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**EDUCATION**

2008- 2012 **University of Cambridge** *–* Ph.D., Psychology

Supervisor: Jason Rentfrow (2011-2012), Nicholas Gibson (2008-2011)

Thesis: “An investigation of cognitive representations of the self and supernatural others”

2006-2008 **Harvard Divinity School** *–* Master of Theological Studies

Concentration: Christianity and Society

* 1. **University of Oregon** – B.A.(Hons), Psychology & Religious Studies

Thesis advisor: Sara Hodges

Thesis: “Self/other overlap with God: Differences arising from gender and denominational affiliation”

**HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Funding**

* 1. *Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship* (tuition and living

stipend for 6 years of graduate study)

* 1. *Presidential Scholarship*, University of Oregon (full tuition for four years)
  2. *Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship* ($1,500 annually for four years)

**Academic/Teaching**

2011 *Society for Personality and Social Psychology Student Poster Award*

2006 *Phi Beta Kappa,* University of Oregon

2006 *Cum Laude with Departmental Honors,* University of Oregon

2001-2006 *Dean’s List,* University of Oregon

2004 *Marisa Tabizon Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant,* University of Oregon

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

**2012** *Sir John Templeton Foundation* – “Does Complex Religion Make Good People? The Relationship Between the Complexity of Religious/God Beliefs and People’s Attitudes and Behavior” (co-investigator) – $236,175

**PUBLICATIONS**

Hodges, S. D., Sharp, C. A., Gibson, N. J. S., & Tipsord, J. M. (2012). Nearer my God to

thee: Self-God overlap and believers’ relationships with God. *Self & Identity*, DOI:

10.1080/15298868.2012.674212.

Gibson, N. J. S. & Sharp, C. A. (under review). God representations reconsidered. *The*

*International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*.

Zahl, B. P., Sharp, C. A. & Gibson, N.J.S. (under review). Empirical approaches to the

religious heart. *Head, Heart, and Religion.*

Sharp, C. A., Johnson, K. A., Gibson, N.J.S. (in preparation). Measuring self/other

overlap with God.

Sharp, C.A. & Gibson, N.J.S. (in preparation). The complexity of God representations as

measured through the Christian Trinity.

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

Sharp, C. (2011). *Does the Holy Spirit get angry?: Assessing the complexity of Christians’ God*

*concepts.* Presentation at the small group meeting on social cognition, at University College London, UK.

Sharp, C. (2009). *Self/other overlap with God.* Presentation at the UK Social Cognition

Network and Training Scheme in Canterbury, UK.

Sharp, C. (2009). *Self/other overlap with God.* Presentation at the meeting of the International

Association for the Psychology of Religion in Vienna, Austria.

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

Sharp, C. A. (2012). *Assessing complexity of God representations: Salience and affect in*

*Christians' timed judgments for God the Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Diego, California.

Sharp, C. (2011). *Does the Holy Spirit get angry?: Assessing the complexity of Christians’ God*

*concepts.* Poster presented at the meeting of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion in Bari, Italy.

Sharp, C., Gibson, N.J.S., and Johnson, K. (2011). *Measuring* *self/other overlap with God.*

Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Antonio, Texas.

Johnson, K. A., Swail, A. N., Walters, R. B., Li, Y. J., Cohen, A. B, and Sharp, C. (2011).

*Differential effects of God-concepts on prosocial behavior.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in San Antonio, Texas. [winner of the SPSP Student Poster Award]

Sharp, C. (2009). *An investigation of cognitive representations of the self and divine others.*

Poster presented at the Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology, and International Studies Graduate Poster Exhibition in Cambridge, UK.

Sharp, C., Tipsord, J., and Hodges, S.D. (2009). *Divine overlap: Predicting self-other overlap*

*with God from beliefs and life satisfaction.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Tampa, Florida.

Sharp, C. and Hodges, S. D. (2007). *Self/other overlap in individuals’ perceived overlap with*

*God.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Personality and Social Psychology in Memphis, Tennessee.

Sharp, C. and Hodges, S. D. (2006). *Self/other overlap with God: Gender and denominational*

*effects.* Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Psychology Conference at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

**INVITED TALKS**

2010 *Cardiff University*, Social Psychology Club

2008 *University of Cambridge*, Psychology of Religion Research Group

**TEACHING**

**Training**

2011-2012 *Teaching Associate Program,* University of Cambridge; Accredited by Higher Education Academy, UK

2009 *Supervising Undergraduates,* University of Cambridge

**Experience**

University of Cambridge

2011-2012Lecturer

* + - * Undergraduate-level Divinity Course
        + 2 *Research Methods* lectures
      * Masters-level Social and Developmental Psychology Course
        + 2 *Psychology of Religion* lectures
      * Masters and PhD-level skills training: *How to make (and present) a poster*

2009-2012 Supervisor (small group teaching)

* + - * *Social Psychology*
      * Masters-level empirical project in *Psychology of Religion*
      * Undergraduate-level empirical project in *Inquiry and Analysis*

University of Oregon

1. Teaching assistant, upper-level undergraduate course: *Women in Judaism*

2002-2005 Teaching assistant, introductory first-year course: *College Connections*

2002-2003 Residence hall academic advisor

**LEADERSHIP/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

**Training**

2011 GRADschool, *University of Cambridge*

* Training course on leadership, consultancy, and small-group collaboration and effectiveness

**Experience**

2011 Ph.D. delegate, *Department of Social and Developmental Psychology at the University of Cambridge*

2009-2011 Concert manager, *Cambridge Graduate Orchestra*

2007-2008 Communications coordinator, *Harvard Divinity School*

2007 Communications assistant for the independent film *Divided We Fall,* the first documentary about post-9/11 hate violence in the United States