# education

| 2017–2021 | **Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering** |  | McGill University, Montréal, QC |
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|  | Thesis work supervised by Alan Evans and Tristan Glatard on a project entitled:  *This is Your Brain on Disk: The Impact of Numerical Instabilities in Neuroscience*.  Project involved the development of high performance computing infrastructures, the instrumentation and perturbation of neuroimaging pipelines, the evaluation of perturbations in ananalytic context, and the application of perturbed derivatives towards data augmentation in machine learning applications. All code and data have been made publicly available. | | |
| 2014–2016 | **M.S.E. in Biomedical Engineering** |  | Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD |
|  | Thesis work was supervised by JoshuaT. Vogelstein on a project entitled:  *GREMLIN: Graph Estimation from MR images Leading to Inference in Neuroscience.*  All code and data have been made publicly available. | | |
| 2010–2014 | **B.Eng in Biomedical and Electrical Engineering** | | Carleton University, Ottawa, ON |
|  | Capstone work was supervised by Leonard MacEachern on a project entitled:  *Electrical muscle stimulation with concurrent EMG feedback of the upper arm for applications in stroke rehabilitation.* | | |
| 2018 | **Software and Data Carpentry Instructor Training** | | Compute Canada, Toronto, ON |
|  | Running workshops in the context of an evidence-based instructional pedagogy. | | |
| 2016 | **Exploring the Human Connectome** | The Human Connectome Project, Boston, MA | |
|  | Development and deployment of connectome estimation pipelines. | | |
| 2015 | **Presenting Data and Information** |  | Edward Tufte, Baltimore, MD |
|  | Cultivate skills in effective communication with scientific figures. | | |

# experience

## research

| 04/21 – now | **Child Mind Institute — Center for Data Analytics, Innovation, and Rigor** | | New York City, NY |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *Director, Research Scientist (Senior Scientist Track)* | | |
|  | I lead a research center with interconnected teams focused on basic research with multimodal data, research and development for clinically-oriented products and data science applications, and tool engineering for both patient- and clinician-facing products. The expertise across our group relies on a foundation of software engineering and data science, with domain expertise ranging from neuroimaging, computational neuroscience and quantitative psychiatry, and applied machine learning. Across our work, my group produces tools and resources that support both fundamental neuroscience and mental health care through high performance computing, the application of computational statistics, and the incorporation of machine learning tools to overcome common but impactful challenges.  In this role, I develop and execute research programs, obtain funding from both governmental organizations and private foundations or partners, and communicate scholarly outputs to the community. The core of my research portfolio involves evaluating and improving the trustworthiness of tools and techniques used in mental health research to inform decision making surrounding robust applications of data collection and data processing in care directly.  Notable achievements include: i) obtaining and NIH R01 award on first submission at the age of 29, ii) building and managing a Center spanning basic research to product engineering and 15 individual contributors working on over 30 distinct projects and with a 7-figure annual budget, iii) designing and building the Multimodal Brain/Body Imaging Core at the Child Mind Institute (1x Project Manager, 6x PhD-level scientists, 6x Analysts) in 6 months, iv) publishing several first- and senior-authors works in high profile outlets. | | |
| 05/17–04/21 | **McGill University — McGill Centre for Integrative Neuroscience** | | Montréal, QC |
|  | *Software Developer & Researcher (w/ Dr. Alan C. Evans)* | | |
|  | Responsible for the exploration and integration of distributed software software services with high performance computing clouds and clusters. Provided software development, training, and support towards the use of analysis tools and services within international collaborations. Focused on the development of methods for evaluating the trustworthiness and stability of neuroimaging tools and experiments. | | |
| 04/19–07/19 | **INRIA Rennes, Bretagne Atlantique — Empenn Lab** | | Rennes, France |
|  | *Research Intern (w/ Dr. Camille Maumet)* | | |
|  | Developed web crawler to scrape public neuroimaging databases for processed functional activation maps. Constructed workflow for metadata-based QC at scale with 10,000s of samples. Designed a convolutional neural network for the identification of consensus activation maps across populations. | | |
| 09/14–05/17 | **Johns Hopkins University — Center for Imaging Science** | | Baltimore, MD |
|  | *Research Engineer (w/ Dr. Joshua T. Vogelstein)* | | |
|  | Developed and maintained an open-source pipeline for structural connectome estimation in humans and implemented statistical algorithms for quality control of data derivatives. Publicly released data products to lower the barrier to entry for neuroscience research. Was chiefly responsible for grant reporting and presentations at conferences and workshops. | | |
| 06/13–05/17 | **Carleton University — Dept. of Systems and Computer Engineering** | | Ottawa, ON |
|  | *Research Assistant (w/ Dr. Rafik Goubran)* | | |
|  | Developed wireless medical data publish-subscribe system for viewing patient vital signs. | | |
| 06/12–09/12 | **Carleton University — Dept. of Systems and Computer Engineering** | | Ottawa, ON |
|  | *Research Assistant (w/ Dr. Andy Adler)* | | |
|  | Developed neural networks for inverse modeling of real and simulated biological systems. | | |
| 06/11–09/11 | **Carleton University — Dept. of Biology** | | Ottawa, ON |
|  | *Research Assistant (w/ Jeffrey Dawson)* | | |
|  | Developed a robotics platform for studying insect locomotion patterns and behavior. | | |
| 01/09–09/09 | **Ottawa Hospital Research Institute — Cancer Research Center** | | Ottawa, ON |
|  | *Research Assistant (w/ Dr. Jim Dimitroulakos)* | | |
|  | Tested combination therapies of Lovastatin+Cisplatin drugs on colon and breast cancer strains. | | |

## teaching

| 01/19–01/20 | **Concordia University — Continuing Education** | | Montréal, QC |
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|  | *Instructor & Curriculum Developer* | | |
|  | Was responsible for the training of working professionals in the basics of "Big Data Technology," including fundamental tools for software development such as Unix, Git, and Docker, and software for numerical analysis such as Python and R. Was a core contributor in the development of courses within the "Big Data Solutions for Business" diploma program. | | |
| 05/17–05/21 | **McGill University, OHBM, Brainhack School, Brain Intensive** | | Montréal, QC |
|  | *Neuroinformatics Instructor* | | |
|  | Regularly planned and taught a series of workshops introducing neuroscientists and trainees to methods in neuroinformatics. Developed and publicly released all course content on GitHub under "Brainhack101" and "BrainIntensive" communities. | | |
| 04/19–07/19 | **Johns Hopkins University — Department of Biomedical Engineering** | | Baltimore, MD |
|  | *Teaching Assistant* | | |
|  | Was responsible for instruction, evaluation, and content design for: Freshman Modeling and Design for BME (2014, 2015), Systems and Controls (2015), Statistical Connectomics (2015), The Art of Data Science (2016), NeuroData Design (2016). Spent > 500 hours with students. | | |
| 01/15,16,17 | **Johns Hopkins University — Center for Imaging Science** | | Baltimore, MD |
|  | *Instructor* | | |
|  | Was responsible for instruction, evaluation, and content design for an intensive 3-week project-based course on an introduction to connectomics research across multiple scales and experimental modalities. Spent > 300 hours planning, designing content, and with students. | | |
| 09/12–05/14 | **Carleton University — Student Academic Success Centre** | | Ottawa, ON |
|  | *Facilitator for Peer-Assisted Study Sessions* | | |
|  | Instructed and demonstrated mastery of principles in electromagnetism and power engineering. Spent > 300 hours with students. | | |
| 08/13–05/14 | **Carleton University — Student Academic Success Centre** | | Ottawa, ON |
|  | *Facilitator Team Leader* | | |
|  | Provided training, mentoring, and coaching to student instructors in a variety of disciplines. Spent > 100 hours training and working with facilitators. | | |
| 01/13–05/14 | **Carleton University — Dept. of Systems and Computer Engineering** | | Ottawa, ON |
|  | *Teaching Assistant* | | |
|  | Instructed introductory level C++ programming. Led lab sessions and instructional workshops. Spent > 300 hours with students. | | |

# funding

## grants

| 2025–2027 | **National Institutes of Health** — *NIMH 1R01MH139565* | | $889,582.00 USD |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Tools for integrating brain microstructure with functional dynamics in human and non-human primates | | |
|  | *PI: Thomas Funck Role: Co-Investigator* | | |
| 2025–2027 | **Brain Canada —** *PSG2024* | | $3,562,500.00 CAD |
|  | Building Reproducible AI Frameworks for Brain Health: Brain Health Data Challenge Platform | | |
|  | *PI: Tristan Glatard Role: Co-Investigator* | | |
| 2025–2027 | **Anonymous Family Foundation** | | $1,000,000.00 USD |
|  | AI for Timely and Accurate Diagnoses and Strengthened Support for Families | | |
|  | *Lead Investigators: Gregory Kiar, Michelle Freund* | |  |
| 2023–2028 | **National Institutes of Health —**  *NIMH 1R01MH133334* | | $3,685,297.00 USD |
|  | A Mega-Analysis Framework for Delineating Autism Neurosubtype | |  |
|  | *PI: Adriana di Martino Role: Co-Investigator* | |  |
| 2022–2025 | **National Institutes of Health —** *NIMH 1RF1MH130859* | | $1,504,004.00 USD |
|  | Improving the robustness of neuroimaging through variability in processing pipelines | | |
|  | *MPIs: Gregory Kiar (contact), Michael P. Milham* | | |
| 2022–2024 | **National Science Foundation —** *XSEDE/ACCESS MED220009* | | $117,077.80 USD |
|  | *Preprocessing and sharing of large-scale open neuroimaging datasets* | |  |
|  | *PI: Gregory Kiar* | | |
| 2022–2023 | **National Science Foundation —** *XSEDE/ACCESS BIO220056* | | $30,786.95 USD |
|  | Mapping Large-scale Brain Development between Human and Nonhuman Primate | | |
|  | *PI: Ting Xu Role: Co-Investigator* | | |
| 2021–2023 | **Michael J. Fox Foundation** | | $305,254.00 USD |
|  | Improving the generalizability and robustness of MRI-derived biomarker of Parkinson's Disease through analytical and data variability evaluations | | |
|  | *PI: Tristan Glatard Role: Consultant* | | |
| 2018–2021 | **NSERC Canada —** *CGSD3-519497-2018* | | $105,000.00 CAD |
|  | Supporting scalable computing in neuroimaging for the exploration of numerical instabilities | | |
|  | *Student Scholar: Gregory Kiar* | | |

## awards

| 2020 | **Canadian Open Neuroscience Platform —** *Research Scholar Award* | | $25,000 CAD |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2019 | **Sage Bionetworks —** *Young Investigator Award* | | $1,000 USD |
| 2019 | **Repronim —** *Instructor Training Fellowship* | | $1,000 USD |
| 2019 | **Mitacs Canada —** *Globalink Research Award* | | $6,000 CAD |
| 2018 | **NSERC Canada —** *Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement* | | $5,200 CAD |
| 2017 | **McGill University —** *Healthy Brains for Healthy Lives Doctoral Fellowship* | | $15,000 CAD |
| 2017 | **Stanford University —** *CRN Coding Sprint Project Award* | | $2,000 USD |
| 2017 | **Organization for Human Brain Mapping —** *Brainhack Travel Award* | | $5000 USD |
| 2014–2016 | **Johns Hopkins University —** *Full Tuition Master's Degree Fellowship* | | $100,000 USD |
| 2014 | **Carleton University —** *Graduated with Distinction* | |  |
| 2014 | **Professional Engineering Ontario —** *Greatest Social Impact Paper* | | $500 CAD |
| 2014 | **Carleton University Engineering Alumni —** Capstone SEED Fund | | $800 CAD |
| 2014 | **IEEE Ottawa-Carleton Chapter —** *IEEE Papers Showcase Local Winner* | | $500 CAD |
| 2014 | **Carleton University —** *Electronics Project Competition Champion* | |  |
| 2013 | **Carleton University —** *Engineering '65 and '66 Scholarship* | | $2,000 CAD |
| 2012 | **Carleton University —** *Clarence C. Gibson Scholarship* | | $2,000 CAD |

# memberships & extracurriculars

| 2025 | **Clinical Data Management and Analysis Study Section** *— Guest Member* | | Bethesda, MD |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2021–now | **NMIND Consortium —** *Lead Investigator* | | Global |
| 2017–now | **Various Neuroinformatics Hackathons —** *Instructor & Organizer* | | Global |
| 2020–2022 | **NSF XSEDE —** *XSEDE Review Allocation Committee Member* | | Alexandria, VA |
| 2020 | **NSF XSEDE —** *COVID-19 HPC Consortium Allocation Reviewer* | | Global |
| 2017–2020 | **Canadian Open Neuroscience Platform —** *Trainee Committee Representative* | | Montréal, QC |
| 2017–2020 | **Organization for Human Brain Mapping Open Science SIG —** *Treasurer* | | Minneapolis, MN |
| 2018–2019 | **Ludmer Centre —** *Seeds of Change Student Champion* | | Montréal, QC |
| 2017–2018 | **Organization for Human Brain Mapping —** *Hackathon Chair* | | Minneapolis, MN |
| 2017–2018 | **Healthy Brains for Healthy Lives Trainee Committee —** *President* | | Montréal, QC |
| 2015–2017 | **College Prep Program —**  *College Mentor, SAT Coach, Essay Reviewer* | | Baltimore, MD |
| 2014–2016 | **Thread —** *Volunteer supervisor ("grandparent"), Student Mentor ("family")* | | Baltimore, MD |
| 2013–2014 | **Carleton University Biomedical Engineering Society —** *President* | | Ottawa, ON |
| 2010–2011 | **Carleton University Student Emergency Response Team —** *First Responder* | | Ottawa, ON |

# supervision & mentorship

1. Alp Erkent (Data Analyst, Child Mind Institute; 2025–)
2. Laura Newman (Project Coordinator, Child Mind Institute; 2024–)
3. Samuel Alldritt (Data Analyst, Child Mind INstitute; 2024–2025)
4. Jason Kai (Postdoctoral Fellow, Child Mind Institute; 2024–)
5. Gabriel Schubiner (Data Engineer, Child Mind Institute; 2024–)
6. Azaadeh Goharzad (Scientific Software and Engineering Generalist, Child Mind Institute; 2024–)
7. David Lobue (Senior Machine Learning Engineer, Child Mind Institute; 2024–)
8. Tamsin Rogers (Junior Scientific Software Developer; 2024–)
9. Biraj Shrestha (Assistant Research Engineer; 2023–)
10. Reinder Vos de Wael (Senior Scientific Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2023–)
11. Mina Alizadeh (PhD Student, Comp. Sci., Concordia University; 2022–)
12. Connor Lane (Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2022–2025)
13. Maya Roberts (Data Analyst, Child Mind Institute; 2022–)
14. Florian Rupprecht (Senior Scientific Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2022–)
15. Steven Giavasis (Lead Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2022–2025)
16. Nathalia Bianchini Esper (Postdoctoral Fellow, Child Mind Institute; 2022–2024)
17. Elizabeth Kenneally (Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2022–2024)
18. Jon Cluce (Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2021–)
19. Amy Gutierrez (Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2021–2023)
20. Teresa George (Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2021–2023)
21. Xinhui Li (Software Developer, Child Mind Institute; 2021–2022)
22. Ali Salari (PhD Student, Comp. Sci., Concordia University; via Tristan Glatard; 2019–2022)
23. Hamidreza Heidarzadeh (MSc, Comp. Sci., Concordia University; via Tristan Glatard; 2018–2019)

# reviewed for

1. Aperture (Organization for Human Brain Mapping)
2. COVID-19 High Performance Computing Consortium (NSF)
3. Biological Psychiatry (Elsevier)
4. Cluster Computing (Springer)
5. Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (NSF)
6. Frontiers in Neuroinformatics (Frontiers)
7. Gigascience (Oxford University Press)
8. Journal of Open Source Software
9. Medical Image Analysis (Elsevier)
10. Clinical Data Management and Analysis — CDMA (NIH)
11. Nature Communications Biology (Nature Publishing)
12. Nature Scientific Data (Nature Publishing)
13. Neuroimage (Elsevier)
14. Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews (Science Direct)
15. Practice & Experience in Advanced Research Computing Conference (NSF)
16. Scipy Conference

# publications

### pre-prints

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2. [Zuanazzi, A., Milham, M., & **Kiar, G.** (2025). How data science competitions accelerate brain health discovery. In *PsyArXiv*. https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/cnzjw\_v3](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/ZxQK)
3. [Luo, A. C., Meisler, S. L., Sydnor, V. J., Alexander-Bloch, A., Bagautdinova, J., Barch, D. M., Bassett, D. S., Davatzikos, C., Franco, A. R., Goldsmith, J., Gur, R. E., Gur, R. C., Hu, F., Jaskir, M., **Kiar, G.**, Keller, A. S., Larsen, B., Mackey, A. P., Milham, M. P., … Satterthwaite, T. D. (2025). Two axes of white matter development. In *bioRxivorg*. https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.03.19.644049](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/2jwe)
4. [Shafiei, G., Esper, N. B., Hoffmann, M. S., Ai, L., Chen, A. A., Cluce, J., Covitz, S., Giavasis, S., Lane, C., Mehta, K., Moore, T. M., Salo, T., Tapera, T. M., Calkins, M. E., Colcombe, S., Davatzikos, C., Gur, R. E., Gur, R. C., Pan, P. M., … Satterthwaite, T. D. (2025). Reproducible Brain Charts: An open data resource for mapping brain development and its associations with mental health. In *bioRxivorg*. https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.02.24.639850](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/PNLQ)

### articles in peer-reviewed journals

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2. [Bridgeford, E. W., Powell, M., **Kiar, G.**, Noble, S., Chung, J., Panda, S., Lawrence, R., Xu, T., Milham, M., Caffo, B., & Vogelstein, J. T. (2025). When no answer is better than a wrong answer: A causal perspective on batch effects. *Imaging Neuroscience*, *3*, imag\_a\_00458.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/if6m)
3. [Xu, T., **Kiar, G.**, Zuo, X.-N., Vogelstein, J. T., & Milham, M. P. (2024). Challenges in measuring individual differences of brain function. *Imaging Neuroscience*, *3*, imag\_a\_00430.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/8GRb)
4. [**Kiar, G.**, Mumford, J. A., Xu, T., Vogelstein, J. T., Glatard, T., & Milham, M. P. (2024). Why experimental variation in neuroimaging should be embraced. *Nature Communications*, *15*(1), 9411.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/GyQW)
5. [Li, X., Bianchini Esper, N., Ai, L., Giavasis, S., Jin, H., Feczko, E., Xu, T., Clucas, J., Franco, A., Sólon Heinsfeld, A., Adebimpe, A., Vogelstein, J. T., Yan, C.-G., Esteban, O., Poldrack, R. A., Craddock, C., Fair, D., Satterthwaite, T., **Kiar, G.**, & Milham, M. P. (2024). Moving beyond processing- and analysis-related variation in resting-state functional brain imaging. *Nature Human Behaviour*, 1–15.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/cZgU)
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7. [Luo, A. C., Sydnor, V. J., Pines, A., Larsen, B., Alexander-Bloch, A. F., Cieslak, M., Covitz, S., Chen, A. A., Esper, N. B., Feczko, E., Franco, A. R., Gur, R. E., Gur, R. C., Houghton, A., Hu, F., Keller, A. S., **Kiar, G.**, Mehta, K., Salum, G. A., … Satterthwaite, T. D. (2024). Functional connectivity development along the sensorimotor-association axis enhances the cortical hierarchy. *Nature Communications*, *15*(1), 3511.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/GLhw)
8. [Poldrack, R. A., Markiewicz, C. J., Appelhoff, S., Ashar, Y. K., Auer, T., Baillet, S., Bansal, S., Beltrachini, L., Benar, C. G., Bertazzoli, G., Bhogawar, S., Blair, R. W., Bortoletto, M., Boudreau, M., Brooks, T. L., Calhoun, V. D., Castelli, F. M., Clement, P., Cohen, A. L., … Gorgolewski, K. J. (2024). The past, present, and future of the brain imaging data structure (BIDS). *Imaging Neuroscience*, *2*, 1–19.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/jTUY)
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10. [Gonzalez Pepe, I., Chatelain, Y., **Kiar, G.**, & Glatard, T. (2024). Numerical stability of DeepGOPlus inference. *PloS One*, *19*(1), e0296725.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/YBB0)
11. [Zhao, C., Jarecka, D., Covitz, S., Chen, Y., Eickhoff, S. B., Fair, D. A., Franco, A. R., Halchenko, Y. O., Hendrickson, T. J., Hoffstaedter, F., Houghton, A., **Kiar, G.**, Macdonald, A., Mehta, K., Milham, M. P., Salo, T., Hanke, M., Ghosh, S. S., Cieslak, M., & Satterthwaite, T. D. (2024). A reproducible and generalizable software workflow for analysis of large-scale neuroimaging data collections using BIDS Apps. *Imaging Neuroscience*, *2*, 1–19.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/tZrg)
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15. [Poline, J.-B., Das, S., Glatard, T., Madjar, C., Dickie, E. W., Lecours, X., Beaudry, T., Beck, N., Behan, B., Brown, S. T., Bujold, D., Beauvais, M., Caron, B., Czech, C., Dharsee, M., Dugré, M., Evans, K., Gee, T., Ippoliti, G., … Evans, A. C. (2023). Data and Tools Integration in the Canadian Open Neuroscience Platform. *Scientific Data*, *10*(1), 189.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/VZCL)
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19. [PRIMatE Data and Resource Exchange (PRIME-DRE) Global Collaboration Workshop and Consortium. (2022). Toward next-generation primate neuroscience: A collaboration-based strategic plan for integrative neuroimaging. *Neuron*, *110*(1), 16–20.](https://paperpile.com/c/3WuoBF/FSBL)
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