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Goal: Bridging neuroscience and AI to decode mental representations and drive healthcare innovation.

EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

Stability AI

Nov. 2023 – Present

Head of Neuroimaging

Principal Investigator of the MedARC Neuroimaging & AI Lab (medarc-ai.github.io/mind-reading)

Princeton Neuroscience Institute

Computational Memory Lab (PI: Dr. Kenneth Norman) (compmem.princeton.edu)

Research Scientist

Nov. 2023 – Present

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Apr. 2022 – Nov. 2023

The Ohio State University

Oct. 2017 – Apr. 2022

Vision and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab (PI: Dr. Julie Golomb)

Cognitive Control Lab (PI: Dr. Andy Leber)

Ph.D. student (co-advised)

Dissertation on “Using Computational Models to Observe Visual Memory Distortions and Reconstruct Content from the Brain”

The George Washington University

Attention and Cognition Lab (PI: Dr. Sarah Shomstein)

Sep. 2014 – May 2017

Visual Cognition Lab (PI: Dr. Steve Mitroff)

Sep. 2016 – May 2017

Undergraduate researcher (distinguished/honors scholar, magna cum laude, [2017 commencement speaker](#))

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Scotti, P. S.**, Banerjee, A., Goode, J., Shabalin, S., Nguyen, A., Cohen, E., Dempster, A. J., Verlinde, N., Yundler, E., Weisberg, D., Norman, K. A., & Abraham, T. M. (2023). Reconstructing the Mind's Eye: fMRI-to-Image with Contrastive Learning and Diffusion Priors. *NeurIPS spotlight*. doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2305.18274. **US Senate hearing on AI and Intellectual Property discusses our work as example AI medical application.**
2. Babu, A., **Scotti, P. S.**, & Golomb, J. D. (2023). The dominance of spatial information in object identity judgments: A persistent congruency bias even amidst conflicting statistical regularities. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*. doi.org/10.1037/xhp0001104
3. Wallace, G., Polcyn, S., Brooks, P. P., Mennen, A., Zhao, K., **Scotti, P. S.**, Michelmann, S., Li, K., Turk-Browne, N. B., Cohen, J. D., Norman, K. A. (2022). RT-Cloud: A Cloud-based Software Framework to Simplify and Standardize Real-Time fMRI. *NeuroImage*. doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2022.119295
4. **Scotti, P. S.** & Maxcey, A. M. (2022). Directed forgetting of pictures of everyday objects. *Journal of Vision*. doi.org/10.1167/jov.22.10.8
5. Maxcey, A. M., Mancuso, E., **Scotti, P. S.**, Spinelli, E., & Woodman, G. F. (2022). How to induce the forgetting of pictures. *Visual Memory* (Routledge). Eds. Wilma Bainbridge & Timothy Brady. ISBN 9780367744878.
6. **Scotti, P. S.**, Kulkarni, A., Mazor, M., Klapwijk, E., Huth, A. G. (2021). Interactive 3d brain helps you learn how the brain is organized. *Frontiers for Young Minds*. doi.org/10.3389/frym.2021.575131
7. **Scotti, P. S.**, Chen, J., & Golomb, J. D. (2021). An enhanced inverted encoding model for neural reconstructions. *bioRxiv*. doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.22.445245
8. **Scotti, P. S.** & Maxcey, A. M. (2021). What do laboratory-forgetting paradigms tell us about use-inspired forgetting? *Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications*. doi.org/10.1186/s41235-021-00300-6
9. Chen, J., **Scotti, P. S.**, Dowd, E. W., & Golomb, J. D. (2021). Neural representations of task-relevant and task-irrelevant features of attended objects. *bioRxiv*. doi.org/10.1101/2021.05.21.445168
10. **Scotti, P. S.**, Hong, Y., Leber, A. B., & Golomb, J. D. (2021). Visual working memory items drift apart due to active, not

passive, maintenance. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*. doi.org/10.1037/xge0000890

11. **Scotti, P. S.**, Hong, Y., Golomb, J. D., & Leber, A. B. (2021). Statistical regularities as a reference point for memory distortions: Swap and shift errors. *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*, 1-21. doi.org/10.3758/s13414-020-02236-3
12. **Scotti, P. S.**, Kulkarni, A., Mazor, M., Klapwijk, E., Yarkoni, T., Huth, A. G. (2020). EduCortex: browser-based 3D brain visualization of fMRI meta-analysis maps. *Journal of Open Source Education*, 3(26), 75. doi.org/10.21105/jose.00075
13. **Scotti, P. S.**, Janakiecki, L., & Maxcey, A. M. (2020). Recognition-induced forgetting of schematically related pictures. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 27, 357–365. doi.org/10.3758/s13423-019-01693-8
14. **Scotti, P. S.**, Collegio, A., & Shomstein, S. (2019). Object-based attention is resilient to low-level (boundary) or high-level (semantic) disturbances, but not both. *PsyArXiv*. doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/yxqju
15. Collegio, A., Nah, J., **Scotti, P. S.**, & Shomstein, S. (2019). Attention scales according to inferred real-world object size. *Nature Human Behavior*, 3(1), 40-47. doi.org/10.1038/s41562-018-0485-2

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

• NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (\$102,000)	2019-2022
• CCBBI Student Neuroimaging Research Award (\$3000)	2018
• OSU University Fellowship (\$26,316)	2017
• GW CCAS Distinguished Scholar	2017
• Luther Rice Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$5000)	2016
• Sigelman Undergraduate Research Enhancement Award (\$500)	2016
• GW Presidential Academic Scholarship Recipient	2013

TALK / POSTER PRESENTATIONS (talks/workshops marked with *)

1. **Scotti, P. S.**, Hennings, A. C., Wallace, G., Polcyn, S., Brooks, P. P., Mennen, A., Zhao, K., Michelmann, S., Li, K., Turk-Browne, N. B., Cohen, J. D., Norman, K. A. (2023). Cloud-based Software Framework to Simplify and Standardize Real-time fMRI. *BRAIN Initiative*. Bethesda, MD.
2. ***Scotti, P. S.**, Hennings, A. C., Norman, K. A.. Conducting RT-fMRI Studies with the Realtime fMRI Cloud Framework (RT-Cloud). *Real-Time Functional Imaging and Neurofeedback Meeting*. New Haven, CT.
3. Wallace, G., **Scotti, P. S.**, Polcyn, S., Brooks, P. P., Mennen, A., Zhao, K., Michelmann, S., Li, K., Turk-Browne, N. B., Cohen, J. D., Norman, K. A. (2022). Cloud-based Software Framework to Simplify and Standardize Real-time fMRI. *BRAIN Initiative*. Virtual conference.
4. **Scotti, P. S.**, Chen, J., & Golomb, J. D. (2022, May). An enhanced inverted encoding model for neural reconstructions of visual perception, attention, and memory. *Vision Sciences Society*. Virtual conference.
5. **Scotti, P. S.**, Chen, J., & Golomb, J. D. (2021, June). An improved method for evaluating inverted encoding models. *Visual Working Memory Symposium*. Virtual conference.
6. **Scotti, P. S.**, Chen, J., & Golomb, J. D. (2021, May). An improved method for evaluating inverted encoding models. *Vision Sciences Society*. Virtual conference.
7. Chen, J., **Scotti, P. S.**, Dowd, E. W., & Golomb, J. D. (2021, May). Neural representations of task-relevant and task-irrelevant features of attended objects. *Vision Sciences Society*. Virtual conference.
8. **Scotti, P. S.**, Chen, J., & Golomb, J. D. (2021, March). An improved method for evaluating inverted encoding models. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*. Virtual conference.
9. Jones, C. M., **Scotti, P. S.**, & Golomb, J. D. (2020, May). Feature-binding errors during saccadic remapping may affect perception of real-world objects. *Vision Sciences Society*. Virtual conference.
10. **Scotti, P. S.**, Kulkarni, A., Mazor, M., Klapwijk, E., Yarkoni, T., Huth, A. G. (2019, December). EduCortex: browser-based 3D brain visualization of fMRI meta-analysis maps. **Awarded best poster**, *Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Annual Research Days*, Columbus, OH.
11. ***Scotti, P. S.**, Hong, Y., Leber, A., B., & Golomb, J. D. (2019, November). Competition between similar visual working memory items underlies repulsion effects. *Object Perception, Attention, and Memory (OPAM)*, Montreal, Quebec.
12. **Scotti, P. S.**, Janakiecki, L., & Maxcey, A. M. (2019, November). Recognition-Induced Forgetting Does Not Operate Over Superordinate Categories. *Psychonomic Society*, Montreal, Quebec.
13. **Scotti, P. S.**, Hong, Y., Leber, A., B., & Golomb, J. D. (2019, October). Competition Between Similar Visual Working Memory Items Produces Repulsion Effects. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, IL.
14. **Scotti, P. S.**, Hong, Y., Golomb, J. D., Leber, A., B. (2019, May). Relational interactions between visual memory representations increase with maintenance duration. *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.
15. Babu, A., **Scotti, P. S.**, Golomb, J. D. (2019, May). The dominance of spatial information in location judgments: A persistent congruency bias even amidst conflicting statistical regularities. *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.
16. Janakiecki, L., Smerdel, M., **Scotti, P. S.**, Maxcey, A. (2019, March). Does recognition-induced forgetting operate over temporally-grouped objects? *CogFest*, Columbus, OH.
17. **Scotti, P. S.**, Hong, Y., Golomb, J. D., Leber, A., B. (2018, November). Statistical regularities during object encoding distort long-term memory. **Awarded best poster (\$200)**, *Object Perception, Attention, and Memory (OPAM)*, New Orleans, LA.
18. **Scotti, P. S.**, Hong, Y., Golomb, J. D., Leber, A., B. (2018, September). Statistical regularities during object encoding distort long-term memory. *Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Fall Retreat*, Mt. Sterling, OH.

19. **Scotti, P. S.**, Hong, Y., Golomb, J. D., Leber, A., B. (2018, May). Statistical regularities during object encoding distort long-term memory. *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.
20. Adamo, S., Nah, J., Collegio, A., **Scotti, P. S.**, Shomstein, S. (2018, May). The flux capacitor account: A new theoretical account of multiple target visual search errors. *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.
21. *Collegio, A., Nah, J., **Scotti, P. S.**, Shomstein, S. (2017, November). Real-world object size affects attentional allocation. *Object Perception, Attention, and Memory (OPAM)*, Vancouver, BC.
22. **Scotti, P. S.**, Collegio, A., & Shomstein, S. (2017, November). Task-irrelevant object category guides attentional allocation. *Object Perception, Attention, and Memory (OPAM)*, Vancouver, BC.
23. **Scotti, P. S.**, Adamo, S., Mitroff, S., Shomstein, S. (2017, May). Repetition priming preferentially benefits infrequent targets. *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.
24. Adamo, S., Nah, J., Collegio, A., **Scotti, P. S.**, Shomstein, S. (2017, May). Does orientation matter? Same or differently oriented targets in a multiple target search. *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.
25. Collegio, A., Nah, J., **Scotti, P. S.**, Shomstein, S. (2017, May). Real-world object size affects attentional allocation. *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.
26. **Scotti, P. S.**, Adamo, S., Mitroff, S., Shomstein, S. (2017, April). Repetition priming preferentially benefits infrequent targets. **1st place Psychology poster**, *GW Research Days event*, Washington, D.C.
27. **Scotti, P. S.**, Malcolm, G.L., Peterson, M., & Shomstein, S. (2016, November). Reality vs. Simplicity: The effects of real-world objects on attentional selection. *Object Perception, Attention, and Memory (OPAM)*, Boston, MA.
28. **Scotti, P. S.**, Malcolm, G.L., Peterson, M., & Shomstein, S. (2016, May). Reality vs. Simplicity: The effects of real-world objects on attentional selection. *Vision Sciences Society*, St. Pete Beach, FL.

SKILLS

- Python, MATLAB, R
- Neural networks (PyTorch) and encoding/decoding models
- fMRI (designing experiments, collecting data, pre-/post-processing; SPM, Nipype, Freesurfer, Fmriprep)
- Supercomputing / cloud computing (Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Slurm HPCs)
- Hierarchical Bayesian modeling (PyMC3, JAGS)
- HTML / CSS / JavaScript / Node.js (experience building Amazon Mechanical Turk experiments)
- Eye-tracking (experience using/designing experiments for EyeLink 1000 Plus)

MENTORSHIP

Ashutosh Narang, Cesar Torrico, Mihir Tripathy, Atmadeep Banerjee, Stepan Shabalin, David Weisberg, Foyez Alauddin, Nathalie Verlinde, Anisha Babu, Molly McKinney

AD HOC REVIEWING

Nature Neuroscience; NeuroImage; Imaging Neuroscience; Scientific Reports; Psychonomic Bulletin & Review; Journal of Experimental Psychology: General; Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition; Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics; Memory; Memory & Cognition; Journal of Open Source Education

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / TEACHING

- MedARC, Head of Neuroimaging & AI Lab 2023 –
Leading neuroimaging open research projects, mentoring international online community of volunteers
- OnNeuro, Founder 2017 – 2022
Hosting/sharing open-access research talks in the fields of psychology and neuroscience
- Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Student Org, Technical Director 2017 – 2022
Organizing interdisciplinary workshops and guest speaker presentations at Ohio State Univ.
- Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Undergraduate Summer Institute (CUSI) 2018/2019/2021
Lectured on lab organization, questionable research practices, open science, and pre-registration
- NeuroHackademy Summer 2019
Led a team of researchers to create [EduCortex](#), an educational brain viewer
- Guest Lecturer (Ohio State University) Fall 2019
Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH 1001)

- Course Assistant (Ohio State University)
Sensation and Perception (PSYCH 3310)
Cognitive Psychology Laboratory (PSYCH 4510)
Introduction to Social Psychology (PSYCH 3325)

Spring 2019
2018 – 2019
Autumn 2018