

Ryan Truong

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Education

University of Texas at Austin

B.S. Psychology, Minor in Business

August 2021 - December 2023

GPA: 3.57/4.00

University of Texas at Arlington

UT Coordinated Admission Program (CAP)

August 2020 - May 2021

Research Experience

CCN Lab, Harvard University

Remote Research Assistant

July 2024 - Present

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

PI: Sam Gershman **Supervisor:** Lance Ying

Gorislabs, UT Austin

Research / Laboratory Technician

January 2023 - June 2024 / September 2024 - Present

- Work with NHPs (Non-Human-Primates): enrichment, chairing, post-operation checkups
- 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 **Supervisors:** Gabriela Coello-Reyes, Akash Raj, Zoe Boundy-Singer

CasCogLab, UT Austin

Part-time Research Assistant

September 2023 - June 2024 / September 2024 - Present

- 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 **Supervisors:** Emma Gueorguieva, Purna Zaman, Yoon Kyung Lee

Gabrieli Lab, MIT McGovern Institute

Summer Research Intern - Remote Technical Assistant

June 2024 - November 2024

- 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:** 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