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PUBLICATIONS

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- CP13 Yoo J+, Zhou D+, **Bornstein AM** (2024). Latent cause inference as an efficient and flexible learning rule for cognitive graphs. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*.
- CP12 Zhou D+, Noh SM+, Yassa MA, **Bornstein AM** (2024). Pattern separation using compressed and semantic representations of memory. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*.
- CP11 Khoudary A+, Peters MAK*, **Bornstein AM*** (2022). Precision-weighted evidence integration predicts time-varying influence of memory on perceptual decisions. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*.
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- CA49 Zhou D+, Yassa MA*, **Bornstein AM*** (2025). A lossy compression account of mnemonic discrimination: Computational theory and multimodal evidence. *Bay Area Memory Meeting*.

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- CA47 Guo S+*, Palsule R+*, Noh SM+*, Preston AR, **Bornstein AM** (2025). The impact of learning sequences in encouraging distinct memory representations to support associative inference in older-adults. *Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting*.
- CA46 Khoudary A+, **Bornstein AM***, Peters MAK* (2025). A philosophical toolkit for computational modeling of cognition. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- CA45 Khoudary A+, Peters MAK*, **Bornstein AM*** (2025). Precision-weighted integration explains dynamic effects of expectations on perceptual decisions. *Society for Neuro-science Annual Meeting*.
- CA44 Leonard BT+, Martínez-Ortíz MA, Hartley CA, Yassa MA, **Bornstein AM** (2025). Motivational conflict resolution is shaped by early life unpredictability. *Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting*.
- CA43 Palsule R+*, Guo S+*, Noh SM+*, **Bornstein AM** (2025). Naturalistic task framing improves older adults' ability to infer and navigate complex associative networks. *Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting*.
- CA42 Yoo J+, Zhou D+, Goeschel A+, **Bornstein AM** (2025). Contingency-dependent state augmentation as a normative learning rule for non-Markovian tasks. *Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.*
- CA41 Field M, Copeland A, Hogarth L, Pun M, Ryan F, Pickard H, **Bornstein AM**, Murphy J, Strickland J (2025). Meaning in life and value-based decision-making in alcohol use disorder. 55th EABCT Congress.
- CA40 Zhou D*, Noh SM*, Cooper KW, Guo S, Dinh ET, **Bornstein AM** (2025). Sparse and distributed memory constraints drive representational change as a function of temporal learning sequence. 47th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.
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- CA33 Chen Y+, Harhen NC+, Stout DA, **Bornstein AM** (2024). Early-life unpredictability modulates planning horizon in a structured foraging task. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.

- CA32 Yoo J+, **Bornstein AM** (2024). Goal-directed control evolves in tandem with multiple task representations. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- CA31 Khoudary A+, **Bornstein AM***, Peters MAK* (2024). Reasoning goals and representational decisions in computational cognitive neuroscience: a case study from bounded evidence accumulation. *Philosophy and Neuroscience at the Gulf VII*.
- CA30 Martínez-Ortiz MA, Leonard B+, Yassa MA, **Bornstein AM**, Hartley CA (2024). Exploring the relationship between Early Life Adversity (ELA) dimensions and the development of decision-making strategies under motivational conflict. *The Flux Society Congress for Integrative Developmental Neuroscience*.
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- CA27 Chen Y+, Yoo J+, Harhen NC+, Noh SM+, Stout DA*, **Bornstein AM*** (2023). Adult and early-life adversity influences on memory-guided planning. *UCI Conte Center annual symposium*.
- CA26 Harhen NC+, Noh SM+, Stough-Lacking S+, **Bornstein AM** (2023). Suboptimal or locally rational? Foraging as a window onto the universal mechanisms of decisions under uncertainty. *Healing the Brain: Bridging the Gap in Low-and Middle-Income Countries*.
- CA25 Harhen NC+, **Bornstein AM** (2023). Temporal representation optimization provides a computational link between early life adversity and anhedonia. *Computational Psychiatry 2023*.
- CA24 Banavar NV+, **Bornstein AM** (2023). Decomposing behavioral pattern separation: A model-based analysis. *Learning and Memory 2023*.
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- CA19 Stout DM, Harhen NC+, **Bornstein AM**, Vinograd M, Spadoni A, Simmons AN, Yassa MA, Davis EP, Glynn LM, Baram TZ, Baker DG, Risbrough VB (2023). Unpredictable early-life experiences moderate the effect of anhedonia and PTSD symptoms on neural measures of reward learning in adulthood. *Anxiety and Depression Association of America*.
- CA18 Harhen NC+, **Bornstein AM** (2023). Interval timing as a computational framework for examining the pathway from early life unpredictability to affective disorders. *UCI Conte Center annual symposium*.
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- of Scientific Studies of Consciousness. Selected for a talk.
- CA16 Kapogianis T, Bornstein AM, Chrastil ER (2022). Graph Metrics and Non-Spatial Navigational Learning. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- CA15 Harhen NC+, Hartley CA*, **Bornstein AM*** (2022). Memory-guided decision-making develops alongside model-based planning. The Flux Society Congress for Integrative Developmental Neuroscience.
- CA14 Harhen NC+, **Bornstein AM** (2022). Representation learning & adaptation in human foraging. *CNLM annual meeting*. **Selected for a short talk.**
- CA13 Yoo J+, **Bornstein AM** (2022). Task complexity and experience modulate the use of online planning. *CNLM annual meeting*.
- CA12 Noh SM+, Stark CEL, **Bornstein AM** (2022). Mnemonic Discrimination Ability Predicts Optimal Training Condition for Memory-Guided Inference Decisions. *Annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society*.

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- CA1 Rouhani N, Norman KA, Niv Y, **Bornstein AM** (2019). Reward prediction errors create event boundaries in memory *Psychonomics*