Ryan Truong

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Education

University of Texas at Austin	August 2021 - December 2023
B.S. Psychology, Minor in Business	*GPA: 3.57/4.00*

University of Texas at Arlington	August 2020 - May 2021
UT Coordinated Admission Program (CAP)	*GPA: 4.00/4.00*

Research Experience

CCN Lab, Harvard University — July 2024 - Present
Remote Research Assistant

- Developing an interactive online treasure-hunting interface for social-cognition project

PI: Sam Gershman — **Supervisor(s):** Lance Ying

Gorislab, UT Austin — January 2023 - June 2024 / September 2024 - Present
Research / Laboratory Technician

- Work with NHPs (Non-Human-Primates): enrichment, chairing, post-operation checkups, surgery-assistance, unrestrained margin cleanings
- Conduct psychophysical experiments and translate Matlab to Python
- Convert CASSANDRE matlab codebase into Python
- Developing a lesioned neural-network to examine neural plasticity/ rehabilitation in the visual system

PI: Robbe Goris — **Supervisor(s):** Gabriela Coello-Reyes, Akash Raj

CasCogLab, UT Austin — September 2023 - June 2024 / September 2024 - Present
Part-time Research Assistant

- Assist with experimental studies and transcriptions using OpenAI's whisper API
- Generate human annotations for LLM Empathetic Research project
- Help develop and implement Empathy-Intervention website
- Webscrape data from Reddit for Empathy investigation project

PI: Desmond Ong — **Supervisor(s):** Emma Gueorguieva, Yoon Kyung Lee

Gabrieli Lab, MIT McGovern Institute — June 2024 - November 2024
Summer Research Intern - Remote Technical Assistant

- Created custom fMRI tasks for clinical trials + DDM models for binary choice tasks
- Modeled latent class trajectories and cross-lagged network models mental health outcomes in open-source datasets

PI: John Gabrieli — **Supervisor(s):** Clark Roberts

Paper(s)

Ying, L., **Truong, R.**, Tenenbaum, J. B., & Gershman, S.J. (2025). Observe or Explore? Targeted Social Learning through Theory of Mind. (*In-Preparation, CogSci 2025*)

Work Experience

RVT Consultant, Dallas, TX June 2019 - Present
Seasonal Independent FDA Regulatory Manufacturing Consultant

- Generate solutions for FDA 483 Observations and Warning Letters
- Create documentation (SOPs, Component specifications, MMRs, BPRs)
- Communicate directly with FDA investigators
- Developing custom Quality Assurance documentation

Bouldering Project, Austin, TX August 2022 - April 2023
Operations Specialist

- Provide customer service and perform operational duties

Kostop (formerly Left Wing), Austin, TX September 2021 - May 2022
Shift-Lead — Line Cook — Cashier

- Supervise employees and handle food preparation duties

Leadership

Longhorn Melee, Austin, TX August 2021 - May 2022
President

- Organized weekly video game tournaments for 20+ participants
- Managed club funds and tournament winnings