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### Education

## Ph.D. Candidate in Neural Science

2018-Present

New York University (New York, NY) Systems, Cognition, and Computation Track

# B.A. in Neuroscience, Computer Science, & Mathematics

2014-2018

Macalester College (St. Paul, MN)

Honors in Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude

### **Publications**

### **Preprints**

• van Opheusden, B., Galbiati, G., **Kuperwajs, I.**, Bnaya, Z., Li, Y., & Ma, W.J. (2021). Revealing the impact of expertise on human planning with a two-player board game. *PsyArXiv*. pdf

## Conference articles

- **Kuperwajs**, I. & Ma, W.J. (2021). Planning to plan: a Bayesian model for optimizing the depth of decision tree search. *CogSci*. pdf
- Kuperwajs, I., van Opheusden, B., & Ma, W.J. (2019). Prospective planning and retrospective learning in a large-scale combinatorial game. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*. pdf

# Honors & Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2020-2023
CCN Trainee Travel Grant	2019
Henry Mitchell McCracken Fellowship	2018
Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society	2018
Macalester College Neuroscience Outstanding Graduate Award	2018
Cosyne Undergraduate Travel Grant	2018
IBRO-Simons Computational Neuroscience Imbizo	2018
Macalester College Dean's List	2014-2018
Janelia Undergraduate Scholars Program	2017
MIAC Men's Soccer Academic All-Conference Team	2015 - 2017
NYU Center for Neural Science NSF REU Fellowship	2016
Macalester College DeWitt Wallace Distinguished Scholar	2014

# Teaching Experience

# Teaching Assistant, New York University

• Mathematical Tools for Neural and Cognitive Science (NEURL-GA 2201) F 19

### Teaching Assistant, Macalester College

• Algorithm Design and Analysis (COMP 221)	F 17, S 18
• Brain, Mind, and Behavior (PSYC 180)	F 16
• Core Concepts in Computer Science (COMP 123)	S 16, F 16

### Talks

## Cognitive Science Society

2021

University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria)

Planning to plan: a Bayesian model for optimizing the depth of decision tree search

	Center for Neural Science Seminar Series  New York University (New York, NY)  Model-based and model-free decision-making in a complex planning task	2020	
	Concepts and Categories Seminar Series  New York University (New York, NY)  Human planning in large state spaces	2019	
	Artificial and Biological Computation Lab  New York University (New York, NY)  Combinatorial planning	2019	
Poster Presentations	Workshop on Big Data in Cognitive Science Princeton University (Princeton, NJ)	2019	
Prospective planning and retrospective learning in a large-scale combination			
	Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Technical University of Berlin (Berlin, Germany)	2019	
	Prospective planning and retrospective learning in a large-scale combinate	rial game	
Outreach & Service	Science Activism  • President, Scientist Action and Advocacy Network (ScAAN)  • Workshop on environmental justice, Ocean Sciences Meeting	18-Present 2022	
	Workshop on evidence-based advocacy, American Geophysical Union	2021	
	Workshop on science activism, Rockefeller University	2021	
	• Panel on science activism, Growing Up in Science	2020	
	<ul> <li>Mentoring</li> <li>NYU Neural Science PhD Application Assistance Group</li> <li>Ashley Yan, Stevenson High School Student</li> </ul>	2020-2021 2021	
Skills & Other	Programming: Python, MATLAB, HTML/CSS, bash Graduate Coursework: mathematical tools for neuroscience, machine Bayesian and cognitive modeling, cellular and systems neuroscience Methodologies: behavioral modeling, reinforcement learning, statistical deep learning		

Interests: photography, podcasting, travel, hiking, soccer, basketball, anime, coffee

Languages: English, Spanish, Hebrew