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**CURRENT POSITION**

**2021-2023 Visiting Assistant Professor in Psychology, Simpson College**

**EDUCATION**

**2018 Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology, Stony Brook University**

Graduate Certificate in Cognitive Neuroscience

Dissertation: *Delay and Social Discounting: Valuing Rewards to Future Selves and Others*

Advisor: Dr. Howard Rachlin

**2013 M.A. in Cognitive Psychology, Stony Brook University**

Advisor: Dr. Howard Rachlin

Thesis: *Reciprocation and Altruism in a Prisoner's Dilemma Game*

**2010 M.S. in Math Education, City University of New York (City College)**

Thesis: *NYC School Progress Reports: Discrepancy in Evaluation and its Effects*

**2007 B.A. in Psychology, Reed College**

Thesis: *The Sunk-Cost Effect and Discounting of Delayed Rewards*

Advisor: Dr. Allen Neuringer

**PUBLICATIONS**

Safin, V (In Progress). Construal of choice: cross-cultural study using international samples on Prolific

Safin, V., & Rachlin, H. (2020). A ratio scale for social distance. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, 114(1), 72-86.

Safin, V. V. (2018). Delay and social discounting: Valuing rewards to future selves and others (Order No. 10932714). Available from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global.

Safin, V., Arfer, K. B., & Rachlin, H. (2015). Reciprocation and altruism in social cooperation. *Behavioural Processes*, 116, 12-16.

Liu, P. P., Safin, V., Yang, B., & Luhmann, C. C. (2015). Direct and indirect influence of altruistic behavior in a social network. *PloS one*, 10(10).

Rachlin, H., Arfer, K. B., Safin, V., & Yen, M. (2015). The amount effect and marginal value. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, 104(1), 1-6.

Rachlin, H., Safin, V., Arfer, K. B., & Yen, M. (2015). The attraction of gambling. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, 103(1), 260-266.

Safin, V., Locey, M., & Rachlin, H. (2013). Valuing rewards to others in the prisoner's dilemma game. *Behavioural Processes*, 99, 145-149.

Locey, M., Safin, V., & Rachlin, H. (2013). Social discounting and the prisoner's dilemma game. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*, 99, 38–50.

Rachlin, H., Locey, M. L., & Safin, V. (2013). Biological evolution and behavioral evolution: Two approaches to altruism. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 36, 96-96.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Safin, V. (May, 2022). *Evaluations of Trust, Likability and Social Distance Based on Fictional Vignettes*. Presentation at 48<sup>th</sup> Annual ABAI Convention, Boston, MA.

Safin, V. (November, 2021). *Soft-Commitment, Pattern-Setting and Self-Control*. Presentation at invited symposium for VIII SINCA.

Safin, V. (June, 2020). *Democracy and Heuristics: How Ranked-Choice Voting Helps Mitigate Cognitive Biases*. Presentation at the Democracy 2020 Symposium at Reed College, Portland, OR.

Safin, V. (March, 2018). *Delay and Social Discounting: Similarities, Differences and Interactions*. Presentation at the Cognitive Science Colloquium at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.

Safin, V. (February, 2017). *Pattern-setting for Self-Control in a Behavioral Melioration-Maximization Task*. Presentation at the Cognitive Science Colloquium at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.

Safin, V. (April, 2014). *Temporal and Probabilistic Discounting of Future Rewards in Pigeons*. Presentation at the Cognitive Science Colloquium at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.

Safin, V. (March, 2013). *Roots of Cooperation in Prisoner's Dilemma Game*. Presentation at the Cognitive Science Colloquium at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.

Safin, V. (May, 2012). *Valuing Rewards to Others in the Prisoner's Dilemma Game*. Presentation at the Cognitive Science Colloquium at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY.

## **POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

Safin, V., and Gioffredi, J. (May, 2023). *Social Discounting with Different Units of Value: are you more generous with your time or money?* Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Society for Quantitative Analysis of Behavior in Chicago, IL.

Safin, V. (May, 2021). *“What Counts as a Choice? Replication of a Cross-Cultural Study on Choice and Agency by Savani et al. (2010) with Online Participants”*. Poster presented at the Virtual Meeting of the Society for Quantitative Analysis of Behavior.

Safin, V., and Rachlin, H. (May, 2019). *Ratio Scale for Social Distance*. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Society for Quantitative Analysis of Behavior in Chicago, IL.

Safin, V., and Rachlin, H. (May, 2018). *Social and Delay Discounting: Differences, Similarities and Interactions*. Poster presented at the 41st Annual Conference of the Society for Quantitative Analysis of Behavior in San Diego, CA.

Safin, V., and Rachlin, H. (May, 2017). *Melioration, Maximization and Self-Control*. Poster presented at the 40th Annual Conference of the Society for Quantitative Analysis of Behavior in Denver, CO.

Safin, V., Arfer, K., and Rachlin, H. (May, 2014). *Altruism and Reciprocation in the Prisoner's Dilemma Game*. Poster presented at the Thirty-Seventh Annual Conference of the Society for Quantitative Analysis of Behavior in Chicago, IL.

Safin, V., and Rachlin, H. (May, 2013). *Altruism and Social Discounting in a modified Prisoner's Dilemma Game*. Poster presented at the Thirty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Society for

Quantitative Analysis of Behavior in Minneapolis, MN.

Safin, V., Locey, M.L., and Rachlin, H. (May, 2012). *Valuing Rewards to Others in the Prisoner's Dilemma Game*. Poster presented at the Thirty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Society for Quantitative Analysis of Behavior in Seattle, WA.

Safin, V. (May, 2010). *NYC School Progress Reports: Discrepancy in Evaluation and its Effects*. Poster presented at the Graduate Student Symposium at the City College of New York in New York, NY.

Safin, V. (April, 2007). The Sunk-Cost Effect and Discounting of Delayed Rewards. Poster presented at the Senior Research Poster Session at Reed College in Portland, OR.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2019-2021 Center for Open Science Collaborator, Reed College

2018-2019 Postdoctoral Fellow, Rachlin Lab, Stony Brook University

2016-2018 Graduate Research Assistant, Rachlin Lab, Stony Brook University

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Disinformation & Propaganda: Exploitation of Cognitive Processes (*Simpson College, 2023*)

Cognitive Neuroscience (*Simpson College; 2022, 2023*)

Cognitive Psychology (*Reed College, Simpson College; 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023*)

Intro to Psychology (*St. Joseph's College, Reed College, Simpson College; 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022*)

Judgment and Decision Making (*Stony Brook University, Reed College; 2014, 2017, 2020*)

Research and Writing in Psychology (*Stony Brook University; 2012, 2014, 2018*)

Group Processes and Communication (*St. Joseph's College; 2018*)

Survey in Cognition and Perception (*Teaching Assistant, Stony Brook University; 2016*)

Animal Learning (*Stony Brook University; 2013*)

### **Secondary Education**

2010-2012 Saturday Academy Instructor, Achievement First Charter School in Brooklyn, NY.

2009-2010 GED Instructor at Ridgewood-Bushwick Senior Citizens Council in Brooklyn, NY.

2008-2009 Math Teacher, NYC Teaching Fellow, UFT Secondary Charter School in Brooklyn, NY.

### **Leadership Experience**

2017 Student Representative, Graduate Council Committee, Stony Brook University

2016-2017 Vice President, Graduate Student Organization at Stony Brook University

2014-2015 Student Representative, Society for the Quantitative Analyses of Behavior

## **REFERENCES**

**Dr. Tim Hackenberg**  
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**Dr. Brenda Anderson**  
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