**Curriculum Vitae**

**William Xiang Quan Ngiam**

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Biopsychological Research Building

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**Employment**

2019 – present **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**

University of Chicago (with Professor Edward Awh and Professor Edward Vogel)

**Education**

2015 – 2019 **Doctor of Philosophy** in Psychology   
University of Sydney (Supervisor: Professor Alex Holcombe)

2010 – 2014 **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)**

University of Sydney (Supervisor: Dr Patrick Goodbourn)

**Teaching and Professional Experience**

Research

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 – 2018 **Research Assistant** on University of Sydney Faculty of Science/Seed Funding; *The development of attentional control in children with and without anxiety*

Teaching

Summer 2018 **Lecturer** for Science and Statistics in Psychology - Introduction to Psychology (PSYC1001), *University of Sydney*

2015 – 2018 **Teaching Assistant** for Statistics and Research Methods for Psychology (PSYC2012), *University of Sydney*

2015, 2017 **Teaching Assistant** for Advanced Statistics for Psychology (PSYC3010), *University of Sydney*

2016  **Teaching** Assistant for Research Methods in Honours Psychology, *University of Sydney*

Miscellaneous

2020 Founded the University of Chicago ReproducibiliTea Journal Club

**Honours and Awards**

2015 – 2019 *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 – 2019 *University of Sydney* – Merit Award

Top-up scholarship to undertake a research doctorate degree.

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).

**Publications**

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.,** Brissenden, J.A., Awh, E. (2019) “Memory compression” effects in visual working memory are contingent on explicit long-term memory. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, 148(8), 1373*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/xge0000649>

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.,** Khaw, K.L.C., Holcombe, A.O., Goodbourn, P.T. (2019). Visual working memory for letters varies with familiarity but not complexity. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition, 45(10), 1761-1775.* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/xlm0000682>

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.**, Adam, K.C.S., Quirk, C.T., Vogel, E.K., Awh, E. (2020, June). Power for detecting the presence of set size differences in the contralateral delay activity. *Virtual Working Memory Symposium*.

**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. *45th 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. *44th Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Experimental Psychology,* Newcastle, Australia.

**Posters**

**Ngiam, W. X. Q.,** Loetscher, K., Vogel, E. K., Awh, E. (2019, November). “Memory compression” effects in visual working memory are contingent on explicit long-term memory. *60th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society,* Montreal, Canada.

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.,** Awh, E., Holcombe, A. O. (2019, May). Examining the effects of memory compression with contralateral delay activity. *19th Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society*, Florida, United States.

**Ngiam, W.X.Q.,** Khaw, K.L.C., Holcombe, A. O., Goodbourn, P.T. (2018, November). Training recognition familiarity is insufficient to improve visual working memory. *59th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society,* New Orleans, United States.

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

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

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

**Journals Reviewed For**

*Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition, Nature Scientific Reports, Memory and Cognition, PLoS One, Psychological Research*