# Andrew Charles Heusser, Ph.D.

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#### **Education**

### New York University, New York, NY

July 2016

Cognition and Perception Doctoral Program in Psychology

Advisor: Lila Davachi

Dissertation title: The role of neural oscillations in the encoding and organization of sequential events

#### Northeastern University, Boston, MA

May 2008

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor in Philosophy

## Research and Professional Experience

**Psychological and Brain Sciences Dept.,** Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH July 2016 – present *Postdoctoral Fellow* 

- Utilizing topic models of educational videos and brain/behavior-derived computational models of student knowledge to optimize learning efficiency of MOOCs (massively open online courses)
- Creating web-based technologies to aid in experimental analysis and data visualization
- Developing scalable analysis pipelines for massive data sets

### OpenBCI, Brooklyn, NY

August 2015 – June 2016

Researcher / Software Engineer (part-time)

- Leading the development of an open-source software platform for stimulus presentation and data collection in a web browser designed for behavioral and EEG research.
- Testing and analyzing hardware/software interactions to minimize latency issues and optimize precision of the data
- · Advising on the development of future hardware/software for psychological research applications

# Center for Neuroscience, University of California, Davis, CA

August 2008 – August 2011

Junior Specialist, Advisor: Charan Ranganath

- Designed and conducted EEG study examining neural correlates of memory for temporal context
- Used fMRI to investigate the brain areas involved in the maintenance of abstract rules
- Administration and maintenance of a local linux-based network

**Department of Psychology,** Northeastern University, Boston, MA

January 2007 - April 2008

Research Assistant, Advisor: Jay McLaughlin

- Conducted behavioral assays in mice investigating the effects of stress on learning and memory
- Designed and initiated study to investigate the effects of stress on spatial memory in mice

## Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Boston, MA

January 2006 - December 2007

Research Assistant, Advisor: Sally Rogers

- Conducted in-person interviews for various research projects dealing with psychiatric recovery
- Made bi-monthly on-site visits to numerous class locations to meet with students and teachers

## Honors and Awards

- Bennet B. Murdock Student Research Award (CEMS, 2013)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention (2012, 2013)
- Joseph Armington Memorial Award in Physiological Psychology Research (2008)
- Northeastern Provost Undergraduate Research Award (2007)

#### **Publications**

**Heusser AC**, Poeppel D, Ezzyat Y, Davachi L (2016). Episodic sequence memory is supported by a theta/gamma phase code. *Nature Neuroscience* 

**Heusser AC**, Ezzyat Y, Shiff I, Davachi L (In revision) Perceptual boundaries cause mnemonic trade-offs between local boundary processing and across-trial associative binding. **JEP:LMC** 

**Heusser AC**, Awipi T, Davachi L (2013). Repetition-related modulation of the perirhinal cortex predicts conceptual priming. *Neuropsychologia* 

Murty VP, Stanek JK, **Heusser AC** (2013). Representations of distinct salience signals in the nucleus accumbens. **Journal of Neuroscience** 

McLaughlin JP, **Heusser AC**, Reilley KJ, Giulianotti M, Houghten RA (2009) The direct In vivo use of mixture-based libraries in the drug discovery process. **Peptide Science** 

# **Publications in Preparation:**

**Heusser AC**, Ezzyat Y, Poeppel D, Davachi L (In prep). Accumulating oscillatory power supports the formation of events in episodic memory.

# **Conference Talks**

**Heusser AC**, Poeppel D, Ezzyat Y, Davachi L (2016, May) Episodic sequence memory is supported by a theta/gamma phase code. For: Manhattan Area Memory Meeting, New York, NY.

**Heusser AC**, Poeppel D, Ezzyat Y, Davachi L (2015, October) The influence of perceptual boundaries on the formation and organization of events in episodic memory. For: Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Chicago, IL.

**Heusser AC**, Poeppel D, Ezzyat Y, Davachi L (2015, May) Theta/gamma phase coding supports memory for temporal order within episodic events, For: Context and Episodic Memory Symposium, Philadelphia, PA.

**Heusser AC,** Ezzyat Y, Davachi L (2014, May) Accumulating oscillatory power supports the formation of events in episodic memory. For: Manhattan Area Memory Meeting, New York, NY.

**Heusser AC,** Ezzyat Y, Shiff L, Davachi L (2013, May) Perceptual shifts in context disrupt temporal order memory but facilitate item-feature binding. For: Manhattan Area Memory Meeting, New York, NY.

# **Conference Poster Presentations**

**Heusser AC**, Brooks T, Davachi L (2016, May). OpenEXP: An open-source platform for running EEG experiments in the wild. For: Context and Episodic Memory Symposium, Philadelphia, PA.

**Heusser AC**, Davachi L (2014, November). Dynamic shifts in oscillatory coupling track the encoding of episodic events. For: Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.

**Heusser AC**, Ezzyat Y, Shiff L, Davachi L (2013, May) Perceptual shifts in context disrupt associative but facilitate source memory retrieval. For: Context and Episodic Memory Symposium, Philadelphia, PA.

**Heusser AC,** Tubridy S, Davachi L (2012, October) Conceptual processing carries traces of recent past: Modality-specific reactivation of prior experience. For: Society for Neuroscience, New Orlean, LA.

Inhoff M, **Heusser AC**, Tambini A, Martin CB, O'Neil EB, Kohler S, Vazquez B, Devinsky O, Davachi L (2012, October) Material-specific associative memory and perceptual deficits in a patient with a right perirhinal cyst. For: Society for Neuroscience, New Orlean, LA.

Tubridy S, **Heusser AC**, Davachi L (2012, October) Temporal profiles of episodic reactivation: An MEG study. For: Society for Neuroscience, New Orlean, LA.

**Heusser AC,** Awipi T, Davachi L (2012, April) Imaging Cross-modal Repetition Suppression Effects in the Human Temporal Lobe. For: Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Chicago, IL.

**Heusser AC,** Jenkins LJ, Gruber M, Kelly L, Marin A, Ranganath C (2011, November) Reinstatement of Oscillatory Brain Activity Predicts Successful Temporal Context Retrieval. For: Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.

Roberts BM, **Heusser AC**, Ranganath C (2011, November) Oscillatory Brain Activity during the Maintenance of Spatial and Temporal Information in Working Memory. For: Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.

**Heusser AC**, Gruber M, Kelly L, Ranganath, C (2011, April) Neural Correlates of Temporal Context Encoding and Retrieval. For: Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.

**Heusser AC**, Gruber M, Kelly L, Ranganath, C (2010, November) Neural Correlates of Temporal Context Retrieval. For: Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Ragland JD, Ranganath C, Ramsay IS, **Heusser AC**, Niendam TA, Yoon JH, Solomon M, Carter CS. (2010, May) Effect of Rule Maintenance on Episodic Memory in Schizophrenia. For: Society of Biological Psychiatry Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

**Heusser AC**, Ramsay IS, Ragland JD, Carter CS, Ranganath C (2009, October) Prefrontal Activation During Successful Encoding of Task-relevant and Irrelevant Information. For: Society for Neuroscience, Chicago IL.

Ragland, J.D., Ramsay I.S., **Heusser AC**, Niendam, T.A., Minzenberg M.J., Yoon J.H., Solomon M., Carter C.S., Ranganath C. (2009, December) Effect of Schizophrenia on Prefrontal Control of Episodic Memory Encoding. For: American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Meeting, Hollywood, FL.

Ramsay IS, **Heusser AC**, Yoon JH, Minzenberg MJ, Niendam TA, Solomon M, Carter CS, Ranganath C, Ragland JD (2009, August) Effect of Schizophrenia on Prefrontal Control of Memory Encoding. For: 6th annual Bay Area Memory Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Heusser AC**, Ramsay IS, Ragland JD, Carter CS, Ranganath C (2009, August) Prefrontal Activation During Successful Encoding of Task-relevant and Irrelevant Information. For: 6th annual Bay Area Memory Meeting,

San Francisco, CA.

Ramsay IS, **Heusser AC**, Yoon JH, Minzenberg MJ, Niendam TA, Solomon M, Carter CS, Ranganath C, Ragland JD (2009, March) Effect of Schizophrenia on Prefrontal Control of Memory Encoding. For: Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.

**Heusser AC**, Ramsay IS, Ragland JD, Carter CS, Ranganath C (2009, March) Prefrontal Activation During Successful Encoding of Task-relevant and Irrelevant Information. Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.

**Heusser AC,** Carey AN, Brogna, L, Morrison K, McLaughlin JP (2008, April) Kappa Opioid Receptor Activation Mediates Stress-Induced Deficits in Spatial Learning and Memory. For: North East Undergraduate/Graduate Research Organization for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.