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Languages: English (native), French (proficient), Spanish (intermediate)

Areas of Specialization

Cognitive Neuroscience - Electrophysiology & Neural Oscillations - Data Science

Education

2014 - **PhD, Cognitive Science**
UC San Diego, La Jolla, California, USA
Topic: Periodic & Aperiodic Activity in Neuro-Electrophysiological Data
Advisor: Dr. Bradley Voytek

2011- 2014 **Bachelors of Arts and Sciences (BA&Sc) Honors Cognitive Science**
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Cognitive Science (Major) & Philosophy (Minor).
Graduated First Class Honors with Distinction.

2008 - 2011 **Diplome D'Etudes Collegial (DEC) Double Diploma in Science & Social Science**
John Abbott College, Sainte Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, Canada
In Quebec, a DEC is a necessary intermediary degree between high school & university

Research Experience

9/2014 - **Graduate Student Researcher - Advisor: Dr. Bradley Voytek**
UC San Diego, Department of Cognitive Science, Cognitive & Neural Dynamics Lab
Mechanisms of neural communication using human electrophysiological recordings.

3/2015 - 6/2015 **Graduate Rotation Student - Advisor: Dr. Virginia De Sa**
UC San Diego, Department of Cognitive Science, Natural Computation Lab
Brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) to investigate the role of neural oscillations in cognition.

11/2013 **Visiting Scholar - Advisor: Dr. Ghislaine Dehaene-Lambertz**
Neurospin, INSERM-CEA Cognitive Neuroimaging Unit, Neurospin, Saclay, France
Connectivity analysis in infant electrophysiology investigating language and cognition.

5/2013 - 6/2014 **Research Assistant - Advisor: Dr. Sylvain Baillet**
Montreal Neurological Institute, Department of Neurology & Neurosurgery
Functional connectivity during sleep, using magnetoencephalography and polysomnography.

9/2012 - 9/2014 **Research Assistant - Advisor: Dr. Kris Onishi**
McGill University, Department of Psychology - McGill Infant Development Cluster (MIDC)
Psycholinguistics & Developmental Psychology: language perception & statistical learning.

Research Articles: Preprints

** denotes equal contribution. Underlined are research assistants under my direct supervision.*

2018 Haller M*, **Donoghue T***, Peterson EJ*, Varma P, Sebastian P, Gao R, Noto T, Knight RT & Voytek B. Parameterizing Neural Power Spectra. *bioRxiv.* 10.1101/299859. LINK

Software Related Papers (Peer Reviewed)

2019 Cole S, **Donoghue T**, Gao R & Voytek B. NeuroDSP: A Package for Neural Digital Signal Processing. *Journal Open Source Software*. 10.21105/joss.01272. LINK

Conference Proceedings (Peer Reviewed Papers)

Underlined are research assistants under my direct supervision.

2018 Fox W, **Donoghue T**. Confidence Levels in Scientific Writing: Automated Mining of Primary Literature and Press Releases. LINK
Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.

2017 Gao R, **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Automated generation of cognitive ontology via web text-mining. LINK
Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.

Conference Talks

11/2018 **Parameterizing Neural Power Spectra** (NanoSymposium Presentation)
Society for Neuroscience Conference, San Diego, CA

1/2016 **The Effect of Oscillatory Phase on Perception and Cognition** (Research Talk)
Temporal Dynamics of Learning Centre - All Hands Meeting, UC San Diego

Conference Workshops

3/2019 **New Methods for Analyzing Periodic Oscillations and Aperiodic 1/f in Electrophysiology**
Developed & lead an interactive workshop covering software tools for neural data analysis.
Cognitive Neuroscience Society Conference, San Francisco, CA

Invited Research Talks

11/2018 **Simulation-Driven Methods Development** (Seminar Talk)
Cognition at the Shore Talk Series, Dept. of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego

08/2018 **Fitting Oscillations & One-Over F and Other Things** (Invited Seminar)
Interaxon, Toronto, Canada

Conference Abstracts & Posters (Selected)

Underlined are research assistants under my direct supervision.

2019 Dominguez J, **Donoghue T**, & Voytek B. Electrophysiological Frequency Band-Ratio Measures Conflate Changes in Periodic and Aperiodic Features. LINK
Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA, USA.

2018 Mdanda L, **Donoghue T**, & Voytek B. Parameterization of Periodic and Aperiodic Human Electrophysiology Reveals Greater Between- Than Within-Subject Variability. LINK
Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA, USA.

2018 **Donoghue T**, Sebastian P, & Voytek B. Large-Scale Topographical Analysis of Oscillations and 1/f Background Reveals Patterns of Spatial Variation Within and Between Subjects. LINK
International Conference on Biomagnetism, Philadelphia, PA , USA.

2018 **Donoghue T**, Sebastian P, Noto T, Haxby S & Voytek B. Integrating Human Electrophysiology, Gene Expression and Functional Data. LINK
Neuroinformatics, Montreal, QC, Canada.

2018 Fox W, **Donoghue T**. Confidence Levels in Scientific Writing: Automated Mining of Primary Literature and Press Releases. LINK
Cognitive Science, Madison, WI, USA.

2018 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Alpha Power and 1/f Slope Provide Independent Decoding of Visual Spatial Attention. LINK
Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA, USA.

2018 Gao R, **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Defining Cognition: Automated Generation of Cognitive Ontology by Text-Mining Literature.
Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA, USA.

2017 Waschke L, **Donoghue T,** Oblesser J & Voytek B. Attention-Modulated Tracking of 1/f Stimulus Characteristics in Human EEG.
Signals & Noise in the Auditory Pathway, Lubeck, Germany.

2017 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Assessing approaches for estimating the electrophysiological 1/f background spectrum. LINK
Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, USA.

2017 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Automated meta-analysis of event-related potentials and their correlates through text-mining. LINK
Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA, USA.

2016 **Donoghue T**, Fox W, Kim A, & Voytek B. The relation of oscillatory-phase to visual perception is dependent on attention & location of stimuli. LINK
Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

2016 Sebastian P, **Donoghue T**, Noto T, Haxby S, & Voytek B. Data mining to generate novel hypotheses for the genetic underpinnings and functional roles of cortical oscillations. LINK
Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA, USA.

2016 **Donoghue T**, Sebastian P, & Voytek B. Automated Analysis of Resting State Cortical Oscillatory Characteristics using MEG. LINK
International Conference on Biomagnetism, Seoul, South Korea.

2015 Gougelet R, **Donoghue T,** Piper M, Althoff A, Urbach TP, & Voytek B. Influencing Visual Target Detection with Oscillatory Phase-Specific Stimulus Presentation. LINK
Society for Neuroscience, Chicago, IL, USA.

Research Grants & Fellowships

1/2016 **Small Grants Award, Temporal Dynamics of Learning Centre (TDLC)**
2 200$ Research Funding for an EEG project on the temporal dynamics of perceptual learning

Honors & Awards

03/2017 **Graduate Student Award** - Cognitive Neuroscience Society Conference
$500 travel award with recognition of a graduate student award winning poster.

3/2014 **Owens Scholar Award, Johns Hopkins University** - Declined
18 000$ USD additional funding over 3 years offered with admission to Johns Hopkins

11/2013 **Samuel de Champlain Quebec Program for International Collaboration**
Funds provided by my research supervisor (Dr. Baillet) for travel to NeuroSpin in France

Academic Activities

Ad-Hoc Journal Article Reviewer
NeuroImage (1X), Neurobiology of Aging (*1X), Journal of Neurophysiology (*1X), Human Brain Mapping (*1X)
**Co-reviewed with a research supervisor*

Book Peer Review
Columbia Press (1X)

Academic Memberships

2018 - Cognitive Science Society
2016 - Cognitive Neuroscience Society
2014 - Society for Neuroscience

Research Mentorship

Students under my direct mentorship. Awards are listed for work in which I supervise the project.

Masters Student Research Assistants

Tyler Farnan	01/2019 - *current*	

Undergraduate Research Assistants

Meyhaa Buvanesh	04/2019 - *current*	
Lakshmi Menon	04/2019 - *current*	
Fenglin (Allen) Zhang	01/2019 - *current*	
Zaara Khan	01/2019 - *current*	
Fiona Cisternas	01/2019 - *current*	HDSI Undergrad Fellowship
Julio Dominguez	06/2018 - *current*	TRELS Scholarship
Luyanda Mdanda	10/2016 - *current*	HDSI Undergrad Fellowship
Tianyu Zhang	03/2018 - 12/2018	
Priyadarshini Sebastian	10/2015 - 06/2018	FISP Trainee Award
Aeri Kim	10/2015 - 12/2016	
Will Fox	06/2015 - 06/2018	

Teaching Experience

2018 **Instructor-of-Record**, Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego
Title: COGS 18 - Introduction to Python (30 hours lecture + coding labs; 200 students)
Developed & taught a course teaching the Python programming language for undergrads.

2017 - 2019 **Instructor**, Clubes de Ciencia Mexico
Course Title: *TBD: N* students, Ensenada, Mexico, August 2019 (*Upcoming*)
Course Title: Bots on the Brain: 12 students, Monterrey, Mexico, August 2017
Developed & taught 1-week (25 hours of instruction), hands-on research focused courses.
Clubes de Ciencia is a non-profit organization promoting science education across Mexico.

2015 - 2017 **Instructor**, Academic Connections, UC San Diego
Title: Introduction to Cognitive Science (75 hours of instruction; 16-24 students / year)
With co-instructor Eric Leonardis, we designed and implemented a course, teaching three iterations offering University credit classes to high-achieving high school students.
Summer 2017: Student Ratings - Course: 4.71/5, Instructor: 4.86/5
Summer 2016: Student Ratings - Course: 4.80/5, Instructor: 4.92/5
Summer 2015: Student Ratings - Course: 4.59/5, Instructor: 4.92/5

2015 - *current* **Teaching Assistant,** Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego
COGS 108: Data Science in Practice (Winter '18, Prof. Bradley Voytek, TA Evals: 4.31/5.00)
COGS 108: Data Science in Practice (Spring '17, Prof. Bradley Voytek, TA Evals: 4.32/5.00)
COGS 107B: Systems Neuroscience (Winter '17, Prof. Douglas Nitz, TA Evals: 4.60/5.00)
COGS 17: Neurobiology of Cognition (Winter '16, Dr. Christine Johnson, TA Evals: 4.58/5.00)
COGS 9: Introduction to Data Science (Fall '15, Prof. Bradley Voytek, TA Evals: 4.34/5.00)
COGS 3: Introduction to Computing (Spring '15, Prof. Bradley Voytek, TA Evals: 4.54/5.00)
Awarded *Excellence in Teaching* Award from the UCSD Cognitive Science Dept.
COGS 107B: Systems Neuroscience (Winter '15: Prof. Douglas Nitz, TA Evals: 4.69/5.00)
Awarded *Outstanding Teaching* Award from the UCSD Cognitive Science Dept.

Teaching Materials & Course Design

The following are links to teaching materials that I created and/or supervised and worked on.

Introduction to Python (COGS18), Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego
Tutorials & Assignments for teaching Python LINK

Data Science in Practice (COGS108), Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego
Tutorials & Assignments for teaching data science LINK

VoytekLab Tutorials, Voytek Lab, UC San Diego
Materials for getting started with the Voytek lab LINK

Python Boot Camp, Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego
Materials for grad student bootcamp LINK

Introduction to Cognitive Science, Academic Connections, UC San Diego
Class materials, assignments & experiments LINK

Computational Skills & Contributions

Languages — Fluent in **Python**, **shell** scripting (bash) & **git**, intermediate in **Matlab** and **R**.
I also have experience with **Javascript** (including D3), **Java**, **HTML** and **CSS.**

Packages — **Lead Developer**, FOOOF - Fitting Oscillations & One-Over-F
A package for parameterizing neural power spectra, measuring periodic & aperiodic signals.
Github - PYPI - Documentation Site

Lead Developer, LISC - Literature Scanner
A package for scraping and analyzing the scientific literature.
Github - Documentation Site

Co-Developer, NeuroDSP - Neuro Digital Signal Processing
A collection of modules & utilities to analyze neural electrophysiological recordings.
Github - PYPI - Documentation Site

Open Source — I contribute to open-source package development, including contributions to:

JupyterBook	Feature extensions: added download buttons
pandas	Documentation updates
matplotlib	Documentation updates
MNE	Documentation updates

Github — All code contributions are available on Github.

Software Workshops

10/2018 — **Data Wrangling & Web Scraping**, Downtown Works, San Diego, CA
Created & presented a 2 hour interactive workshop, in partnership with SCALE-SD. LINK

2013 - 2015 — **Brainstorm Software for M/EEG Analyses**
Assisted with interactive workshops for the *Brainstorm* Matlab toolbox.

Science Outreach

3/2017 - *current* — **San Diego Country Science Fair Judge**
Work as a judge on the annual San Diego county science fair (middle & high school students)

1/2014 - 1/2017 — **Science Writer / Editor / Podcast Host, Useful Science Organization** (usefulscience.org)
Writing clear, concise and useful summaries of scientific research for a general audience

10/2016 - 6/2018 — **Volunteer Tutor, San Diego Refugee Tutoring**, San Diego, CA, USA
Tutoring children from families with refugee status with their schoolwork

1/2015 - 6/2016 — **School Presenter, UCSD**, San Diego, CA, USA
Giving presentations to local schools (all levels) on topics in neuroscience

9/2014 - 6/2016 — **Penpal, Mary Fey Pendleton School**, Oceanside, CA, USA
Penpal with grade 7-8 students, as a mentor and to foster an interest in science as a career

2/2013 - 2/2014 — **High School Presenter, Brain Awareness Organization**, Montreal, QC, Canada
Gave presentations on how the brain works and the neural effects of drugs

Additional Training: Neuroscience & Technical Skills

2018 **MIND Summer School - Methods In Neuroscience at Dartmouth**
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA
Short course on methods in neuroscience. Competitive application (~20% acceptance).
Topic: Narratives and Natural Contexts.

2017 **Neurohackweek**
University of Washington, eScience Institute, Seattle, WA, USA
Project-based course on neuro- & data science. Competitive application (~25% acceptance).

2016 **Advanced Scientific Programming in Python**
G-Node & Centre for Integrative Neuroscience and Neurodynamics, Reading, England, UK
Short course on scientific programming. Competitive application (9.9% acceptance).

Additional Training: Teaching

2018 **Introduction to College Teaching**
UC San Diego, Teaching & Learning Commons,
Participated in a semester long class on evidence-based teaching.

2017 **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Postsecondary Education**
UC San Diego, UCSD Extension
Participated in a week-long course on topics and strategies regarding inclusive teaching.