

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

PhD. in Psychology and Philosophy	University of Otago, NZ	2012
BSc (Hons) in Psychology	University of Otago, NZ	2007

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Research

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE St Benet's Hall, Oxford	2020—ongoing
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR <i>Centre for Trust, Peace, and Social Relations, Coventry University</i>	2019—ongoing
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, Oxford	2015—ongoing
RESEARCH FELLOW <i>Centre for Advances in Behavioural Science, Coventry University</i>	2015—2019
POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER / RESEARCH CO-ORDINATOR <i>Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, University of Oxford</i>	2012—2015
POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER <i>Dept. of Psychology, University of Otago</i>	2011—2012
LAB MANAGER <i>Social Cognition Lab</i>	

<i>Dept. of Psychology, University of Otago</i>	2006—2012
RESEARCH ASSISTANT <i>Dept. of Philosophy, University of Otago</i>	2009—2011
RESEARCH ASSISTANT <i>Dept. of Theology & Religion, University of Otago</i>	2009

Teaching

<i>Oriel College; Keble College; St Peter's College; St Benet's Hall; Mansfield College, Oxford</i> TUTOR - Psychology of Religion	2018—
<i>Trinity College, Oxford</i> TUTOR - Science and Religion	2017—
<i>Stanford University in Oxford</i> TUTOR - Cognitive Neuroscience of Visual Art	2019
<i>Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago</i> LECTURER - Psychology of Religion	2016
<i>Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, University of Oxford</i> CONVENER - Research Methods (Laboratory Group); MSc in Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology	2013—2015
<i>Wycliffe Hall, Oxford</i> TUTOR - Social Psychology; Scholarship & Christianity in Oxford (SCIO) Programme - Philosophy of Science and Philosophy of Psychology and Neuroscience; SCIO	2013
<i>Dept. of Philosophy, University of Otago</i> TUTOR - Critical Thinking	2010
<i>St Margaret's College, University of Otago</i> TUTOR - Brain & Behaviour; Human Thought & Behaviour; Mind & Reality; Critical Thinking	2008—2010
<i>Selwyn College, University of Otago</i> TUTOR - Brain & Behaviour; Human Thought & Behaviour	2010
<i>Dept of Psychology, University of Otago</i> TUTOR/LAB DEMONSTRATOR - Brain & Behaviour; Human Thought & Behaviour; Brain & Cognition; Social & Applied Psychology	2006—2009

TUTOR

- Brain & Behaviour; Human Thought & Behaviour

RESEARCH GRANTS

Topic: *The cognitive and cultural foundations of religion and morality.*

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Grant: Templeton World Charity Foundation (TWCF1064)

Amount: £1,519,217

Year(s) funded: 2017—2020

Topic: *Mapping implicit unbelief across contexts and cultures*

Role: Principal Investigator

Grant: Understanding Unbelief Grant

Amount: £149,427.85

Year(s) funded: 2017—2019

Topic: *The causal role of religious belief in managing death anxiety and intergroup discrimination*

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Grant: Marsden Fund (UOO1312)

Amount: NZD 652,174 (approx. £334,637)

Year(s) funded: 2014—2017

Topic: *Toward an affective science of religion: the emotional causes and consequences of religious belief*

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Grant: John Templeton Foundation Grant (52257)

Amount: USD 250,000 (approx. £157,000)

Year(s) funded: 2015—2016

Topic: *The nature and function of religious belief after trauma and tragedy*

Role: Associate Investigator

Grant: Standard Research Grant, University of Otago

Amount: NZD 14,400 (approx. £7,200)

Year(s) funded: 2015

Topic: *Dunedin ritual and religion project*

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Grant: Ritual's Impact on the Contemporary World Grant, ICEA, University of Oxford

Amount: £ 40,000

Year(s) funded: 2014—2015

Topic: *Agency detection, fear of death, and religiosity*

Role: Associate Investigator

Grant: Standard Research Grant, University of Otago

Amount: NZD 24,000 (approx. £12,000)

Year(s) funded: 2013

Topic(s):

1. Dysphoric Rituals & Cohesion

2. Causal Opacity and Social Effects of Dysphoric Rituals
3. Ritual, Memory, and Intergroup Relations among Croatian War Veterans

Role: Principal Investigator / Co-Principal Investigator

Grant: Ritual's Impact on the Contemporary World Grant, ICEA, University of Oxford

Amount: £11,000

Year(s) funded: 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Jong, J. (under contract). *The God investigators: how scientists study religion*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Jong, J., & Halberstadt, J. (2016). *Death anxiety and religious belief: an existential psychology of religion*. London, UK: Bloomsbury Academic.

— See also the book symposium published in *Religion, Brain & Behaviour*, 9: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rbb20/9/2>

Academic articles and book chapters

Submitted

Kavanaugh, C., & **Jong, J.** (submitted). Is Japan religious? *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*.

Nakawake, Y., Meng, X., Hashiya, K., Burdett, E., **Jong, J.**, & Whitehouse, H. (submitted) Preverbal infants expect supernatural agents to be socially dominant. *Proc B*.

Jong, J. (submitted). Death anxiety and religion. *Current Opinion in Psychology*.

Forthcoming

Jong, J. (in press; 2021). Psychology of religion. In S. Goetz, & C. Taliaferro (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*. Oxford, UK: Wiley.

Coleman III, T. J., & **Jong, J.** (in press; 2020). Counting the nonreligious: a critical survey of new measures. In A. L. Ai, K. A. Harris, & P. Wink (eds). *Assessing Spirituality and Religion in a Diversified World*. Cham, CHE: Springer.

Kavanaugh, C., Whitehouse, H., & **Jong, J.** (in press; 2020). Ritual and religion as social technologies of cooperation. In L. J. Kirmayer, S. Kitayama, C. M. Worthman, R. Lemelson, & C. A. Cummings (eds). *Culture, mind, brain: emerging concepts, models, applications*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Willard, A. K., Baimel, A., Turpin, H., **Jong, J.**, & Whitehouse, H. (in press). Rewarding the good and punishing the bad: the role of karma and nextlife beliefs in shaping moral norms. *Evolution and Human Behavior*.

2020

Jong, J. (2020). Death anxiety and religious belief: a critical review. In C. Routledge & K. Vail III (eds.), *The science of religion, spirituality, and existentialism*. Amsterdam, NL: Elsevier.

Jong, J., Baimel, A., Ross, R., McKay, R., Bluemke, M., & Halberstadt, J. (2020). Traumatic life experiences and religiosity in eight countries. *Scientific Data*, 7, 140. doi:10.1038/s41597-020-0482-y

McPhetres, J., **Jong, J.**, Zuckerman, M. (2020). Religious Americans have less positive attitudes toward science, but this does not extend to other cultures. *SPPS*. doi:10.1177/1948550620923239

Newson, M., Shiramizu, V., Buhrmester, M., Hattori, W., **Jong, J.**, Yamamoto, E., Whitehouse, H. (2020). Devoted fans produce more cortisol when watching live soccer matches. *Stress and Health, 36*, 220-227.

2019

- Bering, J., Curtin, E., & **Jong, J.** (2019). Knowledge of deaths in hotel rooms diminishes perceived value and elicits strong guest aversion. *OMEGA—Journal of Death and Dying, 79*, 286-312.
- Coleman, T. J. III, Arrowood, R. B., Sevinç, K., Hood, R. W. Jr., & **Jong, J.** (2019). An atheist perspective on self-esteem and meaning making while under death awareness. *Secular Studies, 1*. doi:10.1163/25892525-00102002
- Jong, J.** (2019). Love overflowing — the doctrine of creation. In J. Strawbridge, J. Mercer, & P. Groves (eds.), *Love makes no sense: an invitation to Christian theology*. London, UK: SCM Press.
- Jong, J.**, & Groves, P. (2019). Love negated— sin and suffering. In J. Strawbridge, J. Mercer, & P. Groves (eds.), *Love makes no sense: an invitation to Christian theology*. London, UK: SCM Press.
- Jong, J.**, Halberstadt, J., Bluemke, M., Kavanagh, C., Jackson, C. (2019). Death anxiety, exposure to death, mortuary preferences, and religiosity in five countries. *Nature Scientific Data, 154*. doi:10.1038/s41597-019-0163-x
- Jong, J.**, & Halberstadt, J. (2019). Death anxiety and religious belief: responses to commentaries. *Religion, Brain & Behavior, 9*, 207-218.
- Kavanagh, C., **Jong, J.**, McKay, R., & Whitehouse, H. (2019). Positive experiences of high arousal martial arts rituals are linked to identity fusion and costly progroup actions. *European Journal of Social Psychology, 49*, 461-481.
- Morris Trainor, Z., **Jong, J.**, Bluemke, M., & Halberstadt, J. (2019). Death salience moderates the effect of trauma on religiosity. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*. doi:10.1037/tra0000430
- Reddish, P., Tong, E. M. W., **Jong, J.**, & Whitehouse, H. (2019). Interpersonal synchrony affects performers' sense of agency. *Self & Identity*. doi:10.1080/15298868.2019.1604427
- Ross, R. M., Brown-Iannuzzi, J. L., Gervais, W. M., **Jong, J.**, Lanman, J. A., McKay, R., & Pennycook, G. (2019). *Measuring supernatural belief implicitly using the affect misattribution procedure*. *Religion, Brain, & Behavior*. doi:10.1080/2153599X.2019.1619620
- Stanford, M., & **Jong, J.** (2019). Beyond Buddhism and animism: A psychometric test of the structure of Burmese Theravada Buddhism. *PLoS ONE, 14*, e0226414. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0226414

2018

- Arrowood, R. B., **Jong, J.**, Vail III., K. E., & Hood, R. W. (eds). (2018). Special issue: Terror management theory. *Religion, Brain & Behavior, 8*, 1-100.
- Arrowood, R. B., **Jong, J.**, Vail III., K. E., & Hood, R. W. (2018). Guest editors' foreword: On the importance of integrating terror management and psychology of religion. *Religion, Brain & Behavior, 8*, 1-3.
- Jackson, J., **Jong, J.**, Bluemke, M., Poulter, P., Morgenroth, L. & Halberstadt, J. (2018). Testing the causal relationship between religiosity and death anxiety. *Religion, Brain & Behavior, 8*, 57-68.
- Jong, J.**, Ross, R., Philip, T., Chang, S. H., Simons, N., & Halberstadt, J. (2018). The religious correlates of death anxiety: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Religion, Brain & Behavior, 8*, 4-20.
- Cho, P. S., Escoffier, N., Mao, Y., Ching, A., Green, C., Jong, J., & Whitehouse, H. (2018). Groups and emotional arousal mediate neural synchrony and perceived ritual efficacy. *Frontiers in Psychology*. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2018.02071
- Coleman III, T. J., **Jong, J.**, & van Mulukom, V. (eds.). (2018). Special issue: What are religious beliefs? *Contemporary Pragmatism, 15*, 279-406.

- Coleman III, T. J., **Jong, J.**, & van Mulukom, V. (2018). Introduction to the special issue: What are religious beliefs? *Contemporary Pragmatism*, 15, 279-283.
- Jong, J.** (2018). Beliefs are object-attribute associations of varying strength. *Contemporary Pragmatism*, 15, 284-301.
- Jackson, C. M., Jackson, J. C., Bilkey, D., **Jong, J.**, Halberstadt, J. H. (2018). The dynamic emergence of minimal groups. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*. doi:10.1177/1368430218802636
- Jackson, J. C., **Jong, J.**, Bilkey, D., Whitehouse, H., Zollman, S., McNaughton, C., & Halberstadt, J. (2018). Synchrony and arousal increase cohesion and cooperation in large naturalistic groups. *Scientific Reports*, 18, 127. doi:10.1038/s41598-017-18023-4.
- Jong, J.** (2018). On biotechnology, theology, and the human sciences. *Theology and Science*, 16, 343-352.
- McKay, R. M., **Jong, J.**, O'Lone, K. (2018). Idolizing the indexical: commentary on Van Leeuwen and van Elk. [Commentary] *Religion, Brain & Behavior*. doi:10.1080/2153599X.2018.1453533
- Rybanska, V., McKay, R., **Jong, J.**, Whitehouse, H. (2018). Rituals improve children's ability to delay gratification. *Child Development*, 89, 349-359.
- Segal, K., **Jong, J.**, & Halberstadt, J. (2018). The fusing power of natural disasters: An experimental study. *Self & Identity*, 17, 574-586.
- Thomson, R., Yuki, M., Talhelm, T., Kito, M., Schug, J., Becker, J.,...**Jong, J.**,...Visserman, M. (2018). Relational mobility predicts social behaviors in 39 countries and is tied to historical farming and threat. *PNAS*. doi:10.1073/pnas.1713191115
- Willard, A. K., Nakawake, Y., & **Jong, J.** (2018). The evolution of the shaman's cultural toolkit. [Commentary] *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, e89.

2017

- Buric, I., Farias, M., **Jong, J.**, Mee, C., & Brazil, I. (2017). What is the molecular signature of mind-body interventions? A systematic review of gene expression changes induced by meditation and related practices. *Frontiers in Psychology*. doi:10.3389/fimmu.2017.00670
- Jackson, J. C., Bilkey, D., **Jong, J.**, Rossignac-Milon, M., Halberstadt, J. (2017). Strangers in a stadium: studying group dynamics with in-vivo behavioral tracking. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 8, 509-518.
- Jong, J.** (2017). What are human beings (that you are mindful of them)?: Notes from neo-Darwinism and neo-Aristotelianism. In M. Fuller, D. Evers, A. Runehov, & K.-W. Sæther, (eds.), *Issues in Science and Theology: Are We Special? Human Uniqueness in Science and Theology* (pp. 79-97). Cham, CH: Springer.
- Jong, J.** (2017). "Belief in spiritual beings": E. B. Tylor's (primitive) cognitive theory of religion. In P-F Tremlett, G. Harvey, & L. T. Sutherland (eds.), *Edward Burnett Tylor, Religion and Culture* (pp. 47-61). London, UK: Bloomsbury.
- Jong, J.**, & Halberstadt, J. (2017). What is the causal relationship between death anxiety and religious belief? *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, 7, 296-298.
- Jong, J.**, Zahl, B. P., & Sharp, C. (2017). Indirect and implicit measures of religiosity. In R. Finke & C. Bader (eds.), *Faithful Measures: New Methods in the Measurement of Religion* (pp. 78-107). New York, NY: New York University Press.
- Whitehouse, H., **Jong, J.**, Buhrmester, M. D., Gómez, Á., Bastian, B., Kavanagh, C. M., Newson, M., Matthews, M., Lanman, J. A., & Gavrillets, S. (2017). The evolution of identity fusion and extreme cooperation. *Scientific Reports*, 7. doi:10.1038/srep19471

2016

- Bluemke, M., **Jong, J.**, Grevenstein, D., Mikloušić, I., & Halberstadt, J. (2016). Measuring cross-cultural supernatural beliefs with self and peer reports. *PLOS One*. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0164291

Halberstadt, J., Jackson, J. C., Bilkey, D., **Jong, J.**, Whitehouse, H., McNaughton, C., & Zollman, S. (2016). Incipient social groups: an analysis via in-vivo behavioral tracking. *PLOS One*. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0149880

Reddish, P., Tong, E. M. W., **Jong, J.**, Lanman, J. A., & Whitehouse, H. (2016). Collective synchrony increases prosociality towards non-performers and outgroup members. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 55, 722-738.

2015

Jong, J., Whitehouse, H., Kavanagh, C., & Lane, J. (2015). Shared trauma leads to identity fusion via personal reflection. *PLOS One*. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0145611

Jackson, J., Halberstadt, J., **Jong, J.**, & Felman, H. (2015). Perceived openness to experience accounts for religious homogamy. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 6, 630-638.

Jong, J., Kavanagh, C., & Visala, A. (2015). Born idolaters: The limits of the philosophical implications of the cognitive science of religion. *Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie*, 57, 244-266.

Jong, J. (2015). On (not) defining (non)religion. *Science, Religion and Culture*, 2, 13-22.

2014

Alogna, V. K., Attaya, M. K., Aucoin, P., Bahnik, S., Birch, S., Birt, A. R., ... **Jong, J.**, et al. (2014). Registered replication report: Schooler and Engstler-Schooler (1990). *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 9, 556—578.

Jong, J. (2014). Ernest Becker's psychology of religion: a view from social cognitive psychology. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 49, 875—889.

Jong, J., & Visala, A. (2014). Three quests for human nature: some philosophical reflections. *Philosophy, Theology, and the Sciences*, 1, 146—171.

Jong, J., & Visala, A. (2014). Evolutionary debunking arguments against theism, reconsidered. *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 76, 243—258.

Halberstadt, J., & **Jong, J.** (2014). Scaring the bejesus into people: the role of religious belief in managing implicit and explicit anxiety. In J. Forgas and E. Harmon-Jones (Eds.), *Motivation and its regulation: the control within* (pp. 331—350). New York, NY: Psychology Press.

2013

Jong, J. (2013). Explaining religion (away?): theism and the cognitive science of religion. *Sophia*, 52, 521—533.

Jong, J. (2013). Implicit measures in the experimental psychology of religion. In G. Dawes, & J. Maclaurin. *A new science of religion* (pp. 65—78). New York, NY: Routledge.

Jong, J. (2013). On faith and the fear of fatality: a review of recent research on death and deities. *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*, 1, 193—214.

Jong, J., Bluemke, M., & Halberstadt, J. (2013). Fear of death and supernatural beliefs: developing a new Supernatural Belief Scale to test the relationship. *European Journal of Personality*, 27, 495—506.

2012

Dawes, G., & **Jong, J.** (2012). Defeating the Christian's claim to warrant. *Philo*, 15, 127—144.

Jong, J. & Halberstadt, J., Bluemke, M. (2012). Foxhole atheism, revisited: The effects of mortality salience on explicit and implicit religious belief. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 48, 983—989.

Book reviews

Jong, J. (2014, November 11). How not to criticise the (evolutionary) cognitive science of religion. [Review of "Evolution, Religion, & Cognitive Science: Critical & Constructive Essays" by

Fraser Watts and Léon Turner (eds)] *Marginalia Review of Books*. Retrieved from <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/criticize-evolutionary-cognitive-science-religion/>.

- Jong, J.** (2013). Review of “Naturalism, Theism and the Cognitive Science of Religion” by Aku Visala. *Reviews in Science and Religion*, 62, 33—39.
- Jong, J.** (2013). Review of “Where the conflict really lies” by Alvin Plantinga. *Science and Christian Belief*, 25, 85—86.
- Jong, J.** (2011). Review of “The God instinct: the psychology of souls, destiny, and the meaning of life” by Jesse Bering. *Ars Disputandi*, 11, 79—82.

General audience articles

- Jong, J. (2018). Faith and the fear of death. *The New Atlantis*, 55, 85-95. Retrieved from <https://www.thenewatlantis.com/publications/faith-and-the-fear-of-death>
- Jong, J. (2016, July). What happens after I die? BBC iWonder. Retrieved from <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zs4k39q>
- Jong, J. (2016, February 8). How scared of death are we really – and how does it affect us? Retrieved from <https://theconversation.com/how-scared-of-death-are-we-really-and-how-does-it-affect-us-54258>
- Jong, J. (2015, December 9). Five surprising findings about death and dying. *The Conversation*. Retrieved from <https://theconversation.com/five-surprising-findings-about-death-and-dying-51923>
- Jong, J. (2015, November 16). Children from non-religious homes are more generous than their peers, study suggests. *The Conversation*. Retrieved from <https://theconversation.com/children-from-non-religious-homes-are-more-generous-than-their-peers-study-suggests-50219>
- Jong, J. (2015, April 2). The psychology of political differences. *Huffington Post*. Retrieved from http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/jonathan-jong/general-election-2015_b_7084920.html
- Jong, J. (2015, April 13). Why we should talk more about death. *Huffington Post*. Retrieved from http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/jonathan-jong/talking-about-death_b_7039274.html
- Jong, J. (2015, April 4). Religion ain’t sexy — but why? *Huffington Post*. Retrieved from http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/jonathan-jong/religion-aint-sexy-but-why_b_7000814.html
- Jong, J. (2015, April 1). Are we wired to believe in a higher power? *BBC iWonder*. Retrieved from <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3b6hyc>
- Jong, J. (2012). The new science of religion and what it might mean for faith. *CASE*, 32, 19—23.
- Jong, J., & Halberstadt, J. (2012). Death and deities: a social cognitive perspective. *The Inquisitive Mind*, 15. Retrieved from <http://beta.in-mind.org/issue-15/death-and-deities-social-cognitive-perspective>
- Jong, J. (2010). Religion explained? *Critic*, 18, 22—27.

Dissertations

- Jong, J.** (2006). *Intergroup differences in the prototypicality bias: Evidence for outgroup infrahumanization*. Unpublished 3rd year Honours dissertation, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Jong, J.** (2007). *God may have a sense of humour, but God’s people do not: The effect of religiosity and religious priming on humour appreciation*. Unpublished 4th year Honours dissertation, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Jong, J.** (2012). *Scaring the bejesus into people: the effects of mortality salience on explicit and implicit religious belief*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. Available online at: <http://otago.ourarchive.ac.nz/handle/10523/2124> [see also *Death anxiety and religious belief*, under Books]

Academic

- Jong, J.** (February, 2020). *Death anxiety and (explicit) religiosity*. Invited talk at Existential Psychology preconference at 2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Jong, J.** (January, 2019). Theologising the fear of death: Ernest Becker, Augustine, and Terror Management Theory. *A Good Death: Interdisciplinary perspectives on dying well*. CRASSH, University of Cambridge, UK.
- Jong, J.** (September, 2017). Why evolutionary and cognitive scientists of religion (should) read Tylor. In G. Harvey (chair), *Edward Tylor, religion and culture: re-examining narratives of Tylor for the centenary of his death*. British Association for the Study of Religions 2017 Annual Conference, University of Chester, Chester, UK.
- Jong, J.** (August, 2017). *Religion and morality: cross-cultural, multidimensional, and bidirectional*. International Association for the Psychology of Religion Conference, Hamar, Norway.
- Jong, J.** (August, 2017). Negative life experiences and religiosity. Presentation in K. E. Vail III (chair), *To religion and beyond: how existential threat impacts religious and non-religious belief*. American Psychological Association 2017 Annual Convention, Washington D.C., USA.
- Jong, J.** (2017, July). Are human beings *Homo sapiens*?. Presentation at the Ian Ramsey Centre 2017: Religion, Society, and the Science of Life conference, St Anne's College, Oxford.
- Jong, J.** (2017, July). Creaturehood, deification, and the biotechnology of human enhancement: psychological and theological perspectives. Invited talk at the Deification and Creaturehood in an Age of Biotechnological Enhancement symposium, Kellogg College, Oxford.
- Jong, J.** (2017, June). Religion, rituals, and social technology. Invited talk at The Cognition of Belief conference, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- Jong, J.** (2017, February). The promises and perils of a cross-cultural psychology of religion. Invited lecture at Brunel University.
- Jong, J.,** Coleman, T. J., III, van Mulukom, V., & Farias, M. (2017, January). Varieties of non-religious belief: implicit religiosity and secular surrogacy. Presentation in V. Saroglou and M. Brandt (chairs), *Are atheists undogmatic and unprejudiced non-believers?* 2017 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Convention, San Antonio, TX, USA.
- Coleman, T. J. III., Silver, C. F., & **Jong, J.**, (2016, October) *Good heavens! Cognitive explanations for why on earth anyone would handle serpents*. Presentation in T. Coleman (organizer), Poison, Fire, and Venom: Multidisciplinary perspectives on 'sign following believers' Symposium conducted at the 2016 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, USA
- Kavanagh, C., Tsuchida, S., **Jong, J.**, Whitehouse, H. & Yuki, M. (2016, August). *Collective ritual affect & pro-sociality: Exploring the outcomes of collective affect using a novel artificial ritual paradigm*. Presentation at 6th Biennial meeting of the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, Vancouver, Canada.
- Ross, R., **Jong, J.**, Philip, T., Chang, S.-H., Simons, N., & Halberstadt, J. (2016, August). *A meta-analysis of the relationship between death anxiety and religiosity*. Presentation at 6th Biennial meeting of the International Association of the Cognitive Science of Religion, Vancouver, Canada.
- Ross, R., **Jong, J.**, Halberstadt, J., & McKay, R. (2016, August). *Traumatic life events and religiosity in eight countries*. Presentation at 6th Biennial meeting of the International Association of the Cognitive Science of Religion, Vancouver, Canada.
- Bluemke, M., **Jong, J.**, Halberstadt, J. (2016, July). *Assessment of religiosity with the help of short scales*. Presentation at the 18th European Conference on Personality, Timisoara, Romania.
- Jong, J.**, & Kavanagh, C. (Co-chair) (2016, July). *Religion and negative emotions*. Symposium at the 23rd Congress of the International Association for Cross-cultural Psychology, Nagoya, Japan.

- **Jong, J.**, Ross, R., McKay, R., & Halberstadt, J. (2016, July). *Traumatic life events and religiosity in eight countries*. 23rd Congress of the International Association for Cross-cultural Psychology, Nagoya, Japan
- Halberstadt, J., & **Jong, J.** (2016, July). *Death anxiety and religious belief: a five nation study*. 23rd Congress of the International Association for Cross-cultural Psychology, Nagoya, Japan
- Kavanagh, C., Tsuchida, S., **Jong, J.**, Whitehouse, H. & Yuki, M. (2016, July). *Dysphoric rituals & pro-sociality: examining the impact of collective dysphoric arousal on in-group preference and cooperation, using a novel artificial ritual paradigm*. 23rd Congress of the International Association for Cross Cultural Psychology, Nagoya, Japan.
- Jong, J.**, van Mulukom, V., Coleman, T., & Farias, M. (2016, July). *What do atheists believe? Some meaningful answers to a silly question*. A Postsecular Age? New Narratives of Religion, Science, and Society, 2016 Ian Ramsey Centre Conference, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- ***Jong, J.** (2016, April). *What are human beings (that you should be mindful of them?)*. Keynote address at XVI European Conference on Science and Theology, Lodz, Poland.
- Jong, J.**, Halberstadt, J., & Jackson, C. (2015, August). *Death anxiety and religious belief: a 5-nation study*. Poster presented at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion Congress 2015, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Cardwell, B., **Jong, J.**, & Halberstadt, J. (2015, May). *It's no joke: religious people dislike humor that require extra cognitive effort*. Conference presentation at Laughter Lounge 2015, Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor, New York.
- Jong, J.** (2015). *Arousal, synchrony, and social behaviour*. Symposium presentation at Association for Psychology Science Convention 2015, New York.
- Jackson, J. C., Halberstadt, J. B., **Jong, J.**, Whitehouse, H., Bilkey, D., Morgenroth, L. (2015). *Collective self-esteem moderates in-group bias during spontaneous group formation*. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, California.
- McCambridge, L. J. E., Jackson, J. C., Halberstadt, J. B., **Jong, J.**, Whitehouse, H. (2015). *Social effects of causal opacity and pain in rituals*. Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, USA.
- Jackson, J., Halberstadt, J., **Jong, J.**, & Felman, H. (2014). *Dating the choirboy: associations between frequency of religious service attendance and attractiveness*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, California.
- Mikloušić, I., & **Jong, J.** (2014). *Ritual and intragroup relations during the Croatian homeland war*. Poster presented at the Annual meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society, Natal, Brazil.
- Jong, J.** (2014). *The evolution of religion*. Invited lecture at Oxford Brookes University, Oxford.
- Jong, J.** (2013). *Implicit social cognition and dual-process models in the cognitive science of religion*. Conference presentation at IACSR 2013 Conference: Social Cognition and Religion, Humbolt University, Berlin.
- Jong, J.** (2013). *Explaining religion (away?): Christian theology and the evolutionary psychology of religion*. Invited lecture at The Seeking Wisdom Discipline Streams Conference, Worcester College, Oxford.
- Halberstadt, J., & **Jong, J.** (2013). *Scaring the bejesus into people: the role of religious belief in managing implicit and explicit anxiety*. Conference presentation at The Sydney Symposium of Social Psychology 2013, University of New South Wales, Australia.
- Jong, J.**, & Halberstadt, J. (2012). *On fear of death and religious belief: experimental investigations of the causal connection*. Conference presentation at LEVYNA 2012 Conference: Homo Experimentalis, Masaryk University, Czech Republic.
- Jong, J.** (2012). *Darwinian population thinking and the quest for human uniqueness*. Conference presentation at SSCE 2012 Annual Conference: Theological Anthropology, University of Cambridge.

- Jong, J.** (2012). *Evolutionary debunking arguments, reconsidered*. Conference presentation at Naturalizing Religion: Kazimierz Naturalist Workshop 2012, Centre for Philosophical Research, Poland.
- Jong, J.** (2012). *(Non)religion is not a natural kind, but so what?: toward a piecemeal approach*. Conference presentation at Nonreligion and the Secular: New Horizons for Multidisciplinary Research conference 2012, Goldsmiths, University of London.
- Jong, J.** (2012). *Measuring religious belief: lessons from attitudinal research*. Invited lecture at Laboratory for Experimental Research of Religion (LEVYNA), Masaryk University, Czech Republic.
- Jong, J.** (2012). *On being incorrigibly and promiscuously religious*. Invited lecture at Oxford Graduate Christian Union, University of Oxford.
- Jong, J.** (2011). *Is the methodological naturalism of the sciences necessarily antithetical to Christian faith?* Conference presentation at Pastoral/Practical Theology Network Conference, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Jong, J.** (2011). *Is the cognitive science of religion philosophically interesting?* Invited lecture at Philosophy Seminar, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Jong, J.** (2011). *Foxhole atheism, revisited: the incorrigible religiosity of being*. Invited lectured at Psychology Colloquium, Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour, Australia.
- Jong, J.** (2011). *Explaining religion (away?): Christian faith and the cognitive science of religion*. Conference presentation at ISCAST Conference on Science and Christianity 2011, Launceston, Australia.
- Jong, J.** (2011). *Promiscuously religious*. Invited lecture at Psychology Graduate Seminar, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Jong, J.** (2010). *Implicit measures in the experimental psychology of religion*. Conference presentation at Towards a New Science of Religion conference, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Jong, J.** (2009). *Is religious belief motivated by fear of death?* Conference presentation at Psycolloquy 2009, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Jong, J.** (2008). *The (surprising) relationships (or, sometimes, lack thereof) among religiosity, sexual promiscuity, and sexual health behaviours and attitudes*. Unpublished Health Research Council (NZ) Summer Studentship Report, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Halberstadt, J., & **Jong, J.** (2007). *The role of familiarity in the attractiveness of average ingroup, outgroup, and alien faces*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.
- Jong, J.** (2007). *Does consciousness control behaviour?* Invited lecture at Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology Interest Group, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

Public

- July, 2014. Psychology of religion. King Alfred's Academy, Wantage.
- Oct 21, 2015. Death cafe. Vaults & Gardens Cafe, Oxford.
- Nov 5, 2015. Death cafe. Vaults & Gardens Cafe, Oxford.
- Nov 18, 2015. Brewing ideas: religion. BREW Cafe, Oxford.
- Dec 2, 2015. Brewing ideas: religion. BREW Cafe, Oxford.
- March 10, 2016. Can evolutionary psychology explain religion? Magdalen College School, Oxford.
- March 16, 2016. Psychology in the Church. St Frideswide, Oxford.
- June 4, 2016. Psychology and Christian ministry. Yorkshire Ministry Course, Mirfield.
- July 3, 2016. Death cafe. The Missing Bean Cafe, Oxford.
- Sept 21, 2016. Immortality projects: how death drives everything. Oxford SciBar. Podcast at <http://oxfordscibar.jellycast.com/files/audio/SciBar%2021%2009%202016.mp3>
- Sept 17, 2016. Immortality projects: how death drives religion, culture, and everything. Weston Library, Oxford.
- Oct 3, 2016. Explanations of religion in Darwinian and Chomskian drag: an update on recent psychological theories. Lincoln College, Oxford.

Nov 9, 2016. Psychology and the Church. Christ the Saviour, Ealing Broadway.
Nov 11, 2016. The good death. Merton College, Oxford.
Dec 5, 2016. Death cafe. The Bear & the Bean Cafe, Oxford.
March 9, 2017. The evolution of religion. Rugby School.
May 6, 2017. Panelist at Eros & Thanatos: Matters of Life and Death (Medfest 2017). Oriel College, Oxford. <https://talks.ox.ac.uk/talks/id/07ead73d-86df-46e4-a205-3579d0ff0ab5/>
Oct 26, 2017. Explaining Religion: A Cognitive Scientific Approach. Balliol College, Oxford.
Jan 27, 2018. Death cafe. Chalfont St Peter's Parish Church.
June 15, 2018. Death café. Festival of Science and Religion, Washington, D.C.
Oct 22, 2018. The psychology of religion: experimenting with gods. Graduate Christian Forum, Oxford.

Web and Radio

Jong, J. (2016, December 12). New horizons in the sociology of religion: beyond secularization? (Panel podcast). Retrieved from <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/new-horizons-in-the-sociology-of-religion-beyond-secularization/>
Halberstadt, J., & Jong, J. (2016, November). Death, religion and anxiety. (Radio interview). Radio NZ. Retrieved from <http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/sunday/audio/201822702/death-religion-and-anxiety>
Jong, J. (2016, September). Immortality projects: how death drives everything. (Podcast) Oxford SciBar. Retrieved from <http://oxfordscibar.jellycast.com/files/audio/SciBar%2021%2009%202016.mp3>
Jong, J. (2016, July). What happens after I die? BBC iWonder. Retrieved from <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zs4k39q>
Jong, J. (2016, April 11). Death, religion, and terror management theory. (Podcast interview). Retrieved from <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/death-religion-and-terror-management-theory/>

Other media appearances involve live interviews on Sky News, BBC World Service, and BBC Oxford Radio.

AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

Institutional and Professional Affiliations

St Benet's Hall, Oxford (Research Associate/Senior Member)
Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, University of Oxford (Senior Researcher)
Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, University of Oxford (Research Associate)
Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge (Associate)
LEVYNA (Laboratory for Experimental Research of Religion), Masaryk University (Research Associate)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Member)
International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion (Member)

Department of Psychology, Royal Holloway, University of London (Academic Visitor, 2012-2015)
Wolfson College, Oxford (Research Member, 2012—2013)

University Service

Harassment Advisor, *School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography (SAME), Oxford* (2014-2015)
Gender Charter Mark Working Group, *SAME, Oxford* (2015)

IT Committee, *SAME*, Oxford (2012-2015)

Editorial Service

PLOS One (Editorial Board)

Springer New Approaches to the Scientific Study of Religion (Editorial Board)

Secularism & Nonreligion (Editor -- Book Reviews Section)

The Non-religion and Secularity Research Network (NRSN) Online (Assistant Editor)

Peer Review

Nature Communications

PLOS One

Psychological Science

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology

Basic and Applied Social Psychology

Cognitive Science

International Journal for the Psychology of Religion

Religion, Brain & Behavior

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion

Method & Theory in the Study of Religion

Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion

Religion

Open Theology

Ethical Theory and Moral Practice

Springer Science + Business Media (Philosophy & Religious Studies)

Lexington Media

John Templeton Foundation

Templeton World Charity Foundation

UK Economic and Social Research Council

Consultancy and Advisory Roles

John Templeton Foundation

The Fetzer Institute

Danish Council for Independent Research (Religious Studies and Theology panel)

Building the Hardy Archive 2.0 project (2019-; Centre for Mind and Culture)

Religious Measures project (2017-; The Association of Religion Data Archives)

Origin and Maintenance of Unbelief in a Believing World project (2017-2019; University of Otago)

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Think Write Publish (Science and Religion) Fellowship	2016
University of Otago Postgraduate Publishing Bursary	2011
University of Otago Division of Sciences Conference/Travel Grant	2011
Hugh Lyons Memorial Fund scholarship	2011
Otago Institute Prize (top achievement in the Division of Sciences at 400-level)	2007
T P H McKellar Prize (highest academic standing in Psychology at 400-level)	2007
Health Research Council NZ Summer Studentship	2007
University of Otago Prestige Scholarship in Science	2007
Extraordinary Performance Award for Psychology, University of Otago	2006
