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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of California, San Diego</b> Ph.D. <i>Psychology and Cognitive Science</i> (GPA: 3.94 / 4.0)	2018–2023 ( <i>expected</i> )
<b>Marine Biological Laboratory Summer Course</b> Brains, Minds, & Machines Program	2020 - <i>Remote</i>
<b>Stanford University</b> B.S., M.S. <i>Symbolic Systems</i> (GPA: 3.63 / 4.0)	2014

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

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UCSD Chancellor's Interdisciplinary Collaboratories (\$7,500)	Feb. 2021
Psychonomic Society Graduate Conference Award (\$1,000)	Oct. 2020
Cognitive Science Society Computational Prize (\$1,000)	June 2020
UCSD Anderson Graduate Research Fellowship (\$1,500)	Sep. 2019
UCSD Katzin Graduate Fellowship (\$50,000)	Sep. 2018
K. Jon Barwise Award for distinguished contributions to Stanford Symbolic Systems	June 2014

## LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH EXPERIENCE

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<i>UCSD Graduate Students</i> GradAMP Mentor	Sep. 2020 - Mar. 2021
<i>UCSD Psychology Department</i> Climate Committee Member	Nov. 2020 - present
<i>UCSD Psychology Department</i> Graduate Statistics Advisor	Sep. 2019 - present
<i>UCSD Psychology Data Science Club</i> Club Leader	May 2019 - present
<i>UCSD Psychology Colloquium Series</i> Graduate Student Officer	May 2019 - present
<i>UCSD Psychology Student Speaker Series</i> Graduate Student Officer	May 2019 - present
<i>Stanford Symbolic Systems Student Society</i> Founder	2013
<i>Stanford Symbolic Systems Department</i> Undergraduate Advising Fellow	2013, 2014

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>UC San Diego Computational Cognition Lab</b> <i>Ph.D. Research</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bayesian computational modeling and behavioral research on adversarial reasoning, numerical cognition (PI: Edward Vul)</li></ul>	Sep. 2018 - present
<b>UC San Diego Early Learning &amp; Cognition Lab</b> <i>Ph.D. Research</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Behavioral research on hypothesis generation, relational reasoning, and explanation (PI: Caren Walker)</li></ul>	Sep. 2018 - present
<b>Stanford Virtual Human Interaction Lab</b> <i>Master's Research</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Master's thesis on learning in virtual environments (Advisors: Jeremy Bailenson, Daniel Schwartz)</li></ul>	June 2013 - June 2014

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Destefano, I., Oey, L.A., **Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (2021). Integration by Parts: Collaboration and Topic Structure in the CogSci Community. *Topics in Cognitive Science*.

## MANUSCRIPTS

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**Brockbank, E.**, & Walker, C. (in revision). Explanation Impacts Hypothesis Generation, but not Evaluation, During Learning.

**Brockbank, E.**, Vul, E. & Barner, D. (in revision). Ongoing dynamic calibration produces unstable number estimates.

**Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (in review). Rock, paper, scissors reveals limits of a “behaviorist” theory of mind.

**Brockbank, E.**, Lombrozo, T., Gopnik, A., & Walker, C. (in review). Ask me why, don’t tell me why: Asking children for explanations facilitates relational thinking.

Schneider, R., **Brockbank, E.**, Feiman, R., & Barner, D. (submitted). Counting and the ontogenetic origins of exact equality.

**Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (in prep). Formalizing opponent modeling with the rock, paper, scissors game.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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**Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (2020). Recursive Adversarial Reasoning in the Rock, Paper, Scissors Game. In *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

**Brockbank, E.**, & Walker, C. (2020). Explanation Supports Hypothesis Generation in Learning. In *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Oey, L.A., Destefano, I., **Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (2020). Formalizing interdisciplinary collaboration in the CogSci community. In *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

**Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (2019). Mapping visual features onto numbers. In *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

**Brockbank, E.**, & Smith, K. & Vul, E. (2019). When do people use containment heuristics for physical predictions? In *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. (Retraction November, 2019).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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**Brockbank, E.**, Holdaway, C., Acosta-Kane, D. & Vul, E. (in review). Sampling Data, Beliefs, and Actions. In *Fiedler, K., Juslin, P., & Denrell, J. (Eds), Sampling in Judgment and Decision Making*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (2020, November). Modeling Adaptive Reasoning in Rock, Paper, Scissors. Poster presented at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Psychonomics Society.

**Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (2020, July). Recursive Adversarial Reasoning in the Rock, Paper, Scissors Game. Talk at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.

**Brockbank, E.**, & Walker, C. (2020, July). Explanation Supports Hypothesis Generation in Learning. Talk at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.

Oey, L.A., Destefano, I., **Brockbank, E.**, & Vul, E. (2020, July). Formalizing interdisciplinary collaboration in the CogSci community. Talk at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science

Society.

**Brockbank, E., & Vul, E.** (2020, July). Adaptive Reasoning in Rock-Paper-Scissors. Talk at the 53rd Annual Conference of the Society for Mathematical Psychology.

**Brockbank, E., & Vul, E.** (2019, July). Mapping visual features onto numbers. Poster presented at the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

**Brockbank, E., Smith, K., & Vul, E.** (2019, July). When do people use containment heuristics for physical predictions? Poster presented at the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

**Brockbank, E., & Vul, E.** (2019, June). Mapping visual features onto numbers. Poster presented at the 45th Annual Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. San Diego, California, USA.

## INVITED TALKS

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Brockbank, E. (2020, October) Behaviorist theory of mind: Human adaptive reasoning in the rock, paper, scissors game. Invited talk at the UCSD cogtools lab. San Diego, CA.

Brockbank, E. (2020, October) Behaviorist theory of mind: Human adaptive reasoning in the rock, paper, scissors game. Invited talk at the UCSD cognitive brown-bag. San Diego, CA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Psychology: Cognitive Foundations	<i>Mar. - Jun. 2021</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Introduction to Psychology	<i>Sep. - Dec. 2020</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Psychology of Parenting	<i>Mar. - June 2020</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Introduction to Psychology	<i>Sep. - Dec. 2019</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Industrial & Organizational Psychology	<i>Jul. - Aug. 2019</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Developmental Psychology	<i>Jan. - Mar. 2019</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Media Economics	<i>Mar. - June 2014</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Introduction to Cognitive Science	<i>Jan. - Mar. 2014</i>
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	<i>Sep. - Dec. 2012</i>

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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<b>Languages</b>	Python; Golang; experience with Java, C++, C
<b>Analytics</b>	R; Python (matplotlib); Matlab; Excel
<b>Web</b>	HTML; CSS; Typescript; Javascript (jQuery, Flask, node.js, socket.io, D3.js)
<b>Databases</b>	MySQL; HiveQL
<b>Tools</b>	github, Anaconda/Jupyter, AWS
<b>Other</b>	Spanish (fluent)