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## **EDUCATION**

## University of California, San Diego

2018-2023 (expected)

Ph.D. Psychology and Cognitive Science (GPA: 3.93 / 4.0)

## Marine Biological Laboratory Summer Course

2020 (accepted)

Brains, Minds, & Machines Program

Stanford University

2014

B.S., M.S. Symbolic Systems (GPA: 3.63 / 4.0)

#### ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

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 EXPERIENCE

UCSD Psychology Department Graduate Statistics Advisor	Sep. 2019 - present
UCSD Psychology Data Science Club Club Leader	May 2019 - present
UCSD Psychology Colloquium Series Graduate Student Officer	May 2019 - present
UCSD Psychology Student Speaker Series Graduate Student Officer	May 2019 - present
Stanford Symbolic Systems Student Society Founder	2013
Stanford Symbolic Systems Department Undergraduate Advising Fellow	2013, 2014

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# UC San Diego Computational Cognition Lab

Sep. 2018 - present

Ph.D. Student

· Bayesian computational modeling of numerical cognition, intuitive physics, and behavioral game theory (PI: Edward Vul)

## UC San Diego Early Learning & Cognition Lab

Sep. 2018 - present

Ph.D. Student

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· Research on hypothesis generation in learning tasks (PI: Caren Walker)

#### Stanford Virtual Human Interaction Lab

Sep. 2012 - June 2014

Master's Student, Research Assistant

- · Master's thesis on learning in virtual environments (Advisors: Jeremy Bailenson, Daniel Schwartz)
- · Research assistant and programmer

June 2013 - Sep. 2013

Research & Development Intern

· Efficacy study to inform educational product design (PI: Michael Frank, Stanford University)

#### Stanford AAA Lab (School of Education)

Mar. 2011 - Sep. 2011

Research Assistant

· Research assistant and programmer (PI: Daniel Schwartz)

#### PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Brockbank, E., Vul, E. & Barner, D. (in preparation). Mapping internal states to formal systems: modeling human numerosity estimation.

Brockbank, E., & Walker, C. (in preparation). Explanation Supports Hypothesis Generation in Learning.

Brockbank, E., & Vul, E. (in preparation). Human Adaptive Adversarial Reasoning.

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 A.K. Goel, C.M. Seifert, & C. Freksa (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1443–1449). Montreal, QB: Cognitive Science Society.

Brockbank, E., & Smith, K. & Vul, E. (2019). When do people use containment heuristics for physical predictions? In A.K. Goel, C.M. Seifert, & C. Freksa (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1450–1456). Montreal, QB: Cognitive Science Society. (Retraction November, 2019)

Brockbank, E. (2014). Embodied Problem Solving: Gesturing and Mathematics in Virtual Reality. Unpublished master's thesis.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant Psychology of Parenting	Mar June 2020
Teaching Assistant Introduction to Psychology	Sep Dec. 2019
Teaching Assistant Industrial & Organizational Psychology	Jul Aug. 2019
Teaching Assistant Developmental Psychology	Jan Mar. 2019
Teaching Assistant Media Economics (Comm. dept.)	Mar June 2014
Teaching Assistant Introduction to Cognitive Science	Jan Mar. 2014
Teaching Assistant Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	Sep Dec. 2012

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages Python; Golang; experience with Java, C++, C

Analytics R; Python (matplotlib); Matlab; Excel

Web HTML; CSS; Javascript (jQuery, Flask, node.js, D3.js)

 ${\bf Databases} \qquad {\rm MySQL; \ HiveQL}$ 

Tools github, Anaconda/Jupyter

Other Spanish (fluent)