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Education

New York University, New York, NY

Cognition and Perception Doctoral Program in Psychology

Advisor: Lila Davachi

My research is focused on how synchronized brain activity (i.e. neural oscillations) support the formation of temporally extended episodic memories. More broadly, I'm interested in cognitive and neural factors that influence the successful learning and long-term retention of mnemonic information.

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

May 2008

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor in Philosophy

Past Research Experience

Center for Neuroscience, University of California, Davis, CA

August 2008 – August 2011

Expected Graduation Date: May 2016

Junior Specialist, Advisor: Charan Ranganath

- 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
- Conducted 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, Ezzyat Y, Shiff I, Davachi L (Under Revision) Perceptual boundaries cause mnemonic trade-offs between local boundary processing and across-trial associative binding.

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, Poeppel D, Ezzyat Y, Davachi L (In prep). Theta/gamma phase coding supports episodic memory for temporal order.

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

Heusser AC, Davachi L (In prep). Conceptual processing carries traces of recent past: Modality-specific reactivation of prior experience.

Ranganath C, **Heusser AC**, Ragland JD, Carter CS, (In prep). Interactions between task relevance and memory in the human prefrontal cortex.

Conference Talks

Heusser AC, Poeppel D, Ezzyat Y, Davachi L (2015, May) Theta/gamma phase coding supports memory for temporal order within episodic events, 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, 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.