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### **Affiliations**

Visiting scholar, Linnaeus University, Växjö, Sweden

Visiting teaching fellow, Buckinghamshire New University, High Wycombe, United Kingdom

### **Education**

PhD in Health Psychology, University Medical Center, University of Groningen, 2019.

Supervisors: Dr. A. V. Ranchor, Dr. C. A. Albers. Thesis title: *Can positive emotions improve physical health? An examination of some claims from positive psychology.*

Postgraduate Certificate in Existential Coaching, University of Middlesex, 2014.

Master of Science (distinction) in Applied Positive Psychology, University of East London, 2013.

Master of Arts (honorary award), University of Cambridge, 2011.

Bachelor of Arts (first-class honours) in Computer Science and Engineering, University of Cambridge, 1981.

### **Non-academic professional experience**

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| 2009–2012 | Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.<br>Head of Human Resources Development.                |
| 1990–2009 | Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France.<br>Head of IT Customer Services.                       |
| 1989–1990 | National Computer Services, Bahrain, Arabian Gulf.<br>Manager, Software Business Development. |
| 1984–1989 | CIS Medusa BV, Rotterdam, Netherlands.<br>Technical Support Coordinator for Europe.           |
| 1981–1984 | Logica BV, Rotterdam, Netherlands.<br>Analyst / Programmer.                                   |

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

Nielsen, J., Bordewijk, E. M., Gurrin, L., Shivantha, S., Flanagan, M., Liu, S., Linn, M. M., Zhou, K. X., van Eekelen, R., Brown, N. J. L., Thornton, J., & Mol, B. W. (2024).

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**Comment [U1]:**

Fillon, A., Larigardie, N., & Brown, N. J. L. (2025). Commentary on “Consumed by Creed”.  
*Aggressive Behavior*, 51, e70014. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ab.70014>

Gelman, A., & Brown, N. J. L. (2024). How statistical challenges and misreadings of the literature combine to produce unreplicable science: An example from psychology.

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Wilkinson, J., Heal, C., Antoniou, G. A., Flemyn, E., Alfirevic, Z., Avenell, A., Barbour, V., Brown, N. J. L., Carlisle, J., Clarke, M., Dicker, P., Dumville, J., Grey, A., Grohmann, S., Gurrin, L. C., Hayden, J. A., Heathers, J., Hunter, K. E., Lasserson, T., ... Kirkham, J. J. (2024). Protocol for the development of a tool (INSPECT-SR) to identify problematic randomised controlled trials in systematic reviews of health interventions. *BMJ Open*, 14, e084164. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2024-084164>

Crüwell, S., Apthorp, D., Baker, B. J., Colling, L. J., Elson, M., Geiger, S. J., Lobentanzer, S., Monéger, J., Patterson, A., Schwarzkopf, D. S., Zaneva, M., & Brown, N. J. L. (2023). What's in a badge? A computational reproducibility investigation of the open data badge policy in one issue of *Psychological Science*. *Psychological Science*, 34(4), 512–522. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09567976221140828>

Schulz, R., Barnett, A., Bernard, R., Brown, N. J. L., Byrne, J. A., Eckmann, P., Gazda, M. A., Kilicoglu, H., Prager, E. M., Salholz-Hillel, M., ter Riet, G., Vines, T., Vorland, C. J., Zhuang, H., Bandrowski, A., & Weissgerber, T. L. (2022). Is the future of peer review automated? *BMC Research Notes*, 15, 203. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13104-022-06080-6>

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- Brown, N. J. L., & Rohrer, J. M. (2020). Easy as (happiness) pie? A critical evaluation of a popular model of the determinants of well-being. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 21(4), 1285–1301. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-019-00128-4>
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- Brown, N. J. L., MacDonald, D. A., Samanta, M. P., Friedman, H. L., & Coyne, J. C. (2016). More questions than answers: Continued critical reanalysis of Fredrickson et al.'s studies of genomics and well-being. *PLoS ONE*, 11(6), e0156415. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0156415>
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## **Books**

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- Brown, N. J. L. (2019). *Can positive emotions improve physical health? An examination of some claims from positive psychology* (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). University of Groningen, The Netherlands.  
[https://www.rug.nl/research/portal/nl/publications/can-positive-emotions-improve-physical-health\(13bec5f4-a63a-46ad-9b07-00067beb0b1c\).html](https://www.rug.nl/research/portal/nl/publications/can-positive-emotions-improve-physical-health(13bec5f4-a63a-46ad-9b07-00067beb0b1c).html)
- Brown, N. J. L., Lomas, T. & Eiroa-Orosa, F. J. (Eds.). (2018). *The Routledge handbook of critical positive psychology*. Routledge.
- Stapel, D. (2016). *Faking science: A true story of academic fraud* (N. J. L. Brown, Trans.). Originally published in Dutch (2012) as *Ontsporing*. <http://nick.brown.free.fr/stapel/>

## **Book chapters**

- Shankland, R., Krifa, I., & Brown, N. J. L. (2024). Les déterminants psychosociaux du bien-être [The psychosocial determinants of well-being]. In L. Bègue-Shankland (Ed.), *Traité de psychologie sociale : La science des interactions humaines [Handbook of social psychology: The science of human interaction]* (2nd ed., pp. 703–729). De Boeck.
- Brown, N. J. L. (2018). An introduction to criticality for students of positive psychology. In N. J. L. Brown, T. Lomas, & F. J. Eiroa-Orosa (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of critical positive psychology* (pp. 173–192). Routledge.
- Brown, N. J. L. (2018). Criticism of positive psychology. In N. J. L. Brown, T. Lomas, & F. J. Eiroa-Orosa (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of critical positive psychology* (pp. 11–13). Routledge.
- Brown, N. J. L., Lomas, T., & Eiroa-Orosa, F. J. (2018). Introduction. In N. J. L. Brown, T. Lomas, & F. J. Eiroa-Orosa (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of critical positive psychology* (pp. 1–2). Routledge.
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**Preprints, posters, letters to the editor, book reviews, and other non-reviewed publications**

Thornton, J., & Brown, N. (2024, November 21). Biopsychosocial approaches to treat female chronic pelvic pain. *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics & Gynaecology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1471-0528.18035>

Comment [U2]:

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Ferguson, C. J., & Brown, N. J. L. (2024). Editorial: Retractions and their discontents. *Current Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-024-06887-5>

Nielsen, J., Mol, B. W., Bordewijk, E. M., Gurrin, L., van Eckelen, R., Thornton, J., van Wely, M., Carlisle, J., & Brown, N. J. L. (2024, June). *How to assess the scientific integrity of the collected work of one author or group of authors*. Paper presented at the 8th World Conference on Research Integrity, Athens, Greece.

Forscher, P., Sparacio, A., Klein, R., Brown, N., Braud, M., Wittman, A., Dujols, O., Payart, S., & IJzerman, H. (2020). Nous devons changer radicalement la façon dont la science fonctionne [We have to make radical changes to the way science works]. *Le Monde*, February 11. [https://www.lemonde.fr/sciences/article/2020/02/11/nous-devons-changer-radicalement-la-facon-dont-la-science-fonctionne\\_6029219\\_1650684.html](https://www.lemonde.fr/sciences/article/2020/02/11/nous-devons-changer-radicalement-la-facon-dont-la-science-fonctionne_6029219_1650684.html).

Etchells, P., Brown, N. J. L., Heathers, J. A. J., & Przybylski, A. K. (2020). Inconsistencies in a study of the relationship between sleep disorders, mental health, and gaming behaviour in Africa. *PsyArXiv Preprints*. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/xgfhr>

Brown, N. J. L., & Heathers, J. A. J. (2019). Rounded Input Variables, Exact Test Statistics (RIVETS): A technique for detecting hand-calculated results in published research. *PsyArXiv Preprints*. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/ctu9z>

Heathers, J. A. J., & Brown, N. J. L. (2019). *DEBIT—A simple consistency test for binary data*. <https://osf.io/5vb3u/>

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Friedman, H. L., & Brown, N. (Eds.). (2018). Implications of debunking the “critical positivity ratio” for humanistic psychology (Special Issue). *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, 58(3).

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- Brown, N. (2017). The curious (and completely flawed) case of the positivity ratio. *Talent Quarterly*, 14, 26–28.
- Anaya, J., Brown, N. J. L., & van der Zee, T. (2017). Statistical infarction: A postmortem of the Cornell Food and Brand Lab pizza publications. *PeerJ Preprints*, 5, e3025v1. <https://doi.org/10.7287/peerj.preprints.3025v1>
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- Lewandowsky, S., Mann, M. E., Brown, N. J. L., & Friedman, H. (2017). Public debate, scientific skepticism, and science denial. *Skeptical Inquirer*, 41(1), 40–43. (Adapted from the peer-reviewed article 10.5964/jspp.v4i2.604, mentioned earlier.)
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- Friedman, H. L., & Brown, N. J. L. (2014). An accurate picture of the state of contemporary positive emotions research [Review of *Handbook of Positive Emotions*]. *PsycCRITIQUES*, 59(47). <https://doi.org/10.1037/a0038188>
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### **Conference presentations**

March 2024: “If you build it, they will come. And then they will try to game it.” (“lightning talk” at the conference on “The promise and pitfalls of preregistration”, Royal Society, London, England). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNb2VddOYns&t=16061s>

July 2019: “Statistical sleuths, data thugs, or methodological terrorists? Recent stories from the new field of error detection in the published literature” (with Andrew Brown, James Heathers, and Kristin Sainani; presentation at the Joint Statistical Meetings, Denver, CO, United States).

July 2019: “Working with editors to correct the literature” (with Harris Friedman; presentation at the 4th Conference of the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science, Rotterdam, Netherlands).

June 2018: “Checking yourself . . . and others” (with James Heathers and Michèle Nijjten; presentation at the 3rd Conference of the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science, Grand Rapids, MI, United States).

May 2016: “An outsider’s view of the incentive structure in psychology” (presentation at the British Psychological Society’s conference on “Replication and Reproducibility in Psychology”, Royal Society, London, England).  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynHLQwD-SRw>

September 2015: “Skepticism of published articles in empirical psychology: A case study for beginners” (presentation at the 9th Conference of the Media Psychology Division of the German Psychological Society, Tübingen, Germany; winner of the prize for “Most entertaining talk”).

May 2015: Leader of a workshop on “Philotimo” (1st Greek Economic Forum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, United States).

August 2014: “Physical health outcomes in positive psychology: Weak evidence for strong claims” (13th International Congress of Behavioral Medicine, Groningen, Netherlands).

### **Invited talks and lectures**

- December 2024, April 2024, October 2023, March 2023, November 2022: “Science's fraud problem” (Workshop presented to psychology Masters students at the University of Bern, Switzerland).
- July 2024: “A gentle introduction to scientific error” (Workshop presented at the Open Science Summer School, King's College, London, England).
- March 2024, March 2023, March 2021, March 2020, January 2019, January 2018, January 2017, October 2015: “Quelques perspectives critiques sur la psychologie positive” (guest lecture on Positive Psychology diploma course, Université Grenoble-Alpes, Grenoble, France).
- December 2023: “Psychologie positive : Quelques bémols” (guest seminar at Université Paris Nanterre, Nanterre, France).
- December 2024, December 2023, April 2023, April 2022, April 2021, April 2020, April 2019, April 2018, April 2017, April 2016, April 2015: Guest workshop (via Skype) on Master's of Applied Positive Psychology course, Bucks New University, High Wycombe, England.
- June 2022, December 2022: “Audit of research papers” (Workshop presented to communications psychology Masters students at Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany).
- December 2020: “To what extent is the replication crisis caused by scientific fraud?” (Keynote presentation at the annual conference of the Open Science Community of Sweden, online).
- March 2020: “Error as a factor in the replication crisis” (Invited talk via Skype, University of Durham, England).
- January 2020: “Why you don't need an advanced degree to correct the literature” (presentation at the 2020 Advanced Course in Reproducible Methods at Cumberland Lodge, England).
- December 2019: “Exploring published research results without the data—or—How to have fun with summary statistics!” (Workshop presented at the RIOT Science Club, King's College, London, England).
- November 2018: “What does scientific misconduct look like?” (invited talk at the Department of Psychology, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands).
- November 2018: “Is science self-correcting? Some real-world examples from psychological research” (invited talk at the School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Nottingham, England).
- May 2018: “‘Pizzagate’: A case study on the relationship between (in)competence and integrity” (invited talk with Tim van der Zee at Koninklijke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium).

May 2019, April 2018: “Some flaws in psychological research methodology” (invited talk, University of Bergamo, Italy).

January 2018: “Detecting sloppy science” (invited talk, University of Geneva, Switzerland).

January 2018: “Detecting sloppy science” (invited talk, Maison des Sciences de l’Homme-Alpes, Grenoble, France).

April 2017: “Exploring empirical research without the dataset” (invited talk at the Department of Psychology, Tilburg University, The Netherlands).

September 2016: “Bad psychological science” (invited talk at the Department of Psychology, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada).

March 2016: “Physics envy: The strange case of the Losada line” (presentation at the Faculty of Behavioural and Social Sciences, University of Groningen, Netherlands).

November 2015: “Intellectual impostures within science: Sokal takes on physics envy” (presentation at “Crossing the Boundaries: Science, Philosophy, Pseudoscience: Conference in honor of Alan Sokal’s 60th birthday”, Paris, France).

September 2015: “No science is an island: The limits of scientific psychology” (TEDx talk, Rhodes, Greece). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPtWPBapyF0>

June 2015: “The naive beginner’s guide to publishing criticisms in psychology” (workshop for psychology students, University of Bielefeld, Germany).

April 2014: “Being a critical practitioner” (guest lecture on Master’s of Applied Positive Psychology course, University of East London, England).

## **Awards**

Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science “Mission Award” 2019, for developing GRIM and SPRITE, and the application of these tools (with James Heathers).

Research Parasite Awards, 2019: Honorable Mention in the “Senior Research Parasite” category (<http://researchparasite.com/#past-recipients>).

**Editorial / Advisory board memberships**

*International Review of Social Psychology / Revue Internationale de Psychologie Sociale*  
*Mental Health Science*  
*Meta-Psychology*  
INSPECT-SR (INvestigating Prblematic Clinical Trials in Systematic Reviews) —  
Expert advisory panel

**Ad hoc journal reviews completed (106 total)**

*Advances in Genomics and Genetics* (1 manuscript)  
*Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science* (3 manuscripts)  
*Archives of Gynecology and Obstetrics* (1 manuscript)  
*Behavior Research Methods* (1 manuscript)  
*Clinical Psychological Science* (1 manuscript)  
*Collabra: Psychology* (2 manuscripts)  
*Consciousness and Cognition* (5 manuscripts, 8 reviews)  
*Cortex* (3 manuscripts, 5 reviews)  
*Current Psychology* (1 manuscript)  
*Frontiers in Psychology* (2 manuscripts)  
*Gerontology* (1 manuscript)  
*Global Journal of Community Psychology Practice* (1 manuscript)  
*International Journal of Wellbeing* (1 manuscript)  
*International Review of Social Psychology / Revue Internationale de Psychologie Sociale* (5 manuscripts, 6 reviews)  
*Journal of Experimental Psychology: General* (3 manuscripts, 4 reviews)  
*Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* (2 manuscripts)  
*Journal of Happiness Studies* (7 manuscripts)  
*Journal of Humanistic Psychology* (7 manuscripts, 8 reviews)  
*Journal of Open Psychology Data* (1 manuscript)  
*Journal of Trial and Error* (1 manuscript)  
*Knowledge* (1 manuscript, 2 reviews)  
*Meta-Psychology* (10 manuscripts, of which 3 as action editor)  
*Personality and Individual Differences* (20 manuscripts, 26 reviews)  
*PLOS ONE* (1 manuscript)  
*Perspectives on Psychological Science* (1 manuscript)  
*Psychological Science* (1 manuscript, 2 reviews)  
*Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine* (1 manuscript)  
*Social Science Computer Review* (1 manuscript)  
*Social Psychological and Personality Science* (3 manuscripts)  
*Social Psychology* (1 manuscript)  
*Zeitschrift für Psychologie* (1 manuscript)

**Book proposal reviews completed**

Oxford University Press (2 proposals)

Routledge (1 proposal)

### **Languages**

English: Mother tongue  
French: Fluent (speaking / listening / reading / writing)  
Dutch: Fluent (speaking / listening / reading / writing)  
German: Good (listening / reading), passable (speaking), limited (writing)  
Spanish: Good (reading), passable (listening/speaking/writing),

### **Software**

Lifetime programming experience in around 25 languages, including 10+ assembly languages

Currently up-to-date programming skills: R, PHP, Javascript, MySQL

Advanced use of Microsoft Word (including two manuscripts of 300,000 words) and Excel

Working knowledge of SPSS

### **Other interests**

Geocaching (18 years as a community volunteer)

Chess (<https://ratings.fide.com/profile/690953>)

### **Appendix A: Media coverage**

This section contains a non-exhaustive list of articles about my work that have appeared in major media outlets.

- Anthony, A. (2014, January 18). The British amateur who debunked the mathematics of happiness. *The Observer*, pp. 14–16.  
<http://www.theguardian.com/science/2014/jan/19/mathematics-of-happiness-debunked-nick-brown>
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