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Education

2009	PhD in Biomedical Sciences (Neuroscience specialization) Supervision: Prof. Etienne Olivier, IoNS, UCL, Brussels and Jean-René Duhamel, Institute of Cognitive Sciences, Bron, France Thesis title: "Mechanisms of gaze and attention guidance in visual exploration"
2002	Medical degree, UCL, Brussels

Research Positions

2025-	Associate researcher at Bordeaux School of Economics, Bordeaux
2017-	CNRS Researcher, INCIA, Bordeaux
2011-2017	Postdoctoral researcher at the Institute of Neuroscience, UCL, Brussels
2008-2011	Postdoctoral researcher at the Salk Institute, San Diego, CA, USA; Supervisor: Prof. Rich Krauzlis

Awards and Grants

2024-2028	ANR PRC (co-applicant)
2019-2023	ANR JCJC
2019-2022	ANR PRC (co-applicant)
2017-2021	Junior Chair, IdEx Bordeaux
2017	Solvay Prize
2016-2017	Fondation Louvain, Brussels, Belgium
2014-2017	Queen Elisabeth Medical Foundation (co-applicant)
2014-2018	FNRS PDR (co-applicant)
2011-2016	Brains back to Brussels, Innoviris, Belgium
2010-2011	Kirby Foundation Scholarship, USA
2008-2009	Francqui Foundation Fellowship, Belgian American Educational Foundation
2007-2008	Special Research Fund, University of Louvain (UCL)
2002-2006	Fund for Research in Industry and Agriculture – FRIA

Student Supervision

9 PhD students	2011: Monika Gergelyfi; 2012: Andrea Alamia; 2013: Vincent Moens; 2014: Oleg Solopchuk, 2017: Sze Ying Lam, 2018: Stefano Ioannucci, 2020: Simon Boylan, 2024: Axel Plantey-Veux (co-supervision), 2024: Laure Pelloux (co-supervision)
4 postdoctoral researchers	2014: Dr. Emanuele Pasqualotto, 2015: Dr. Charles-Etienne Benoît, 2019: Dr. Ernesto Sanz, 2024: Adrien Coudière (co-supervision)
22 Master's students	Mariam Sidibé, Sophie Devesse, Laureen Slongo, Mélanie Ronsse, Julie Dupont, Margaux Bourrillon, Clémence Bourdoux, Marie-Victoire de Lassus Saint-Génie, Adrien Moncousin, Maelig Patrigeon, Anita Keshmirian, Laurent Beaupoil, Simon Boylan, Caroline Bertsch, Benjamin Loustaunau, Arthur Bruneau, Margaux Nussbaumer, Léa Capdevielle, Amélie Rivoire, Elodie Kopp, Lisa Bagneris

Invited Presentations

2 nanosymposia (SFN 2013, San Diego, USA); Belgian Society for Neuroscience, 2013; Belgian Society for Neurorehabilitation, 2014; Sixth Biology of Decision Making meeting, Paris, 2016; British Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Budapest, 2016; invited speaker at several research centers (e.g., Institute of Neurosciences of La Timone, Marseille; Cognitive Neuroscience Center, Lyon; INCIA, Bordeaux, ...); Neurocampus Day 2017 (Bordeaux); Conference "ADHD: new perspectives?", Strasbourg, 2017; Conference "Attention, a precious asset, a shared resource", Bordeaux, 2017; CFPPS Conference "Motivation" 2017; Radio show "Les experts", France Bleu Gironde, 2017; Ghent University 2018; Geneva Neuroscience & Biotech Campus, Geneva, 2019; Workshop on Effort, Nice, 2021; Seminar, Munich (LMU), 2021; Seminar, Marseille University, 2021; Conference Spring Meetings SNLF 2021; Seminar, GREThA Bordeaux 2021; Seminar, CREIDD Troyes 2021; Club Eye tracking and Autism, Grenoble 2021; Seminar CeRCA, Poitiers 2022; Seminar at the Laboratory of Perceptual Systems, ENS, Paris, 2022; Seminar U. Liège, Belgium, 2022; Neuronus, Krakow, 2022; Seminar at LINP2 Laboratory (University of Paris Nanterre), 2023; Lecture at the Cognition and Action Workshop, Brussels, 2024; Seminar at Cerco, Toulouse, 2024; Seminar at Institute of Systems Neuroscience, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany, 2024.

Other Activities

- Associate Editor for Frontiers in Cognition
- Participation in PhD thesis juries (11).
- Teaching neuroscience at undergraduate (Bachelor's) and Master's levels.
- Participation in evaluation panels (FWO, ERC, ESF, BBSRC, Sorbonne).
- Science communication (Capitaine Déclics)
- Coordinator of the scientific committee of L'Oasis du Coq à l'Âme (secured funding of approximately €400k in this role)
- Co-founder of the "Observatoire des écolieux"

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