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POSITION

Assistant Professor , Department of Psychology University of Toronto	07/2020 – Present
Research Assistant Professor , School of Public Health The University of Hong Kong	06/2017 – 06/2020
NIH Postdoctoral Scholar , Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences Washington University in St. Louis	08/2016 – 06/2017
Lecturer in Quantitative Psychology , Department of Psychology The University of Hong Kong	09/2014 – 08/2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Department of Psychology, Michigan State University Social and Personality Psychology	08/2016
M.A.	Department of Psychology, Michigan State University Social and Personality Psychology	08/2013
B.A.	Department of Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles Psychology, Graduated <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> with Honors	08/2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive Interests: Population determinants of a satisfying, purposeful, and engaging life; Subjective well-being; Income inequality, income redistribution, and income mobility; Social unrest, terrorism, and civil war; Lifespan development

Methodological Interests: Multilevel modeling; Measurement of subjective well-being; Replication; Open science

FUNDING

General Research Fund, PI

2019 – 2020

Child and Parent reports of Psychological Distress as Prospective Predictors of Common Mental Disorders in Adulthood: Population-based Cohort Studies in Hong Kong and the United Kingdom, USD\$103,121

Health and Medical Research Fellowship, PI 2019 – 2020

Advancing screening and prevention of major depressive disorder: A machine learning approach based on multi-domain and multi-hierarchical data, USD\$135,036

Health and Medical Research Fund, Co-I 2019 – Present

Commissioned Research to Support Local Cohorts and Follow-up Studies, USD\$1,282,051

WYNG Foundation, Co-PI 2018 – 2020

The Trailblazer Project: The WYNG-HKU Flagship Programme on Country Parks and Well-being, USD\$535,944

The University of Hong Kong Seed Fund for Basic Research, PI 2017 - 2018

Physical, Mental, and Social Well-being in Syria and 162 Countries from 2006 – 2016, USD\$19,230

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates shared first-authorship.

Subjective Well-being Research

Cheung, F., Kube, A., Tay, L., Diener, E., Jackson, J. J., Lucas, R. E., Ni, M. Y., & Leung, G.M. (2020). The Impact of the Syrian Conflict on Population Well-being. *Nature Communications*, 11, 3899. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-17369-0>

Ni, M. Y., Yao, X. I., **Cheung, F.**, Wu, J. T., Schooling, C. M., Pang, H., & Leung, G. M. (2020). Determinants of physical, mental and social well-being: a longitudinal environment-wide association study. *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 49(2), 380-389. DOI: [10.1093/ije/dyz238](https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyz238)

Cheung, F. & Lucas, R.E. (2019). Income inequality and well-being: The role of social comparison. In Suls, J., Collins, R. L., Wheeler, L. (Eds.). *Oxford Volume on Social Comparison, Behavior & Judgment* (pp. 623-645). DOI: [10.1093/oso/9780190629113.001.0001](https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780190629113.001.0001)

Baugh, G.A., Pfund, G.N., Hill, P.L., & **Cheung, F.** (2019). Fifty States of Purpose: Examining Sense of Purpose across the United States. *Journal of Positive Psychology*. DOI: [10.1080/17439760.2019.1689417](https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2019.1689417)

Hill, P. L., * **Cheung, F.**, * Kube, A., & Burrow, A. L. (2019). Life engagement is associated with higher GDP among societies. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 78, 210-214.

- Yao, X. I., Ni, M. Y., **Cheung, F.**, Wu, J. T., Schooling, C. M., Leung, G. M., & Pang, H. (2019). Change in moderate alcohol consumption and quality of life: evidence from 2 population-based cohorts. *CMAJ*, *191*(27), E753-E760.
- Cheung, F.** (2018). Income Redistribution Predicts Greater Life Satisfaction Across Individual, National, and Cultural Characteristics. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *115*(5), 867-882.
- Calvo, R. & **Cheung, F.** (2018). Does money buy immigrants happiness? *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *19*(6), 1657-1672.
- Cheung, F.** (2016). Can income inequality be associated with positive outcomes? Hope mediates the positive inequality-happiness link in rural China. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *7*(4), 320-330. DOI: 10.1177/1948550615619762
- Cheung, F.** & Lucas, R.E. (2016). Income inequality is associated with stronger social comparison effects: The effect of relative Income on life satisfaction. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *110*(2), 332-341.
- Cheung, F.** & Lucas, R. E. (2015). When does money matter most? Examining the association between income and life satisfaction over the life Course. *Psychology and Aging*, *30*(1), 120-135.
- Cheung, F.**, & Lucas, R. E. (2014). Assessing the validity of single-item life satisfaction measures: results from three large samples. *Quality of Life Research*, *23*(10), 2809-2818.
- Lucas, R.E., **Cheung, F.**, & Lawless, N.M. (2013). Investigating the happiness of U.S. regions. In P.J. Rentfrow (Ed.), *Geographical Psychology: Exploring the Interaction of Environment and Behavior*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Methodological and Meta-Science Research

- Landy, J. F., Jia, M., Ding, I. L., Viganola, D., Tierney, W., Dreber, A.... Uhlmann, E. L. (2020). Crowdsourcing hypothesis tests: Making transparent how design choices shape research results. *Psychological Bulletin*, *146*(5), 451-479. DOI: [10.1037/bul0000220](https://doi.org/10.1037/bul0000220) (21th out of 58 authors)
- Silberzahn, R., Uhlmann, E.L., Martin, D.P., Anselmi, P., Aust, F., Awtrey, E., ... Nosek, B. A. (2018). Many analysts, one dataset: Making transparent how variations in analytical choices affect results. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, *1*(3), 337-356.
- Ni, M.Y., Hui, R.W.H., Li, T.K., Tam, A.H.M., Choy, L.L.Y., Ma, K.K.W., **Cheung, F.**, Leung, G. (2018). Augmented reality games as a new class of physical activity interventions? The impact of Pokémon Go use and gaming intensity on physical activity. *Games for Health*, *8*(1), 1-6.

- Anderson, C. J., Bahník, Š., Barnett-Cowan, M., Bosco, F. A., Chandler, J., Chartier, C. R., **Cheung, F.**, Christopherson, C. D., Cordes, A., Cremata, E. J., Della Penna, N., Estel, V., Fedor, A., Fitneva, S. A., Frank, M. C., Grange, J. A., Hartshorne, J. K., Hasselman, F., Henninger, F., Jonas, K. J., Lai, C. K., Levitan, C. A., Miller, J. K., Moore, K. S., Meixner, J. M., Munafò, M. R., Neijenhuijs, K. I., Nilsonne, G., Nosek, B. A., Plessow, F., Prenoveau, J. M., Ricker, A. A., Schmidt, K., Spies, J. R., Stieger, S., Strohming, N., Sullivan, G. B., van Aert, R. C. M., van Assen, M. A. L. M., van der Hulst, M., Vanpaemel, W., Vianello, M., Voracek, M., & Zuni, K. (2016). Response to a comment on “Estimating the reproducibility of psychological science”. *Science*, *351*(6277), 1037. DOI: 10.1126/science.aad9163
- Johnson, D.J., Wortman J., **Cheung, F.**, Hein M., Lucas, R.E, Donnellan, M.B., Ebersole, C.R., Narr, R.D. (2016). The effects of disgust on moral judgments: A search of moderators. *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, *7*(7), 640-647.
- Schweinsberg, M., Madan, N., Vianello, M., Sommer, S. A., Jordan, J., Tierney, W., Awtrey, E., Zhu, L., Diermeier, D., Heinze, J., Srinivasan, M., Tannenbaum, D., Bivolaru, E., Dana, J., Davis-Stober, C. P., Du Plessis, C. Gronau, Q. F., Hafenbrack, A. C., Liao, E. Y., Ly, A., Marsman, M., Murase, T., Qureshi, I., Schaerer, M., Thornley, N., Tworek, C. M., Wagenmakers, E-J., Wong, L., Anderson, T., Bauman, C. W., Bedwell, W. L., Brescoll, V., Canavan, A., Chandler, J. J., Cheries, E., Cheryan, S., **Cheung, F.**, Cimpian, A., Clark, M., Cordon, D., Cushman, F., Ditto, P. H., Donahue, T., Frick, S. E., Gamez-Djokic, M., Hofstein Grady, R., Graham, J., Gu, J., Hahn, A., Hanson, B. E., Hartwich, N. J., Hein, K., Inbar, Y., Jiang, L., Kellogg, T., Kennedy, D. M., Legate, N., Luoma, T. P., Maibeucher, H., Meindl, P., Miles, J., Mislin, A., Molden, D. C., Motyl, M., Newman, G., Ngo, H. H., Packham, H., Ramsay, P. S., Ray, J. L., Sackett, A. M., Sellier, A-L., Sokolova, T., Sowden, W., Storage, D., Sun, X., Van Bavel, J. J., Washburn, A. N., Wei, C., Wetter, E., Wilson, C., Darroux, S-C., & Uhlmann, E. L. (2016). The pipeline project: Pre-publication independent replications of a single laboratory's research pipeline. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *66*, 55-67.
- Tierney, W., Schweinsberg, M., Jordan, J., Kennedy, D. M., Qureshi, I., Sommer, S.A., ... Uhlmann, E. L. (2016). Data from a pre-publication independent replication initiative: The pipeline project. *Scientific Data*, *3*, 160082. DOI: 10.1038/sdata.2016.82
- Open Science Collaboration.** (2015). Estimating the reproducibility of psychological science. *Science*, *349*(6251). DOI: 10.1126/science.aac4716
- Johnson, D.J., **Cheung, F.**, & Donnellan, M.B. (2014). Hunting for artifacts: The perils of dismissing inconsistent replication results. *Social Psychology*, *45*(4), 318-320.
- Johnson, D.J., **Cheung, F.**, & Donnellan, M.B. (2014). Does cleanliness influence moral judgments? A direct replication of Schnall, Benton, and Harvey (2008). *Social Psychology*, *45*(3), 209-215.

Pedagogical Research

Chan, D.K.W., Lo, K.C.H., **Cheung, F.**, & Ntoumanis, N. (2019). Social influences of teachers, classmates, and parents on children's commitment to physical education and language education. *International Archives of Public Health and Community Medicine*. DOI: [10.23937/2643-4512/1710028](https://doi.org/10.23937/2643-4512/1710028)

Cheung, E.Y.W., Law, M.Y.Y., & **Cheung, F.** (2019). The role of virtual environment for radiotherapy training (VERT) in medical dosimetry education. *Journal of Cancer Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13187-019-01622-2>

HONORS AND AWARDS

Year	Award	Amount (USD)
2019	APS Rising Star	-
2017	Ruut Veenhoven Award (Honourable mention)	-
2017	J.S. Tanaka Personality Dissertation Award	\$750
2016	Postdoctoral Research Grant, Washington University	\$2,500
2010 – 2016	University Distinguished Fellowship, MSU	\$50,000
2016	Society for Improving Psychological Science Travel Scholarship	\$200
2015	Top Science Stories of 2015, <i>Nature Magazine</i>	-
2015	Runner-up for Breakthrough of the Year, <i>Science Magazine</i>	-
2015	#8 of Top 100 Stories of 2015, <i>Discover Magazine</i>	-
2015	Graduate Student Multicultural Research Grant, MSU	\$300
2010 – 2013	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow	\$125,000
2011 – 2013	The AGEP Award, MSU	\$6,000
2012 – 2013	Future Academic Scholars in Teaching Fellowship Award, MSU	\$2,000
2012	Society for Personality and Social Psychology Travel Award	\$500
2012	Psychology Department Graduate Office Award, MSU	\$2,000
2008 – 2009	Undergraduate Research Fellow, UCLA	\$2,000
2008	Honors Summer Research Stipend – Stone Research Award, UCLA	\$500
2007	Scholarship Recognition Award, UCLA	\$5,000
2007	Regents Scholar, UC – Irvine (Declined)	\$9,000

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE (OUT OF 200+ PRESS ARTICLES)

- “Many Psychology Findings Not as Strong as Claimed,” *New York Times*, Aug 27, 2015
 “Three Popular Psychology Studies That Didn't Hold Up,” *New York Times*, Aug 28, 2015
 “The Poor Are Less Happy in Places With More Income Inequality,” *The Atlantic*, Jul 30, 2015
 “When Does Money Matter Most?” *ThinkAdvisor*, June 1, 2015
 “Income Matters Most to People in This Age Group,” *Time Magazine*, Jan 29, 2015

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- Cheung, F.** (2019). Income Redistribution Predicts Greater Life Satisfaction across Individual, National, and Cultural Characteristics. Award address given at the 2019 Biennial Association for Research in Personality Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, USA.
- Cheung, F.** (2019). Initial Evidence for the Causal Impact of Economic Development on Life Satisfaction: A Convergent Cross Mapping Analysis on 163 Countries from 2006 to 2016. Paper presented at the 2019 International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, France.
- Leung, C.M.C. & **Cheung, F.** (2019). Raising Incomes for All Does Increase Happiness for All: A Longitudinal Study of 120 Countries from 2006 to 2016. Paper presented at the International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, France.
- Cheung, F.** (2018). Individual, Social, and Societal Predictors of a Passionate, Productive, and Satisfying life. Symposium chaired at the 2018 Second International Conference on Well-being, Singapore.
- Cheung, F.** (2018). Population Well-being: Tracking Subjective Well-being through Major Population Events. Paper presented at the 19th European Conference on Personality, Zadar, Croatia.
- Cheung, F.** (2017). What can we learn from null results? Key null findings from original and replication studies. Symposium chaired at the 2017 Biennial Association for Research in Personality Conference, Sacramento, CA, USA.
- Cheung, F.** (2017). Examining Real-world Wellbeing: From Daily Interactions to National Context. Symposium chaired at the 18th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX, USA.
- Cheung, F.** (2016). A Strong Hypothesis of Income Redistribution. Paper presented at the International Conference on Well-being: National Accounts of Happiness and Social Development, Singapore.
- Cheung, F.** (2016). A Dual-Process Model of Income Inequality. Paper presented at the 16th biennial meeting of the International Society for Justice Research, Canterbury, Kent, United Kingdom.

- Cheung, F.** (2016). Income Redistribution Predicts Greater Life Satisfaction. Paper presented at the Social Class Preconference at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, USA.
- Cheung, F.** (2016). Hope Explains the Positive Inequality-Happiness Link in China. Paper presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, USA.
- Cheung, F., Santoro, J., Lucas, R. E., Ryan, A. M., Elizondo, F., & Wadlington, P. L.** (2015). Examining the Contextual Predictors of Perception of Personality: Income Inequality is Associated with Lower Perceived Agreeableness in Others. Paper presented at the 2015 Association of Research in Personality Biennial Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.
- Cheung, F.** (2015). Examining the Association between Economic Growth and Life Satisfaction from a Life Course Perspective. Paper presented at the Happiness and Well-Being Pre-Conference of the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA, USA.
- Cheung, F. & Lucas, R. E.** (2015). Income Inequality Enhances the Effect of Relative Income on Life Satisfaction. Paper presented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA, USA.
- Cheung, F. & Lucas, R. E.** (2014). Uncertainty Avoidance Strengthens the Economic Growth-Societal Happiness Link. Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Cheung, F. & Lucas, R. E.** (2011). When Does Money Matter Most? Examining the Association between Income and Life Satisfaction over the Life Course. Paper presented at the 7th International Young Scholars German SOEP Symposium, Bremen, Germany.
- Bjork, R.A., Kornell, N., & **Cheung, F.** (2009). Reversing the Spacing Effect: Support for an Accessibility Principle. Paper presented at the 50th annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Boston, MA, USA.
- Cheung, F.** (2009). Positive Psychology: Happiness is a Matter of Choice. Paper presented at Whittier Undergraduate Research Conference, Whittier, CA, USA.
- Cheung, F., Kornell, N., & Bjork, R.A.** (2008). The Cue-Dependent Nature of Recall. Paper presented at Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research, Pomona, CA, USA.

INVITED TALKS

- Cheung, F.** (2018). Psychological Science Accelerator: What it is and how it can help your research. Invited lectures at the University of Hong Kong and the National University of Singapore.
- Cheung, F.** (2016). Improving Reproducibility and Transparency: A Workshop on Pre-registration, Sample Size Determination, and Replications. Invited lecture presented at Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.
- Cheung, F.** (2015). The Replication Crisis: Looking Back and Moving Forward. Invited lecture presented at the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.
- Cheung, F.** (2015). An Introduction to Secondary Data Analysis. Invited lecture presented at the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.
- Cheung, F.** (2015). The Replication Crisis and Practical Recommendations. Invited lecture presented at Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.
- Cheung, F.** (2015). The Science of a Satisfying Life. Invited lecture presented at the Social Sciences Summer Programme, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.
- Cheung, F.** (2015). The Science of a Satisfying Life. Invited public lecture presented at University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Cheung, F., Ni, M. Y., & Leung, G. M.** (2017). The prosperous but dissatisfying life in Hong Kong. Poster presented at the 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Hong Kong College of Community Medicine, Hong Kong, China.
- Cheung, F., Jackson, J. J., Hill, P. L.** (2017). Age differences in the association between income inequality and well-being. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Friedman Lecture & Awards: Future of Health Policy in an Aging America, St. Louis, MO, USA.
- Cheung, F. & Wan, W. H.** (2015). The Changing Recipe of Life Satisfaction. Poster presented at the U.S.-Hong Kong 2015 Conference on Putting Aging Research and Clinical Practice in Cultural Context, Hong Kong, China.
- *Winner of Best Paper Award.*
- Cheung, F. & Lucas, R. E.** (2014). Keeping up with the Siblings: Examining the Association between Sibling's Income and Life Satisfaction. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Austin, TX, USA.

- Cheung, F.**, & Lucas, R. E. (2013). A Longitudinal Analysis of State-level Economic Indicators and Subjective Well-being. Poster presented at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA, USA.
- Cheung, F.**, & Lucas, R. E. (2012). Examining the Social Comparison Effect of Income on Life Satisfaction. Abstract submitted to 2012 Emotion Pre-Conference to the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA, USA.
- Janschewitz, K.L., **Cheung, F.**, Ornitz, E.M., Naliboff, B.D., & Knowlton, B.J. (2010). Passive Coping Is Associated With Increased Acoustic Startle Reflex. Poster presented at the 22th annual convention of American Psychological Society, Boston, MA, USA.
- Cheung, F.**, Kornell, N., & Bjork, R.A. (2009). Reversing the Spacing Effect: Accessibility as the Cause of the Spacing Effect. Poster presented at UCLA Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
- Cheung, F.**, Kornell, N., & Bjork, R.A. (2008). The Cue-Dependent Nature of Recall. Poster presented at UCLA Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA, USA.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Hong Kong

Graduate level

Measurement in Health	Summer & Fall 2018, Fall 2019
Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Psychological Research II	Spring 2015
Research methods and statistics II	
Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Psychological Research I	Fall 2015
Research methods and statistics I	

Undergraduate level

Research and quantitative methods in psychology	Spring 2015
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SERVICE

Academic Advisor , Psychological Society University of Hong Kong	09/2014 – 08/2015
Graduate Advisor , Hong Kong Student Association Michigan State University	09/2012 – 08/2014
- Ensure student activities adhere to university policy.	
- Consult student leaders on a regular basis.	
NSF Experienced Resource Person , National Science Foundation	09/2010 – Present

- Advise prospective students who are applying or plan to apply to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Association for Research in Personality
The European Association of Personality Psychology
The Society for Improving Psychological Science
The Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychology

SKILLS

Statistics

Multilevel modeling, item response theory, multivariate analysis, dyadic data analysis, growth curve modeling, longitudinal data analysis, time series analysis, Bayesian statistics, classical test theory

Statistical Software

SPSS, R, IRT Pro, SAS, STATA, JASP

Foreign Language Skills

Chinese: Excellent reader, Advanced writer, Native in spoken Cantonese, Conversational in spoken Mandarin

REFERENCES

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