

# Peter DeScioli

## Curriculum Vitae

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### POSITIONS

2019-present Associate Professor, Stony Brook University  
2013-2019 Assistant Professor, Stony Brook University  
2012-2013 IFREE Fellow in Psychology, Harvard University  
2010-2012 Florence Levy Kay Fellow in Psychology and Economics, Brandeis University  
2008-2010 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Economic Science Institute, Chapman University  
1999-2001 Teacher, Whittier Elementary School, District of Columbia Public Schools  
1999-2001 Corps Member, Teach For America, Washington DC

### EDUCATION

2003-2008 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
Program: Psychology  
Advisor: Robert Kurzban  
Degree: M.A., Psychology, May 2004  
Title: An eye on the median: An investigation of reciprocity in groups  
Degree: Ph.D., Psychology, May 2008  
Title: Investigations into the problems of moral cognition  
2002-2003 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
Program: Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Development  
Advisor: Douglas Frye  
1995-1999 University of Delaware, Newark, DE  
Majors: Philosophy, Anthropology; Advisor: Alan Fox  
Degree: B.A., Philosophy and Anthropology (with Honors)

## PUBLICATIONS

- DeScioli, P. (in press). The dangers of alliances caused the evolution of moral principles. *Psychological Inquiry*.
- Reed, L. I., Enayetallah, M., & DeScioli, P. (in press). A risk or an opportunity? Facial expressions of fear in bargaining. *Evolutionary Psychological Science*.
- DeScioli, P. (in press). Computational theories should be made with natural language instead of meaningless code. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (in press). Moralistic punishment is not for cooperation. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
- DeScioli, P. (2023). On the origin of laws by natural selection. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *44*, 195-209.
- DeScioli, P., & Pinker, S. (2022). Piled modifiers, buried verbs, and other turgid prose in the *American Political Science Review*. *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *55*, 123-128.
- Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2022). Pay your debts: Moral dilemmas of international debt. *Political Behavior*, *44*, 1657-1680.
- Del Ponte, A., Delton, A. W., & DeScioli, P. (2021). Altruism and spite in politics: How the mind makes welfare tradeoffs about political parties. *Political Behavior*, *43*, 1289-1310.
- Del Ponte, A., DeScioli, P., Masiliunas, A., & Lim, N. (2021). One-way routes complicate cooperation in migrant crises. *Scientific Reports*, *11*, 13529.
- Huang, L., DeScioli, P., & Murad, Z. (2021). Pulling for the team: Competition between individuals, groups, and political partisans. *Evolutionary Psychological Science*, *7*, 97-105.
- Bor, A., Mazepus, H., Bokemper, S. E., & DeScioli, P. (2021). When should the majority rule? Experimental evidence for Madisonian judgments in five cultures. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *8*, 41-50.
- DeScioli, P., Cho, B., Bokemper, S. E., & Delton, A. W. (2020). Selfish and cooperative voting: Can the majority restrain themselves? *Political Behavior*, *42*, 261-283.
- Delton, A. W., DeScioli, P., & Ryan, T. J. (2020). Moral obstinacy in political negotiations. *Political Psychology*, *41*, 3-20.
- DeScioli, P., & Bokemper, S. E. (2019). Intuitive political theory: People's judgments about how groups should decide. *Political Psychology*, *40*, 617-636.

- DeScioli, P., & Kimbrough, E. O. (2019). Alliance formation in a side-taking experiment. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *6*, 53-70.
- Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2019). Spending too little in hard times. *Cognition*, *183*, 139-151.
- De Freitas, J., Thomas, K., DeScioli, P., & Pinker, S. (2019). Common knowledge, coordination, and strategic mentalizing in human social life. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *116*, 13751-13758.
- Bokemper, S. E., DeScioli, P., & Kline, R. (2019). Unfair rules for unequal pay: Wage discrimination and procedural justice. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *6*, 180-191.
- De Freitas, J., DeScioli, P., Thomas, K., & Pinker, S. (2019). Maimonides' ladder: States of mutual knowledge and the perception of charitability. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *148*, 158-173.
- DeScioli, P., Shaw, A., & Delton, A. W. (2018). Share the wealth: Redistribution can increase economic efficiency. *Political Behavior*, *40*, 279-300
- Delton, A. W., Petersen, M. B., DeScioli, P., & Robertson, T. E. (2018). Need, compassion, and support for social welfare. *Political Psychology*, *39*, 907-924.
- Thomas, K., DeScioli, P., & Pinker, S. (2018). Common knowledge, coordination, and the logic of self-conscious emotions. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *39*, 179-190.
- DeScioli, P. (2018). How *Homo economicus* lost her mind and how we can revive her. Comment on "Folk-economic beliefs: An evolutionary cognitive model." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *41*, E158.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2018). Morality is for choosing sides. In K. Gray & J. Graham (Eds.), *Atlas of Moral Psychology* (pp. 177-185). New York: Guildford Press.
- DeScioli, P., Karpoff, R., & De Freitas, J. (2017). Ownership dilemmas: The case of finders versus landowners. *Cognitive Science*, *41*, 502-522.
- Shaw, A., DeScioli, P., Barakzai, A., & Kurzban, R. (2017). Whoever is not with me is against me: The costs of neutrality among friends. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *71*, 96-104.
- De Freitas, J., DeScioli, P., Nemirow, J., Massenkoff, M., & Pinker, S. (2017). Kill or die: Moral judgment alters linguistic coding of causality. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, *43*, 1173-1182.

- Reed, L. I., & DeScioli, P. (2017). Watch out! How a fearful face adds credibility to warnings of danger. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, 38, 490-495.
- Reed, L. I., & DeScioli, P. (2017). The communicative function of sad facial expressions. *Evolutionary Psychology*, 15, 1-9.
- Reed, L. I., & DeScioli, P. (2017). The emotional moves of a rational actor: Smiles, scowls, and other credible messages. *Games*, 8, 1-11.
- Thomas, K. A., De Freitas, J., DeScioli, P., & Pinker, S. (2016). Recursive mentalizing and common knowledge in the bystander effect. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 145, 621-629.
- DeScioli, P. (2016). The side-taking hypothesis for moral judgment. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 7, 23-27.
- Kurzban, R., & DeScioli, P. (2016). Morality. In D. M. Buss (Ed.), *The Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology*, Second Edition (pp.770-787). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- Neuberg, S., & DeScioli, P. (2016). Prejudices: Managing perceived threats to group life. In D. M. Buss (Ed.), *The Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology*, Second Edition (pp.704-721). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- DeScioli, P., & Karpoff, R. (2015). People's judgments about classic property law cases. *Human Nature*, 26, 184-209.
- DeScioli, P., Rosa, N. M., & Gutchess, A. H. (2015). A memory advantage for property. *Evolutionary Psychology*, 13, 411-423.
- DeScioli, P., Kurzban, R., & Todd, P. (2015). Evolved decision makers in organizations. In R. D. Arvey & S. M. Colarelli (Eds.), *Biological foundations of organizational behavior* (pp. 203-235). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- DeScioli, P., Massenkoff, M., Shaw, A., Petersen, M. B., & Kurzban, R. (2014). Equity or equality? Moral judgments follow the money. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 281, 20142112.
- Thomas, K. A., DeScioli, P., Haque, O. S., & Pinker, S. (2014). The psychology of common knowledge and coordination. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 107, 657-676.
- Reed, L., DeScioli, P., & Pinker, S. (2014). The commitment function of angry facial expressions. *Psychological Science*, 25, 1511-1517.
- DeScioli, P., & Bokemper, S. (2014). Voting as a counter-strategy in the blame game. *Psychological Inquiry*, 25, 206-214.

- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2013). A solution to the mysteries of morality. *Psychological Bulletin*, *139*, 477-496.
- Tybur, J. M., Lieberman, D., Kurzban, R., & DeScioli, P. (2013). Disgust: Evolved function and structure. *Psychological Review*, *120*, 65-84.
- Kurzban, R., & DeScioli, P. (2013). Adaptationist punishment in humans. *Journal of Bioeconomics*, *15*, 269-279.
- DeScioli, P., & Krishna, S. (2013). Giving to whom? Altruism in different types of relationships. *Journal of Economic Psychology*, *34*, 218-228.
- DeScioli, P. (2013). Does market competition explain fairness? Comment on "A mutualistic approach to morality." *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, *36*, 87-88.
- DeScioli, P., Asao, K., & Kurzban, R. (2012). Omissions and byproducts across moral domains. *PLoS ONE*, *7*, e46963.
- DeScioli, P., Gilbert, S., & Kurzban, R. (2012). Indelible victims and persistent punishers in moral cognition. *Psychological Inquiry*, *23*, 143-149.
- Shaw, A., DeScioli, P., & Olson, K. (2012). Fairness versus favoritism in children. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *33*, 736-745.
- Kurzban, R., DeScioli, P., & Fein, D. (2012). Hamilton vs. Kant: Pitting adaptations for altruism against adaptations for moral judgment. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *33*, 323-333.
- DeScioli, P., Christner, J., & Kurzban, R. (2011). The omission strategy. *Psychological Science*, *22*, 442-446.
- DeScioli, P., & Wilson, B. (2011). The territorial foundations of human property. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *32*, 297-304.
- DeScioli, P., Bruening, R., & Kurzban, R. (2011). The omission effect in moral cognition: Toward a functional explanation. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, *32*, 204-215.
- DeScioli, P., Kurzban, R., Koch, E. N., & Liben-Nowell, D. (2011). Best friends: Alliances, friend ranking, and the MySpace social network. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, *6*, 6-8.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2011). The company you keep: Friendship decisions from a functional perspective. In J. I. Krueger (Ed.), *Social judgment and decision making* (pp.209-225). New York: Psychology Press.

- DeScioli, P. (2010). Heavy hearts and heads held high—A review of *Glimpses of creatures in their physical worlds* by Steven Vogel. *Evolution and Human Behavior, 31*, 304-306.
- Weisbord, R. K., & DeScioli, P. (2010). The effects of donor standing on philanthropy: Insights from the psychology of gift-giving. *Gonzaga Law Review, 45*, 225-289.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2009). Mysteries of morality. *Cognition, 112*, 281-299.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2009). The alliance hypothesis for human friendship. *PLoS ONE, 4*, e5802.
- DeScioli, P. (2008). Beyond selfish and selfless. [Review of *Moral sentiments and material interests: The foundations of cooperation in economic life* by H. Gintis, S. Bowles, R. Boyd, and E. Fehr (Eds.)]. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 67*, 524-528.
- Kurzban, R., & DeScioli, P. (2008). Characterizing reciprocity in groups: Information-seeking in a public goods game. *European Journal of Social Psychology, 38*, 139-158.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2008). Cracking the superhero's moral code. In R. Rosenberg (Ed.), *The Psychology of Superheroes* (pp. 245-259). Dallas, TX: BenBella Books.
- Kurzban, R., DeScioli, P., & O'Brien, E. (2007). Audience effects on moralistic punishment. *Evolution and Human Behavior, 28*, 75-84.
- DeScioli, P. (2007). Peering underneath the hood of morality [Review of *Moral minds* by M. D. Hauser]. *Evolutionary Psychology, 5*, 306-312.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2007). The games people play. In S. Gangestad & J. Simpson (Eds.), *Evolution of mind: Fundamental questions and controversies*. (pp. 130-136). New York: Guilford.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- Bokemper, S. E., & DeScioli, P. The problem of dishonesty in government safety nets.
- Landers, M., DeScioli, P., & Shaw, A. (in prep.) Standing on principle: Can moral conviction excuse disloyalty?
- Carter, B., Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (in prep.). Do voters understand who benefits from higher taxes?
- Connors, E. C., Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. Indirect restrictions on abortion demobilize supporters of abortion rights.

Kimbrough, E. O., & DeScioli, P. Alliance formation and divided loyalties.

Massenkoff, M., DeScioli, P., Thomas, K., & Pinker, S. (in prep.) What happens in vagueness.

## **INVITED TALKS**

DeScioli, P. (2022, November). Strategies for choosing sides. Talk given at the Center for Decision Research at the Booth School of Business, University of Chicago.

Del Ponte, A., DeScioli, P., Masiliunas, A., & Lim, N. (2021, May). Are Refugees Welcome? Experiments on International Cooperation in Migrant Crises. Talk given at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

DeScioli, P., & Kimbrough, E. (2018, October). Alliance formation in a side-taking experiment. Seminar given at the Department of Psychology at Columbia University, New York, NY.

DeScioli, P., Delton, A. W., & Ryan, T. J. (2018, June). Moral obstinacy in political negotiations. Talk given at the Center for the Study of American Politics Conference 2018, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

DeScioli, P., Cho, B., Bokemper, S. E., & Delton, A. W. (2017, April). Selfish and cooperative voting: Can the majority restrain themselves? Talk given at the New York Area Political Psychology Meeting, Columbia University, New York, NY.

DeScioli, P. (2017, March). Moral judgment and the strategies of social life. Talk given at the KLI workshop on Evolutionary Perspectives, VU University Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

DeScioli, P., & Kimbrough, E. (2017, March). Alliance formation in a side-taking experiment. Colloquium talk given at the Department of Experimental and Applied Psychology, VU University Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

DeScioli, P. (2017, March). Simple experiments on voting, redistribution, and other political games. Talk given in the Social and Health Psychology Seminar series in the Department of Psychology, Stony Brook University, NY.

DeScioli, P., & Kimbrough, E. (2016, June). Alliance formation in a side-taking experiment. Talk given at the Center for the Study of American Politics Conference 2016, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

DeScioli, P., & Kimbrough, E. (2015, May). Alliance formation in a side-taking experiment. Talk given at the New York Area Political Psychology Meeting, Columbia University, New York, NY.

- DeScioli, P., & Kimbrough, E. (2015, March). Alliance formation in a side-taking experiment. Talk given at the NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, New York, NY.
- DeScioli, P. (2013, November). Function and Variation in Human Property Rules. Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University, NY.
- DeScioli, P. (2013, August). Property, Alliances, and Morality. The International Max Planck Research School on Adapting Behaviour in a Fundamentally Uncertain World. Jena, Germany.
- DeScioli, P. (2013, April). The Side-Taking Function of Morality. Synthesizing the Evolutionary and Social Science Approaches to Human Cooperation: A NESCent Catalysis Meeting, Durham, NC.
- DeScioli, P. (2012, November). Strategy and Counter-Strategy in Moral Cognition. Stony Brook University, Department of Political Science.
- DeScioli, P. (2012, November). Strategy and Counter-Strategy in Moral Cognition. Rutgers University—Camden, Department of Psychology.
- DeScioli, P. (2012, September). Strategy and Counter-Strategy in Moral Cognition. University of Massachusetts—Amherst, Department of Psychology.
- DeScioli, P. (2012, July). Function and Variation in Human Property Rules. University of Alaska Anchorage, Department of Economics.
- DeScioli, P. (2012, April). The Territorial Foundations of Human Property. Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics.
- DeScioli, P. (2012, April). People's Judgments About Classic Property Law Cases. Brandeis University, Department of Psychology.
- DeScioli, P. (2012, February). Strategy and Counter-Strategy in Moral Cognition. Harvard University, Department of Psychology.
- DeScioli, P. (2011, September). Strategy and Counter-Strategy in Moral Cognition. Boston University, Boston Area Moral and Social Cognition Group.
- DeScioli, P. (2011, September). The Omission Strategy. Brandeis University, Department of Psychology.
- DeScioli, P. (2011, February). Strategy and Counter-Strategy in Moral Cognition. University of Maryland, Developmental Science Colloquium.
- DeScioli, P. (2010, November). Mysteries of Morality. Yale University, Mind and Development Lab.



- DeScioli, P. (2010, October). Property Intuitions. Brandeis University, Department of Psychology.
- DeScioli, P. (2010, October). Who Owns What? Understanding How People Think About Property. Brandeis University, Department of Economics.
- DeScioli, P. (2010, May). Mine and Thine: The Foundations of Human Property. Fourth Annual 3UC Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Behavior Conference, San Luis Obispo, CA.
- DeScioli, P. (2010, March). Mysteries of Morality. Occidental College, The Cognitive Science Program, Remsen Bird Speaker Series.
- DeScioli, P. (2010, March). Mine and Thine: The Foundations of Human Property. Brandeis University, Psychology and Economics Colloquium.
- Kurzban, R., & DeScioli, P. (2009, May). Adaptationist Morality. Plenary Address, Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Fullerton, CA.
- DeScioli, P. (2009, January). The Alliance Hypothesis for Human Friendship. Chapman University, Economic Science Institute.
- DeScioli, P. (2008, December). The Alliance Hypothesis for Human Friendship. UCLA, Behavior, Evolution, and Culture Series.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Carter, B., & DeScioli, P. (2023, April). Fairness and redistribution: Do people's perceptions of merit and luck depend on their success? Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Carter, B., & DeScioli, P. (2022, April). Voting on taxes: Is it more intuitive to only tax the rich? Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Del Ponte, A., DeScioli, P., Masiliunas, A., & Lim, N. (2021, October). Are Refugees Welcome? Experiments on International Cooperation in Migrant Crises. Talk given at the American Political Science Association Conference, Montreal.
- Carter, B., Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2021, April). Do voters understand who benefits from higher taxes? Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Carter, B., Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2019, April). Give some to get some: Do voters connect taxes with the benefits they fund? Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

- Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2019, April). Partisanship and moral dilemmas of international debt. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Delton, A. W., DeScioli, P., & Ryan, T. J. (2019, February). Moral obstinacy in political negotiations. Talk given at the NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, New York, NY.
- Bokemper, S.E., & DeScioli, P. (2018, October). The problem of honesty in government safety nets. Talk given at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.
- Huang, L., DeScioli, P., & Murad, Z. (2018, September). Pulling for the team: Competition between political partisans. Talk given at the American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA.
- Bokemper, S.E., & DeScioli, P. (2018, June). An experiment on dishonesty and support for social insurance. Talk given at the Center for the Study of American Politics conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Bokemper, S., & DeScioli, P. (2018, April). The problem of honesty in government safety nets. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2018, April). Pay your debts: Moral dilemmas of international debt repayment. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Bor, A., Mazepus, H., Bokemper, S., & DeScioli, P. (2018, April). When should the majority rule? Experimental evidence for Madisonian judgments in five cultures. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2018, February). Pay your debts: Moral dilemmas of international debt repayment. Poster presented at the NYU Center for Experimental Social Science Conference, New York, NY.
- DeScioli, P., Cho, B., Bokemper, S. E., & Delton, A. W. (2017, August). Selfish and cooperative voting: Can the majority restrain themselves? Talk given at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2017, August). The politics of prudence: Experiments on economic austerity in hard times. Talk given at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Delton, A. W., DeScioli, P., & Ryan, T. J. (2017, August). Why do negotiations fail? Bringing the politics back in. Talk given at the American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.

- Ryan, T. J., Delton, A. W., & DeScioli, P. (2017, April). Why do negotiations fail? Bringing the politics back in. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Bokemper, S., & DeScioli, P. (2016, September). Experiments on social safety nets for unemployment. Talk given at the American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Bokemper, S., & DeScioli, P. (2016, September). Deciding in groups. Poster presented at the Political Psychology Preconference for the American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Bokemper, S., & DeScioli, P. (2016, May). Experiments on social safety nets. Poster presented at the Behavioral Models of Politics Conference 2016, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2016, May). The Orange Game: An online platform to study economic decisions. Poster presented at the Behavioral Models of Politics Conference 2016, Pittsburgh, PA.
- DeScioli, P., & Kimbrough, E. (2016, April). Alliance formation in a side-taking experiment. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Bokemper, S., & DeScioli, P. (2016, April). Deciding in groups. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Del Ponte, A., & DeScioli, P. (2016, April). The Orange Game: An online platform to study economic decisions. Poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Connors, E. C., DeScioli, P., & Ryan, T. J. (2016, April). Online studies of moral frames in abortion attitudes. Poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- DeScioli, P., & Kimbrough, E. (2015, May). Helping friends and punishing enemies: Alliance formation in a side-taking experiment. Talk given at the Association for Psychological Science 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, New York, New York.
- De Freitas, J., Thomas, K. A., DeScioli, P., & Pinker, S. (2015, May). The strategic bystander: Recursive theory of mind and common knowledge in decisions to help. Talk given at the 27<sup>th</sup> Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Columbia, Missouri.
- Kurzban, R., Shaw, A., & DeScioli, P. (2015, May). Costs of neutrality in moral disputes. Talk given at the 27<sup>th</sup> Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Columbia, Missouri.

- Reed, L. I., & DeScioli, P. (2015, May). The communicative function of sad facial expressions. Talk given at the 27<sup>th</sup> Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Columbia, Missouri.
- DeScioli, P. (2015, April). Equity or equality? Moral judgments follow the money. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Kraft, P. K., & DeScioli, P. (2015, April). Relaxing assumptions about voter utilities and majority rule efficiency. Talk given at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Thomas, K., DeScioli, P., Haque, O. S., & Pinker, S. (2015, April). The psychology of common knowledge and coordination. Talk given at the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society, Boston, Massachusetts.  
\*Received award for Best Student Presentation.
- DeScioli, P., & Shaw, A. (2015, February). Share the wealth: Redistribution can increase economic efficiency. Talk given at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Long Beach, California.
- DeScioli, P. (2014, May). The Side-Taking Function of Moral Condemnation. Talk given at the Association for Psychological Science 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, San Francisco, California.
- DeScioli, P. (2013, July). People's Ownership Intuitions About Disputes Between Finders and Landowners. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Miami, Florida.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2012, June). The Side-Taking Function of Morality: Part 1- The Adaptive Problem. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2012, June). The Side-Taking Function of Morality: Part 2- A Proposed Solution. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Thomas, K., DeScioli, P., Haque, O. S., & Pinker, S. (2012, June). The Psychology of Common Knowledge and Coordination. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Asao, K., DeScioli, P., & Piazza, J. (2012, June). You'll Be the First to Know: Loyalty and the Sharing of Good News. Poster presented at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- DeScioli, P., & Karpoff, R. (2012, January). People's Judgments About Classic Property Law Cases. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, San Diego, California.

- Piazza, J., & DeScioli, P. (2012, January). Who Else Knows? The Strategic Significance of Secrets. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, San Diego, California.
- Hailey, S. E., Altshteyn, I., & DeScioli, P. (2012, January). Moral Intuitions of Self Defense. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology conference, San Diego, California.
- DeScioli, P., & Krishna, S. (2011, July). Giving to Whom? Altruism in Different Types of Relationships. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Montpellier, France.
- Thomas, K., DeScioli, P., Pinker, S., & Haque, O. S. (2011, July). Common Knowledge and Coordination. Poster presented at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Montpellier, France.
- DeScioli, P., & Wilson, B. (2011, April). The Territorial Foundations of Human Property. Talk given at the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference, Binghamton, NY.
- Hailey, S., & DeScioli, P. (2011, January). Moral Intuitions About Self Defense. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Wilson, B., & DeScioli, P. (2010, November). Mine and Thine: The Territorial Foundations of Human Property. Talk given at the Economic Science Association Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- \*\*DeScioli, P., & Wilson, B. (2010, June). Mine and Thine: The Foundations of Human Property. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Eugene, OR.  
\*\*Received the *HBES 2010 Postdoctoral Award* for best paper by a recent PhD.
- DeScioli, P., Bruening, R., & Kurzban, R. (2009, May). The Omission Effect and the Design of Moral Psychology. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Fullerton, CA.
- Christner, J., DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2009, May). Strategic Omissions in a Reverse Dictator Game. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Fullerton, CA.
- DeScioli, P., & Kurzban, R. (2007, June). Divided Loyalties and Rank-Masking Among Friends. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Williamsburg, VA.
- Jayawickreme, E. R., Schueller, S. M., & DeScioli, P. (2007, May). Divided Loyalties and Happiness. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science 19th Annual Convention, Washington, DC.

DeScioli, P. (2006, June). The Four Basic Games. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

DeScioli, P. (2005, June). Characterizing Reciprocity in Groups: Information-Seeking in a Public Goods Game. Talk given at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Conference, Austin, TX.

## GRANTS

*International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics*, Small Grants Program (2021). With Ben Carter. “Do voters understand who benefits from taxes?” (\$9,600).

*Stony Brook University*, FAHSS Grant (2021). “Do voters understand who benefits from taxes?” (\$3000).

*International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics*, Small Grants Program (2016). With Scott Bokemper. “Experiments on social safety nets” (\$8,400).

*Stony Brook University*, FAHSS Grant (2016). PI: Andrew W. Delton; Co-PIs: Peter DeScioli and Timothy J. Ryan. “The politics of moral conviction.” (\$1000).

*Stony Brook University*, FAHSS Grant (2015). “Online experiments in behavioral political economy” (\$1000).

*Stony Brook University*, TALENT Grant (2014). “Building an interactive online game to help students understand alliances” (\$6,000).

*International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics*, Small Grants Program (2011). “Experimental investigations of alliance-building” (\$6,760).

*Brandeis University*, Schiff Undergraduate Fellowship (2011). With Siddhi Krishna. “The psychology and economics of fairness” (\$2,500).

*Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center*, Ackoff Award, (2005). “The Development of Common Knowledge Representation” (\$1,800).

## FELLOWSHIPS

2012-2013      *International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics*  
(IFREE) Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University

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Moral Politics (Stony Brook University, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)  
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Evolutionary Psychology (Stony Brook University, 2014, 2016, 2020)  
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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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