

# XINHUI LI

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## EDUCATION

**University of Pennsylvania**, Coursera (GPA: 4.0/4.0) M.S., Computer and Information Technology, 2021  
**Columbia University**, New York, US (GPA: 4.0/4.3) M.S., Biomedical Engineering, 2019  
**Xiamen University**, Xiamen, CN (GPA: 3.6/4.0) B.S., Pharmaceutical Science, 2017  
**Utrecht University**, Utrecht, NL Exchange Student, Economics and Humanities, 2016

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Brain Machine Interaction, Machine Learning, Image Analysis, Neuroimaging Software Development

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Assistant Research Engineer

Jun 2019 - Present

*Computational Neuroimaging Lab, Child Mind Institute, New York, US*

Advisors: Michael P. Milham, Steven Giavasis, Ting Xu

- Developing the software Configurable Pipeline for the Analysis of Connectomes (C-PAC) for MRI processing and analysis; maintaining C-PAC pipeline configuration GUI and user documentation; implemented fMRIPrep-options, longitudinal, surface and non-human pipelines in C-PAC.
- Developed U-Net model for brain extraction and tissue segmentation on non-human primate MRI.
- Applied connectivity-based shared response model on Human Connectome Project connectivity data to improve brain-behavior variance explained.

### Graduate Research Assistant

Feb 2018 - May 2019

*New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, US*

Advisor: Xiaofu He

Aug 2018 - May 2019

- Designed a real-time electroencephalogram (EEG) data classification feedback car-racing interface.
- Designed a motor movement and imagery task interface for EEG data recordings using PsychoPy.
- Developed a cascade deep learning model to classify imaginary motor movement EEG signals.

*Hood Visual Science Lab, Columbia University, New York, US*

Advisor: Donald C. Hood

Jun 2018 - May 2019

- Designed convolutional neural networks (CNN) to identify glaucoma with wide-field optical coherence tomography (OCT) scans; applied grad-cam and attention map to explain CNN features; explored strategies to enhance the generalizability of deep learning models.
- Built MATLAB-based APIs for qualitative and quantitative measures of glaucoma progression in both early and advanced glaucoma datasets using wide-field OCT scans.

*Laboratory for Intelligent Imaging and Neural Computing, Columbia University, New York, US*

Advisor: Paul Sajda

Feb 2018 - May 2019

- Collected eye tracking data in three conditions when subjects watch lecture videos with soundtrack, slides and the speaker, to assess deciding factors in online courses.
- Analyzed eye tracking data of video study using the structural equation model to illuminate the relationship between the amount of information loading and the mechanism of cognitive regulation.

### Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sep 2014 - Jun 2017

*Pharmacy Informatics Lab, Xiamen University, Xiamen, CN*

Advisors: Xiaokun Zhang, Zhiping Zeng

Sep 2016 - Jun 2017

- Analyzed effective compounds from a food database for modulator of an orphan nuclear receptor Nur77 that could induce apoptosis to identify ligands of Nur77.

*Pharmacology and Drug Targets Lab, Xiamen University, Xiamen, CN*

Advisor: Liangcheng Li

Sep 2014 - May 2017

- Detected insulin secretion in IG20-lacked beta-cells using PCR and gene targeting methods to find the most effective functional area of the gene KIAA0358.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Software System Programing, University of Pennsylvania, Coursera

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2020

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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First Prize, CBS & EGSC HACKATHON 2019, Columbia University, US	2019
Outstanding Graduate, Xiamen University, CN	2017
First Level Excellent Student Scholarship, Xiamen University, CN	2014, 2015, 2016
Outstanding Student Cadre, Xiamen University, CN	2014, 2015, 2016
Vice President, Sunshine Psychology Volunteer Team, Xiamen University, CN	2013 – 2015

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Programming Languages: Python, MATLAB, C, R, Shell, Java, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

Deep Learning Libraries: TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch

Cloud Computing and Virtualization Platforms: Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud, Docker, Singularity

Neuroimaging Tools: AFNI, ANTs, FSL, FreeSurfer, SPM, Nipype, Nilearn

## PUBLICATIONS

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Wang, X., **Li, X.**, Cho, J. W., Russ, B., Rajamani, N., Omelchenko, A., Ai, L., Korchmaros, A., Garcia, P., Wang, Z., Kalin, N. H., Schroeder, C. E., Craddock, C., Fox, A. S., Evans, A., Messinger, A., Milham, M. P., & Xu, T. (2020). **U-Net Model for Brain Extraction on Non-human Primates**. NeuroImage. (under review) [[preprint](#)]

Thakoor, K. A., **Li, X.**, Tsamis, E., Zemborain, Z. Z., Moraes, C. G. D., Sajda, P., & Hood, D. C. (2020). **Strategies to Improve Convolutional Neural Network Generalizability and Reference Standards for Glaucoma Detection from OCT Scans**. Translational Vision Science and Technology. (under review)

Thakoor, K. A., **Li, X.**, Tsamis, E., Sajda, P., & Hood, D. C. (2019). **Enhancing the Accuracy of Glaucoma Detection from OCT Probability Maps using Convolutional Neural Networks**. 2019 41st Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, 2036–2040. [[paper](#)]

Milham, M. P., **Li, X.**, Jin, H., Giavasis, S., Ai, L., et al. **Moving Functional MRI Beyond Pipeline-Related Variation in Preprocessing**. (in prep)

**Li, X.**, Feng, Y., & He, X. **Deep Learning for Motor Imagery Classification with EEG Data**. (in prep)

## POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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**Li, X.**, Cho, J. W., Milham, M. P., & Xu, T. (2020). **Improving brain-behavior prediction using individual-specific components from connectivity-based shared response model**. Resting-State Brain Connectivity Conference 2021. [abstract]

**Li, X.**, Giavasis, S., Jin, H., Ai, L., Sólón, A., Adebimpe, A., Franco, A. R., Poldrack, R. A., Vogelstein, J. T., Xu, T., Satterthwaite, T., Craddock, R. C., & Milham, M. P. (2020). **Evaluating and Improving Cross-Pipeline Reproducibility in Functional Connectomics: A Case Study**. Organization for Human Brain Mapping 2020 Annual Meeting. [[poster](#)]

Jin, H., Giavasis, S., **Li, X.**, Sólón, A., Ai, L., Franco, A. R., Ramirez, J. S. B., Wang, X., Gozzi, A., Pagani, M., Fox, A., Messinger, A., Fair, D. A., Keilholz, S., Russ, B., Xu, T., Craddock, R. C., & Milham, M. P. (2020). **A Unified, End-to-End Pipeline Solution for Human and Nonhuman Functional Connectomics**. Organization for Human Brain Mapping 2020 Annual Meeting. [[poster](#)]

**Li, X.**, Tsamis, E., Thakoor, K. A., Zemborain, Z. Z., Moraes, C. G. D., & Hood, D. C. (2020). **Evaluating the transferability of deep learning models that distinguish glaucomatous from non-glaucomatous OCT circumpapillary disc scans**. Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science, 61(7), 4548–4548. [[abstract](#)]

**Li, X.**, & Jin, H. **fMRI Preprocessing with Containers: How to run C-PAC with Docker and Singularity**. Brainhack Global, New York, November 2019. [[presentation slides](#)]

Feng, Y., Chung, E., **Li, X.**, Cychowicz, Y. M., & He, X. (2019). **Deep Learning for Motor Imagery Classification based on EEG Data**. New York Scientific Data Summit 2019. [[poster](#)]

Thakoor, K. A., Zheng, Q., Nan, L., **Li, X.**, Tsamis, E., Rajshekhar, R., Dwivedi, I., Drori, I., Sajda, P., & Hood, D. C. (2019). **Assessing the Ability of Convolutional Neural Networks to Detect Glaucoma from OCT Probability Maps**. Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science, 60(9), 1464–1464. [[abstract](#)] [[poster](#)]

Joiner, D., **Li, X.**, Eguia, M., Tsamis, E., Sun, A., Moraes, C. G. D., Ritch, R., & Hood, D. C. (2019). **Detecting progression of preserved areas of retinal nerve fiber layer in advanced glaucoma using optical coherence tomography**. Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science, 60(9), 5547–5547. [[abstract](#)] [[poster](#)]

Eguia, M., **Li, X.**, Joiner, D., Tsamis, E., Moraes, C. G. D., Ritch, R., & Hood, D. C. (2019). **Detecting progression on local areas of retinal nerve fiber layer in glaucoma suspects and early glaucoma using optical coherence tomography**. Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science, 60(9), 5594–5594. [[abstract](#)] [[poster](#)]

Sun, A., Tsamis, E., **Li, X.**, Tsang, K., Al-Aswad, L., Blumberg, D., Cioffi, G., Liebmann, J. M., Moraes, C. G. de, & Hood, D. C. (2019). **Detecting progression of early glaucoma using alternative methods with optical coherence tomography**. Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science, 60(9), 5545–5545. [[abstract](#)] [[poster](#)]