-978.

Choma, B. L., Busseri, M. A., & Sadava, S. W. (2009). Liberal and conservative political ideologies: Different routes to happiness? *Journal of Research in Personality*, *43*, 502-505.

Busseri, M. A., **Choma, B. L.**, & Sadava, S. W. (2009). "As good as it gets" or "The best is yet to come?" How optimists and pessimists view their past, present, and anticipated future life satisfaction. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *47*, 352-356.

Busseri, M. A., **Choma, B. L.**, & Sadava, S. W. (2009). Functional or fantasy? Examining the implications of subjective temporal perspective "trajectories" for life satisfaction. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *35*, 295-308.

Dywan, J., Mathewson, K., **Choma, B. L.**, Rosenfeld, B., & Segalowitz, S. (2008). Autonomic and electrophysiological correlates of emotional intensity in older and younger adults. *Psychophysiology*, *45*, 389-397.

Choma, B. L., Foster, M. D., & Radford, E. (2007). Use of objectification theory to examine the effects of a media literacy intervention on women. *Sex Roles*, 581-591.

Choma, B. L. & Ochocka, J. (2006). Supported volunteering: A community approach for people with complex needs. *Journal of Developmental Disabilities*, *12*, 1-18.

Hafer, C. L., Bègue, L., **Choma, B. L.**, & Dempsey, J. L. (2005). Psychopathic personality, future orientation, and the function of a belief in a just world. *Social Justice Research*, *18*, 429-444.

Book Chapters

Hafer, C. L., & **Choma, B. L.** (2009). The belief in a just world and justification of the status quo. In J. T. Jost, A. C. Kay, & H. Thorisdottir (Eds). *Social and Psychological Bases of Ideology and System Justification*. Oxford University Press.

Choma, B. L., & Hodson, G. (2008). And so the pendulum swings: A framework for conceptualizing the causes of prejudice. In T. G. Morrison & M. A. Morrison (Eds). *The Psychology of Modern Prejudice*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

Book Reviews

Choma, B. L. (2004). Book review: Shifting the paradigm in community mental health: Towards empowerment and community. *Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation*, *19*, 185-187.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Choma, B.L.**, Foster, M. D., & Busseri, M. A. *Group identity and collective action: The moderating roles of temporal perspective and stability of discrimination* (January, 2012). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), San Diego, California.
- Choma, B. L.**, Busseri, M. A., & Sadava, S. W. *Timing is everything: A subjective temporal approach to life satisfaction* (July, 2011). Poster presented at the 16th General Meeting of the European Association for Social Psychology (EASP), Stockholm, Sweden.
- Choma, B. L.** *Promoting intergroup tolerance: Multiculturalism, omniculturalism, or inclusiveness?* (July, 2011). Poster presented at the 34th Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Istanbul, Turkey.
- Choma, B. L.**, Busseri, M. A., & Sadava, S. W. *Past, present, future: Self-esteem as a moderator of temporal self-comparisons and social-comparisons of life satisfaction* (January, 2011). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), San Antonio.
- Weissflog, M. J., van Noordt, S. J. R., **Choma, B. L.**, Dywan, J., & Segalowitz, S. J. *Machiavellianism, sociopolitical ideology and the ERN* (Sept/Oct, 2010). Poster presentation at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research (SRP), Portland, Oregon.
- Choma, B. L.**, & Foster, M. D. *Responses to women who stand up to sexism* (August, 2010). Oral presentation at the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR) Conference, Banff, Alberta.
- Gosse, L. & **Choma, B. L.** "Did you see what I saw?" *The role of belief in a just world in eyewitness accounts.* (August, 2010). Oral presentation at the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR) Conference, Banff, Alberta.
- Choma, B. L.** *Psychological underpinnings of political orientation: A focus on political liberalism* (January, 2010). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Las Vegas.
- Busseri, M. A., **Choma, B. L.**, & Sadava, S. W. *The past, present, and future of subjective well-being: Temporal self-comparisons for life satisfaction, positive affect, and negative affect, and associations with positive functioning* (January, 2010). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Las Vegas.
- Choma, B. L.**, & Hafer, C. L. *Understanding the relation between explicit and implicit political orientation: The moderating role of political sophistication* (July, 2009). Poster presentation 32nd Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Dublin, Ireland.
- Choma, B. L.**, Ashton, M. A., & Hafer, C. L. *Political orientation in Canadian political candidates* (Presented June, 2009). Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Montréal, Québec.

- Sadava, S. W., **Choma, B. L.**, Busseri, M. B., Molnar, D., & Perrier, C. *Attachment theory and subjective well-being* (Presented June, 2009). Oral presentation part of a symposium at the Annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Montréal, Québec.
- Choma, B. L.**, Busseri, M. B., & Sadava, S. W. *Liberal and conservative ideologies: Different routes to happiness?* (February, 2009). Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Tampa, FL.
- Busseri, M. B., **Choma, B. L.**, & Sadava, S. W. *Functional or Fantasy? Examining the Implications of Subjective Temporal Perspective Trajectories for Life Satisfaction* (February, 2009). Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Tampa, FL.
- Gosse, L., & **Choma, B. L.** *Eyewitness recall performance and attributions: The role of threat to belief in a just world* (February, 2009). Poster presentation at the Justice and Morality Pre-Conference at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Tampa, FL.
- Hafer, C. L., Scott, T., **Choma, B. L.**, Gosse, L., & Patrick-Harris, S. *Discrepancies between directly- and indirectly-assessed belief in a just world* (August, 2008). Oral presentation at the biennial meeting of the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR), Adelaide, Australia
- Shove, C., **Choma, B. L.**, Sadava, S. W., & Busseri, M. B. *Self-Objectification and Mental Health: The Mediating Role of Body Image Coping Strategies* (June, 2008). Poster presentation at the Annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Choma, B. L.** *Leaning left: A study of the motivational underpinnings of political liberalism* (February, 2008). Oral presentation part of a symposium at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Albuquerque, NM.
- Busseri, M. B., **Choma, B. L.**, & Sadava, S. W. *Optimism and the belief that "life gets better and better": Investigating a subjective temporal perspective for life satisfaction and happiness* (February, 2008). Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Albuquerque, NM.
- Hodson, G., **Choma, B. L.**, & Costello, K. *Experiencing alien-nation: Inducing intergroup perspective-taking, inclusiveness, and empathy to improve intergroup attitudes in educational or organizational settings* (September, 2007). Oral presentation at the British Psychological Society Social Section Conference: Groups, Politics, and Organizations, Canterbury, UK.
- Choma, B. L.** *Why are people liberal? Examining political liberalism using a motivated social-cognition perspective* (July, 2007). Oral presentation at the 30th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Portland, OR, USA.
- Choma, B. L.** *On the implicit nature of political ideologies* (July, 2007). Discussant presentation at the 30th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, Portland, OR, US.
- Choma, B. L.** *Political ideology: Why are people liberal?* (June, 2007). Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Ottawa, Ontario.

Choma, B. L., Busseri, M. A., & Sadava, S. W. *Is believing that life gets better functional or a “fool’s paradise”?* Examining the implications of a temporal perspective on subjective well-being (June, 2007). Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Ottawa, Ontario.

Choma, B. L., and Hafer, C. L. *How a belief in a just world contributes to the denial of discrimination* (August, 2006). Oral presentation at the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR) Conference, Berlin, Germany.

Dempsey, J., Hafer, C. L., & **Choma, B. L.** *Belief in a just world and psychopathic personality* (June, 2006). Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Calgary, Alberta.

Choma, B. L. and Foster, M. D. *Internalization of media messages: What predicts after media literacy?* (June, 2006). Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Calgary, Alberta.

Dywan, J., Mathewson, K., **Choma, B. L.,** Rosenfeld, B., & Segalowitz, S. *Cardiac vagal tone predicts both negative affect and error-related ERPs in older and younger adults.* (June 8-10, 2006). Presented at a workshop on Errors, Conflict, & Rewards: The Role of Medial Front Cortex in Cognitive Control and Performance Monitoring. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Choma, B. L., & Ochocka, J. *Supporting people with disabilities as volunteers: Using participatory action evaluation to shape a community evaluation* (October, 2005). Oral presentation at the Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries 2005 Joint CES/AEA (Canadian Evaluation Society/American Evaluation Association) Conference, Toronto, Ontario.

Hafer, C. L., & **Choma, B. L.** *Psychological motivations underlying the denial of discrimination* (2005). Invited paper given at the Small Group Meeting on Social Justice and Intergroup Conflict, Lisbon, Portugal.

Choma, B. L. *Benefits of a media literacy intervention: Investigating objectification theory* (June, 2005). Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Montreal, Quebec.

Choma, B. L., & Foster, M. D. *Testing objectification theory: The effects of a media literacy intervention* (January, 2005). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), New Orleans, LA

Choma, B. L., & Foster, M. D. *A media literacy intervention: Using self-objectification as a tool for identifying changes in well-being and internalization.* (May, 2004). Poster presented at the 2nd Annual Quebec-Ontario Conference in Community Psychology. Quebec City, QE.

Choma, B. L. *Supported volunteering for individuals with disabilities* (April, 2004). Oral presentation at the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities (OADD). Barrie, ON.