

Academic Appointments

2022 - Current **C.V. Starr Postdoctoral Fellow**
Princeton Neuroscience Institute (Princeton University, USA)
Lab PIs: Jonathan Cohen & Nathaniel Daw

Education

2016 – 2022 **Doctor of Philosophy** in Psychology
Brown University (USA)
Lab PIs: Amitai Shenhav & Michael J. Frank
Thesis: *Multivariate Cognitive Control*.

2014 – 2016 **Master of Science** in Psychology (Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience)
University of Western Ontario (Canada)
Lab PI: Ingrid Johnsrude
Thesis: *The effects of concurrent cognitive load on the processing of clear and degraded speech*.

2010 – 2014 **Bachelor of Science** in Psychology (Honors, Distinction)
Queen's University (Canada)
Honors Thesis Supervisor: Ingrid Johnsrude
Thesis: *Attention enhances phase-locking in the brainstem frequency-following response*.

Accolades & Funding

2022 *C.V. Starr Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship*, Princeton University

2019 – 2020 *Carney Graduate Award in Brain Science*, Brown University (\$55,000 USD)

2019 *Cognitive Science Society Travel Award* (\$500 USD)

2018 – 2019 *Eimas Graduate Research Award*, Brown University (\$1,000 USD)

2014 *Certificate of Academic Excellence* for top honors thesis in graduating class,
Canadian Psychological Association

2011 *Summer Work Experience Program*, Queen's University (\$2,500 CAD)

2010 – 2014 *Dean's Honor List*, Queen's University

2010 – 2014 *Foresters Competitive Scholarship* (\$8,000 CAD)

2010 *Queen's University Excellence Scholarship* (\$2,000 CAD)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Ritz, H., Wild, C.J., & Johnsrude, I.J. (2022). Parametric Cognitive Load Reveals Hidden Costs in the Neural Processing of Perfectly Intelligible Degraded Speech. *Journal of Neuroscience* 42(23), 4619–4628.

Rmus, M., **Ritz, H.**, Hunter, L.E., Bornstein, A.M., & Shenhav, A. (2022). Humans can navigate complex graph structures acquired during latent learning. *Cognition*, 225, 105103.

- Ritz, H.**, Leng, X., & Shenhav, A. (2022). Cognitive Control as a Multivariate Optimization Problem. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 1–23.
- Leng, X., Yee, D., **Ritz, H.**, & Shenhav, A. (2021). Dissociable influences of reward and punishment on adaptive cognitive control. *PLoS Computational Biology*, 17(12), e1009737.
- Ritz, H.**, Frömer, R., & Shenhav, A. (2020). Bridging motor and cognitive control: It's about time! (Spotlight). *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*. 24(1), 6–8.
- Nassar, M.R., McGuire, J.T., **Ritz, H.**, & Kable, J. (2019). Dissociable forms of uncertainty-driven representational change across the human brain. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 39(9), 1688-1698.
- Ritz, H.**, Nassar, M.R., Frank, M.J., & Shenhav, A. (2018). A control theoretic model of adaptive behavior in dynamic environments. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 30(10), 1405-1421.

Manuscripts Under Review or In Revision

- Ritz, H.***, Frömer, R.*, & Shenhav, A. Phantom controllers: Misspecified models create the false appearance of adaptive control during value-based choice. Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.01.18.524640>
- Rier, L., Michelmann, S., **Ritz, H.**, Shah, V., Hill, R.M., Osborne, J., Doyle, C., Holmes, N., Bowtell, R., Brookes, M.J., Norman, K.A., Hasson, U., Cohen, J.D., Boto, E. Test-Retest Reliability of the Human Connectome: An OPM-MEG study. Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.12.21.521184>
- Ritz, H.**, & Shenhav, A. Orthogonal neural encoding of targets and distractors supports multivariate cognitive control. Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.12.01.518771>
- Ritz, H.**, & Shenhav, A. Humans reconfigure target and distractor processing to address distinct task demands. Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.09.08.459546>

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- Ritz, H.** & Shenhav, A. (2022). Orthogonal neural encoding of targets and distractors supports cognitive control. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience* (2022). San Francisco, USA. [Poster].
- Ritz, H.**, DeGutis, J., Frank M.J., Esterman, M., & Shenhav, A. (2020). An evidence accumulation model of motivational and developmental influences over sustained attention. *In Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Toronto, CA. [Poster].
- Leng, X., **Ritz, H.**, Yee, D., & Shenhav, A. (2020). Dissociable influences of reward and punishment on adaptive cognitive control. *In Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Toronto, CA. [Poster]
- Ritz, H.** & Shenhav, A. (2019). Parametric control of distractor-oriented attention. *In Proceedings of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Montreal, CA. [Paper Talk].
- Ritz, H.**, Nassar, M.R., Frank, M.J., & Shenhav, A. (2019). Decisions about reward and effort for the learning and control of dynamical systems. *In 4th Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making*. Montreal, CA. [Poster].
- Ritz, H.**, Nassar, M.R., Frank, M.J., & Shenhav, A. (2017). Behavioral evidence for PID-like feedback control. *In 3rd Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making*. Ann Arbor, USA. [Poster and Poster Spotlight Talk].

Chaired Conference Symposia and Workshops

Nov. 2022 *Cortical Basis of Cognitive Control Across Species* (Nanosymposium). Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, USA.

External Department Talks

Oct. 2022 Rotman Research Institute in Baycrest Hospital. Toronto, CA.
Feb. 2020 *ConCat Series*, New York University. New York, USA.
May 2018 *CBC Series*, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Barcelona, ES.

External Laboratory Talks

Sept. 2022 *Summerfield Lab*, University of Oxford.
June 2022 *BLRB Group*, University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.
Feb 2022 *Woolgar Lab*, University of Cambridge.
Feb 2022 *Egner Lab*, Duke University.
Nov 2021 *Otto Lab*, McGill University.
Oct. 2021 *Ghent Effort Group*, Ghent University. Ghent, BE.
July 2021 *Mars Lab*, University of Oxford.
June 2021 *CoCoA Lab (Taraz Lee)*, University of Michigan.
May 2021 *Verguts Lab*, Ghent University.
Apr. 2021 *Western Sensorimotor SuperLab*, Western University.
Feb. 2021 *Summerfield Lab*, University of Oxford.
Nov. 2020 *Jazayeri Lab*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Oct. 2020 *Schultz Lab*, Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics.
Sept. 2020 *Kool Lab*, University of Washington in St. Louis.
Aug. 2020 *Collins Lab*, University of California Berkeley.
May 2020 *McGuire Lab*, Boston University.
Apr. 2020 *Hayden Lab*, University of Minnesota.
Mar. 2020 *Donner Lab*, Hamburg University.

Conference Posters and Talks

Ritz, H. & Shenhav, A. Orthogonal neural encoding of targets and distractors supports cognitive control.

- *Workshop on Mental Effort* (2022). Providence, USA. [Poster].

Ritz, H., Frömer, R. & Shenhav, A. Disentangling stimulus-driven and controlled processes during value-based decision making.

- *Society for Neuroscience* (2021). Online. [Poster].

- *Society for Neuroeconomics* (2021). Online. [Poster].

Ritz, H., Hayden, B., Shenhav, A., Yoo, S.B., Optimal control of approach-avoidance dynamics.

- *Neuromatch 3.0* (2020). Online. [Talk].

Ritz, H., Nassar, M.R., Frank, M.J., & Shenhav, A., Optimal decision-making in metric space.

- *Society for Neuroeconomics* (2020). Online. [Poster and Poster Spotlight Talk].

Ritz, H., & Shenhav, A. Humans reconfigure target and distractor processing to address distinct task demands

- *Workshop on Mental Effort* (2021). Online. [Poster].
- *Motivational and Cognitive Control* (2019). Berlin, DE. [Poster].
- *Control Processes* (2019). Providence, USA. [Poster].
- *Cognitive Neuroscience Society* (2018). Boston, USA. [Poster].

Rmus, M., **Ritz, H.**, Hunter, L., Bornstein, A., & Shenhav, A. Humans can navigate complex graph structures acquired during latent learning.

- *Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making* (2019). Montreal, CA. [[Workshop Talk](#)].
- *Society for Neuroeconomics* (2018). Philadelphia, USA. [[Talk by M.R.](#)].

Ritz, H., DeGutis, J., Frank M.J., Esterman, M., & Shenhav, A. Modeling motivational influences on sustained attention.

- *Winter Conference on Brain Research* (2019). Snowmass, USA. [Poster].
- *Society for Neuroeconomics* (2018). Philadelphia, USA. [Poster].

Ritz, H., Dean Wolf, C., Frömer, R., & Shenhav, A. Quantifying the demands of value-based decision-making with short-term memory interference.

- *Cognitive Neuroscience Society* (2019). San Francisco, USA. [Poster].

Ritz, H., Nassar, M.R., Frank, M.J., & Shenhav, A. Behavioral evidence for PID-like feedback control.

- *Society for Neuroscience* (2017). Washington, USA. [[Nanosymposium Talk](#)].
- *New England Research in Decision-Making* (2017). Providence, USA. [[Talk](#)].
- *Brown Mind Brain Research Day* (2017). Providence, USA. [Poster].

Ritz, H., Wild, C., & Johnsrude, I.J. The effects of concurrent cognitive load on the processing of clear and degraded speech.

- *Organization for Human Brain Mapping* (2016). Geneva, CH. [Poster].

Ritz, H., Arbuckle, S., Wild, C., & Johnsrude, I.J. Enhanced recognition memory for acoustically degraded sentences.

- *Association for Research in Otolaryngology* (2015). San Diego, USA. [Podium Talk by I.J.].
- *Brain and Mind Institute Symposium* (2015). London, CA. [Poster].

Ritz, H. & Johnsrude, I.J. Attention enhances phase-locking in the frequency following response.

- *Canadian Society of Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science*. (2014). Toronto, CA. [Poster].
- *McMaster University NeuroXchange Conference* (2014). Hamilton, CA. [Poster].

Competitive Research Courses

Summer 2019	<i>Kavli Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience</i> , Santa Barbara, USA.
Summer 2017	<i>Methods in Neuroscience at Dartmouth</i> , Hanover, USA.

Service Roles

2022 - 2024	<i>PNI Climate and Inclusion Committee</i> , Princeton University
2021	<i>FYRE Teaching Assistant</i> , The Leadership Alliance & Brown University
2020 - 2021	<i>Departmental Colloquium Committee</i> , Brown University
2018 - 2019	<i>Cognition Seminar Series Organiser</i> , Brown University
2017 - 2018	<i>Psychology Graduate Student Representative</i> , Brown University

2017 – 2022	<i>Optimism Walk Participant, American Parkinson Disease Association</i>
2017 – 2020	<i>Brown Brain Week Participant, Brown University</i>
2015 – 2016	<i>Psychology Graduate Student Representative, Western University</i>
2015 – 2016	<i>Psychology Colloquium Committee, Western University</i>
2013 – 2014	<i>Psychology Undergraduate Student Council, Queen's University</i>

Teaching

Spring 2019	<i>fMRI: Theory and Practice, Brown University, TA</i>
Spring 2018	<i>Cognitive Neuropsychology, Brown University, TA</i>
Fall 2017	<i>Social Psychology, Brown University, TA</i>
2015 – 2016	<i>Statistics using Computers (full year), Western University, TA</i>
2014 – 2015	<i>Sensation and Perception (full year), Western University, TA</i>
2012 – 2013	<i>Introduction to Psychology (full year), Queen's University, TA</i>

Mentorship

2019 – 2022	Christopher Bravo (RA)
2021	Kyle Chen (RA)
2019 – 2020	Jennifer Dzul (honors thesis: <i>Are Distractors really that Distracting? A Closer Look into Target vs Distractor Sensitivity in Older Adults</i>)
2019 – 2020	Natalie Knowles (RA)
2019	Savannah Doelfel (RA)
2017 – 2019	Allison Loynd (RA)
2017 – 2018	Milena Rmus (honors thesis: <i>Model-based decision-making is associated with structure inference ability</i>)
2017	William McNelis (RA)
2016 – 2017	Kia Sadahiro (RA)
2015 – 2016	Jessica Uthayakumar (honors thesis: <i>Consequences of acoustic degradation and semantic context on recognition memory</i>)

Pre-Graduate Research Experience

2013 – 2014	<i>Research Assistant, Queen's University. PI: Dr. Ingrid Johnsrude</i>
2011 – 2012	<i>Research Assistant, Queen's University. PI: Dr. Monica Castelhana</i>
Summer 2010	<i>Research Assistant, Juravinski Cancer Centre. PI: Dr. Jehonathan Pinthus</i>

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journal of Neuroscience; eLife; Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience; Computational Brain & Behavior; Journal of Experimental Psychology