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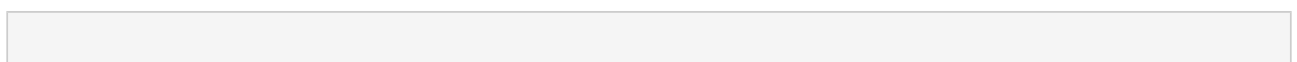
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### **About the Author**

Nick Braisby first developed an interest in experimental and cognitive psychology during his undergraduate degree in Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge. He then went on to study for a PhD in Cognitive Science at the Centre for Cognitive Science in Edinburgh. Following that, he took up a three year British Academy postdoctoral research fellowship, in the Department of Social Psychology at the London School of Economics. His first lecturing position was in the Department of Psychology at London Guildhall University (now London Metropolitan University), where he stayed for six years before moving to the Psychology Department at the Open University. In April 2007, he moved to take up a Chair and Head of Department position in the Psychology Department at the University of Winchester.

Angus Gellatly joined Oxford Brookes in October 2007 from the Open University where he had been since 2002, including three years as Head of Department. He had previously taught at Sussex University and Keele University, where he was Head of Department from 1992 to 2000. Along the way, he has also been a visiting researcher at the University of California at Santa Barbara and at MacQuarie University, Sydney; and he also had a spell working as a management consultant. At various times, he has been on the committees of the Experimental Psychology Society, the Cognitive Section of the British Psychological Society (BPS), and also the BPS's Division for Teachers and Researchers in Psychology. From 2000 to 2006, he was Deputy Chair and then Chair of the Association of Heads of Psychology Departments.

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