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My research is in the area of social cognition. I am particularly interested in how people respond to uncertainty, specifically as a psychological threat or as a source of information. This area lies at the intersection of affective and cognitive influences on behavior, and has both basic and applied research importance.

Uncertainty poses both affective and meta-cognitive problems for self-regulation, and I want to understand and solve some of these problems. For instance, a common response to temporary uncertainty is intolerance of others and ideological rigidity. However, both enhanced processing and derogation of others can occur following uncertainty inductions. The determinants of these different responses are an important focus of my current work.

I believe that people live in harmony with their world when they have an accurate understanding of it.

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