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Postdoctoral Researcher in neuroimaging and neuroinformatics

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RESEARCH POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher

Centre de recherche de l'Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal (CRIUGM)

Sept. 2021 – Present
Montréal, QC, Canada

Principal Investigators: Prof Pierre Bellec, Prof Louis De Beaumont

Data infrastructure for neuroimaging research and Alzheimer's neural biomarker discovery.

Research Fellow

Sackler Centre for Consciousness Science, University of Sussex

Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2021
Brighton, United Kingdom

Principal Investigators: Prof Hugo Critchley, Prof Sarah Garfinkle

Cognitive processes in psychiatric conditions with neuroimaging and physiology measures.

Postdoctoral Research Associate

University of York

Nov. 2018 – Aug. 2019
York, United Kingdom

Principal Investigator: Prof Jonathan Smallwood

Working on the European Research Council funded project—Wandering Minds

Research Administrator

University of York

Oct. 2015 – Oct. 2018
York, United Kingdom

Principal Investigators: Prof Jonathan Smallwood and Prof Elizabeth Jefferies

Experiment design, project management, neuroimaging analysis pipeline development

EDUCATION

PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging

University of York

Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2018
York, United Kingdom

Supervisors: Prof Jonathan Smallwood and Prof Elizabeth Jefferies

Thesis: “Towards an Ontology of Ongoing Thought”

Master of Research in Psychology

University of York

Sept. 2013 – Sept. 2014
York, United Kingdom

BSc in Psychology

National Chengchi University

Sept. 2009 – June 2013
Taipei, Taiwan

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Postdoctoral scholarship

Institut de valorisation des données (IVADO)

May 2022 – Apr. 2024
CA\$ 70,000

Project: Impact of age and sex on transdiagnostic brain biomarkers amongst neurodegenerative conditions

UNIQUE Excellence Scholarship (Declined)

Unifying Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence - Québec (UNIQUE)

May 2022 – Apr. 2023
CA\$ 20,000

Project: Impact of age and sex on transdiagnostic brain biomarkers amongst neurodegenerative conditions

Awards

2017 Guarantors of Brain Travel Award: Machine Learning Summer School, Tübingen, Germany (£600)

2016 The Neuro Bureau Travel Award: Brainhack Vienna, Vienna, Austria (\$500)

2014 University of York Department Summer Bursary Award (£1000)

Preprint Peer-Reviewed Journals

Highlights

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- [5] W. H. Strawson, H.-T. Wang, L. Quadt, M. Sherman, D. E. Larsson, G. Davies, B. L. Mckeown, M. Silva, S. Fielding-Smith, A.-M. Jones, and others, "Voice hearing in borderline personality disorder across perceptual, subjective, and neural dimensions," *International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*, vol. 25, no. 5, pp. 375–386, 2022, publisher: Oxford University Press US.
- [6] M. Del Río, C. Racey, Z. Ren, J. Qiu, H.-T. Wang, and J. Ward, "Higher Sensory Sensitivity is Linked to Greater Expansion Amongst Functional Connectivity Gradients," *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, pp. 1–19, 2022, publisher: Springer.
- [7] M. T. Sherman, H.-T. Wang, S. N. Garfinkel, and H. D. Critchley, "The Cardiac Timing Toolbox (CaTT): Testing for physiologically plausible effects of cardiac timing on behaviour," *Biological Psychology*, vol. 170, p. 108291, 2022, publisher: Elsevier.
- [8] J. Smallwood, A. Turnbull, H.-T. Wang, N. S. Ho, G. L. Poerio, T. Karapanagiotidis, D. Konu, B. Mckeown, M. Zhang, C. Murphy, D. Vatansever, D. Bzdok, M. Konishi, R. Leech, P. Seli, J. W. Schooler, B. Bernhardt, D. S. Margulies, and E. Jefferies, "The neural correlates of ongoing conscious thought," *iScience*, vol. 24, no. 3, p. 102132, 2021. [Online]. Available: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2589004221001000>
- [9] N. S. P. Ho, D. Baker, T. Karapanagiotidis, P. Seli, H. T. Wang, R. Leech, B. Bernhardt, D. Margulies, E. Jefferies, and J. Smallwood, "Missing the forest because of the trees: slower alternations during binocular rivalry are associated with lower levels of visual detail during ongoing thought," *Neuroscience of Consciousness*, vol. 2020, no. 1, Jan. 2020. [Online]. Available: <https://academic.oup.com/nc/article/2020/1/niaa020/5917879>
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- [1] H.-T. Wang, N. Clarke, S. L. Meisler, H. Sharmarke, N. Gensollen, C. J. Markiewicz, F. Paugam, B. Thirion, and P. Bellec, "Impact of confound removal strategies on functional connectivity generated from fmriprep preprocessed data." Montreal, QC, Canada: OHBM, 7 2023.
- [2] H.-T. Wang, S. L. Meisler, H. Sharmarke, N. Clarke, N. Gensollen, C. J. Markiewicz, F. Paugam, B. Thirion, and P. Bellec, "A reproducible benchmark of fMRI denoising strategies in fMRIPrep and Nilearn," Montreal, Canada, Oct. 2022.

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INVITED TALKS

- 2021 Panel speaker on neuroinformatics at University of Texas Brainstorms
- 2021 Panel speaker on academic career at MAIN 2021
- 2021 Panel speaker at SciPy2021 Biology and Neuroscience mini-symposium
- 2021 Canonical correlation analysis application in neuroimaging data, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada
- 2019 Recent trend in resting-state functional connectivity, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK
- 2019 Data simulation workshop, University of York, York, UK
- 2019 Multivariate mapping of functional brain and behaviour, Child Mind Institute, New York, USA
- 2018 Small steps to reproducible science, University of York, York, UK

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Oct. 2021 – Sep. 2022 Hackathon Chair, Open Science special interest group, OHBM, Glasgow, UK
- Mar. 2020 – Aug. 2021 ECR representative, Sussex Neuroscience Steering Committee, University of Sussex
- Jun. 2021 OHBM Sparkle special task force, OHBM, virtual.
- Jun. 2021 Live Q & A cohost and general enquiry, OHBM Brainhack, virtual.
- Jun. 2020 Teaching assistant, OHBM Brainhack, virtual.
- Oct. 2018 – Aug. 2019 Member, Open Science Interest Group, University of York
- Oct. 2018 – Aug. 2019 Member, Early Career Researcher forum, University of York
- Mar. 2017 Organizing committee, Brainhack York, York, UK.

AD-HOC PEER REVIEW

Aperture Neuro, Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science, Brain Imaging and Behavior, Communications Biology, Journal of Open Source Software, NeuroImage, Neuroinformatics, Neurobiology of Aging

MEMBERSHIP

Organization of Human Brain Mapping (OHBM); Open Science Special Interest Group, OHBM.

OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE CONTRIBUTIONS

- [NiLearn](#): Core developer.
- [load_confounds](#): Core developer.
- [Brainhack book](#): csv to markdown table parser for website and code review.
- [Pydra-FSL](#): FSL wrapped with python workflow engine; nipy 1 to pydra interface converter.
- [NiBabel](#): GIFTI data reading method

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Overview: Functional magnetic resonance imaging, neuroinformatics, multivariate analysis.

Technologies

Neuroimaging: FSL, fMRIPrep, Freesurfer, Connectome Workbench, Brain Image Data Structure (BIDS), nipy

Statistics: nilearn, scikit-learn, JASP

Experiment design: PsychoPy

Research computing: container (docker, singularity), cluster computing (SGE), version control (git, github)

Programming Languages

Proficient: Python2/3, shell. Competent: L^AT_EX, MATLAB. Familiar: R, JavaScript.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

PhD

2019–2021 Will Strawson University of Sussex (with Prof. Sarah Garfinkle)

MSc

2019 Bronte McKeown, Will Strawson University of York (with Prof. Jonathan Smallwood)

2018 Delali Konu, Rebecca Lowndes University of York (with Dr. Charlotte Murphy and Prof. Jonathan Smallwood)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIQUE educational workshop

December 2022

Instructor of the two day neuro-AI workshop.

Brainhack School

July 2022

Instructor of the one-month data science bootcamp for neuroscientists.

UNIQUE educational workshop

November 2021

Instructor of the two day neuro-AI workshop.

OHBM Brainhack

June 2020

Brain Image Data Structure teaching assistant.

University of York

October – March 2016

Programming in Neuroimaging

York, United Kingdom

Teaching assistant: Basic Python, data visualisation, PsychoPy, data analysis, and shell scripting.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Aug. 2019 Neurohackademy, Seattle, USA.

Dec. 2017 Large-scale trends in cortical organization, Leipzig, Germany.

June 2017 Machine Learning Summer School, Tübingen, Germany.

Sep. 2016 Brainhack Vienna, Vienna, Austria.

Feb. 2016 Brainhack@Paris, Paris, France.

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