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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  
TA for Data 8: The Foundations of Data Science, UC Berkeley, Fall 2016

## Publications

### Journal articles

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G Magalhaes, V Jain, **A Ku**, E Ie, J Baldridge (2019). Effective and General Evaluation for Instruction Conditioned Navigation using Dynamic Time Warping. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems Workshop on Visually Grounded Interaction and Language (ViGIL)*.

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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)*.