



EENA KOSIK

Cognitive Science PhD Student

Computational neuroscientist with 8+ years of experience analyzing diverse multi-modal data, spanning from physiological measurements to large-scale surveys.

Expertise in signal processing, time series analysis, advanced statistical methods, quantitative user experience research, human-computer interaction, and the art of collecting human data.

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE RESEARCHER

UC San Diego | Voytek Lab *September 2020 - Present*

- Leading 10+ data-driven research projects investigating the interactions between the autonomic nervous system and neurophysiological signals.
- Conceived of, developed, and am validating a Python tool for fine-scale quantification of the ECG waveform.
- Applying advanced statistical analysis and machine learning algorithms to use neural, cardiac, and respiratory waveform shape as a predictor for behavioral and disease states.
- Designed, coded, and am implementing EEG tasks via Psychopy to test the neural and cognitive implications of controlled breathing.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENTIST

Fidelity Investments *June - August 2023*

- Designed, collected, analyzed, and presented a research study (N=5000+) to key stakeholders.
- Study outcomes resulted in incorporating human-centered design principles to the investor profile questionnaire (reaches 1MM customers).
- Developed expertise in qualitative and quantitative user-experience research methods.

CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR

UCSF | Memory & Aging Center *June 2017 - August 2020*

- Collected and preprocessed MRI, physiological, and survey data from 200+ children, older adults, and neurodegenerative patients.
- Project lead for 3 first-author poster presentations.
- Co-authored 5 published research articles in reputable journals.
- Led a year-long clinical trial on the influence of awe on overall wellbeing and cardiovascular health.
- Fully trained and mentored 3 research coordinators.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Cognitive Science 2020 - 2025 (*expected*)

University of California, San Diego

M.S. Cognitive Science 2020 - 2022

University of California, San Diego

B.A. Cognitive Science 2013 - 2017

University of California, Berkeley

SKILLS

Electrophysiology (EEG, iEEG, ECG) • Signal Processing • Time Series Analysis • Machine Learning • Advanced Statistical Analysis • Eye Tracking • MRI/fMRI • Data Visualization • Project Management • User Experience Research • Experimental Design • Paper Writing • Data Collection & Preprocessing

Python toolboxes: pandas, numpy, scipy, scikit-learn, tensorflow, pytorch, matplotlib, seaborn, mne

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

Kavli Innovative Research Grant Recipient 2023
\$40,000

National Science Foundation Graduate 2022
Research Fellowship - Honorable Mention

MicroMBA Certification 2022
Rady School of Management

UC Berkeley Summer Research Fellowship 2017
\$4,000

MENTORSHIP & TEACHING

Graduate Teaching Assistant 2020 - present
Developed lesson plans, exams, assignments, and have lectured to 100's of undergraduates in several classes, including:
Brain Computer Interfaces, Neural Data Science, Intro to Python, and Intro to Statistical Analysis.

Colors of the Brain Mentorship Lead 2020 - present
Elected in this leadership role to facilitate pairing faculty and graduate student mentors to underrepresented, minority undergraduate students interested in pursuing research in STEM.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023** Recommendations for Structuring Undergraduate Research Programs Serving Historically Excluded and Marginalized Students in Neuroscience.
Christian Cazares*, Maribel Patiño*, Minerva Contreras, Julia C. Gorman, Jillybeth Burgado, Sana A. Ali, Quirine van Engen, **Eena L. Kosik**, Pamela Riviere, Emily T. Baltz, Chimuanya K. Agba, Michael Preston, Nagarajan Akshay, Jianna Cressy, Natalie Paredes, Chiaki Santiago, Kevin L. White. | under final review in **Nature Neuroscience**
- 2023** Magnetic seizure therapy and electroconvulsive therapy increase aperiodic activity.
Sydney E. Smith*, **Eena L. Kosik***, Quirine van Engen*, Aron T. Hill, Reza Zomorodi, Daniel M. Blumberger, Zafiris J. Daskalakis, Itay Hadas, Bradley Voytek. | [medRxiv](#): accepted in **Translational Psychiatry**
- 2023** Diminished baseline autonomic outflow in semantic dementia relates to left-lateralized insula atrophy.
Alice Y. Hua, Ashlin R. K. Roy, **Eena L. Kosik**, Nathaniel A. Morris, Tiffany E. Chow, Sladjana Lukic, Maxime Montembeault, Valentina Borghesani, Kyan Younes, Joel H. Kramer, William W. Seeley, David C. Perry, Zachary A. Miller, Howard J. Rosen, Bruce L. Miller, Katherine P. Rankin, Maria Luisa Gorno-Tempini, Virginia E. Sturm. | **Neuroimage: Clinical**
- 2023** Higher emotional granularity relates to greater inferior frontal cortex cortical thickness in healthy, older adults.
Sladjana Lukic, **Eena L. Kosik**, Ashlin R.K. Roy, Nathaniel Morris, Isabel J. Sible, Samir Datta, Tiffany Chow, Christina R. Veziris, Sarah R. Holley, Joel H. Kramer, Bruce L. Miller, Dacher Keltner, Maria Luisa Gorno-Tempini, Virginia E. Sturm. | **Cognitive, Affective & Behavioral Neuroscience**
- 2022** Dynamic autonomic nervous system states arise during emotions and manifest in basal physiology.
Lorenzo Pasquini, Fatemeh Noohi, Christina R. Veziris, **Eena L. Kosik**, Sarah R. Holley, Alex Lee, Jesse A. Brown, Ashlin R. K. Roy, Tiffany E. Chow, Isabel Allen, Howard J. Rosen, Joel H. Kramer, Bruce L. Miller, Manish Sagar, William W. Seeley, Virginia E. Sturm. | **Psychophysiology**
- 2020** Big Smile, Small Self: Awe Walks Promote Prosocial Positive Emotions in Older Adults.
Virginia E. Sturm, Samir Datta, Ashlin R. K. Roy, Isabel J. Sible, **Eena L. Kosik**, Christina Veziris, Tiffany E. Chow, Nathaniel Morris, John Neuhaus, Joel H. Kramer, Bruce L. Miller, Sarah R. Holley, Dacher Keltner. | **Emotion**
- 2019** Thalamo-cortical network hyperconnectivity in preclinical progranulin mutation carriers.
Suze E. Lee, Ana C. Sias, **Eena L. Kosik**, Taru M. Flagan, Jersey Deng, Stephanie A. Chu, Jesse A. Brown, Anna A. Vidovzsky, Maria Luisa Gorno Tempini, Anna M. Karydas, Giovanni Coppola, Dan H. Geschwind, Rosa Rademakers, Howard J. Rosen, Bruce L. Miller, William W. Seeley. | **NeuroImage: Clinical**

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SELECTED CONFERENCE POSTERS & WORKSHOPS

- 2023** Novel parameterization of event-related potentials: a step towards characterizing the biophysical origins.
Eena L. Kosik*, Dillan Cellier*, Michael Preston*, Parsa Seyfourian, Leslie Claar, Lydia Marks, Irene Rembado, Bradley Voytek. | Society for Psychophysiological Research, New Orleans.
- 2023** Methods for Analyzing Neural Oscillations and Aperiodic Activity Workshop
Eena L. Kosik, Dillan Cellier, Michael Preston, Andrew Bender, Quirine van Engen, Sydney Smith, Bradley Voytek. | Society for Psychophysiological Research, New Orleans. [\[code available here\]](#)
- 2022** Asymmetries in the human inspiration/exhalation cycle relate to the nonsinusoidal waveforms of medial temporal lobe oscillations.
Eena L. Kosik, Bradley Voytek. | Society for Neuroscience, San Diego.
- 2022** Periodic and Aperiodic Mechanisms of Electroconvulsive Therapy for Major Depressive Disorder.
Quirine van Engen*, **Eena L. Kosik***, Sydney Smith*, Bradley Voytek. | Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco.
- 2019** Smaller Social Networks in Preclinical Alzheimer's Disease Relate to Default Mode and Limbic Network Atrophy.
Eena L. Kosik, Samir Datta, Luke W. Bonham, Isabel J. Sible, Renaud La Joie, Nagehan Ayakta, Joel H. Kramer, Bruce L. Miller, William W. Seeley, Jennifer S. Yokoyama, Gil D. Rabinovici, Virginia E. Sturm. | Social and Affective Neuroscience, Miami.
- 2018** Orbicularis Oculi volume relates to resting parasympathetic activity and facial movement during positive emotion.
Eena L. Kosik, Nikolas R. Block, Samir Datta, Lorenzo Pasquini, Isabel J. Sible, Gerd F. Volk, John Neuhaus, Joel H. Kramer, Howard J. Rosen, Bruce L. Miller, William W. Seeley, Virginia E. Sturm. | Society for Affective Science, Los Angeles & Bay Area Affective Science, Stanford.

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