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Professional Appointments

Postdoctoral Associate, NYU 2017-
Center for Neural Science
Advisor: Xiao-Jing Wang

Education

PhD, UC Berkeley 2017
Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute
Advisor: Mark D'Esposito
Thesis Committee: Michael Silver, David Whitney, Bill Prinzmetal

AB, Vassar College 2009
Cognitive Science (Graduated with General and Departmental Honors)
Advisor: Jan Andrews

Grants

National Institutes of Health R01-MH062349 2018-
Distributed Dynamics & Cognition in a Large-Scale Primate Cortical Circuit Model
Role: Key Personnel

National Science Foundation 1631586 2017-2019
Flexible Rule-Based Categorization in Neural Circuits and Neural Network Models
Role: Key Personnel

Awards

Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant (UC Berkeley) 2017
Award to travel to The Virtual Brain Node #5 Workshop

Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant (UC Berkeley) 2016
Award to travel to the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting

National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship 2013
Full funding for 3 years

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| NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program <i>Honorable Mention</i> | 2013 |
| Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (UC Berkeley) <i>Awarded to top 9% of all GSIs</i> | 2013 |
| Teaching Effectiveness Award (UC Berkeley) <i>Awarded to up to 14 Outstanding GSIs each year (university-wide)</i> | 2013 |
| Berkeley Fellowship (UC Berkeley) <i>Full funding for 2 years, awarded to top 4% of all admitted PhD students</i> | 2011 |
| Induction into Phi Beta Kappa <i>America's Oldest Academic Honor Society</i> | 2009 |
| Induction into Sigma Xi <i>International Honor Society of Science and Engineering</i> | 2009 |
| Olive M. Lammert Book Prize (Vassar College) <i>For excellence in general chemistry (one recipient per year)</i> | 2008 |
| Induction into Psi Chi <i>International Honor Society in Psychology</i> | 2008 |
| Vassar College Internship Grant Fund <i>Funding for clinical/research internship at Bellevue Hospital</i> | 2008 |
| Vassar College Dean of Studies Grant <i>Award to travel to the Cognitive Science Society annual meeting</i> | 2007 |

Publications

Bliss, D. P., Rahnev, D., and D'Esposito, M. (in preparation). Functional organization for visual serial dependence in lateral frontal cortex.

Ding, X., Froudish-Walsh, S., **Bliss, D. P.**, Jaramillo, J., and Wang, X. J. (in preparation). Understanding distributed working memory using a large-scale circuit model of the mouse cortex.

Bliss, D. P., Froudish-Walsh, S., Ding, X., and Wang, X. J. (in preparation). AMPA and NMDA receptors serve complementary functions for perception and working memory in a large-scale model of primate cortex.

Froudish-Walsh, S., Palomero-Gallagher, N., **Bliss, D. P.**, Ding, X., Janjovic-Rapan, L., Niu, M., Knoblauch, K., Kennedy, H., Zilles, K., and Wang, X. J. (in preparation). A gradient of dopamine receptors controls access to working memory in a large-scale model of monkey cortex.

Min, B., **Bliss, D. P.**, Sarma, A., Freedman, D. J., and Wang, X. J. (in preparation). A neural circuit mechanism of categorical perception: top-down signaling in the primate cortex.

- Blumenfeld, R. S., **Bliss, D. P.**, and D'Esposito, M. (2018). Quantitative anatomical evidence for a dorsoventral and rostrocaudal segregation within the nonhuman primate frontal cortex. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 30(3), 353-364.
- Bliss, D. P.** and D'Esposito, M. (2017). Synaptic augmentation in a cortical circuit model reproduces serial dependence in visual working memory. *PLoS One*, 12(12), e0188927.
- Bliss, D. P.**, Sun, Jerome J., and D'Esposito, M. (2017). Serial dependence is absent at the time of perception but increases in visual working memory. *Scientific Reports*, 7(1), 14739.
- Kiyonaga, A., Scimeca, J. M., **Bliss, D. P.**, and Whitney, D. (2017). Serial dependence across perception, attention, and memory. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, 21(7), 493-497.
- Blumenfeld, R. S.*, **Bliss, D. P.***, Perez, F., and D'Esposito, M. (2014). CoCoTools: Open-source software for building connectomes using the CoCoMac anatomical database. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 26(4), 722-745.
- Andrews, J., Livingston, K., Sturm, J., **Bliss, D.**, and Hawthorne, D. (2011). Category learning research in the interactive online environment Second Life. In T. E. Pinelli (Ed.), *Selected Papers and Presentations Presented at MODSIM World 2010 Conference and Expo* (pp. 973-978). Hampton, VA: NASA.

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Presentations

- Froudish-Walsh, S., Palomero-Gallagher, N., **Bliss, D. P.**, Ding, X., Jankovic-Rapan, L., Niu, M., Knoblauch, K., Kennedy, H., Zilles, K., and Wang, X. J. (2020). A gradient of dopamine receptors controls access to working memory in a large-scale model of cortex. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Montreal, Canada.
- Froudish-Walsh, S., Palomero-Gallagher, N., **Bliss, D. P.**, Ding, X., Knoblauch, K., Jankovic-Rapan, L., Niu, M., Kennedy, H., Zilles, K., and Wang, X. J. (2019). A gradient of cortical dopamine stabilizes distributed working memory representations in a large-scale model of macaque cortex. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Chicago, IL.
- Ding, X., Froudish-Walsh, S., **Bliss, D. P.**, and Wang, X. J. (2019). Understanding distributed working memory using a large scale circuit model of the mouse cortex. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Chicago, IL.
- Min, B., **Bliss, D. P.**, Zhou, Y., Freedman, D. J., and Wang, X. J. (2019). Categorical perception: probing top-down signaling. Paper presented at the annual Computational and Systems Neuroscience (Cosyne) meeting, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Min, B., **Bliss, D. P.**, Zhou, Y., Freedman, D. J., and Wang, X. J. (2018). Categorical

perception: probing top-down signaling and predictive coding. Nanosymposium presentation presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Bliss, D. P. and D'Esposito, M. (2018). Characterizing the peripheral bumps of serial dependence in visual working memory. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI.

Bliss, D. P. and D'Esposito, M. (2016). Serial dependence in spatial working memory: Attraction not swaps. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Bliss, D. P., Papadimitriou, C., and D'Esposito, M. (2016). Progress toward a biophysical theory of serial dependence. Poster presented at the annual Northern California Computational Biology Student Symposium, Berkeley, CA.

Blumenfeld, R. S., **Bliss, D. P.**, and D'Esposito, M. (2013). Quantitative anatomical evidence for separable dorsolateral and ventrolateral prefrontal networks. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Blumenfeld, R. S., **Bliss, D. P.**, Perez, F., and D'Esposito, M. (2013). Building connectomes from the CoCoMac database using CoCoTools. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.

Blumenfeld, R. S., **Bliss, D. P.**, Perez, F., and D'Esposito, M. (2011). An open-source tool for constructing brain graphs using CoCoMac. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.

Blumenfeld, R., Nomura, E., Gratton, C., **Bliss, D.**, and D'Esposito, M. (2011). Distinct dorsal and ventral lateral prefrontal networks evident in resting-state connectivity. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Quebec City, QC.

Assaf, M., Hyatt, C., Nonterah, C., Czuchaw-Wolkowska, M., Gill, A., Ames, A., Lorenzoni, R., **Bliss, D.**, and Pearlson, G. D. (2010). Implicit theory of mind neural impairments during competitive social interaction in patients with schizophrenia. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Andrews, J., Livingston, K., **Bliss, D.**, and Vlahovic, T. (2008). Effects of category learning on similarity of line stimuli representing social groups. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Washington, DC.

Invited Talks

Does What You Know Really Alter What You See?
Cognitive Science Department Seminar, Vassar College

Mar 2018

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| Serial Dependence in Visual Working Memory <i>Neurotroph, UC Berkeley</i> | Aug 2017 |
| Serial Dependence in Working Memory <i>Meeting of the lab of Clay Curtis, NYU</i> | Jan 2017 |
| Serial Dependence in Working Memory <i>Meeting of the lab of Xiao-Jing Wang, NYU</i> | Jan 2017 |
| Serial Dependence as a Phenomenon of Working Memory <i>WISPPR Meeting, UC Berkeley</i> | Nov 2016 |
| Serial Dependence in Spatial Working Memory <i>Brain Lunch Seminar Series, Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, UC Berkeley</i> | Apr 2016 |
| The Limits of Single-Item Spatial Working Memory <i>Meeting of the lab of Michael Silver, UC Berkeley</i> | Apr 2016 |
| Review of Ranade et al., Nature, 2015 <i>Brain Lunch Seminar Series, Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, UC Berkeley</i> | Sep 2015 |
| Dopamine, Corticostriatal Loops, and Working Memory <i>Annual UC Berkeley Neuroscience Retreat</i> | Oct 2013 |
| Towards a Canonical Wiring Diagram of the Macaque Brain <i>Brain Lunch Seminar Series, Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, UC Berkeley</i> | Feb 2012 |

Teaching

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| Neuroscience (mid-level undergraduate course) <i>Patten University at San Quentin, Prof. Charles Gross</i> | Spring 2017 |
| Neurobiology Laboratory (upper-level undergraduate course) <i>UC Berkeley, Molecular and Cell Biology, Prof. Robert Zucker</i> | Spring 2014 |
| Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology (upper-level undergraduate course) <i>UC Berkeley, Molecular and Cell Biology, Prof. Richard Kramer</i> | Fall 2012 |

Mentoring

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| Ulysse Klatzmann (NYU Research Scholar) <i>Leads an ongoing project</i> | 2019- |
| Xingyu Ding (NYU PhD student) <i>Leads an ongoing project</i> | 2018- |
| Andrew Mah (NYU PhD rotation student) <i>Performed analyses for an ongoing project</i> | 2018 |
| Colin Bredenberg (NYU PhD rotation student) <i>Performed analyses for an ongoing project</i> | 2018 |

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| Jerome Sun (UC Berkeley '19) <i>Collected data and performed analyses for Bliss et al. (2017)</i> | 2016-2018 |
| Sydney Mayes (UC Berkeley Research Assistant) <i>Collected data for Bliss et al. (2017)</i> | 2016-2017 |
| Sarah Rockwood (UC Berkeley '19) <i>Collected data for Bliss et al. (2017)</i> | 2015-2016 |

Ad Hoc Peer Review

Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience
eLife
Neural Computation
Psychological Research
Cognition
PLoS Computational Biology

Additional Research Experience

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| Vassar College Visiting Scholar | 2019 |
| UC Berkeley, Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute Graduate Student Researcher <i>Advisor: Yang Dan</i> | 2012-2013 |
| UC Berkeley, Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute Rotation Student <i>Advisors: Joni Wallis, Bob Knight, Yang Dan</i> | 2011-2012 |
| Yale School of Medicine, Hartford Hospital, Institute of Living Clinical Research Assistant <i>Advisor: Godfrey Pearlson</i> | 2009-2010 |

Summer Courses (Competitive Admissions)

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| Mining and Modeling of Neuroscience Data <i>Redwood Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, UC Berkeley</i> | 2017 |
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Open-Source Software Contributions

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| pydstool <i>Dynamical systems analysis environment for Python</i> | #9 contributor, 2 commits |
| brian2 <i>Spiking neural network simulator for Python</i> | #16 contributor, 3 commits |

CoCoTools

Connectome analysis tools for Python

#1 contributor, 392 commits

University Service

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| Climate Committee (Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute) | 2016-2017 |
| Member | |

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| Student-Invited Seminar Series (Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute) | 2013 |
| Organizer | |

Community Outreach

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| Project for Psychiatric Outreach to the Homeless (CUCS) | 2009 |
| Intern | |

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| Bellevue Hospital Emergency Department | 2008 |
| Project Healthcare Volunteer | |