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Languages: English (native), French (professional proficiency)

Areas of Specialization

Cognitive Neuroscience - Electrophysiology & Neural Oscillations - Data Science

Education

- 2014 - current **Ph.D., Cognitive Science**
UC San Diego, La Jolla, California, USA
- 2011- 2014 **Bachelors of Arts and Sciences (BA&Sc) Honours Cognitive Science**
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Major: Honours Cognitive Science; Minor: Philosophy
Graduated First Class Honours 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

Training & Courses

- Summer 2018 **MIND Summer School - Methods In Neuroscience at Dartmouth**
Topic: Narratives and Natural Contexts. *Dartmouth College*, Hanover, NH, USA
Short course on methods in neuroscience. Competitive application (~20% acceptance).
- Summer 2017 **Neurohackweek**
University of Washington eScience Institute, Seattle, WA, USA
Project-based course on neuro- & data science. Competitive application (~25% acceptance).
- Summer 2016 **Advanced Scientific Programming in Python**
G-Node & Centre for Integrative Neuroscience and Neurodynamics, Reading, United Kingdom
Short course on scientific programming. Competitive application (9.9% acceptance).

Research Experience

- 9/2014-current **Advisor: Dr. Bradley Voytek** (Graduate Student Researcher)
UC San Diego, Department of Cognitive Science, Cognitive & Neural Dynamics Lab
Mechanisms of neural communication using human electrophysiological recordings.
- 3/2015-6/2015 **Advisor: Dr. Virginia De Sa** (Graduate Rotation Student)
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 **Advisor: Dr. Ghislaine Dehaene-Lambertz** (Visiting Scholar)
Neurospin, INSERM-CEA Cognitive Neuroimaging Unit, Neurospin, Saclay, France
Connectivity analysis in infant electrophysiology investigating language and cognition.
- 5/2013-6/2014 **Advisor: Dr. Sylvain Baillet** (Research Assistant)
Montreal Neurological Institute, Department of Neurology & Neurosurgery
Functional connectivity during sleep, using magnetoencephalography and polysomnography.
- 9/2012-9/2014 **Advisor: Dr. Kris Onishi** (Research Assistant)
McGill University, Department of Psychology - McGill Infant Development Cluster (MIDC)
Psycholinguistics & Developmental Psychology: language perception & statistical learning.

Preprinted Articles

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

- 2018 Haller M*, **Donoghue T***, Peterson EJ*, Varma P, Sebastian P, Gao R, Noto T, Knight RT & Voytek B (2018). Parameterizing Neural Power Spectra. *bioRxiv*.
Link: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2018/04/11/299859>

Conference Proceedings (Peer Reviewed Papers)

Underlined are research assistants under my direct supervision.

- 2018 Fox W, **Donoghue T** (2018). Confidence Levels in Scientific Writing: Automated Mining of Primary Literature and Press Releases. *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
Poster also presented at the Cognitive Science 2018 conference - Madison, WI, USA.
- 2017 Gao R, **Donoghue T** & Voytek B (2017). Automated generation of cognitive ontology via web text-mining. *Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.
Poster also presented at the Cognitive Science, 2017 conference - London, United Kingdom.

Conference Abstracts & Posters (Selected)

Underlined are research assistants under my direct supervision.

- 2018 Mdanda L, **Donoghue T**, & Voytek B. Parameterization of Periodic and Aperiodic Human Electrophysiology Reveals Greater Between- Than Within-Subject Variability. *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA, USA. [Upcoming]
- 2018 **Donoghue T**, Sebastian P, Noto T, Haxby S & Voytek B. Integrating Human Electrophysiology, Gene Expression and Functional Data. *Neuroinformatics*, Montreal, QC, Canada. [Upcoming]
- 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. *International Conference on Biomagnetism*, Philadelphia, PA, USA. [Upcoming]
- 2018 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Alpha Power and 1/f Slope Provide Independent Decoding of Visual Spatial Attention. *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. *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington DC, USA.
- 2017 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Automated meta-analysis of event-related potentials and their correlates through text-mining. *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 and location of stimuli. *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. *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA, USA.
- 2016 **Donoghue T**, Sebastian P, & Voytek B. Automated Analysis of Resting State Cortical Oscillatory Characteristics using Magnetoencephalography (MEG). *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. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, IL, USA, 2015.

Conference Talks

- 11/2018 **Parameterizing Neural Power Spectra** (Nanosymposium Presentation)
Society for Neuroscience (SfN) - All Hands Meeting, UC San Diego
- 1/2016 **The Effect of Oscillatory Phase on Perception and Cognition** (Research Talk)
Temporal Dynamics of Learning Centre (TDLC) - All Hands Meeting, UC San Diego

Other Research Presentations

- 10/2015 **'Brainstorm software for MEG/EEG analysis** (Assisted with Interactive Workshop)
2015 Los Angeles Brainstorm Workshop, University of Southern California
- 11/2013 **Introduction to Brainstorm Software for MEG/EEG analysis** (Presentation)
NeuroSpin Research Institute, Saclay, France
- 10/2013 **Brainstorm software for MEG/EEG analysis** (Assisted with Interactive Workshop)
Scale-free Dynamics and Networks in Neurosciences (conference), Université de Montreal

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

Honours & 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

Research Mentorship

- 06/2018-*cur.* **Julio Dominguez**, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Voytek Lab, UC San Diego
- 03/2018-*cur.* **Tianyu Zhang**, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Voytek Lab, UC San Diego
- 10/2016-*cur.* **Luyanda Mdanda**, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Voytek Lab, UC San Diego
- 10/2015-*cur.* **Priyadarshini Sebastian**, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Voytek Lab, UC San Diego
Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program (FISP) Trainee Award Winner
- 10/'15-12/'16 **Aeri Kim**, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Voytek Lab, UC San Diego
- 06/2015-*cur.* **Will Fox**, High School Intern, Voytek Lab, UC San Diego
Current: Undergraduate student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Academic Memberships

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

Teacher Training

- Winter 2018 **Introduction to College Teaching**, Teaching & Learning Commons, UC San Diego
Participated in a semester long class on evidence-based teaching.
- Fall 2017 **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Postsecondary Education**, UC San Diego Extension
Participated in a week long course on topics and strategies regarding inclusive teaching.

Teaching Experience

- August 2017 **Instructor**, Clubes de Ciencia Mexico, Monterrey, Mexico
Course title: Bots on the Brain (25 hours of instruction; laboratory course; 12 students)
Developed & taught a 1-week, intensive, hands-on, research focused course for undergrads.
Clubes de Ciencia is a non-profit organization promoting science education across Mexico.
- 2015-2017 **Instructor**, Academic Connections, UC San Diego
Course 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-present **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.
- 2014 **Discussion Group Leader**, Department of Philosophy, McGill University
PHIL 221: Introduction to History and Philosophy of Science (Prof. Ian Gold)

Teaching Materials & Course Design

The following are links to materials for which I played a key role in designing & implementing them.

Data Science in Practice (COGS108), Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego
Tutorials & Assignments for teaching data science (<https://github.com/COGS108/Tutorials>)

Python Boot Camp, Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego
Materials for grad student bootcamp (<https://github.com/TomDonoghue/PythonBootcamp>)

Introduction to Cognitive Science, Academic Connections, UC San Diego
Class materials, assignments & experiments (<https://github.com/TomDonoghue/CogSciClass>)

Guest Lectures

- Winter 2018 **'Ethics of Data Science'** - COGS108: Data Science in Practice, UC San Diego
- Winter 2018 **'Data Wrangling'** - COGS 108: Data Science in Practice, UC San Diego
- Summer 2017 **'How to: Science'** - COGS14A: Introduction to Research Methods, UC San Diego
- Spring 2017 **'Data Wrangling'** - COGS 108: Data Science in Practice, UC San Diego
- Winter 2016 **'Methods in Neuroscience'** - COGS 17: Neurobiology of Cognition, UC San Diego
- Fall 2015 **'Thinking About Thinking'** - COGS 1: Introduction to Cognitive Science, UC San Diego
- Winter 2015 **'Intro to EEG for BCI Applications'** - Cognitive Science Students Society, UC San Diego

Computational Skills & Contributions

- Languages Fluent in **Python** and **Shell** scripting (bash), intermediate in **Matlab** and **R**.
I also have experience with **Javascript** (including D3), **Java**, **HTML** and **CSS**.
- Packages **Lead Developer**, Fitting Oscillations & One-Over-F
A package for parameterizing neural power spectra, measuring periodic & aperiodic signals.
Github: <https://github.com/voytekresearch/fooof/>; PYPI: <https://pypi.org/project/fooof/>
- Contributor**, neurodsp
A collection of modules & utilities to analyze neural electrophysiological recordings.
Github: <https://github.com/voytekresearch/neurodsp>; PYPI: <https://pypi.org/project/neurodsp/>
- Github Code contributions are available on Github (<https://github.com/TomDonoghue>).

Science Outreach

- 1/2014-current **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