

**Max Krasnow**  
Curriculum Vita

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**Academic Positions**

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- 2017 – present Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard University
- 2013 – 2017 Assistant Professor of Psychology, Harvard University
- 2010 – 2013 Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Evolutionary Psychology  
*University of California, Santa Barbara*

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**Education**

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- Ph.D. Psychology, *University of California, Santa Barbara*, 2010.  
Area: Developmental and Evolutionary Psychology  
Dissertation: *Gathering navigation theory: Adaptations for gathering-related spatial cognition in humans*
- B.A. Psychology, *University of California, Santa Barbara*, 2003  
High Honors with Distinction in Psychology  
Honor's Thesis: *Is there a social working memory?*

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**Research areas**

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Social exchange and cooperation	Development of tool reasoning
Foraging adaptations / spatial cognition	Social working memory
Evolutionary game theory / agent-based simulations	Coalitional psychology / political psychology
	Music Evolution

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**Academic Awards and Honors**

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Harvard Mind, Brain & Behavior Faculty Grant 2017  
Harvard Mind, Brain & Behavior Faculty Grant 2014  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2004 & 2005  
University of California Regents Fellowship (Graduate), 2003 – 2008  
UCSB Academic Excellence Award, 2003  
UCSB Psychology Department Chairperson's Award, 2003  
President, Psi Chi (UCSB chapter), 2003  
Treasurer, Psi Chi (UCSB chapter), 2002  
University of California Regents Fellowship (Undergraduate), 1999 – 2003

Psychology Honors Student, UCSB, 2000 – 2003  
Dean's List Honors, UCSB, 2000 – 2003  
Letters & Sciences Honors Student, UCSB, 1999 – 2003

## Publications

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- Krasnow, M. M.** (in press). An evolutionarily informed study of moral psychology. In B. Voyer & T. Tarantola (Eds.) *Moral Psychology: A Multidisciplinary Guide*. Springer USA
- Delton, A. W., **Krasnow, M. M.** (2017). The psychology of deterrence explains why group membership matters for third-party punishment. *Evolution & Human Behavior, 38*(6), 734-743.
- Mehr, S. A., **Krasnow, M. M.** (2017). Parent-offspring conflict and the evolution of infant-directed song. *Evolution & Human Behavior, 38*(5), 674-684.
- Mehr, S. A., Kotler, J., Haig, D., **Krasnow, M. M.** (2017). Genomic imprinting is implicated in the psychology of music. *Psychological Science, 28*(10), 1455-1467.
- Krasnow, M. M.** (2016). Ultrasociality without group selection: possible, reasonable, and likely. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 39*, e104.
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W.** (2016) Are humans too generous and too punitive? Using psychological principles to further debates about human social evolution. *Frontiers in Psychology, 7*(799). doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2016.00799
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W., Cosmides, L., Tooby, J.** (2016). Looking under the hood of third-party punishment reveals design for personal benefit. *Psychological Science, 27*(3), 405.
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W.** (2016). The sketch is blank: No evidence for an explanatory role for cultural group selection. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 39*, e43  
doi:10.1017/S0140525X15000163
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W., Cosmides, L., Tooby, J.** (2015). Group cooperation without group selection: Modest punishment can recruit much cooperation. *PLoS One, 10*(4), e0124561.
- Delton A. W., **Krasnow, M. M.** (2015). Adaptationist Approaches to Moral Psychology. In J. Decety & T. Wheatley (Eds.), *The Moral Brain*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Delton, A. W., **Krasnow, M. M.** (2014) An independent replication that the evolution of direct reciprocity under uncertainty explains one-shot cooperation: commentary on Zefferman. *Evolution and Human Behavior, 35*(6), 547-548.

**Krasnow**, M. M., Delton, A. W., Tooby, J., Cosmides, L. (2013). Meeting now suggests we will meet again: Implications for debates on the evolution of cooperation. *Scientific Reports*, 3, 1747.

**Krasnow**, M. M., Cosmides, L., Pedersen, E., Tooby, J. (2012). What are punishment and reputation for? *PLoS One*, 7(9), e45662.

\*Delton, A. W., \***Krasnow**, M. M., Tooby, J., Cosmides, L. (2011). The evolution of direct reciprocity under uncertainty can explain human generosity in one-shot encounters. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, 108(32), 13335-13340.

\***Joint first authorship**

**Krasnow**, M. M., Truxaw, D., Gaulin, S. J. C., New, J., Ozono, H., Uono, S., Ueno, T., Minamoto, K. (2011). Cognitive adaptations for gathering-related navigation in humans. *Evolution & Human Behavior*, 32(1), 1-12.

Delton, A. W., **Krasnow**, M. M., Tooby, J., Cosmides, L. (2011). Reply to McNally and Tanner: Generosity evolves when cooperative decisions must be made under uncertainty. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, 108(44), E971.

Delton, A. W., **Krasnow**, M. M., Tooby, J., Cosmides, L. (2010). Evolution of fairness: Revisiting the data. *Science*, 329(5990), 389.

**Krasnow**, M. M. (2010) Gathering Navigation Theory: Adaptations for Gathering-Related Spatial Cognition in Humans. (Doctoral Dissertation, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2010).

**Krasnow**, M. M., Truxaw, D., New, J., Gaulin, S. J. C. (2007). Response to Brumfiel et al.'s Shopping for explanations. *Science*, 318 (5851), 745b.

New, J., **Krasnow**, M. M., Truxaw, D., Gaulin, S. J. C. (2007). Spatial adaptations for plant foraging: women excel and calories count. *Proceedings of the Royal Society, Biological Sciences*, 274 (1626), 2679-2684.

Truxaw, D., **Krasnow**, M., Woods, C., & German, T.P. (2006). Conditions under which function information attenuates name extension via shape. *Psychological Science*, 17 (5), 367-371.

## Invited Talks

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“Culture, Evolution, and the Human Mind: The view from Evolutionary Psychology”  
-Mind, Brian & Behavior Faculty Debate, Harvard, 4/14/2016

“The evolution of individual differences: Personality, Politics and Sex”  
-Science By The Pint (Science in the News), Harvard, 4/11/2016

- “Welfare Tradeoff Ratios: Exploring the deep logic of social valuation”  
-Developmental brownbag seminar, Department of Psychology, Harvard, 9/21/2015
- “Looking under the hood of human cooperation: design for a small scale social world”  
- Morality: Cognitive and Evolutionary Origins, Santiago, Chile 7/30/2015
- “Psychology inserts the self into third party punishment”  
-Social brownbag seminar, Department of Psychology, UMass Amherst, 3/8/2017  
-Developmental brownbag seminar, Department of Psychology, Yale, 11/5/2014  
-Social brownbag seminar, Department of Psychology, Harvard, 10/28/2014  
-Psychiatric Genetics and Translational Research Seminar, Harvard Medical School, 5/27/2014
- “Evolution of direct reciprocity under uncertainty can explain human generosity in one-shot encounters”  
-IFREE Lecture, Chapman University, 3/23/2012  
-Evolution, Mind & Behavior seminar, UCLA, 11/9/2009

### Conference Presentations

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- Krasnow, M. M., Howard, R., & Delton A. W. (2017) Don't tread on me: Third party punishment protests personal, potential mistreatment. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Human Behavior & Evolution Society, Boise, ID.
- Krasnow, M. M., Howard, R., & Delton A. W. (2017) Don't tread on me: Third party punishment protests personal, potential mistreatment. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Krasnow, M. M., Mehr, S., Kotler, J., Howard, R., & Haig, D. (2016) Mommy sings because you cry: Tests of the Attentional Investment Theory of music evolution. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior & Evolution Society*, Vancouver, Canada
- Krasnow, M. M. (2016) Solving the social dilemma is an adaptive problem; our evolved psychology contains the solutions. Talk presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> *International Congress of Psychology*, Yokohama, Japan.
- Krasnow, M. M. (2016) You decide, I judge: Rich inferences from ostensibly irrelevant actions. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Society of Personality & Social Psychology*, Evolutionary Psychology preconference, San Diego, CA.
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W. (2015). Looking under the hood of third party punishment reveals design for personal benefit. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Northeast Evolutionary Psychology Society*, Boston, MA
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W., Cosmides, L., & Tooby, J. (2015) Looking under the hood of third party punishment reveals design for personal interest. Talk presented at the annual

meeting of the *Human Behavior & Evolution Society*, Columbia, MO.

- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W., Cosmides, L., & Tooby, J. (2015) Psychology inserts the self into third party punishment. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Association for Psychological Science*, New York, NY.
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W., Cosmides, L., & Tooby, J. (2015) Psychology inserts the self into third party punishment. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*, Evolutionary Psychology preconference, Long Beach, CA.
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W., Tooby, J., & Cosmides, L. (2011) What second-order free rider problem? Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* in Montpellier, France.
- Krasnow, M. M., Cosmides, L., Pedersen, E., Tooby, J. (2010) What are punishment and reputation for? Critical tests. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* in Eugene, OR.
- Krasnow, M. M., Delton, A. W., Tooby, J., & Cosmides, L. (2009). Regularities of the ancestral world exploitable for cooperation: why I always remember a face. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* in Fullerton, CA.
- Krasnow, M. M., Truxaw, D., & German, T. C. M. (2009). Understanding artifacts: prepared learning from subtle social cues to function. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development* in Denver, CO.
- Truxaw, D., Krasnow, M. M., & German, T. C. M. (2009) Design stance unraveled: a comparison of artifact reasoning in young children and adults. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development* in Denver, CO.
- Krasnow, M. M., Truxaw, D., Tooby, J. & Cosmides, L. (2008). Evolutionizing the Study of Conceptual Knowledge. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* in Kyoto, Japan.
- Krasnow, M. M., Truxaw, D., New, J. & Gaulin, S. J. C. (2007). Foraging Adaptations in Spatial Cognition: Toward a cognitive model. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* in Williamsburg, VA.
- Krasnow, M. M., Truxaw, D., New, J., & Gaulin, S. (2006). Cognitive adaptations for foraging: female spatial advantage. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* in Philadelphia, PA.
- Krasnow, M. M., Truxaw, D., New, J., & Gaulin, S. (2005). Parsing the Silverman & Eals task: Correlations with spatial orientation, navigation and foraging-scale object location memory. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* in Austin, TX.

Krasnow, M. M., Cosmides, L. C., & Tooby, J. (2005). Character counts: Character information regulates trust in economic games. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society* in Austin, TX.

Truxaw, D., Krasnow, M.M., New, J., & Gaulin, S. J. (2005). An ecologically valid task yields a female spatial advantage and content effects. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychological Society* in Los Angeles, CA.

Krasnow, M. M., Cosmides, L. C., & Tooby, J. (2005). Character effects on the extension of trust in games for money. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychological Society* in Los Angeles, CA.

Truxaw, D., Krasnow, M. M., Wertz A. E., Niehaus, J. L., Hehman, J. L., Roarty, M. P., & German, T. P. (2005). A Critical Analysis of the Effect of Creator's Intent on Name Extension. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development* in Atlanta, GA.

## **Teaching**

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Evolution and Cognition (Psych 1305, Psych-E 1356), Harvard  
Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Psych 1900, Stat E-101), Harvard  
Evolution of Human Cooperation: Research Seminar (Psych 2357r), Harvard  
Departmental Graduate Proseminar (Psych 2010; Co-teacher), Harvard  
Cognition, Brain & Behavior Proseminar (Psych 2020, Co-teacher), Harvard  
Developmental Psychology Proseminar (Psych 2170, Co-teacher), Harvard  
Social Psychology Proseminar (Psych 2500, Co-teacher), Harvard  
Evolution and Cognition (Psych 155), UCSB

## **Departmental & University Service**

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### *Department of Psychology, Harvard University*

2014-2017      Organizer, Cognition, Brain & Behavior brownbag series  
2014-2017      Member, Committee for Undergraduate Instruction  
2013-2016      Member, Restricted funds committee

### *Harvard Extension School*

2017            Member, Administrative Board  
2014-2016      Member, Committee evaluating online testing

### *Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences, University of California, Santa Barbara*

2005 – 2007      Technology Committee  
2004            Advisor to Subject Pool Committee  
2003 – 2004      Prescreening Coordinator  
2002 – 2003      Undergraduate Affairs Committee, undergraduate representative

## Service to Academic Journals

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### Ad hoc reviewer:

Evolution & Human Behavior  
Proceedings of the Royal Society B  
Cognition  
Evolutionary Psychology  
Human Nature  
Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology  
Personality and Social Psychology Review  
Current Anthropology  
Child Development  
American Journal of Political Science  
Theory and Decision

## Academic Advising

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### *Psychology PhD Students*

2017-present	Rhea Howard
2015-present	Dylan Tweed
2014-present	Jason Nemirow
2013-2016	Brian Atwood

### *Undergraduate Senior Theses (Harvard)*

2018	Jinwon (Terry) Lee (Supervisor)
2017	Hunter York (Supervisor)
2017	Bushra Guenon (Reader)
2015	Lee Ann Song (Reader)
2014	Rena Wang (Reader)

### *Undergraduate Senior Theses (UCSB)*

2009	Eric Pedersen (Supervisor)
2009	Courtney Moore (Supervisor)