

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Name: Nicha C. Dvornek, Ph.D.

School: Yale University School of Medicine

Education:

B.S. Johns Hopkins University (Biomedical Engineering) 2006

M.S. Yale University (Engineering & Applied Science) 2007

M.Phil. Yale University (Engineering & Applied Science) 2009

Ph.D. Yale University (Engineering & Applied Science) 2012

Career/Academic Appointments:

2012-2015 Postdoctoral Associate, Dept. of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging (formerly Diagnostic Radiology), Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

2015-2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

2017-2018 Associate Research Scientist, Dept. of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

2018-present Assistant Professor, Dept. of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

2019-present Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, Yale University, New Haven, CT (Secondary appointment)

Professional Honors & Recognition

International/National/Regional

2020: Best Paper Award, 2nd MICCAI Workshop on Domain Adaptation and Representation Transfer

2019: Best Challenger Award, Connectomics in Neuroimaging - Transfer Learning Challenge

2019: Best Paper Award, 10th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging

2017: IPMI Scholarship for Junior Scientists from Underrepresented Populations

2014: Yale University School of Medicine Brown-Coxe Postdoctoral Fellowship

2011: International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging 2011 NIH-funded Travel Award

2010: International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging 2010 Travel Award

2007: Honorable Mention Poster Award, SPIE Medical Imaging

2006: Yale University Faculty of Engineering Fellowship

2006: Yale University - Pierre W. Hoge Fellowship

2006: Richard J. Johns Award (from Johns Hopkins University Department of Biomedical Engineering)

2006: Tau Beta Pi (Johns Hopkins University Chapter) Appreciation Award

2006: Johns Hopkins University Women's Club Scholarship

2005: Tau Beta Pi, Johns Hopkins University

2005: Alpha Eta Mu Beta, Johns Hopkins University

University

2013: Yale University School of Medicine Diagnostic Radiology Grand Rounds Poster Award

2010: Yale University Graduate Student Association Conference Travel Fund Award

Grant/Clinical Trials History:

Current Grants

Agency: NIH/NINDS

I.D.# R01 NS035193

Title: “Subnetwork-based Quantitative Imaging Biomarkers for Therapy Assessment in Autism”

P.I.: James S. Duncan, Ph.D. / Lawrence H. Staib, Ph.D. / Kevin A. Pelphrey, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Investigator

Percent effort: 20%

Direct costs per year: \$247,168

Total costs for project period: \$1,876,785 (latest round of funding)

Project period: 09/01/2016 – 05/31/2021 (latest round of funding)

Agency: NIH/NCI

I.D.# R01 CA224140

Title: “Personalized Task-Based Respiratory Motion Correction for Low-Dose PET/CT”

P.I.: Chi Liu, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Investigator

Percent effort: 30%

Direct costs per year: \$ 364,605

Total costs for project period: \$1,832,698 (to date)

Project period: 07/02/2018 – 06/30/2023

Agency: NIH/NIBIB

I.D.# R01 EB025468

Title: “Quantitative Low-Dose PET Imaging”

P.I.: Chi Liu, Ph.D. / Richard Carson, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Investigator

Percent effort: 3%

Direct costs per year: \$416,011

Total costs for project period: \$2,488,796 (to date)

Project period: 07/24/2018 – 04/30/2022

Agency: NIH/NIBIB

I.D.# R21 EB026759

Title: “Non-invasive Estimation of the Arterial Input Function in PET Studies using Whole-Body Physiological Models”

P.I.: Jean-Dominique Gallezot, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Investigator

Percent effort: 0.75%

Direct costs per year: \$150,000

Total costs for project period: \$502,500 (to date)

Project period: 09/16/19-06/30/22

Past Grants

Agency: NIH/NICHD

I.D.# R01 MH100028

Title: “Multimodal Developmental Neurogenetics of Females with ASD”

P.I.: Kevin Pelphrey, Ph.D.; Subcontract - James S. Duncan, Ph.D. / Pamela Ventola, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Investigator

Percent effort: 52%

Total costs for project period: \$23,156,768 (to date)

Project period: 09/04/2012 – 07/31/2022

Agency: NIH/NINDS

I.D.# R01 NS035193

Title: “Subnetwork-based Quantitative Imaging Biomarkers for Therapy Assessment in Autism”

P.I.: James S. Duncan, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Associate Research Scientist, 07/01/2017-06/30/2018

Percent effort: 100% (\$60,000 per year)

Total costs for project period: \$1,876,785 (latest round of funding)

Project period: 09/01/2016 – 05/31/2021 (latest round of funding)

Agency: NIH/NIMH

I.D.# T32 MH018268

Title: “Training Program in Childhood Neuropsychiatric Disorders”

P.I.: Michael J. Crowley, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Postdoctoral Fellow, 07/01/2015-06/30/2017

Percent effort: 100% (\$51,120 per year)

Total costs for project period: \$2.0M (round of funding during fellowship)

Project period: 07/01/2015 – 06/30/2020 (round of funding during fellowship)

Agency: Yale University School of Medicine

I.D.# James Hudson Brown – Alexander Brown Coxe Postdoctoral Fellowship

Title: “Fast Image Processing for Cryo-EM Structure Determination”

P.I.: Nicha C. Dvornek, Ph.D.

Percent effort: 100%

Total costs for project period: \$42,000

Project period: 07/01/2014 – 06/30/2015

Agency: NIH/NLM

I.D.# R01 LM010142

Title: “Fast 3D Reconstruction Algorithms for Cryo-EM”

P.I.: Hemant D. Tagare, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Postdoctoral Associate, 09/01/2012-06/30/2014

Percent effort: 100% (\$41,000 per year)

Total costs for project period: \$1,569,824

Project period: 07/15/2010 – 07/14/2014

Pending Grants

Agency: NIH/NIBIB

I.D.# 1 R21 EB032950-01

Title: “Interpretable Deep Learning Models for Analysis of Longitudinal 3D Mammography

Screenings”

P.I.: Nicha C. Dvornek, Ph.D.

Percent effort: 33%

Total costs for project period: \$661,900

Project period: 04/01/2022 – 03/31/2025

Agency: Yale School of Medicine

I.D.# Program for the Promotion of Interdisciplinary Team Science (POINTS)

Title: “Systems Neuroimaging Resource for Personalized Intervention”

P.I.: James S. Duncan / Richard E. Carson / R. Todd Constable / Doug Rothman

Percent effort: 2%

Total costs for project period: \$200,000

Project period: 2 years, start date TBD

Invited Speaking Engagements, Presentations, Symposia & Workshops Not Affiliated With Yale:

International/National

2016: Rising Stars in Biomedical, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA:
"Predicting Autism Behavioral Treatment Response from Baseline Functional MRI."

Peer-Reviewed Presentations & Symposia Given at Meetings Not Affiliated With Yale:

International/National

- 2020: 11th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging, Virtual:
“Demographic-Guided Attention in Recurrent Neural Networks for Modeling Neuropathophysiological Heterogeneity.”
- 2020: 17th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro, Virtual:
“Estimating Reproducible Functional Networks Associated with Task Dynamics Using Unsupervised LSTMs.”
- 2018: 15th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro, Washington, D.C.: “Combining Phenotypic and Resting-State fMRI Data for Autism Classification with Recurrent Neural Networks.”
- 2017: Eighth International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging, Quebec City, Canada: “Identifying Autism from Resting-State fMRI Using Long Short-Term Memory Networks.”
- 2016: Sixth International Workshop on Multimodal Learning for Clinical Decision Support, Athens, Greece: "Prediction of Autism Treatment Response from Baseline fMRI using Random Forests and Tree Bagging."
- 2014: National Resource for Automated Molecular Microscopy Workshop on Advanced Topics in EM Structure Determination, La Jolla, CA: “A Fast EM Algorithm for Single Particle Reconstruction."
- 2012: Second International Workshop on Spatiotemporal Image Analysis for Longitudinal and Time-Series Image Data, Nice, France: "Tracking Metastatic Brain Tumors in Longitudinal Scans via Joint Image Registration and Labeling."
- 2011: Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT: “Robust Registration of Brain MRI with Missing Correspondences.”
- 2011: 33rd Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, Boston, MA: “Non-rigid Registration of Longitudinal Brain Tumor Treatment MRI.”

- 2011: 8th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro, Chicago, IL: “Registration of Brain Resection MRI with Intensity and Location Priors.”
- 2010: 13th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention, Beijing, China: “Non-rigid Registration with Missing Correspondences in Preoperative and Postresection Brain Images.”
- 2010: 7th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro, Rotterdam, The Netherlands: “Pairwise Registration of Images With Missing Correspondences Due to Resection.”
- 2005: Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting, Section on Highlights of Undergraduate Bioengineering Research, Baltimore, MD: “Design and Optimization of Gene Oscillatory Networks through Stochastic Simulations.”

Professional Service

Journal Service:

Editorial Boards

2021-present Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Neuroscience*

Reviewer

Journal of Neural Engineering, Scientific Reports, Frontiers in Neuroscience, Frontiers in Human Neuroscience, PLOS ONE, Medical Image Analysis, Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience, Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging, IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision

Professional Service for Professional Organizations:

Meeting Planning/Participation

- 2021 Organizer / Paper Selection Committee Member, ICML Workshop on Interpretable Machine Learning in Healthcare
- 2021 Reviewer, Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems
- 2021 Program Committee Member, MICCAI Workshop on Data Augmentation, Labeling, and Imperfections
- 2021 Session Chair, International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning
- 2020-present Reviewer, International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning
- 2019 Program Committee Member, Medical Imaging meets NeurIPS (NeurIPS Workshop)
- 2018-2019 Area Chair, International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning
- 2013-present Reviewer, IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro
- 2011-present Reviewer, Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention Conference

Yale University Service:

Departmental Committees

- 2020 Co-organizer, BME Open House for Prospective Ph.D. Students Planning Committee
- 2017-2018 Member, Planning Committee for Division of Bioimaging Sciences Retreat 2018

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Peer-Reviewed Original Research

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2. **Chitphakdithai, N.** and Duncan, J.S., “Non-rigid Registration with Missing Correspondences in Preoperative and Postresection Brain Images,” In: *MICCAI 2010, Part I*, 2010, LNCS vol. 6361, pp. 367-374.
3. **Chitphakdithai, N.**, Vives, K.P., and Duncan, J.S., “Registration of Brain Resection MRI with Intensity and Location Priors,” In: *2011 8th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro*, 2011, pp. 1520-1523.
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9. Yang, D., Pelphrey, K.A., Sukholdolsky, D., Crowley, M., Dayan, E., **Dvornek, N.C.**, Venkataraman, A., Duncan, J.S., Staib, L.H., Ventola, P., “Brain Responses to Biological Motion Predict Treatment Outcome in Young Children with Autism,” *Translational Psychiatry*, 2016, vol. 6, no. 11, e948.
10. **Dvornek, N.C.**, Ventola, P., Pelphrey, K.A., Duncan, J.S., “Identifying Autism from Resting-State fMRI Using Long Short-Term Memory Networks,” In: *8th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging*, 2017, LNCS vol. 10541, pp. 362-370.
11. **Dvornek, N.C.**, Ventola, P., Duncan, J.S., “Combining Phenotypic and Resting-State fMRI Data for Autism Classification with Recurrent Neural Networks,” In: *IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*, April 2018, pp. 725-528.
12. Li, X., **Dvornek, N.**, Papademetris, X., Zhuang, J., Staib, L.H., Ventola, P., Duncan, J., “2-Channel Convolutional 3D Deep Neural Network (2CC3D) for fMRI Analysis: ASD Classification and Feature Learning,” In: *IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*, April 2018, pp. 1252-1255.
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18. Li, X., **Dvornek, N.C.**, Zhou, Y., Zhuang, J., Ventola, P. and Duncan, J.S., "Efficient Interpretation of Deep Learning Models Using Graph Structure and Cooperative Game Theory: Application to ASD Biomarker Discovery," In: *Information Processing in Medical Imaging (IPMI 2019)*, LNCS 11492, June 2019, pp 718-730.
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20. Yang, J., **Dvornek, N.C.**, Zhang, F., Zhuang, J., Chapiro, J., Lin, M., Duncan, J.S., "Domain-Agnostic Learning With Anatomy-Consistent Embedding for Cross-Modality Liver Segmentation," In: *2019 IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision Workshop (ICCVW)*, 2019, pp. 323-331.
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