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**EDUCATION** 

PhD University of California at Davis, Davis, CA, (September 2012 - June 2018)

Major: Cognitive Neuroscience

Honors ScB., Brown University, Providence, RI, (September 2006-December 2010)

Major: Cognitive Neuroscience

WORK EXPERIENCE PhD Researcher

Davis, CA

UC Davis MIND Institute and Neuroscience Graduate Group September 2012 - present

• Completed 8 posters for scientific conferences

• Developed 6 child-friendly computerized behavior tests (disguised as games)

- Developed analysis protocols for behavioral data, eye tracking data, event-related potential data, resting state functional MRI data, and physiological data
- Conducted analyses, including k-means clustering, ICA, and non-linear modelling
- Programmed data analyses and visual stimuli using R, Matlab, and Python
- Trained four junior research assistants and numerous volunteer interns

Research Assistant

Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk January 2011 - May 2012

Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI

• Recruited, scheduled, and tested approximately 75 participants on three visits

- Scored tasks from these participants' visits
- Conducted data analyses including developing formulae for eliminating outliers, basic summary statistics, and t-tests
- Completed literature searches for grant building information
- Wrote a script to generate compiled data from output software
- Created a system for standardized digitization of about 200 audio cassettes
- Trained volunteers to help in the lab

**Teaching Assistant** UC Davis Department of Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior Davis CA April 2015-June 2015

- Planned nine weeks of discussion sections in collaboration with two co-TAs. Prepared material for an hour of homework review, practice problems, and discussion of lecture material and readings.
- Independently led 3 one hour discussion sections for a total of 75 students each week and held weekly office hours.
- Graded three short answer exams for 200 students with one co-TA.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Explorations, UC Davis Undergraduate Research Journal Editor (Feb - June 2015); Managing Editor (Sept 2015 - Present)

Women in Science and Engineering Mentorship Program Mentor (Sept 2015-Present)

Neuroimaging Journal Club Student Facilitator (Sept 2013 - Present)

Brain Awareness Week Graduate Student Presenter (March 2013 - Present)

UC - Davis Neuroblog, Graduate Student Contributor (Sept 2013 - Present)

The Graduate Academic Achievement and Advocacy Program Graduate Student Volunteer and Mentor (Sept 2013 - June 2015)

Graduate Student Assembly Departmental Representative (Sept 2013 - June 2015)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient: R, Matlab, Python, FileMaker, SQL, SPSS, DataGraph, LATEX, HTML, CSS Experienced: Scheme, OCaml, Java, Jupyter

If I have a computer and an internet connection, I can learn it!