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Professional Appointments and Education

Assistant Professor University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Department of Psychology Director, Human and Machine Learning Lab	2023–present
Research Associate The University of Texas at Austin Center for Learning and Memory Director: Alison R. Preston	2014–2023
Ph.D. in Psychology – Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience Vanderbilt University Advisor: Sean M. Polyn Committee: Gordon Logan, Geoff Woodman, Brandon Ally	2009–2014
Research Coordinator University of Pennsylvania Director: Michael J. Kahana	2007–2009
B.A. in Cognitive Science, minor in Chemistry University of Pennsylvania Advisor: Michael J. Kahana Cum laude with honors	2003–2007

Grants and Fellowships

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Postdoctoral National Research Service Award (F32MH114869)	2017–2020
Center for Learning & Memory, The University of Texas at Austin Postdoctoral Fellowship	2016
Vanderbilt University University Graduate Honor Fellowship	2009–2014

Research Interests

- Neural basis of episodic memory and structure learning using fMRI, ECoG, and modeling
- Cognitive modeling of temporal context and semantic influences on memory search
- Cortical and hippocampal representations of real-world semantic knowledge
- Computational modeling of decisions based on mnemonic cognitive maps

Manuscripts In Revision and In Preparation

* Authors contributed equally

Morton NW, Cutler RA, Polyn SM. In prep. A distributed context maintenance and retrieval model of temporal and semantic structure in episodic memory search.

Coughlin C, Schlichting ML, **Morton NW**, Sherrill KR, Moreau M, Preston AR. In prep. Developmental differences in neural function track successful memory-based inference.

Noh, SM*, **Morton, NW***, & Preston, AR. In prep. Interleaved learning shapes neural representations in medial prefrontal cortex to enhance categorization of naturalistic stimuli.

Morton NW. In prep. SITREP: a theory of multi-level situation recognition and navigation.

Refereed Articles

† Undergraduate advisee

* Authors contributed equally

Morton NW, Zippi EL†, Preston AR. 2023. Memory reactivation and suppression modulate integration of the semantic features of related memories in hippocampus. *Cerebral Cortex*. 33:9020–9037. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cercor/bhad179>.

Pudhiyidath A*, **Morton NW***, Viveros Duran R†, Schapiro AC, Momennejad I, Hinojosa-Rowland DM†, Molitor RJ†, Preston AR. 2022. Representations of temporal community structure in hippocampus and precuneus predict inductive reasoning decisions. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*. 34(10) 1736–1760. https://doi.org/10.1162/jocn_a_01864.

Morton NW*, Zippi EL†*, Noh SM, Preston AR. 2021. Semantic knowledge of famous people and places is represented in hippocampus and distinct cortical networks. *Journal of Neuroscience*. 41(12) 2762–2779. <https://doi.org/10.1523/JNEUROSCI.2034-19.2021>.

Molitor RJ, Sherrill KR, **Morton NW**, Miller, AA, Preston AR. 2021. Memory reactivation during learning simultaneously promotes dentate gyrus/CA_{2,3} pattern differentiation and CA₁ memory integration. *Journal of Neuroscience*. 41(4) 726–738. <https://doi.org/10.1523/JNEUROSCI.0394-20.2020>.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2021. Concept formation as a computational cognitive process. *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*. 38: 83–89. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cobeha.2020.12.005>.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2020. Events with common structure become organized within a hierarchical cognitive map in hippocampus and frontoparietal cortex. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 117(47): 29338–29345. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1912338117>.

Morton NW. 2020. Psifr: Analysis and visualization of free recall data. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 5(54):2669. <https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.02669>.

- Morton NW***, Sherrill KR*, Preston AR. 2017. Memory integration constructs maps of space, time, and concepts. *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*. 17:161-168.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cobeha.2017.08.007>.
- Chan SCY, Applegate MC, **Morton NW**, Polyn SM, Norman KA. 2017. Lingered representations of stimuli influence recall organization. *Neuropsychologia*. 97:72-82.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.neuropsychologia.2017.01.029>.
- Morton NW**, Polyn SM. 2017. Beta-band activity represents the recent past during episodic encoding. *NeuroImage*. 147:692-702.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2016.12.049>.
- Morton NW**, Polyn SM. 2016. A predictive framework for evaluating models of semantic organization in free recall. *Journal of Memory and Language*. 86:119–140.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jml.2015.10.002>.
- Polyn SM, McCluey JD, **Morton NW**, Woolard AA, Luksik AS, Heckers S. 2015. Temporal context and the organizational impairment of memory search in schizophrenia. *Cognitive Neuropsychiatry*. 20(4):296-310. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13546805.2015.1031372>.
- Kragel JE, **Morton NW**, Polyn SM. 2015. Neural activity in the medial temporal lobe reveals the fidelity of mental time travel. *Journal of Neuroscience*. 35(7):2914-2926.
<https://doi.org/10.1523/JNEUROSCI.3378-14.2015>.
- Morton NW**. Developing a neurocognitive model of temporal and semantic organization of memory search. 2014. Vanderbilt University, PhD dissertation.
<https://etd.library.vanderbilt.edu/etd-09232014-174611>.
- Morton NW**, Kahana MJ, Rosenberg EA, Baltuch GH, Litt B, Sharan AD, Sperling MR, Polyn SM. 2013. Category-specific neural oscillations predict recall organization during memory search. *Cerebral Cortex*. 23(10):2407-2422. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/cercor/bhs229>.
- Polyn SM, Kragel JE, **Morton NW**, McCluey JD, Cohen ZD. 2012. The neural dynamics of task context in free recall. *Neuropsychologia*. 50(4):447-457.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.neuropsychologia.2011.08.025>.

Book Chapters

- Varga NL, **Morton NW**, Preston AR. 2024. Schema, Inference, and Memory. In: Kahana MJ, Wagner AD, editors. *The Oxford Handbook of Human Memory*, Vol. 2. Oxford University Press. p. 1400-1425.

Research Software

Morton NW, Zippi EL. 2023. Bender study: Pattern analysis of memory reactivation, suppression, and integration. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6967582>.

Morton NW, Pudhiyidath A, Duran RV, Hinojosa-Rowland DM, & Momennejad I. 2021. Tesser: Behavioral and neural analysis of statistical learning. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4793426>.

Morton NW, Zippi EL, Noh SM, Preston AR. 2021. WikiSim: Using Wikipedia to measure neural representations of semantic knowledge. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4453780>.

Morton NW, Zippi EL, Noh SM, Preston AR. 2021. WikiVector: Tools for encoding Wikipedia articles as vectors. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4453878>.

Morton NW. 2020. Psifr: Analysis and visualization of free recall data. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4086187>.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2020. CyMR: Computational modeling of free recall data. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4557123>.

Morton NW, Molitor RJ, Sherrill KR, Miller AA, Preston AR. 2020. PsiReact-Garnet: Hierarchical Bayesian modeling of response time data. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4329659>.

Morton NW. 2020. PsiReact: Hierarchical Bayesian modeling of response time data. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4282757>.

Morton NW. 2020. Representations of common event structure in medial temporal lobe and frontoparietal cortex support efficient inference. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4313980>.

Morton NW. 2020. Mindstorm: Advanced neuroimaging analysis. Zenodo. <http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4248135>.

Zippi EL, **Morton NW**, Preston AR. 2019. Modeling semantic similarity of well-known stimuli. OSF. <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/72APM>.

Morton NW, Kragel JE, McCluey JD, Polyn SM. 2015. TCM: Implementation of the Temporal Context Model/Context Maintenance and Retrieval model of free recall. <https://github.com/prestonlab/tcm>.

Lawrence, R, **Morton NW**, Healey MK, Lohnas LJ, McCluey JD, Jeon J, Kahana MJ, Polyn SM. 2008. EMBAM: Episodic memory behavioral analysis in MATLAB. <https://github.com/vucml/EMBAM>.

Morton NW, Cohen ZD, McCluey JD, Mollison M, Kahana MJ, Polyn SM. 2007. Aperture: Matlab toolbox for univariate and multivariate analysis of EEG data.
<https://mortonne.github.io/aperture>.

Invited Talks

Morton NW. 2022. Learning and accessing complex knowledge: Insights from model-based fMRI. Feldmanhall Lab, Brown University. Providence, RI.

Morton NW. 2021. Building memories from concepts and concepts from memories. Stanford Memory Lab, Stanford University. Stanford, CA.

Morton NW. 2021. Building memories from concepts and concepts from memories. Complex Memory Lab, Washington University in St. Louis. St. Louis, MO.

Morton NW, Zippi EL, Preston AR. 2018. Merging memories: Reactivation of individual event elements during learning predicts memory integration. Department of Psychology, Texas A&M University. College Station, TX.

Morton NW. 2017. Developing a neurocognitive model of memory integration. Vanderbilt Computational Memory Lab, Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN.

Morton NW. 2011. EEG Analysis Toolbox. Computational Memory Lab, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.

Conference Talks

Morton NW. 2024. Human hippocampus and medial prefrontal cortex represent hierarchical schemas. MidBrains Midwest Regional Neuroscience Conference. Green Bay, WI.

Morton NW. 2023. How the brain organizes memories to help make sense of the world. MidBrains Midwest Regional Neuroscience Conference. Green Bay, WI.

Morton NW. 2023. Hippocampal-prefrontal representations differentiate outcomes that vary by context. Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society. San Francisco, CA.

Noh SM, **Morton NW**, Preston AR. 2022. Interleaved learning shapes neural representations in medial prefrontal cortex to enhance categorization of naturalistic stimuli. Neuroscience 2022. San Diego, CA.

Morton NW, Cutler R, Polyn SM. 2022. Semantic and temporal structure in a neurocognitive model of episodic memory search. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Pudhiyidath A, Viveros Duran R, Schapiro AC, Momennejad I, Hinojosa-Rowland DM, Molitor RJ, Preston AR. 2021. Neural representations of temporal schemas in

hippocampus and precuneus predict schema-based reasoning. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2020. Representations of common event structure in medial temporal lobe and frontoparietal cortex support efficient inference. Dallas and Austin Area Memory Meeting. Online.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2020. Representations of common event structure in medial temporal lobe and frontoparietal cortex support efficient inference. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Online.

Morton NW. 2019. Cognitive control of memory search. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2018. Events with common structure become organized within a hierarchical cognitive map in hippocampus and frontoparietal cortex. Program No. 633.14. 2018 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience, 2018. Online.

Morton NW, Zippi EL, Preston AR. 2018. Tracking semantic item features during encoding reveals mechanisms for assimilating memories into existing schemas. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2017. Reactivation of individual episodes supports memory integration. Dallas and Austin Area Memory Meeting. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2017. Medial prefrontal cortex supports flexible memory retrieval. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2016. A neurocognitive model of memory integration. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2016. Medial prefrontal cortex supports flexible memory retrieval. Center for Learning and Memory Seminar, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2015. Developing a neurocognitive model of memory integration. Center for Learning and Memory Annual Retreat, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2015. A neurally constrained model of temporal and semantic context. Winter Conference on the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory. Park City, UT.

Department Talks

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2018. Events with common structure become organized within a hierarchical cognitive map in hippocampus and frontoparietal cortex. Center for Learning and Memory Retreat, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Zippi EL, Preston AR. 2018. Tracking semantic item features during memory integration. Cognitive Neuroscience and Imaging Research Center Seminar, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2016. Medial prefrontal cortex supports flexible memory retrieval. Center for Learning and Memory Seminar, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2015. Developing a neurocognitive model of memory integration. Center for Learning and Memory Retreat, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX.

Conference Poster Presentations

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2024. Memory search dynamics reflect retrieval of semantic context. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Noh SM, **Morton NW**, Preston AR. 2023. Interleaving differentiates category representations in medial prefrontal cortex to enhance generalization of naturalistic stimuli. Psychonomic Society 64th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Morton NW, Pudhiyidath A, Viveros Duran R, Schapiro AC, Momennejad I, Hinojosa-Rowland DM, Molitor RJ, Preston AR. 2021. Neural representations of temporal schemas in hippocampus and precuneus predict schema-based reasoning. Neuroscience Meeting Planner. P858.04. Neuroscience 2021.

Ashmaig O, Sherrill KR, **Morton NW**, Colgin LL, Buchanan RJ, Preston AR, Watrous A. 2021. Oscillatory mechanisms of context dependent cognitive maps in human memory. P881.08. Neuroscience 2021.

Morton NW, Zippi EL, Noh SM, Preston AR. 2021. Semantic knowledge of famous people and places is represented in hippocampus and distinct cortical networks. Program No. P320.08. SfN Global Connectome.

Morton NW, Molitor RJ, Schlichting ML, Mack, ML, McKenzie SA, Preston, AR. 2019. Human hippocampus and medial prefrontal cortex represent hierarchical task schemas. Program No. 170.07. 2019 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Chicago, IL: Society for Neuroscience.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2019. Events with common structure become organized within a hierarchical cognitive map in hippocampus and frontoparietal cortex. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Schlichting ML, Preston AR. 2019. Events with common structure become organized within a hierarchical cognitive map in hippocampus and frontoparietal cortex. UT Austin Conference on Learning & Memory. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2017. Memory reactivation modulates encoding and retrieval of relational memories. Program No. 339.15. 2017 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Washington, DC: Society for Neuroscience.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2017. Medial prefrontal cortex supports flexible memory retrieval. UT Austin Conference on Learning & Memory. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2016. Medial prefrontal cortex supports retrieval of integrated memories. Program No. 637.24. 2016 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Zippi EL, **Morton NW**, Mack ML, Preston AR. 2016. Mapping cortical representations of semantic similarity using Wikipedia and Google News. Program No. 644.22. 2016 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Morton NW, Preston AR. 2015. Developing a neurocognitive model of memory integration. Program No. 719.23. 2015 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Chicago, IL: Society for Neuroscience.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2015. A predictive framework for evaluating models of semantic organization in free recall. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2015. A predictive framework for evaluating models of semantic organization in free recall. UT Austin Conference on Learning & Memory. Austin, TX.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2014. Neural correlates of temporal context evolution in free recall. Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. Long Beach, CA.

Polyn SM, Kragel JE, **Morton NW**. 2014. Medial temporal lobe activity reflecting the precision of mental time travel. Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. Long Beach, CA.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2014. Oscillatory neural correlates of semantic organization in free recall. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2013. Inter-item distraction dissociates temporal and semantic organization in free recall. Program No. 572.03. 2013 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Polyn SM, **Morton NW**, Kragel JE, McCluey JD. 2013. Incorporating neural signals into computational models of memory search. Program No. 572.01. 2013 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Chan SCY, Applegate MC, Manning JR, **Morton NW**, Polyn SM, Norman KA. 2013. Recall order is predicted by category-specific neural activity of preceding items at study. Program No. 284.15. 2013 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2013. A neurally constrained model of category clustering in free recall. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2012. A neurally constrained model of category clustering in free recall. 53rd Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. Minneapolis, MN.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2012. Manipulating the forward asymmetry of the contiguity effect with categorized stimuli. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Bloomington, IN.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2011. Category-sensitive neural oscillations predict recall organization during memory search. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. Seattle, WA.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2011. Oscillatory neural correlates of category cuing during memory search. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Kragel JE, **Morton NW**, Cohen ZD, McCluey JD, Polyn SM. 2011. Neural correlates of organization in free recall. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2010. Illuminating the dynamics of memory search: Tracking category-related oscillations during free recall. Program No. 396.6. 2010 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Cohen ZD, **Morton NW**, Polyn SM. 2010. Using the context maintenance and retrieval model to interpret task-related neural activity in free recall. Program No. 396.7. 2010 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Polyn SM, **Morton NW**, Kahana MJ. 2010. Using intracranial oscillatory patterns to bridge cognitive and neural theories of memory search. Program No. 413.23. 2010 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Morton NW, Polyn SM. 2010. Illuminating the dynamics of memory search: Tracking category-related oscillations during free recall. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.

Polyn SM, **Morton NW**, Kahana MJ. 2009. Unraveling subsequent memory: Tracking category-specific and category-general neural patterns using scalp EEG. Program No. 279.4. 2009 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Chicago, IL: Society for Neuroscience.

Polyn SM, **Morton NW**, Kahana MJ. 2008. Bridging cognitive and neural theories of memory search with the Context Maintenance and Retrieval model. Program No. 870.21. 2008 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Washington, DC: Society for Neuroscience.

Morton NW, Burke JF, Hollidge BS, Polyn SM, Kahana MJ. 2008. Recency and contiguity in a temporal-context model of paired-associate learning. Poster presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Mathematical Psychology. Washington, DC.

Morton NW, Polyn SM, Kahana MJ. 2007. Tracking encoding task context during free recall using scalp EEG. Program No. 526.1. 2007 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Polyn SM, Koshkin VS, **Morton NW**, Kahana MJ. 2007. Tracking category-related neural patterns during free recall using scalp EEG. Program No. 526.2. 2007 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience.

Polyn SM, **Morton NW**, Kogen DK, Norman KA, Kahana MJ. 2007 Task context and memory accessibility in free recall. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting. New York, NY.

Polyn SM, **Morton NW**, Kogen, DK, Norman KA, Kahana MJ. 2006. Task effects on memory accessibility in free recall. Poster presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. Houston, TX.

Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

Postdoctoral National Research Service Award, NIMH	2017–2020
Center for Learning & Memory Postdoctoral Fellowship	2016
Center for Learning & Memory Travel Award	2015–2016
Context and Episodic Memory Symposium Student Travel Award	2013–2014
William F. Hodges Teaching Assistant Award	2011–2012
University Graduate Honor Fellowship, Vanderbilt University	2009–2014
Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, University of Pennsylvania	2007
Dean's List, University of Pennsylvania	2006–2007
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship	2003–2007
Institutional Development and Undergraduate Education Service	

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, Department of Psychology

Data Science for Psychology	2025
Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	2023–2024

The University of Texas at Austin, Psychology Department

Guest Lecturer, Cognitive Neuroscience (Prof. Alison Preston)	2015, 2017–2018
Guest Lecturer, Cognitive Science (Dr. Suzanne van der Feest)	2018

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Statistics and Data Sciences

Code Development in Python	2020–2021
Introduction to Matlab and Intermediate Matlab	2016–2020
Matlab (Summer Statistics Institute)	2016

The University of Texas at Austin, Preston Lab Workshops

Preprocessing fMRI data using BIDS and fMRIPrep	2022
Using Twitter for science	2021
Migrating to Python 3	2019
Data management and backup	2018
fMRI preprocessing	2017
Improving scan quality and registration	2017

Vanderbilt University, Department of Psychology

Expert Teaching Assistant Panelist and Practice Teaching Leader	2013
Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer, Human Memory (Prof. Sean Polyn)	2012
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Psychology (Prof. Isabel Gauthier)	2011

Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer, Cognitive Psychology (Prof. Gordon Logan)	2011
Teaching Assistant, Principles of Experimental Design (Prof. Sean Polyn)	2010

Mentorship and Training Experience

Graduate Advising, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Master's Committee, Kyle Baacke	2025
Preliminary Committee, Dana Slabbekoorn	2025
Preliminary Committee, Cara Charles	2024
Dissertation Committee, Kana Kimura	2024
Advisory Committee, Cara Charles	2024
Advisory Committee, Dana Slabbekoorn	2023

Graduate Research Mentor, The University of Texas at Austin

Jianing Mu	2023
Andrei Amatuni	2022–2023
Omer Ashmaig	2022–2023
Ayesha Nadiadwala	2020–2023
Anthony Dutcher	2020–2022
Eliya Ben-Asher	2020–2021
Sharon Noh	2020
Athula Pudhiyidath	2019–2020

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor, The University of Texas at Austin

Ellen L. Zippi, Mapping Cortical Representations of Semantic Similarity Using Wikipedia and Google News	2017
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Undergraduate Research Mentor, The University of Texas at Austin

Meghana Potturu	2019–2021
Medical student, The University of Texas Medical Branch	
Rodrigo Viveros	2019–2021
Demetrius Rowland	2019–2020
Ellen L. Zippi (Dean's Scholars Honors Program)	2015–2017
Dean's Honored Graduate	
Ph.D. student, University of California at Berkeley	

Mentee Awards

Support for Undergraduate Research Fellows award, Anamarie Casper	2024
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program to undergraduate research assistant, Ellen L. Zippi	2017
University Cooperative Society, The University of Texas at Austin	2015
Undergraduate Research Fellowship to undergraduate research assistant, Ellen L. Zippi	

Professional Service

Professional Memberships

Cognitive Neuroscience Society	2024–present
Society for Neuroscience	2007–present

Grant Reviewer

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship	2025
National Science Foundation	2023–2024

Conference Reviewer

Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

Journal Reviewer

[†]Assisted with review

Cerebral Cortex[†]

Current Biology[†]

Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences[†]

eLife[†]

Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience[†]

Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance

Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition

Journal of Mathematical Psychology

Journal of Memory and Language

Learning & Memory

Nature[†]

Nature Communications

Nature Human Behavior

NeuroImage

Neuron[†]

Neuropsychologia[†]

Neuroscience Letters[†]

Memory & Cognition

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences[†]

Psychological Review

Psychonomic Bulletin & Review

Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology[†]

Science Advances[†]

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Community Service

Public Outreach

Expert Panel, UT Brainstorms	2018, 2020
Experiment Demonstration, Memory Matters Public Lecture Series	2016
Presentation, UT Children's Research Center Outreach	2015

Professional Development Training

Raising a Resilient Scientist, National Institutes of Health	2024
Graduate Student Mentoring Community of Practice, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee	2023–2024
A Guide to Repairing Misspeaks and Microaggressions, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee	2023
Considering Diversity: A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workshop, Education and Outreach Office for Inclusion and Equity, University of Texas at Austin	2022

Related Professional Skills

Programming Languages/Tools

Expert: Python, Cython, MATLAB, Jupyter, Bash, Git, GitHub, PyCharm, Slurm, LaTeX, Adobe Illustrator

Intermediate: R, C++, Docker, Singularity, Unity, HTML, CSS, Sphinx, MTurk, TravisCI, Codecov

Working knowledge: Java, Javascript, Tcl, C#, Django, REDCap

Data Collection Expertise

Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI)

Electroencephalography (EEG)

Electrocorticography (ECoG)

Transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS)

Eye tracking

Scientific Software Expertise

Psychophysics Toolbox

Python Experiment-Programming Library (PyEPL)

fMRIB Software Library (FSL)

Analysis of Functional NeuroImages (AFNI)

Statistical Parametric Mapping (SPM)

Advanced Normalization Tools (ANTs)

FreeSurfer: Analysis of brain MRI images

Brain Imaging Data Structure (BIDS)

fMRIPrep: A robust preprocessing pipeline for fMRI data

Brain Imaging Analysis Kit (BrainIAK)

PyMVPA: Multivariate pattern analysis in Python

Nilearn: Statistics for neuroimaging in Python

FieldTrip: MEG, EEG and iEEG analysis

EEGLAB: EEG analysis in MATLAB

Emergent: Comprehensive neural network simulator

TensorFlow: Open-source machine learning platform

PyMC: Probabilistic programming in Python

Scikit-Learn: Machine learning in Python

PsiZ: A psychological embedding package