

## Psychology of “Us” vs. “Them”

The Intergroup Neuroscience Lab, housed in the Social Psychology area, uses social psychological and cognitive neuroscience approaches to study how group membership and prejudice change the course of social cognition. Specifically, we use a wide range of tools—standard laboratory experiments, implicit and explicit behavioral measures, fMRI and psychophysiology—to study how failures of empathy, dehumanization, and misunderstanding unfold in the mind and brain. We are equally interested in the behavioral consequences of these processes.

Supervisors: Mina Cikara (PI); Tatiana Lau (graduate student)

Duties: RAs may be involved in a wide spectrum of the research process: running participants in the laboratory or field, coding data, contributing to study designs, designing online survey experiments, conducting literature reviews, analyzing data, and assisting in interpretation of results. Students in this course will work closely with graduate students or other researchers to get a hands-on experience in research and are expected to put in about 10-12 hours of work per week (plus weekly one-hour lab meetings).

Location: This will vary by study. Most of the studies will take place on campus (i.e., WJH, Northwest, Harvard Decision Science Lab); however, some projects may require collecting data in the greater Cambridge/Boston area (e.g., Fenway).

For credit: Positions are offered on a for-credit basis (by enrolling in Psychology 2620r: Research Seminar in Intergroup Neuroscience).

Experience: There are no prerequisites for the class besides a two-semester commitment and enthusiasm. A background in psychology or neuroscience is preferred but not required.

To apply, please complete [this application](#) before 5PM Thursday, September 4, 2014.

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