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## Education

### Ohio State University

B.S. PHYSICS

Department of Physics

Columbus, OH

2019

## Publications

Diachek, E.\*, Siegelman, M.\*, Blank, I.\*, **Affourtit, J.** & Fedorenko, E. (2020). The domain-general multiple demand (MD) network does not support core aspects of language comprehension: a large-scale fMRI investigation. *Journal of Neuroscience*.

## Manuscripts

Chen, X.\*, **Affourtit, J.\***, Malik Moraleda, S., Kean, H., Jouravlev, O., Regev, T., Norman-Haignere, S., McDermott, J., & Fedorenko, E. (in prep.) The fronto-temporal language system does not support the processing of music.

**Affourtit, J.**, Rakocevic, L., Tuckute, G., Mineroff, Z., Small, H., Kean, H., Jouravlev, O., Ayyash, D., Pritchett, B., Siegelman, M., Pongos, A., Hoeflin, C., & Fedorenko, E. (in prep.) 800LanA: A probabilistic atlas of the human language network based on 800+ individuals.

**Affourtit, J.**, Small, H., Mineroff, Z. & Fedorenko, E. (in prep.) In defense of individual-level functional neural markers.

**Affourtit, J.**, Rakocevic, L., Small, H., Mineroff, Z. & Fedorenko, E. (in prep.) Sex differences in the topography of the language network.

Mollica, F., Shain, C., **Affourtit, J.**, Kean, H., Siegelman, M. & Fedorenko, E. (in prep.) Another look at the constituent structure of sentences in the human brain.

Regev, T., **Affourtit, J.**, Chen, X., Bergen, L., Mahowald, K., & Fedorenko, E. (in prep.) Sensitivity of high-level language processing brain regions to phonological information.

Shain, C.\*, Paunov, A.\*, Chen, X., **Affourtit, J.** & Fedorenko, E. (in prep.) Language regions do not support Theory of Mind.

Schoessow, F.S., Workman, G., Vega, M.E., Harlow, C., **Affourtit, J.**, & Zhan, M. Autonomous aerial remote sensing platforms for monitoring of snow and ice at high altitudes. (In prep)

**Affourtit, J.**, & Scott, N. Optimal Adversarial Pathway Estimation Using Remotely Sensed Spectral-Terrain Data: A Graphical Modeling Approach.

## Posters

Chen, X.\*, **Affourtit, J.\***, Norman-Haignere, S., Jouravlev, O., Malik-Moraleda, S., Kean, H., Regev, T., McDermott, J., & Fedorenko, E. (2020). The fronto-temporal language system does not support the processing of music. Society for the Neurobiology of Language.

**Affourtit, J.**, Small, H., Mineroff, Z., Fedorenko, E. (2020). In defense of individual-level functional neural markers. Society for the Neurobiology of Language.

Ozernov-Palchik, O. **Affourtit, J.**, Capella, J., Hogan, T., Gabrieli, J., Fedorenko, E. (2020). A developmental investigation of the language-selective brain network. Society for the Neurobiology of Language.

Regev, T., **Affourtit, J.**, Chen, X., Bergen, L., Mahowald, K., Fedorenko, E. (2020). A developmental investigation of the language-selective brain network. Society for the Neurobiology of Language.

## Research & Training Courses

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN MACHINE LEARNING & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Departments: CSAIL, IDSS, & LIDS

Cambridge, MA

2019 - 2020

## Massachusetts Institute of Technology

COMPUTATIONAL COGNITIVE SCIENCE (9.660)

Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences

Cambridge, MA

Fall 2019

## Research Experience

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### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

- Advisor: Evelina Fedorenko

Cambridge, MA

May 2019 - Present

### Ohio State University

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Advisor: Bryan Mark

Columbus, OH

Sep 2018 - May 2019

### Riverside Research

MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCHER

- Advisor: Nicholas Scott

Dayton, OH

May 2018 - Aug 2018

## Industry Experience

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### Ohio Supercomputer Center

STUDENT INTERN

- Assisting researchers with super computing tasks

Columbus, OH

Sep 2017 - May 2018

### Crane Consumables

MACHINIST

- Repairing/maintaining/operating mechanical and electrical machines used in production

Monroe, OH

May 2012 - Aug 2017

### Medpace, Inc.

ENGINEERING INTERN

- Creating and optimizing database using SQL for recruitment purposes

Cincinnati, OH

Aug 2016 - Dec 2016

## Honors & Awards

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2020 **Spot Award**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

2019 **Sharpe Innovation Commons Seed Grant Award**, Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

2015 **Continuing Education Scholarship**, Crane Consumables

Monroe, OH

## Skills

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**Programming languages** Python, MATLAB, BASH, C++, #C, Node.js, HTML, CSS