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## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA *Sept 2021 - Present*  
Ph.D. Program in Psychology (Cognition, Brain, and Behavior)  
Advisor: Dr. George Alvarez and Dr. Talia Konkle (GPA: 3.97/4.0)

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA *Sept 2021 - Sept 2023*  
MA in Psychology (Cognition, Brain, and Behavior) (GPA: 3.97/4.0)

**SRM Institute of Science and Technology**, Chennai, India *Sept 2014 - Jan 2018*  
B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering (GPA: 8.65/10.0)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Dolby Laboratories, Advanced Technology Group (ATG)** *June 2025 - Sept 2025*  
PhD Research Intern  
Focus: Human perceptual alignment in generative models.

**Kempner Institute, Harvard University** *August 2023 - Present*  
Graduate Fellow  
Focus: Machine and Human mid-level/object vision.

**Harvard University** *Sept 2021 - Present*  
Graduate Researcher  
Focus: Machine and Human mid-level/object vision.

**Harvard University, Dept. of Psychology** *Nov 2018 - Dec 2020*  
Research Assistant (Fellow)  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. George Alvarez  
Focus: Worked on models and psychophysics experiments that account for human judgements in intuitive physics tasks and capacity-limits in human visual working memory.

**Harvard Medical School (BWH)** *Jan 2018 - July 2018*  
Research Intern, Shafiee Lab  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Hadi Shafiee  
Focus: Trained convolutional neural networks to identify and qualitatively analyze the structural morphology of cells. Optimized the models to deal with class imbalance using class-sensitive training and sampling.

**UW-Madison** *Sept 2016 - Dec 2016*  
Visiting student  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Dane Morgan  
Focus: Used bayesian models and neural networks to predict changes in the mechanical properties of steel components due to alloy configurations.

## MANUSCRIPTS

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- Doshi, F.R., Fel, T., Konkle, T., & Alvarez, G.A. (2025) [Visual Anagrams Reveal Hidden Differences in Holistic Shape Processing Across Vision Models](#). In *Arxiv*.
- Doshi, F.R., Konkle, T. (2023) [Cortical topographic motifs emerge in a self-organized map of object space](#). In *Science Advances*, 2023.

3. **Doshi, F.R.**, Konkle, T., Alvarez, G.A. (2024) [A feedforward mechanism for human-like contour integration](#). In *biorxiv*, 2024.
4. Kanakasabapathy, M., Thirumalaraju, P., Kandula, H., **Doshi, F.**, Sivakumar, A., Kartik, D., Gupta, R., Pooniwala, R., Branda, J., Tsibris, A., Kuritzkes, D., Petrozza, J., Bormann, C., Shafiee H. (2021). [Adaptive adversarial neural networks for the analysis of lossy and domain-shifted datasets of medical images](#). In *Nature Biomedical Engineering*, 2021.
5. Liu, Yc., Wu, H., Mayeshiba, T. et al. (2022). [Machine learning predictions of irradiation embrittlement in reactor pressure vessel steels](#). In *NPJ Computational Materials*, 2022.
6. Thirumalaraju, P., Bormann, CL., Kanakasabapathy, M., **Doshi, F.**, Souter, I., Dimitriadis, I., Shafiee, H.(2018). [Automated sperm morphology testing using artificial intelligence](#). In *Fertility and sterility*. 2018 Sep 1;110(4):e432.

## CONFERENCE TALKS

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1. **Doshi, F.**, Konkle, T., Alvarez, G.A. (2022). [Human-like signatures of contour integration in deep neural networks](#). Talk presented at *Vision Sciences Society*, 2022.
2. **Doshi, F.**, Konkle, T.(2021). [Organizational motifs of cortical responses to objects emerge in topographic projections of deep neural networks](#). Talk presented at *Vision Sciences Society*, 2021.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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1. **Doshi, F. R.** , Fel, T, Konkle T., & Alvarez, G.A. (2025). [Towards Holistic Vision in Deep Neural Networks: Disentangling Local and Global Processing](#). In *Vision Science Society*, 2025.
2. **Doshi, F. R.** , Konkle T., & Alvarez, G.A. (2024). [Quantifying the Quality of Shape and Texture Representations in Deep Neural Network Models](#). In *Vision Science Society*, 2024.
3. **Doshi, F.**, Konkle, T., Alvarez, G.A. (2024). [Configural-Shape Representation in Deep Neural Networks](#). In *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN)*, 2024.
4. **Doshi, F. R.** & Konkle T. (2023). [Face-deprived networks show distributed but not clustered face-selective maps](#). In *Vision Science Society*, 2023.
5. **Doshi, F.**, Konkle, T., Alvarez, G.A. (2023). [Feedforward Neural Networks can capture Human-like Perceptual and Behavioral Signatures of Contour Integration](#). In *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN)*, 2023.
6. **Doshi, F.** & Konkle T. (2022). Cortical topography motifs emerge from self-organization of a unified object space. In *Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA, November 12-16, 2022*.
7. **Doshi, F.**, Pailian, H., Alvarez, G.A.(2020). [Using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks to Examine the Role of Representational Similarity in Visual Working Memory](#). In *Vision Science Society*, 2020.
8. Conwell, C., **Doshi, F.**, Alvarez, G.A.(2019). [Shared Representations of Stability in Humans, Supervised, & Unsupervised Neural Networks](#). In *Shared Visual Representations in Human and Machine Intelligence (SVRHM) workshop at NeurIPS 2019*.
9. Conwell, C., **Doshi, F.**, Alvarez, G.A.(2019). [Human-Like Judgments of Stability Emerge from Purely Perceptual Features: Evidence from Supervised and Unsupervised Deep Neural Networks](#). In *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN)*, 2019.
10. Chatterjee, S., Archana, V., Suresh, K., Saha, R., Gupta, R., **Doshi, F.**(2017). [Detection of non-technical losses using advanced metering infrastructure and deep recurrent neural networks](#). In *IEEE International Conference on Environment and Electrical Engineering*, 2017.

## INVITED TALKS

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- Enigma Group, Stanford University, California 2025
- Arcaro Lab, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 2024
- Museum of Science (Kempner Institute Seminar), Boston 2024
- Hebart Lab, Max Planck Institute of Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences 2024
- Kempner All Hands Meeting, Harvard University 2023
- Livingstone and Ponce Lab, Harvard Medical School 2023
- Program in Neuroscience, Harvard University 2023
- Blitz Psychology Talk, Harvard University 2022
- International week, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru (PUCP) 2022
- Serre Lab, Brown University 2019

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Kempner Graduate Fellowship 2023-2027  
[Awarded to graduate students working at the intersection of natural and artificial intelligence by the Chan Zuckerberg initiative.](#)
- Amartya Sen Fellowship 2021-2023  
[Awarded in honor of Prof. Amartya Sen \(Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, 1998\)](#)
- Reimagine Education Award (Silver), Student-led Innovation for Next Tech Lab 2018  
[Quacquarelli Symonds \(QS\), Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania](#)
- Best Outgoing Student, Class of 2018 2018  
Department of Computer Science, SRM Institute of Science and Technology
- National Champion 2017  
[Smart India Hackathon \(India's biggest Hackathon\)](#)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Programming:** Python, JavaScript, MATLAB, C, C++, C#, Java
- **Deep Learning:** PyTorch, TensorFlow; distributed training using DDP across multi-GPU and multi-node systems; SLURM-based job scheduling on HPC clusters
- **Experimental Techniques:** Computational modeling (supervised, unsupervised, and biologically-plausible architectures), mechanistic interpretability of large vision models, diffusion models, behavioral psychophysics
- **Data Science & Tools:** Non-parametric statistics, power analysis, simulation, resampling (bootstrapping), model comparison; factor analysis, PCA/SVD; scikit-learn, matplotlib, pandas, NumPy, seaborn

## ADVISING EXPERIENCE

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- **Teaching Fellow** 2024  
Teaching the class – Brain Damage as a Window into the Mind: Cognitive Neuropsychology with Prof. Caramazza.

- **Teaching Fellow** *2024*  
Teaching the class – Biological and Artificial Visual Systems: How Humans and Machines Represent the Visual World with Prof. Konkle and Prof. Alvarez.
- **Mentor, Harvard Prospective Ph.D. & RA Event in Psychology (PPREP)** *2021-2022*  
Provide guidance to students from historically minoritized groups in STEM with their applications to graduate school, lab manager, and/or research assistant positions.
- **Mind Brain Behavior Steering Committee** *2021-2022*
- **Next Tech Lab, Founding Member and Advisor** *2015-2018*  
Co-founded a student-run AI research lab at SRM Institute of Science and Technology. Co-led over 160 students and helped build compute clusters

## SCIENCE OUTREACH

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- **Harvard Brain Science Initiative** *2024*  
[Interview for Humans of HBI Page](#)
- **Harvard GSAS Bulletin** *2024*  
<https://gsas.harvard.edu/news/seeing-how-we-see>
- **Kempner Institute Spring into Science** *2024*  
[Presented a talk on ongoing research at the Museum of Science, Boston](#)