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MAJOR RESEARCH INTEREST

- Investigating the neural mechanisms of emotion
- Understanding how emotion affects brain function and bodily processes, influencing health
- Translating fundamental neuroscience findings to clinical applications

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Ph.D. candidate

Sep 2021 - Present

Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences,
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA
Lab: Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Laboratory ([CANLab](#))
(PI: Dr. Tor Wager)

Post-Master Research Assistant

Sep 2019 – Aug 2021

Center for Neuroscience Imaging Research (CNIR),
Institute of Basic Science (IBS), Suwon, South Korea
Lab: Computational Cognitive Affective Neuroscience Laboratory ([COCOAN Lab](#))
(PI: Dr. Choong-Wan Woo)

M.S. in Biomedical Engineering,

Sep 2017 – Aug 2019

Department of Biomedical Engineering,
Sungkyunkwan University, Suwon, South Korea (Advisor: Dr. Choong-Wan Woo)
Thesis: [*Understanding the brain representations of endogenous affective thoughts.*](#)

B.S. in Astronomy, B.A. in Psychology,

Mar 2012 – Aug 2017

Department of Astronomy & Department of Psychology
Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

HONORS and AWARDS

Guarini Travel Award (Mar 2024)

Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, Dartmouth College, U.S.A.

KIST & AKN Outstanding research award (Nov 2022)

Association of Korean Neuroscientists, South Korea

Fulbright graduate student program award (2021 – 2023)

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State

Best presentation award (Dec 2018)

Center for Neuroscience Imaging Research, Institute for Basic Science, South Korea

Shimsan scholarship for advanced graduate students (Fall 2018)

Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea

Best presentation award (May 2018)

Korean Society for Cognitive Science, South Korea

High academic achievement scholarship (Fall 2015, Spring 2016, 2013)

Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

Scholarship for undergraduate students (Fall 2012)

Sinchon regional support association, Seoul, South Korea

PUBLICATIONS

Published under the name Byeol Kim (2021-2022) and Byeol Kim Lux (2023-), *Co-first authors

In preparation, Under review, Preprint.

Lux, B. K.*, Lee, E.*, Han, J., Lee, S.-H., Gim, S., Choi, I., & Woo, C.-W. Spontaneous thought dynamics as a signature of positive and negative affectivity. [PsyArXiv](#)

Shin, H.*, **Lux, B. K.***, Kim, H. J. & Woo, C.-W. Bodily maps of spontaneous thought. [bioRxiv](#)

Han, J., **Lux, B. K.**, Lee, E., Yoo, Y. S. & Woo, C.-W. Modeling spontaneous thought: A network- and language-based computational method. (Submitted)

Shin, W. G., Ahn, J., Choe, K. W., Lee, H., Han, J., Lee, E., **Lux, B. K.**, & Sul, S. Are you thinking about friends or money? Spontaneous thought contents reveal the value of social relationships for happiness. [OSF](#)

Kim, H. J., **Lux, B. K.**, Lee, E., Finn, E., & Woo, C. -W. (2024). Brain decoding of spontaneous thought: Predictive modeling of self-relevance and valence using personal narratives.

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences [DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2401959121](#)

Kim, J., Andrews-Hanna, J. R., Eisenbarth, H., **Lux, B. K.**, Kim, H., Lee, E., Lindquist, M., Losin, E. A. R., Wager, T. D., & Woo, C.-W. (2023). A Dorsomedial Prefrontal Cortex-based Dynamic Functional Connectivity Model of Rumination. *Nature Communications*. [DOI: 10.1038/s41467-023-39142-9](#)

Jang, S., Lee, K. R., Goh, G., Kim, D., Yun, G., Kim, N., **Lux, B. K.**, Woo, C.-W, Kim, H., & Park, Y. W. (2023). Design and field trial of EmotionFrame: exploring self-journaling experiences in homes for archiving personal feelings about daily events. *Human-Computer Interaction*. [DOI: 10.1080/07370024.2023.2219259](#)

Kim Lux, B., Andrews-Hanna, J. R., Han, J., Lee, E., & Woo, C.-W. (2022). When self comes to a wandering mind: Brain representations and affective dynamics of spontaneous thought. *Science Advances*. [DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.abn8616](#)

Andrews-Hanna, J. R., Woo, C.-W., Wilcox, R., Eisenbarth, H., **Kim, B.**, Han, J., Losin, E. A. R., & Wager, T. D. (2021). The conceptual building blocks of everyday thought: Tracking the emergence and dynamics of ruminative and non-ruminative thinking. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*. [DOI: 10.1037/xge0001096](#) | [PDF](#)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (First author only)

Lux, B. K., Kos, M., Ward, D., Jakubzick, C., Wager, T.D. (June 2025)

Physiological, Immune, and Neural Responses to Witnessing Animal Suffering and Connection

Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Seoul, South Korea.

Lux, B. K., Kos, M., Ward, D., Wager, T.D. (April 2024)

Exploring the Psychological and Neurobiological Impact of Animal Suffering on Humans

Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, Toronto, Canada.

Lux, B. K., Kragel, P. A., Čeko, M., Theriault, J., Chen, D., Satpute, A. B., Wald, L. L., Lindquist, M. A., Barrett, L. F., & Wager, T. D. (Nov 2022).

Identification of a human parabrachial-amygdala pathway with 7T fMRI

Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, USA.

Kim, B., Andrews-Hanna, J. R., Han, J., Lee, E., & Woo, C.-W. (April 2021).

When self comes to a wandering mind: Brain representations and affective dynamics of spontaneous thought.

Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Social & Affective Neuroscience Society, held virtually.

Kim, B., Andrews-Hanna, J. R., & Woo, C.-W. (Oct 2019).

Understanding the brain representations of endogenous affective thoughts.

Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Chicago, USA.

Kim, B., Andrews-Hanna, J. R., & Woo, C.-W. (Oct 2019).

Understanding the brain representations of endogenous affective thoughts.

Poster presentation at the Institute of Basic Science Conference on Neuroimaging, South Korea.

Kim, B., Oh, J., Andrews-Hanna, J. R., & Woo, C.-W. (Nov 2018).

Dynamic modeling and brain decoding of internal thoughts and emotions.

Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, USA.

Kim, B., Andrews-Hanna, J. R., & Woo, C.-W. (Oct 2018).

Dynamic modeling and brain decoding of internal thoughts and emotions.

Oral presentation at the monthly meeting of Center for Neuroscience Imaging Research, South Korea.

Kim, B., Jung, M., Park, J., Andrews-Hanna, J. R., & Woo, C.-W. (May 2018).

Dynamic modeling and brain decoding of internal thoughts and emotions.

Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Korean Society for Cognitive Science, South Korea.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GUEST LECTURE

Teaching Assistant for Learning at Dartmouth College (Spring 2024).
Teaching Assistant for Lab in Psychological Science at Dartmouth College (Summer 2023).
Teaching Assistant for Systems Neuroscience with Laboratory at Dartmouth College (Spring 2023).
Teaching Assistant for Principles of Human Brain Mapping with fMRI at Dartmouth College (Winter 2023).
Guest lecturer at Advanced Affective Neuroscience (Graduate course) at Sungkyunkwan University. (Title: Research trends of self in affective neuroscience, Fall 2020)
Undergraduate student research mentor of 2020 summer coding & research project at COCOAN Lab, Sungkyunkwan University (Title: Maps of bodily sensation for subjective feeling from free-associated concept, Summer 2020)
Undergraduate student research mentor of Web-based FAST (Free association semantic task) project at COCOAN Lab, Sungkyunkwan University. (Fall 2019-Summer 2021)
Guest lecturer at Affective Neuroscience (Undergraduate course) at Sungkyunkwan University. (Title: Finding self, free association semantic task, Fall 2019)
Undergraduate student research mentor of the Summer internship program at Center for Neuroscience Imaging Research, Institute of Basic Science. (Title: Grid-like neural representation of navigating affective space: An evidence for the existence of an affective map?, Summer 2019)
Undergraduate student research mentor of the C-School undergraduate research project at Sungkyunkwan University. (Title: Neural representations of valence and self-relevance in self-generated thoughts, Fall 2017)
Mathematics instructor for middle school students at the Aporia Mathematics Education Institute, Seoul, South Korea (2015-2017)
Personal mentoring mathematics (from elementary school to high school level) and science (from middle school to high school level) for adolescents between the ages of 7 and 18, Seoul, South Korea (2011-2016)

PATENT APPLICATION

Woo, C.-W., **Kim, B.**, Han, J. (2022) "Visualization and emotion-predictive modeling of the stream of thought.", South Korea patent 10-2441591-0000, filed July 09, 2020, and issued September 02, 2022.

OTHERS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

Grad Student Virtual Professional Development Bootcamp, The Leadership Alliance (Jan 2025)
Prospective Ph.D. & RA Event in Psychology (PPREP), Harvard University (Oct 2020)
Member of the student council of Department of Biomedical Engineering, Sungkyunkwan

University (Spring 2018)

Member of the student council of Department of Astronomy, Yonsei University (Spring 2014)

SKILLS

Programing Language	MATLAB (Proficient, mainly used), Python (Intermediate), Unix (Intermediate), HTML (Intermediate), JavaScript (Basic)
Neuroimaging	SPM, CANlab Tools (Tor Wager's lab tools), FSL, fMRIprep, tedana, afni, GIFT
Statistics	SPSS, Jamovi, R
Experiment Software	Psychtoolbox, PsychoPy