Isabella Aslarus

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Education

Stanford University   Sep 2024-present
- Psychology PhD student
- Advisor: Dr. Jamil Zaki

Harvard University   Sep 2017-Dec 2021
- B.A. in Neuroscience (Mind, Brain, and Behavior)
- Minor in English
- Cum Laude with Highest Honors in Neuroscience
- GPA 3.9/4

Research Experience

Psychology PhD student, Stanford Social Neuroscience Lab   Sep 2024-present
- Stanford University, Department of Psychology
- *Supervisor: Dr. Jamil Zaki*

Lab Manager, FeldmanHall Lab   Jan 2022-Sep 2024
- Brown University, Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences
- *Supervisor: Dr. Oriel FeldmanHall*

Undergrad Research Assistant, Phelps Lab   Jan 2020-Dec 2021
- Harvard University, Department of Psychology
- *Supervisor: Dr. Elizabeth Phelps*

Undergrad Research Assistant, Human Intergroup Neuroscience Lab   Sep 2021-Dec 2021
- Harvard University, Department of Psychology
- *Supervisor: Dr. Mina Cikara*

Publications

Aslarus, I., Son, J., Xia, A., & FeldmanHall, O. (2025). Early insight into social network structure predicts climbing the social ladder. *Science Advances*. [Publication]

Talks

Aslarus, I. (2026). *Early insight into social network structure predicts climbing the social ladder*. In Y. Zhang (Chair), *Using social network approaches to understand social*

connection formation. To be presented at the 2026 Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Chicago, IL.

Aslarus, I. (2025). *Understanding and changing emotion in social connection and wellbeing*. To be presented at Dartmouth's Consortium for Interacting Minds. Hanover, NH.

Posters and Conference Abstracts

Karaca, S.D., **Aslarus, I.**, Pei, R., Zaki, J. (2026). *The impact of election stress on young adults' wellbeing and social networks*. To be presented at the 2026 Annual Convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Chicago, IL.

Aslarus, I., Son, J.Y., Xia, A., FeldmanHall, O. (2024). *Mental representation of network structure drives later network position in real-world social networks*. Presented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society. Toronto, ON, Canada. [Abstract, Poster]

Aslarus, I., Son, J.Y., & FeldmanHall, O. (2023). *Network position biases mental representations of real-world social networks*. Presented at the 21st Annual Conference of the Society for NeuroEconomics, and at the 10th Consumer Neuroscience Satellite Symposium of the Annual Conference of the Society for Neuroeconomics. Vancouver, BC, Canada. [Abstract, Poster]

Aslarus, I. C., Kredlow, M. A., Fan, H., & Phelps, E. A. (2022). *Novelty exposure interferes with visual emotional memory consolidation.* Presented at the 14th Annual Meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society. Virtual. [Abstract, Poster, Video]

Press, D., **Aslarus, I.**, Lim, E., Amarasinghe, S., & Lim, C. (2017). *Cognitive Neurology Toolkit: An iPad App for Mental Status Testing*. Presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology. Boston, MA. [Abstract]

Honors and Awards

Gerhard Casper Fellow, Stanford Graduate Fellowship in Science and Engineering, Stanford University, 2024-2027

Graduation Cum Laude with Highest Honors in Neuroscience, Harvard University, 2021

High Magna Cum Laude for Honors Senior Thesis, *Novelty-Enhanced Learning: An Exploration of Behavioral Tagging in Humans*, Harvard University, 2021

Mary Gordon Roberts Fellowship in Mind, Brain, and Behavior, Harvard University, 2020

Harvard College Research Program Award ($1,750), 2020

Finalist, Harvard College First Year Creativity Award, 2018

Mentorship, Teaching, and Service

Conference Organizer (2023 New England Research on Decision-Making Conference)

Research Mentor (Stanford University)
    1 Master's Thesis (Symbolic Systems)
    1 full-time research assistant (Psychology)

Research Mentor (Brown University)
    1 Honors Undergraduate Thesis (Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences)
    1 Senior Capstone Project (Behavioral and Decision Sciences)
    9 undergraduate research assistants

Academic Writing Tutor (Harvard College Writing Center)
    4 Honors Senior Thesis students (regular tutoring over 1-2 semesters) in Psychology,
        Anthropology, and Economics
    Multiple weekly tutoring sessions for students in any discipline

Other Experience

Sep 2018-Dec 2021	**Writing Tutor**, Harvard College Writing Center.
Nov 2018-Dec 2020	**Co-President** (Sep-Dec 2020), **Editor-in-Chief** (Sep 2019-Aug 2020), and **Editor**, Harvard Technology Review.
Sep 2017-Dec 2020	**Illustration Executive** (Jan-Dec 2020), **Illustration Comp Director** (*training new illustrators*; Jan 2019-Dec 2020), **Contributing Opinion Columnist** (Sep-Dec 2018), and **Illustrator**, the Harvard Crimson.
Jun 2019-Dec 2019	**Customer Success Intern** (*data analyst*), Cambridge Mobile Telematics, Cambridge, MA.
May 2017, May 2018-May 2019	**Research Assistant**, Harvard Microrobotics Laboratory, Harvard University, School for Engineering and Applied Sciences. *Supervisors: Dr. Kaitlyn Becker and Dr. Robert Wood*
Apr 2015-Jun 2017	**Programmer**, Cognitive Neurology Toolkit, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Department of Neurology, Boston, MA. *Supervisors: Dr. Daniel Press and Dr. Chun Lim*

Technical Skills

Coding and Data:	R, MATLAB, SPSS, Git, eye-tracking (EyeLink)
Task Design:	MATLAB (PsychToolBox), JavaScript (jsPsych), Swift (Apple developer), Qualtrics

Stimulus Design: Adobe Illustrator
Data Collection: Eye-tracking administration, EEG administration, MRI administration (Green Badge / Level 2 Certified [*fully trained MR user*], Harvard Center for Brain Science Neuroimaging Facility; Level 2 Certified [*advanced safety training*], Brown MRI Research Facility)