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Education

PhD in Psychology, Princeton University, 2028 (expected)
MS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, UC Berkeley, 2018
BA in Computer Science, UC Berkeley, 2017

Professional experience

Research Scientist, Google DeepMind, 2023 - present
Research Engineer, Google Research, 2018 - 2023
Research Intern, Google Brain, Summer 2018
Research Intern, Google Brain, Summer 2017

Teaching experience

TA for Data 8: The Foundations of Data Science, UC Berkeley, Fall 2017
TA for CS 188: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, UC Berkeley, Spring 2017
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Publications

Journal articles

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N Parmar*, A Vaswani*, J Uszkoreit, Ł Kaiser, N Shazeer, **A Ku**, D Tran (2018). Image Transformer. *Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*.

JC Peterson, JW Suchow, K Aghi, **AY Ku**, TL Griffiths (2018). Capturing human category representations by sampling in deep feature spaces. *Proceedings of the 40st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci)*.