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## EDUCATION

- 2021, Ph.D. (expected) Department of Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University  
Certificates: Cognitive Neuroscience, College Teaching, Accomplishment in Teaching Writing in the Disciplines  
*Dissertation: Learning Context-Sensitive Control*  
PI: Tobias Egner; Committee: John Pearson, Elizabeth Marsh, Gregory Samanez-Larkin
- 2018, M.A. Department of Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University  
*Thesis: How episodic structure shapes the learning of cognitive control: A theoretical review*
- 2013, B.A. Department of Neuroscience, Pomona College  
*Thesis: M1 and M2 activation of homologous mammalian Drosophila hemocytes*

## PUBLICATIONS (\* = undergraduate student mentored, \*\* = equal authorship contribution)

1. **Bejjani, C.**, Dolgin, J., Zhang, Z.\*, and Egner, T. (2020). Disentangling the roles of cue visibility and knowledge in adjusting cognitive control: A preregistered direct replication of the Farooqui and Manly (2015) study. *Psychological Science*, 31(4), 468-479. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797620904045>  
Open access preprint available [here](#).
2. **Bejjani, C.**, Tan, S.\*, and Egner, T. (2020). Performance feedback promotes proactive but not reactive adaptation of conflict-control. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 46(4), 369-387. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xhp0000720>  
Open access preprint available [here](#).
3. **Bejjani, C.** and Egner, T. (2019). Spontaneous task structure formation results in a cost to incidental memory of task stimuli. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10, 2833. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.02833>
4. **Bejjani, C.**, DePasque, S., and Tricomi, E. (2019). Intelligence mindset shapes neural learning signals and memory. *Biological Psychology*, 146, 107715. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biopsycho.2019.06.003>  
Open access preprint available [here](#).  
Article covered in [Rutgers-Newark featured post](#)
5. DiMenichi, B.C., Lempert, K.M., **Bejjani, C.**, and Tricomi, E. (2018). Writing about past failures attenuates cortisol responses and sustained attention deficits following psychosocial stress. *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*, 12: 45. <http://doi.org/10.3389/fnbeh.2018.00045>  
Article covered in [Newsweek](#), [Science Daily](#), [Forbes](#), [The Daily Mail](#), [Moneyish](#), [Mic](#), [New York Post](#), [Neuroscience News](#), and [more](#)
6. **Bejjani, C.**, Zhang, Z.\*, and Egner, T. (2018). Control by association: Transfer of implicitly primed attentional states across linked stimuli. *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*, 25(2): 617-626. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3758/s13423-018-1445-6>  
Article covered in [Psychonomics Featured Content](#)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

1. **Bejjani, C.** and Egner, T. (invited revision in preparation for *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*; open access preprint [here](#)). How reinforcement shapes the binding of stimulus-control associations.
2. Yang, B.W.\*\*\*, **Bejjani, C.\*\***, and Hard, B.M. (under review at *Teaching of Psychology*). Teaching intelligence mindsets with student data.
3. **Bejjani, C.\*\***, Siqi-Liu, A.\*\*\*, and Egner, T. (in preparation for *Journal of Human Perception and Performance*). Minimal impact of consolidation on learned switch-readiness.

## REFEREED POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. **Bejjani, C.** and Egner, T. (2020, November). Performance feedback enhances the binding of stimulus-control associations. Poster presented by C.B. at the 61<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of Psychonomics Society, virtual.
2. Yang, B.W.,\*\* **Bejjani, C.\*\***, Albus, T.\*, O'Connor, T.\*, Ebrem, C.\*, and Hard, B.M. (2020, January). Using Language to Measure Student Beliefs about Intelligence. Poster presented by B.W.Y. and C.B. at the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, St. Pete Beach, FL.
3. **Bejjani, C.** and Egner, T. (2019, November). Performance feedback promotes learned proactive but not reactive adaptation of conflict-control. Poster presented by C.B. at the 60<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Psychonomics Society, Montreal, CA.
4. Dolgin, J., **Bejjani, C.**, Zhang, Z.\*, and Egner, T. (2019, May). Disentangling the roles of cue visibility and knowledge in learning cognitive control. Poster presented by J.D. at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, D.C.
5. Zhang, Z.\*, **Bejjani, C.**, Dolgin, J., and Egner, T. (2019, March). Disentangling the roles of cue visibility and knowledge in learning cognitive control. Poster presented by Z.Z. and J.D. at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.
6. **Bejjani, C.**, Whitehead, P.S., Sali, A.W., Chiu, Y.C., and Egner, T. (2019, March). Assessing causal contributions of parietal cortex to learned cognitive flexibility. Poster presented by C.B. at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA. *Won Graduate Student Award.*
7. **Bejjani, C.** and Egner, T. (2018, November). Causal transfer of specific attentional control states. Poster presented by C.B. at the 59<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Psychonomics Society, New Orleans, LA. *Won Psychonomics Graduate Travel Award.*
8. **Bejjani, C.** and Egner, T. (2018, March). Creating structured task-sets from categorical stimuli. Poster presented by C.B. at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.
9. Sali, A.W., **Bejjani, C.**, and Egner, T. (2018, March). Learning cognitive flexibility: Neural mechanisms of adaptive switch readiness. Poster presented by A.W.S. at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.
10. **Bejjani, C.**, Zhang, Z.\*, and Egner, T. (2018, February). Causal transfer of specific attentional control states. Poster presented by Z.Z. at the North Carolina Cognition Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

11. **Bejjani, C.** and Egner, T. (2017, October). Control by association: Transfer of implicitly primed control-states across linked stimuli. Poster presented by C.B. at the 58<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Psychonomics Society, Vancouver, CA. *Won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Psychonomics conference Division 3 Poster Award.*
12. Sali, A.W., **Bejjani, C.** and Egner, T. (2017, October). Neural mechanisms of learned switch-readiness. Poster presented by A.W.S. at the 58<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Psychonomics Society, Vancouver, CA.
13. **Bejjani, C.,** DePasque, S., Bhanji, J.P., and Tricomi, E. (2017, March). Effects of intelligence mindset on performance are mediated by dlPFC and caudate. Poster presented by C.B. at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.
14. **Bejjani, C.,** DePasque, S., and Tricomi, E. (2016, April). Theory of intelligence influences striatal response to feedback after a demanding test. Poster presented by C.B. at the 9<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Social Affective Neuroscience Society, New York, NY.
15. **Bejjani, C.,** DePasque, S., and Tricomi, E. (2016, March). Cognitive appraisal of threat influences striatal response to negative feedback. Poster presented by C.B. at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, New York, NY. *Won the Cognitive Neuroscience Society People's Choice award.*
16. Sullivan-Toole, H., **Bejjani, C.,** and Tricomi, E. (2015, March). The interplay of choice and effort on outcome processing. Poster presented by H.S.T. and C.B. at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.
17. **Bejjani, C.H.,** King, J.T, and Watanabe, J. (2012, October). Conserved mechanism of phagocytosis in mammals and drosophila. Poster presented by C.B. at the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, New Orleans, LA.

## RESEARCH, TRAINING, & SERVICE GRANTS

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| 2019 | <p>Germinator Grant (\$25,000), Duke Institute for Brain Sciences<br/>         PIs: Christina Bejjani &amp; Tobias Egner<br/>         Co-Is: John Pearson, Terrie Moffitt, Avshalom Caspi, and Alison Adcock<br/> <i>Towards a Computational Psychiatry of Transdiagnostic Deficits in Cognitive Control</i></p> <p>Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Grant Award (\$1,022), Duke University<br/>         PI: Christina Bejjani, Mentor: Tobias Egner<br/> <i>Modeling How Episodic Memory Affects the Learning of Cognitive Control on an Individual and Group Level</i></p> <p>Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Grant Award (\$4,880), Duke University<br/>         PIs: Christina Bejjani**, Brenda Yang**, Mentor: Bridgette Martin Hard<br/> <i>Intelligence Mindsets across Classrooms</i></p> |
| 2018 | <p>Graduate Student Training Enhancement Grant (\$700), Duke Graduate School<br/> <i>Computational Summer School</i></p> <p>Professional Development Grant (\$1,500), Duke Graduate School<br/>         PIs: Christina Bejjani &amp; Elizabeth Marsh<br/> <i>Psychology &amp; Neuroscience Department - Women's Support Network</i><br/>         "How to Advocate for Yourself" panel, talks from Drs. Stacey Daughters &amp; Alana Connor, &amp; a biweekly writing group</p>  |

2017 Graduate Student Training Enhancement Grant (\$400), Duke Graduate School  
*Computational Summer School*, offered but not accepted

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 Vertical Integration Program Mentor, Duke University  
Bass Digital Education Fellowship, Duke University  
Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentoring, Duke University

2019, 2020 Competitive Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Duke University

2018, 2019 Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate/Postdoc Travel Award, Duke University

2019 Graduate Travel Award, Duke Graduate School  
Preparing Future Faculty Program, Duke University  
Graduate Student Award, Cognitive Neuroscience Society

2018 Graduate Travel Award, Psychonomics Society  
Young Star Estes Award, Indiana University, Bloomington

2017, 2018 Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Duke University  
Claire Hamilton Conference Travel Award, Duke University  
Interdisciplinary Behavioral Research Center Mini-Grant, Duke SSRI

2017 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Psychonomics conference Division 3 Poster Award, Psychonomics Society  
Translational Ambassador, Duke University

2016 People's Choice Poster Award, Cognitive Neuroscience Society

2012 Sigma Xi Associate Member Nomination, Pomona College  
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Pomona College

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Instructor of Record:*

2020 – Introductory Programming for Online Social Science Experiments, Duke University  
Project development as part of Bass Digital Education Fellowship  
Modules on conducting User Experience Research, Duke University  
Project development as part of Bass Digital Education Fellowship

2019 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (Summer Term I), Duke University  
<https://cogpsychduke2019.github.io>

*Teaching Assistantships:*

2019 Introduction to Statistical Methods in Psychology (Spring, Professor: Gregory Samanez-Larkin, Duke University)

2018 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (Fall, Professor: Roberto Cabeza, Duke University)

Distinction Thesis Workshop (Spring, Professor: Tobias Egner, Duke University)

2017 Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience (Fall, Professor: Tobias Egner, Duke University)

*Workshops, Guest Lectures, and Demos:*

2019 Athletics Tutor, Introduction to Cognitive Psychology, Duke University

Guest Lecture/Research Talk, Neuropsychology, Meredith College

Consultant, Grad TA training workshop, Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University

2018, 2019 Cognitive Neuroscience Admitting Program recruitment weekend demo on Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), Duke University

2018 Guest Lecture, Introduction to Cognitive Psychology, Duke University

2017 JavaScript/Amazon Mechanical Turk Workshop for Cognitive Neuroscience Admitting Program and Psychology & Neuroscience graduate students and others, Duke University

*Professional Development:*

2019 – 2020 Preparing Future Faculty program, Duke University  
Mentor: Betty-Shannon Prevatt, Meredith College  
*Competitive program geared towards introducing fellows to various faculty roles, including those at local liberal arts colleges, a state school, an HBCU, and a research university through onsite visits and one-on-one faculty mentorship*

2019 Attendee at PsychOne Conference, Duke University

2018 Teaching Triangles, Duke University  
*Peer observation of teaching from two PhD (English and Political Science) students in the Certificate for College Teaching program*

2018, 2019 Attendee at Teaching and Learning Conference, Elon University

2017 – Certificate of Accomplishment in Teaching Writing in the Disciplines, Duke University  
Workshops taken: *Grading Student Writing, Crafting Effective Writing Assignments I: The Writing Task, Crafting Effective Writing Assignments II: The Writing Process, Helping Students Write Well Structured Papers, Rethinking the Library Research Paper*, in addition to reflections on writing

assignments, feedback samples, and *The Elements of Teaching Writing: A Resource for Instructors in All Disciplines*

Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University

Courses taken: *Fundamentals of College Teaching, College Teaching – Course Design, College Teaching and Visual Communication, Research in the Classroom, Digital Pedagogy, Psychology Teaching Seminar*

## MENTORING EXPERIENCE

### *Honors Thesis Students:*

2017 – 2020      Ziwei Zhang, Class of 2020, Duke University  
Now: PhD student at University of Chicago, PI: Monica Rosenberg

### *Awards:*

Summer Neuroscience Program, Duke Institute for Brain Sciences  
Charles Lafitte Foundation Undergraduate Travel Award, Duke University (2x)

### *Independent Study Students:*

2019 –              Vineethsubbu Somasundaram, Class of 2022, Duke University

### *Awards:*

Vertical Integration Program, Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University

2018 – 2019      Sophie Tan, Class of 2020, Duke University

### *Awards:*

Vertical Integration Program, Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University  
*Offered, but not accepted*

### *Research Practicum Students and Research Assistants:*

2019                Benjamin Romero Jr., Class of 2021, Duke University

2018 – 2020      Co-mentored with Brenda Yang, Duke University:  
Noah Schaffir, Class of 2021;  
Sydney Albert, Class of 2022;  
Thomas O'Connor, Class of 2020, Now: Data Analyst, BNY Mellon  
Taylor Albus, Class of 2020, Now: Technology Analyst, Goldman Sachs

2016                Jessica Bowen, Class of 2018, Rutgers-Newark;  
Mihika Gupta, Class of 2018, Rutgers-Newark

### *Professional Development:*

2019                Participant, Mentorship Workshop series, Duke Institute for Brain Sciences

- 2018 Mentor to first-year Psychology & Neuroscience graduate students, Duke University
- 2016 – 2017 Founder of inaugural graduate/undergraduate student mentorship program for Women in Science and Engineering, Duke University
- 2016 Selected for inaugural graduate/undergraduate mentoring program: Passing the Torch, Women's Center, Duke University
- 2012 – 2013 Residential Adviser, Pomona College

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – 2021 Department of Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University  
Ph.D. Graduate Student, Cognitive Neuroscience area  
Mentors: Tobias Egner (advisor), Bridgette Martin Hard and John Pearson (collaborators)
- 2014 – 2016 Department of Psychology, Rutgers University, Newark  
Principal Lab Assistant  
PI: Elizabeth Tricomi
- 2013 – 2014 Department of Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles  
Research Assistant  
PI: Jesse Rissman, with Natalie De Shetler, Ph.D.
- 2011 – 2013 Departments of Neuroscience and Biology, Pomona College  
Research Assistant  
PIs: Junryo Watanabe & Rachel Levin

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2017 – 2020 Graduate & Professional Student Council Representative, Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University  
Served on *Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee, Harassment Grievance Board, GPSC Advocacy Committee*
- Discussion leader (1x) & member, Women in Science & Business book club (later known as Scientists Promoting Equity and Knowledge), Duke University
- 2020 Panelist, Graduate TA training workshop, Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University
- Reviewer, TA Guidelines for Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University
- Reviewer, Preparing Future Faculty Program, Duke University
- Panelist, Preparing Future Faculty Information Session, Duke University
- Presenter, Graduate Board of Visitors, Duke University
- 2017 – 2019 Graduate Student Affairs Liaison, Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University
- 2018, 2019 Panelist on applying to graduate school, Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University

2017 – 2018	Founder of Psychology & Neuroscience Women's Support Network, Duke University
	Co-organizer of the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience journal club, Duke University
2016 – 2018	Co-organizer for the graduate student recruitment weekend for Psychology & Neuroscience, Duke University
2018	Presenter, Duke Institute for Brain Sciences External Advisory Board meeting
2017	Panelist on applying to graduate school, Neuroscience Majors Union, Duke University
	Video interview, Thompson Writing Program, The Graduate School, Duke University
	Planning committee member for Women in Science and Engineering, Duke University
2016, 2017	Organizer of talks by John Pearson, Ph.D. for the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience at Duke University (“Git, GitHub, and what your lab can gain from open science” and “Power analysis for the clueless”)
2014 – 2016	Discussion leader & member, Women in Science book club, Rutgers-Newark
2009 – 2013	Editorial Board Member, Passwords (literary magazine), Pomona College
2010 – 2013	Co-founder of 5Cs Out Loud (creative expression club), Pomona College
2009 – 2011	Class representative, Pomona Events Committee, Pomona College
2009	Section Editor, Metate (yearbook), Pomona College

## NATIONAL SERVICE

*Ad-hoc Reviewer (alone and with advisor\*):*

Cognition\* • Cognitive Psychology\* • Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition  
• Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance\* • Psychological Research\*

*Society-based:*

2017, 2018	Volunteer at the 24th & 25th annual Cognitive Neuroscience Society meetings
2017	Judge for the Sigma Xi virtual Student Research Showcase

## OUTREACH

*Writing:*

2019	Supervised cognitive psychology writing for Duke Research Blog, Duke University <a href="#">Innocent Until Proven Guilty? Well, That Depends</a> by Casey Chanler <a href="#">6-Month-Old Brains Are Categorically Brilliant</a> by Jing Liu <a href="#">A Mind at Rest Still Has Feelings</a> by Brynne O’Shea
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[Are People Stuck with Their Political Views?](#) by Casey Holman  
[Move Your Eyes and Wiggle Your Ears](#) by Benjamin Fiszal  
[Your Brain Likes YOU Most](#) by Kenan Kaptanoglu  
[Putting Your Wandering Mind on a Leash](#) by Jesse Lowey  
[Just The Way You Can Say It Can Make Something ‘True’](#) by Kevyn Smith

2017, 2019      Writer for the Professional Development blog for the Duke University Graduate School:  
*Guest Post:* [“Making Time to Write: The Value of Writing Groups”](#)  
*Guest Post:* [“Alumni Profiles Series: Vijeth Iyengar”](#)  
*Guest Post:* [“Becoming a Better Teacher: Trans\\* Inclusive Pedagogy”](#)

#### *Community-based:*

2020      Perkins Library Student Wall Exhibit: [“What do we think about when we think about intelligence?”](#), organized by Christina Bejjani, Brenda Yang; assisted by Ceren Ebrem, Sydney Albert, Noah Schaffir, and Bridgette Martin Hard

2017, 2020      Judge, NC Central Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Durham

2017, 2018      Kids table team leader, Duke Institute of Brain Sciences Brain Discovery Day

2016, 2017      Graduate mentor, US2020 Research Triangle Park STEM-focused Expos

2016      Volunteer presenter, Graduate Women in Science & NC Girl Scouts, Meredith College

                Lab coordinator of Summer Brain Camp, Rutgers-Newark

2011      Health Stimulus Initiative Intern, Portable Wellness Clinic, Chino Hills

2009 – 2011      Events committee organizer, Red Cross Club, Pomona College

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

2020      Introduction to Software Development, Duke University

                Introduction to SQL and Managing Big Data with MySQL coursera, Duke University

2018      Model-based Neuroscience Summer School, University of Amsterdam

                Summer School in Machine Learning, Duke University

                Summer School in Social Neuroscience and Neuroeconomics, Duke University

                Workshop on [“Deep, fast and shallow learning in humans and machines”](#), Indiana University, Bloomington

                Course in Science Communication, Duke University

2017      Graduate Teaching Assistant Training, Duke University

                Course in Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), Duke University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Psychological Association, Association for Psychological Science, Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, Society for Neuroscience, Sigma Xi Scientific Honor Society

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

### *Languages:*

Familiarity with Arabic and French

### *Computer-based:*

JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Python, Matlab (incl. Psychtoolbox), R, MTurk, E-Prime, SPSS, JASP, BrainVoyager, FSL, Bootstrap, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Microsoft Office, Github (Pages)