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Born Sep. 27th, 1993 in Minneapolis, MN, US ◊ US Citizen ◊ Married



POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Scholar

Aug. 2022 - Present

Bastos Lab, Department of Psychology
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, US

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, US

Aug. 2016 - Aug. 2022

Department of Psychology, Vanderbilt Graduate School

Ph.D. Psychology

Advisors: Alexander Maier, Ph.D. and Jeffrey D. Schall, Ph.D.

Committee: André M. Bastos, Ph.D., John H. Reynolds, Ph.D., and Geoffrey F. Woodman, Ph.D.

Dissertation: Cortical microcircuitry supporting attentional selection, and its extracranial consequences

Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN, US

Aug. 2012 - May 2016

Neuroscience Program, Center for Integrative Studies

B.A. Cognitive Neuroscience

Advisor: Jeremy L. Loebach, Ph.D.

Thesis: Free-field multisensory decision-making

FELLOWSHIPS

F31 - NEI NRSA Predoctoral Fellow

Sep. 2020 - Aug. 2022

NIH F31EY031293 ◊

Contributions of prefrontal and extrastriate cortex to the ERP index of attention

Sponsors: Geoffrey F. Woodman, Ph.D. and Alexander Maier, Ph.D.

Collaborators: John H. Reynolds, Ph.D., Jorge J. Riera, Ph.D., and Jeffrey D. Schall, Ph.D.

T32 - NEI NRSA Predoctoral Fellow

Sep. 2017 - Apr. 2020

NIH T32EY007135 ◊

Microcircuitry of visual attention in macaque area V4

Preceptors: Alexander Maier, Ph.D. and Jeffrey D. Schall, Ph.D.

Institutional Sponsor: Vanderbilt Vision Research Center (P30EY008126)

GRANTS

OpenScope

Jan. 2022 - Present

The Allen Institute (via NIH U24NS113646) ◊

Neural circuitry underlying detection of local and global prediction errors

PIs: Jacob A. Westerberg, Alexander Maier, Ph.D., and André M. Bastos, Ph.D.

Press Releases: ◊ 1 ◊ 2

Academic Hardware Grant





Sep. 2018

Nvidia Corporation





GPU-based data analysis of neural integration within visual cortical circuits























PIs: Jacob A. Westerberg and Alexander Maier, Ph.D.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

FABBS Doctoral Dissertation Research Excellence Award 	May 2020
Pat Burns Memorial Graduate Student Research Award 	May 2020
Vivien Casagrande Neuroscience Award 	Apr. 2018
Ken Bonde Award 	May 2016

PUBLICATIONS

H-Index: 7  **i10-Index: 6**  **(Co-)Lead Author: 8**  **Citations: 140**
*Denotes equal contribution Complete  library

- [15] *Herrera, B., ***Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, M. S., Maier, A., Woodman, G. F., Schall, J. D., and Riera, J. J. (2022) Resolving the mesoscopic missing link: Biophysical modeling of EEG from cortical columns in primates. *NeuroImage*, in press.
- [14] Maier, A., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Dougherty, K. (2022) Binocular integration in the primate primary visual cortex. *Annual Review of Vision Science*, 8:10.1-10.16.  | 
- [13] Mitchell, B. A., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Carlson, B. M., Daumail, L., Maier, A., and Cox, M. A. (2022) Stimulating both eyes with matching stimuli enhances V1 responses. *iScience*, 25(5):104182.  | 
- [12] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, M. S., Maier, A., Woodman, G. F., and Schall, J. D. (2022) Laminar microcircuitry of visual cortex producing attention-associated electric fields. *eLife* 11:e72139.  | 
- [11] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Sigworth, E. A., Schall, J. D., and Maier, A. (2021) Pop-out search instigates beta-gated feature selectivity enhancement across V4 layers. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118(50):e2103702118.  | 
- [10] **Westerberg, J. A.** and Schall, J. D. (2021) Neural mechanism of priming in visual search. *Attention, Perception, and Psychophysics* 83(2):587-602.  | 
- [9] Dougherty, K., Carlson, B. M., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Zinke, W., Schmid, M. C., Martin, P. R., and Maier, A. (2021) Binocular suppression in the macaque lateral geniculate nucleus reveals early competitive interactions between the eyes. *eNeuro* 8(2):ENEURO.0364-20.2020.  | 
- [8] *Tovar, D. A., ***Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., Carlson, T., Wallace, M. T., and Maier, A. (2020) Stimulus feature-specific information flow along the columnar cortical microcircuit revealed by multivariate laminar spiking analysis. *Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience* 14:90.  | 
- [7] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., and Schall, J. D. (2020) Priming of attentional selection in macaque visual cortex: feature-based facilitation and location-based inhibition of return. *eNeuro* 7(2):ENEURO.0466-19.2020.  | 
- [6] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., Woodman, G. F., and Schall, J. D. (2020) Performance monitoring during visual priming. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience* 32(3):515-526.  | 
- [5] Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, M. S., and Maier, A. (2019) Temporal dynamics of binocular integration in primary visual cortex. *Journal of Vision* 19(13):1-21.  | 
- [4] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., and Maier, A. (2019) V1 microcircuit dynamics: altered signal propagation suggests intracortical origins for adaptation in response to visual repetition. *Journal of Neurophysiology* 121(5):1938-1952.  | 

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- [3] *Dougherty, K., *Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Maier, A. (2019) Binocular modulation of monocular V1 neurons. *Current Biology* 29(3):381-391. [doi](#) | [M](#)
 - [2] Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., Adams, G. K., Reavis, E. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Moore, B. S., Leopold, D. A., and Maier, A. (2019) Spiking suppression precedes cued attentional enhancement of neural responses in primary visual cortex. *Cerebral Cortex* 29(1):77-90. [doi](#) | [M](#)
 - [1] Crisp, K. M., Sutter, E. N., and **Westerberg, J. A.** (2015) Pencil and paper neural networks: an undergraduate laboratory exercise in computational neuroscience. *Journal of Undergraduate Neuroscience Education* 14(1):13-22. [M](#)

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS AND PREPRINTS

*Denotes equal contribution

- [15] Daumail, L., Carlson, B. M., Mitchell, B. A., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Johnson, C., Martin, P. R., Tong, F., Maier, A., and Dougherty, K. (2022) Primate LGN neurons adapt across repeated cycles of drifting gratings during active fixation. *Journal of Neurophysiology*, in revision.
- [16] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, J. D., Woodman, G. F., and Maier, A. (2022) Feedforward attentional selection in sensory cortex. *Nature Communications*, under review. [Rx](#)
- [17] Blackman, R. K., Crowe, D. A., DeNicola, A. L., Sakellaridi, S., **Westerberg, J. A.**, MacDonald III, A. W., Sponheim, S., and Chafee, M. V. (2022) State representations for cognitive control processes disrupted in schizophrenia are distributed between prefrontal and parietal neurons. *Journal of Neuroscience*, under review.
- [18] *Tovar, D. A., ***Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., Bastos, A. M., Wallace, M. T., and Maier, A. (2022) Near-field potentials better index cortical computations than population spiking. [Rx](#)

DATASETS PUBLISHED OPEN ACCESS

- [4] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, J. D., Woodman, G. F., and Maier, A. (2022) Data from: feedforward attentional selection in sensory cortex. Dryad, Dataset, scheduled to be released upon publication of the associated manuscript.
- [3] ***Westerberg, J. A.**, *Herrera, B., Schall, M. S., Maier, A. Woodman, G. F., Schall, J. D., and Riera, J. J. (2022) Data from: Resolving the mesoscopic missing link: biophysical modeling of EEG from cortical columns in primates. Dryad, Dataset, scheduled to be released upon publication of the associated manuscript. [doi](#)
- [2] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, M. S., Maier, A., Woodman, G. F., and Schall, J. D. (2022) Data from: laminar microcircuitry of visual cortex producing attention-associated electric fields. Dryad, Dataset, DOI: 10.5061/dryad.djh9w0w15. [doi](#)
- [1] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Sigworth, E. A., Schall, J. D., and Maier, A. (2021) Data from: pop-out search instigates beta-gated feature selectivity enhancement across V4 layers. Dryad, Dataset, DOI: 10.5061/dryad.3r2280gh4. [doi](#)

INVITED TALKS

- [7] **Westerberg, J. A.** (anticipated 2022) Cortical circuits for attentional capture and predictive processing. For The Allen Institute.
- [6] **Westerberg, J. A.** (2022) Identifying traces of attentional selection across visual cortical columns. For the Rockefeller University Laboratory for Neural Systems.

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- [5] **Westerberg, J. A.** (2022) Grabbing attention, and its substrates in visual cortex. For the Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience Vision and Cognition Research Group.
 - [4] **Westerberg, J. A.** (2022) Attention and feature-selectivity along cortical columns during pop-out search. For the Neurospin Primate Research Group.
 - [3] **Westerberg, J. A.** (2021) Cortical columns producing cognitive electric fields: attention and the EEG-N2pc. For the Southern Illinois University Department of Physiology Seminar Series.
 - [2] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, M. S., Maier, A., Schall, J. D., and Woodman, G. F. (2020) Cortical columns in area V4 produce the N2pc event-related potential index of attention. For the 4th Annual Southeastern Vision Research Conference.
 - [1] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., and Schall, J. D. (2020) Neural mechanism of priming of pop-out in visual cortex. For the 20th Annual Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.

SELECTED ABSTRACTS

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- [40] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Herrera, B., Schall, M. S., Riera, J. J, Maier, A., Woodman, G. F., and Schall, J. D. (anticipated 2022) The neural basis for an EEG index of attention. Human Single Neuron Conference.
- [39] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., and Schall, J. D. (anticipated 2022) Priming alters cortical columnar attentional processing differently for targets vs. distractors in V4. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [38] Bastos, A. M., Mendoza-Halliday, D., Major, A., Lee, N., Lichtenfeld, M., Carlson, B. M., Mitchell, B. A., Meng, P. D., Xiong, Y., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Kaas, J., Maier, A., Desimone, R., and Miller, E. K. (anticipated 2022) A preserved spectro-laminar motif of local field potential power across cortical maps onto histologically-identified layers. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [37] Carlson, B. M., Mitchell, B. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Maier, A. (2022) Interocular transfer of adaptation primarily modulates the infragranular layers of V1. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [36] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, J. D., and Maier, A. (2022) Evidence for bottom-up computation of pop-out in visual cortex which predicts behavior. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
- [35] Carlson, B. M., Mitchell, B. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Maier, A. (2022) Interocular transfer across ocular dominance columns of primate V1. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
- [34] Mitchell, B. A., Carlson, B. M., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., and Maier, A. (2022) Role of V1 Ocular Dominance for Binocular Integration. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
- [33] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Woodman, G. F., Schall, J. D., and Maier, A. (2022) Attentional priority computed and precisely modified in sensory cortex. CSHL Meeting: From Neuroscience to Artificially Intelligent Systems.
- [32] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Sigworth, E. A., Schall, J. D., and Maier, A. (2021) Laminar profile of feature selectivity in V4 and its rhythmic enhancement with exogenous attention. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [31] Maier, A., Carlson, B. M., Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Tsuchiya, N. (2021) Cause-effect structures of cortical columnar activity. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.

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- [30] Carlson, B. M., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., and Maier, A. (2021) Dichoptic suppression reverses after adaptation in primate visual cortex. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [29] Daumail, L., Carlson, B. M., Mitchell, B. A., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Johnson, C., Martin, P. R., Tong, F., Maier, A., and Dougherty, K. (2021) Rapid visual adaptation of thalamic relay neurons in the macaque monkey. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [28] Mitchell, B. A., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Carlson, B. M., Daumail, L., Maier, A., and Cox, M. A. (2021) V1 shows facilitation rather than suppression during onset of binocular rivalry flash suppression. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [27] Schall, J. D., Cohen, J., Dougherty, K., Godlove, D. C., Heitz, R., Herrera, B., Ninomiya, T., Sajad, A., Schall, M. S., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., Riera, J. J., and Woodman, G. F. (2021) Laminar recordings in agranular and granular areas of macaque: relation to event-related potentials. 20th World Congress of Psychophysiology.
- [26] Carlson, B. M., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., and Cox, M. A. (2020) Stimulus history affects binocular visual processing in primate visual cortex. Southeastern Vision Research Conference.
- [25] Daumail, L., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Mitchell, B. A., Carlson, B. M., Johnson, C., Martin, P. R., Tong, F., Maier, A., and Dougherty, K. (2020) Rapid visual adaptation of LGN neurons. Southeastern Vision Research Conference.
- [24] Mitchell, B. A., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Carlson, B. M., Daumail, L., Maier, A., and Cox, M. A. (2020) V1 laminar spiking responses to binocular stimuli predicted by monocular activity and principles of gain-control. Southeastern Vision Research Conference.
- [23] *Schall, M. S., ***Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., Schall, J. D., and Woodman, G. F. (2020) Laminar origins of the N2pc index of visual attention in area V4. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
- [22] Mitchell, B. A., Dougherty, K., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Carlson, B. M., Daumail, L., Maier, A., and Cox, M. A. (2020) V1 laminar spiking responses to binocular stimuli of varying contrast. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
- [21] Daumail, L., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Mitchell, B. A., Carlson, B. M., Johnson, C., Martin, P. R., Tong, F., Maier, A., and Dougherty, K. (2020) Sparse adaptation among LGN neurons in the awake behaving macaque. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
- [20] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., and Schall, J. D. (2019) Microcircuitry of visual attention: laminar organization of attentional selection in area V4. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [19] *Schall, M. S., ***Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., Schall, J. D., and Woodman, G. F. (2019) Contribution of area V4 to the N2pc event-related potential index of attention. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [18] *Schall, J. D., ***Westerberg, J. A.**, and Maier, A. (2019) Microcircuitry of visual attention: attentional priming in area V4. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [17] Dougherty, K., Carlson, B. M., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, Schall, M. S., Turchi, J. N., Martin, P. R., and Maier, A. (2019) Neural mechanisms of binocular convergence in the primate primary visual pathway. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
- [16] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Woodman, G. F., Maier, A., and Schall, J. D. (2019) Performance monitoring signals during visual priming. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.

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- [15] Dougherty, K., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Maier, A. (2019) Binocular modulation of monocular neurons in the primary visual pathway. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
 - [14] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Maier, A., and Schall, J. D. (2018) Visual search strategies: priming of pop-out in macaques. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
 - [13] *Tovar, D. A., ***Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., Carlson, T., Wallace, M. T., and Maier, A. (2018) Multivariate analysis of V1 spiking dynamics for ocularity, orientation, and repetition. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
 - [12] Dougherty, K., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Maier, A. (2018) Monocular V1 neurons are sensitive to both eyes. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
 - [11] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., and Maier, A. (2018) Repetitive stimulation enhances V1 encoding efficiency. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
 - [10] Dougherty, K., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Maier, A. (2018) Binocular modulation of monocular V1 neurons. Gordon Research Conference on Thalamocortical Interactions.
 - [9] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., and Maier, A. (2017) Repetitive visual stimulation suppresses spiking across V1 laminae. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
 - [8] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., and Maier, A. (2017) Pre- versus post-stimulus comparison of correlated spiking variability across V1 laminae. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
 - [7] Dougherty, K., Cox, M. A., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Maier, A. (2017) Interocular interactions in the macaque LGN. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.
 - [6] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Cox, M. A., Dougherty, K., and Maier, A. (2017) Layer-specific differences between spontaneous and visually evoked spiking correlations in V1. Cosyne.
 - [5] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Middlebrooks, P. M., and Schall, J. D. (2016) Effect of choice difficulty on local field potentials in frontal eye field of nonhuman primates. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting.
 - [4] Balhorn, A. R., Tyshynsky, R. S., **Westerberg, J. A.**, and Loebach, J. L. (2016) A comparison of free-field and headphone-based sound localization using SoLoArc. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting.
 - [3] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Balhorn, A. R., Tyshynsky, R. S., and Loebach, J. L. (2015) SoLoArc: A free-field, multisensory localization tool for scientific inquiry in undergraduate education. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
 - [2] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Sutter, E. N., and Crisp, K. M. (2015) Pencil-and-paper neural networks: an undergraduate laboratory exercise in computational neuroscience. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.
 - [1] **Westerberg, J. A.**, Blackman, R. K., Sakellaridi, S., and Chafee, M. V. (2014) Modulation of neural synchrony in prefrontal and parietal cortex of monkeys as a function of executive processing demand in a context processing task. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.

SPECIALIZED COURSES, MEETINGS, AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Human Single Neuron Conference
 Hosted by the University of California, Los Angeles

a. Nov. 2022

CSHL Meeting: From Neuroscience to Artificially Intelligent Systems

Apr. 2022

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Public Scholarship Workshop

Jun. 2021

Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Neuropixels Workshop

Jan. 2021

The Allen Institute

6th Workshop on the Computational Properties of Prefrontal Cortex

Oct. 2018

Hosted by Vanderbilt University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience Education

Aug. 2022 - Present

Vision Sciences Society

Nov. 2016 - Present

Cognitive Neuroscience Society

May 2015 - Present

Society for Neuroscience

May 2013 - Present

SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

Invited Ad Hoc Reviewer:

Attention, Perception, and Psychophysics

Journal of Neuroscience

Cerebral Cortex

Nature Scientific Data

eLife

Nature Scientific Reports

Frontiers in Medicine

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

Frontiers in Psychiatry

Psychonomic Bulletin and Review

Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience

Psychological Research

J. E. P.: Learning, Memory, and Cognition

Visiting Scientist

Jul. 2019 - Feb. 2020

Multisensory Laboratory, Department of Anatomy

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, US

Trainee Representative

Sep. 2015 - Sep. 2017

Cognitive Neuroscience Society

RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

[†]*Presented at scholarly meeting, [‡]Co-authored manuscript*

Ali Hussain, undergraduate student | *Vanderbilt University*

Jul. 2022 - Present

Kaitlyn Gabhart, research assistant | *Vanderbilt University*

Jun. 2022 - Present

Cortez Johnson^{†,‡}, undergraduate student | *Vanderbilt University*

Aug. 2019 - May 2020

now pursuing an M.D. at Kaiser Permanente Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine

Brock Carlson^{†,‡}, research assistant | *Vanderbilt University*

Jun. 2018 - Aug. 2020

now pursuing a Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University

Jacob Elsey[†], research assistant | *Vanderbilt University*

Jun. 2016 - May 2018

now pursuing a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer*Spring 2021*

Perception

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, US

Teaching Assistant*Fall 2015*

Sensation and Perception

Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN, US

Academic Tutor*Spring 2015*

Neuroscience Program, Academic Support Center

Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN, US

Teaching Assistant*Spring 2015*

Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience

Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN, US

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**Research Assistant***May 2015 - Sep. 2015*

Schall Lab, Department of Psychology

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, US

Advisor: Jeffrey D. Schall, Ph.D.

Project: Neurophysiology of choosing and stopping

Research Assistant*May 2013 - May 2015*

Chafee Lab, Brain Sciences Center

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, US

Advisor: Matthew V. Chafee, Ph.D.

Project: Neural synchrony in fronto-parietal networks

Research Assistant*Oct. 2012 - May 2015*

Department of Psychology

Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN, US

Advisors: Shelly Dickinson, Ph.D. and Gary Muir, Ph.D.

Project: Behavioral neuroscience and spatial navigation

Research Assistant*May 2013 - Sep. 2013*

Law School

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, US

Advisor: Francis X. Shen, J.D., Ph.D.

Project: Law and neuroscience