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# Curriculum Vitae William Xiang Quan Ngiam

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# **Education**

2015 – present **University of Sydney**: Doctoral Student in Psychology

(Supervisor: Professor Alex Holcombe)

2010 – 2014 University of Sydney: Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

(Supervisor: Dr Patrick Goodbourn)

# **Publications**

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.**, Khaw, K.L.C., Holcombe, A.O., Goodbourn, P.T. (2018, under review). Visual working memory for letters varies with familiarity but not complexity. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition.* 

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.,** Brissenden, J.A., Awh, E. (in prep.). "Memory compression" effects in visual working memory are contingent on explicit long term memory.

Goodbourn, P.T., Livesey, E.J., **Ngiam, W.X.Q.**, Holcombe, A.O., Forte, J.D. (in prep.). Learning new symbolic representations of number.

Bateman, J.E., Birney, D. P., **Ngiam, W.X.Q**. (2018). Relational encoding in visual working memory: Change detection performance is better for violations in group relations. *PLOS ONE* 13(9): e0203848. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0203848

#### **Talks**

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.**, Khaw, K.L.C., Holcombe, A.O., Goodbourn, P.T. (2018, April). Training recognition familiarity does not improve visual working memory performance. *45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Experimental Psychology,* Hobart, Australia.

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.**, Brissenden, J.A., Awh, E. (2017, April). Enhancing visual working memory performance using statistical regularities requires explicit awareness. *44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Experimental Psychology*, Newcastle, Australia.

#### **Posters**

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.**, Brissenden, J.A., Awh, E. (2017, May). Memory compression using statistical regularities requires explicit awareness. *17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society*, Florida, United States.

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**Ngiam, W.X.Q.,** Goodbourn, P.T.G. (2016, November). Familiarity, but not visual complexity, affects letter encoding in visual working memory. *57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Boston, United States.

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.**, Goodbourn, P.T.G. (2015, April). Encoding and capacity limits of visual working memory are not set by stimulus complexity. *42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Experimental Psychology*, Sydney, Australia.

# **Teaching and Professional Experience**

# Research Assistant

2017 Statistical Assistant/Programmer on University of Sydney Strategic Education

Grant/Educational Innovation Grant; Using interactive learning to integrate statistical

theory with contemporary research practices

2017 – present Research Assistant on University of Sydney Faculty of Science/Seed Funding; *The* 

development of attentional control in children with and without anxiety

**Lecturer** 

Summer 2018 Science and Statistics in Psychology - Introduction to Psychology (PSYC1001),

University of Sydney

# **Teaching Assistant**

2015 – 2018	Statistics and Research Methods for Psychology (PSYC2012), <i>University of Sydney</i>
2015, 2017	Advanced Statistics for Psychology (PSYC3010), University of Sydney

2016 Research Methods in Honours Psychology, *University of Sydney* 

# **Honours and Awards**

2015 – present Australian Government Department of Education and Training –

Research Training Program (RTP)

Scholarship to undertake a research doctorate degree, formerly known as the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA).

2015 – present *University of Sydney* – Merit Award

Top-up scholarship to undertake a research doctorate degree. University of Sydney – PsychFEST Award

2017 University of Sydney – PsychFEST Award

Awarded for an excellent presentation in the School of Psychology's PsychFEST.

2016 Australian Government Department of Education and Training – Endeavour Research

Fellowship

Competitive, merit-based scholarship to undertake study and research overseas.

2014 Australian Psychological Society – APS Prize

Awarded for being the top performing student in fourth year psychology (Honours).