# Weijia Cao

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### New York University, New York, NY

2021 - 2023

M.A. in Experimental Psychology Emphasis on Cognitive Neuroscience

Advisor: David Poeppel, Ph.D.

Thesis: Memory for taxonomic and thematic conceptual relations

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, WI B.A. in Psychology & B.A. in Statistics (double-major)

2017 - 2021

Minor in French

### **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

#### Poeppel Lab, New York University, New York, NY

2021 - 2023

Research Assistant, Advisor: David Poeppel

Led and conducted studies focused on understanding memory for linguistic information Collaborated on behavioral and human electrophysiology (MEG) experiments to study music perception and cognition

#### Cognitive Development & Media Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Research Assistant, Advisor: Heather Kirkorian

2021 - 2023

Calibrated and analyzed eye gaze and visual fixation data

Collaborated on behavioral experiments to study the relationship between children's cognitive development and media interactivity

### AWARDS & HONORS

Master's Research Conference Second Place Finish, New York University2021Germaine Mercier Scholarship, University of Wisconsin-Madison2021Larkin Burl Price Memorial Scholarship, University of Wisconsin-Madison2020Undergraduate Scholarship for Summer Study, University of Wisconsin-Madison2019Fall 2018 Dean's List, University of Wisconsin-Madison2018

### SELECTED CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

The mnemonic basis of taxonomic and thematic conceptual relations (submitted)

International Conference on Learning and Memory, Huntington Beach, CA.

2023

The mnemonic basis of taxonomic and thematic conceptual relations

Master's Research Conference, New York, NY.

The effect of interactivity on toddler's object retrieval: Comparing the live and video situations Undergraduate Symposium, Madison, WI **2021** 

## SKILLS & OTHER

Programming: Python, PsychoPy, PsychoJS, PyTorch, MATLAB, NumPy, scikit-learn, GitHub

Data Analysis: R, SPSS, MS Excel, Regression Analysis

**Neuroimaging: MEG** 

Visual Fixation Coding: Datavyu, GazeTag Language: English, Chinese, French (proficient)

Technical coursework: Mathematical Tools for Neural and Cognitive Science, Probability, Applied

Regression Analysis, Nonparametric Statistics, Machine Learning and Statistical Pattern

Classification, Deep Learning and Generative Models

**Technical course projects:** Deep-Learning Based Speech Emotion Recognition (CNN, RNN, Transformer Neural Networks), Machine-Learning Based Authorship Identification in Web Fictions

(kNN, C4.5 Decision Tree, Random Forests, Multinomial Naive Bayes, Bagging)

**Other:** Musical instruments (gu zheng, recorder), video editing (Adobe Premiere), audio editing (Audacity, Adobe Audition)

## OUTREACH & SERVICE

OUTREACH & Chair of Event Planning Department, Yuan-Shan Study Society

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

2019 - 2021

Student Member and Volunteer Language Tutor, Chinese Language and Culture Club

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

2017 – 2018