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Professional Appointments

Postdoctoral Associate, NYU 2017-
Center for Neural Science
Advisor: Xiao-Jing Wang
Co-Advisor: David Freedman, U Chicago

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

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

- 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., 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? <i>Cognitive Science Department Seminar, Vassar College</i>	Mar 2018
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

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

Ulysse Klatzmann (NYU visiting student) <i>Leads an ongoing project</i>	2019-
Xingyu Ding (NYU PhD student) <i>Leads an ongoing project</i>	2018-
Conor McGrory (NYU Research Assistant) <i>Wrote code for an ongoing project</i>	2019
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
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

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

Summer Courses (Competitive Admissions)

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

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 <i>Connectome analysis tools for Python</i>	#1 contributor, 392 commits

University Service

Climate Committee (Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute) Member	2016-2017
Student-Invited Seminar Series (Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute) Organizer	2013

Community Outreach

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Harlem Chapter Digital and Social Media Director	2018
Project for Psychiatric Outreach to the Homeless (CUCS) Intern	2009

