

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION**

- 2019            Ph.D. Developmental Psychology, Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience (*dual specialization*), University of Florida
- 2018            M.S. Psychology, University of Florida

### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2019 -            *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Centre de recherche de l'Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada
- 2019 -            *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Department of Psychology, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada
- 2015 - 2019      *Graduate Student Research Assistant*, University of Florida, Department of Psychology, Gainesville, FL, USA
- 2013 - 2015      *Clinical Research Associate*, Seattle Children's Research Institute, Child Health, Behavior and Development, Seattle, WA, USA
- 2012 – 2015      *Research Assistant*, University of Washington Medical Center, Radiology Department, Integrated Brain Imaging Center, Seattle, WA, USA

### **PUBLICATIONS**

(Last name changed from Gulliford to Lussier in 2017)

*Peer reviewed*

**Lussier, D.**, Bellec, P. (*in write-up*) Whole-brain dynamic parcellation (Dypac) for multisite resting-state fMRI.

Badhwar A., Collin-Verreault, Y., **Lussier, D.**, Sharmarke, H., Orban, P., Urchs, S., Chouinard, I., Vogel, J., Potvin, O., Duchesne, S., Bellec, P. (2020). A dataset of long-term consistency values of resting-state fMRI connectivity maps in a single individual derived at multiple sites and vendors using the Canadian Dementia Imaging Protocol. *Data in Brief*. 31:105699.

**Lussier, D.**, Cruz-Almeida, Y., Ebner, N.C. (2019) Musculoskeletal pain and brain morphology: oxytocin's potential as a treatment for chronic pain in aging. *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience*. 11:338. doi: 10.3389/fnagi.2019.00338

Richards T., Grabowksi T., Askren, K., Boord, P., Yagle, K., Mestre, Z, Robinson, P., Welker, O., **Gulliford, D.**, Nagy, W., Berninger, V. (2015). Contrasting brain patterns of writing-related DTI parameters, fMRI connectivity, and DTI-fMRI connectivity correlations in children with and without dysgraphia or dyslexia. *Neuroimage: Clinical*, 8, 408-421. doi: 10.1016/j.nicl.2015.03.018

#### *Encyclopedia entries*

Ebner, N.C., **Gulliford, D.**, Yumusak, S. (2016). Saccadic Eye Movement. *Encyclopedia of Clinical Neuropsychology*. doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-56782-2\_1400-2

#### *Thesis/dissertation*

**Lussier, D.** (2019). Pain and Aging: Brain Structure and the Effects of Oxytocin (Doctoral dissertation). *University of Florida*.

**Lussier, D.** (2018). Age differential effects of oxytocin on resting state functional connectivity in women (Master's thesis). *University of Florida*.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

2021	<i>Neuro-AI Excellence Scholarship</i> , Union Neuroscience et Intelligence Artificielle - Québec (UNIQUE), \$20,000
2018	<i>McKnight Brain Institute Training Enhancement Opportunity Travel Award</i> , University of Florida, \$1,850
2015 - 2019	<i>Graduate Fellowship Top-Off Award</i> , University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Department of Psychology, \$5,000 per year for 4 years

2015 - 2019     *Graduate School Fellowship Program Award*, University of Florida,  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Department of Psychology

2013             *Magna Cum Laude*, Ashford University, Department of Psychology

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

(Last name changed from Gulliford to Lussier in 2017)

(\*indicates undergraduate/trainee presenter)

**Lussier, D.**, Badhwar, A., Shamarke, H., Boré, A., Dixon, R., Bellec, P. (October 2020).  
*Evaluating the embedding quality of whole-brain dynamic parcellation (Dypac)*  
*resting-state fMRI on the CCNA and SIMON datasets*. Recorded video poster  
presentation for the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging,  
virtual, Canada

\*Myers, E., **Lussier, D.**, Horta, M., Frazier, I., Polk, R., Feifel, D., Ebner, N. C. (June  
2019). *Four-week intranasal oxytocin increases insula volume and associated*  
*empathy scores in aging*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the  
Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Rome, Italy.

**Lussier, D.**, Fillingim, R.B., Riley, J.L., Cohen, R., Woods, A., Porges, E., Ebner, N.C.,  
Cruz-Almeida, Y. (April 2019) *Associations between pain interference and brain*  
*volume in community-dwelling older adults*. Poster presented the *American Pain*  
*Society Scientific Meeting*, Milwaukee, WI, USA.

\*Myers, E., **Lussier, D.**, Horta, M., Frazier, I., Polk, R., Feifel, D., Ebner, N. C. (January  
2019). *Increase in empathy and insula volume after 4-week intranasal oxytocin*  
*administration in older adults*. Poster presented at 9<sup>th</sup> Annual North Central  
Florida Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience Conference, Gainesville, Florida.

Ebner, N. C., Månsson, K. N. T., Lin, T., **Lussier, D.**, Horta, M., Frazier, I., Weir, D.,  
Feifel, D., Fischer, H. (January 2019). *Neuroplasticity and cognitive benefits*  
*associated with chronic intranasal oxytocin administration in aging*. Talk at the  
Alpine Brain Imaging Meeting, Champéry, Switzerland.

**Lussier, D.**, Horta, M., Porges, E., Woods, A., Cohen, R., Ebner, N.C., Cruz-Almeida,  
Y. (November 2018). *Pain modulation is associated with cingulate morphology in*  
*older adults with musculoskeletal pain*. Poster presentation at the Society for  
Neuroscience Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA.

**Lussier, D.**, \*Hayes, R., Horta, M., Lin, T., Frazier, I., Weir, D., Perez, E., Feifel, D.,  
Månsson, K.N.T., Fischer, H., Ebner, N.C. (June 2018). *Four-week intranasal*

*oxytocin vs placebo administration modulation of amygdala and accumbens volume*. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Singapore.

\*Sannegowda, R., **Lussier, D.**, Ebner, N.C., Cruz-Almeida, Y. (June 2018). *Cerebellar white matter volume is associated with clinical and experimental pain in older individuals with musculoskeletal pain*. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Singapore.

Månsson, K. N. T., **Lussier, D.**, Cortes, D. S., Lin, T., Horta, M., Frazier, I., Feifel, D., Fischer, H., Ebner, N. C. (June 2018). *Neuroplasticity after acute and repeated exposure to oxytocin: a multi-site MRI analysis*. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Singapore.

**Gulliford, D.**, Chen, H., Porges, E., Lin, T., Fischer, H., Feifel, D., Cohen, R. A., Ebner, N. C. (June 2017). *Gender-differential effects of intranasal oxytocin on resting-state anterior cingulate activity*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Vancouver, Canada.

Horta, M., Lin, T., **Gulliford, D.**, Cohen, R. A., Ebner, N. C. (April 2016). *Dynamic emotion identification: Effects of age and oxytocin*. Poster presented at the Meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, New York City, NY, USA.

Conner, L., Dalton, I., Horta, M., **Gulliford, D.**, Frazier, I., Ebner, N. C., Lighthall, N. (March 2017). *Information integration in economic value judgments: Shift from affective to deliberative decision network regions*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social and Affective Neuroscience, Los Angeles, CA, USA.

Horta, M., Lin, T., **Gulliford, D.**, Ebner, N. C. (November 2015). *Dynamic emotion identification: Effects of age and oxytocin*. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America's 68th Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL, USA.

\*Welker, O. **Gulliford, D.**, Aylward, E., Webb, S. (June 2015). *Amygdalar function in emotion processing in adolescent boys and girls*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA.

Jack, A., Keifer, C., **Gulliford, D.**, Torgerson, C., Aylward, E., Bookheimer, S., Dapretto, M., Gaab, N., Van Horn, J., Pelphrey, K., GENDAAR Working Group (May 2015). *Sex differences in biological motion perception among youth with ASD: an fMRI investigation*. Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research, Salt Lake City, UT, USA.

Richards, T., Grabowski, T., Askren, K., Collins, E., Yagle, K., **Gulliford, D.**, Welker, O., Beringer, V. (March 2014) *Children with dyslexia/dysgraphia and DTI parameter correlations with reading/language scores*. Poster presented at the New Horizons in Human Brain Imaging conference, Oahu, HI, USA.

Richards, T., Grabowski, T., Askren, K., Peter Boord, P., Yagle, K., Mestre, Z., Reitz, F., Welker, O., **Gulliford, D.**, Liza Young, L., Collins, E., Berninger, V. (November 2013) *Functional and structural connectivity across levels of language in children with dysgraphia*. Poster presented at Society for the Neurobiology of Language conference, San Diego, CA, USA.

Richards, T., Grabowski, T., Askren, K., Collins, E., Yagle, K., **Gulliford, D.**, Welker, O., Beringer, V. (June 2013) *Children with dyslexia/dysgraphia and DTI parameter correlations with reading/language scores*. Poster presented at the Organization for Human Brain Mapping conference, Seattle, WA, USA.

## **INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES**

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| 2020       | <i>Resting-state functional MRI as an emergent biomarker in Alzheimer's Disease</i> . Trainee panel on biomarkers, Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA), Canada (virtual) |
| 2018       | <i>Brain structure and oxytocin in pain and aging</i> . Centre de recherche de l'Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal, Université de Montréal, Montreal, QC, CA                    |
| 2018       | <i>Brain structure in pain and aging</i> . University of Florida, Language and Brain group, Gainesville, FL, USA                                                                              |
| 2018       | <i>Scripting with Unix Shell</i> . University of Florida, Developmental Colloquium, Gainesville, FL, USA                                                                                      |
| 2017, 2016 | <i>Socioemotional development in infancy</i> . University of Florida, Developmental Psychology class, Gainesville, FL, USA                                                                    |

- 2014 *Updates in Autism: New research and the DSM.* Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, Abnormal Psychology class, Lakewood, WA, USA
- 2013 *An introduction to neuroimaging.* Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, Introduction to Psychology class, Lakewood, WA, USA
- 2013 *Neuroimaging and developmental disorders.* Pierce College Fort Steilacoom, Abnormal Psychology class, Lakewood, WA, USA
- 2013 *Posttraumatic stress disorder in combat veterans: A review of treatment methods and experiment proposal.* University of Washington Medical Center, IBIC Lab Meeting, Seattle, WA, US

## **WORKSHOPS**

### *Organizer*

2021 *Brainhack Global 2020ish MTL*, (virtual) Montréal, QC, Canada

2020 *Brainhack School*, Summer 2020, multiple universities (virtual), Montréal, QC, Canada

### *Instructor*

2019 *Introduction to machine learning for neuroimaging.* Traintrack workshop for Brainhack Global 2019, Concordia University Conference Centre, Montréal, QC, Canada

2019 *Principal component analysis and pipelines with Sklearn.* Part of the Machine learning educational workshop for Montreal Artificial Intelligence and Neuroscience conference, Mila: Quebec AI Institute, Montréal, QC, Canada

### *Participant*

2018 *Deep Learning in Neuroimaging and Beyond*, Centre de recherche de l'Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada (Dr Andrew Doyle, Dr Joseph Paul Cohen, Thomas Funck)

2018 *The Virtual Brain: Node #7*, Montréal Neurological Institute, McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada

2017 *Montreal Artificial Intelligence and Neuroscience: Machine Learning with NiLearn and Scikit*, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada (Gaël Varoquaux)

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| 2017 | <i>Montreal Artificial Intelligence and Neuroscience: Tensorflow for Deep Learning in Neuroimaging</i> , Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada (Robb Brown) |
| 2017 | <i>Reproducible Neuroimaging (Repronim) training</i> , ReproNim: Center for Reproducible Neuroimaging Computation, Washington, DC, USA                                                                 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spring 2016,<br>2017, 2019;<br>Fall 2017 | Teaching Assistant, <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , University of Florida,<br>(online) undergraduate course (Marina Klimenko) |
| Fall 2018                                | Instructor, <i>General Psychology</i> , University of Florida                                                                   |
| Spring 2018                              | Teaching Assistant, <i>General Psychology</i> , University of Florida,<br>(online) undergraduate course (Nicole Dorey)          |
| Fall 2015,<br>2016                       | Teaching Assistant, <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , University of Florida,<br>undergraduate course (Natalie C. Ebner)         |

## SERVICE

### Committee Memberships

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|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2020- | Brain Art Special Interest Group liaison, Technology Taskforce, Organization for Human Brain Mapping                 |
| 2020- | Work Group Chair, Sponsor/Exhibitor/Brain Art Work Group, Technology Taskforce, Organization for Human Brain Mapping |
| 2020- | Art Exhibit Manager Elect, Brain Art Special Interest Group, Organization for Human Brain Mapping                    |

## Ad-hoc Reviewer

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| 2020 | Neural Regeneration Research                             |
| 2019 | Organization for Human Brain Mapping annual meeting 2020 |
| 2019 | Frontiers in Neuroinformatics                            |

## **MENTORSHIP**

Myers, Elisha, University of Florida, Psychology Undergraduate Thesis: *Effects of Four-Week Intranasal Oxytocin Administration on Insula Volume and Levels of Empathy in Aging*, Spring 2020. PI: Natalie C. Ebner. (Accepted to Florida Atlantic University College of Medicine)

Rachna Sannegowda, University of Florida, Biomedical Engineering Undergraduate Thesis: *Cerebellar White Matter Volume and Clinical Pain in Older Individuals*, Spring 2018. PI: Yenisel Cruz-Almeida. (Accepted to University of Central Florida College of Medicine)

Rita Hayes, University of Florida, Biology Undergraduate Thesis: *The effects of Long-Term Oxytocin Administration on the Cingulate Cortex of Older Adults*, Spring 2018. PI: Natalie C. Ebner. (Accepted to Technion Medical School)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2018-                Society for Neuroscience (SfN), student member

2018-2019        American Pain Society (APS), student/trainee member

2013-                Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM), junior/student member

## **METHODS AND TECHNOLOGY**

### *Neuroimaging Methods*

DTI, fMRI, sMRI

### *Programming Languages*

Unix shell (bash), R, Python, JavaScript

### *Neuroimaging/machine learning/deep learning libraries*

Dypac, Nilearn, Scikit-Learn, PyTorch, fMRIPrep

### *Operating Systems*

Linux (Debian, Ubuntu), Windows

### *Spoken/written languages*

English (native), French (elementary)