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<b>Appointments</b>	<b>University of California San Diego</b> La Jolla, California <b>Assistant Teaching Professor</b>	July 2020 - present
	<b>The Salk Institute for Biological Sciences</b> La Jolla, California <b>Data Scientist, Integrative Biology Laboratory</b>	May 2017 - July 2020
	<b>University of California San Diego</b> La Jolla, California <b>Lecturer, Psychology &amp; Cognitive Science</b>	Jun 2016 - Jun 2017
	<b>The Neurosciences Institute</b> La Jolla, California <b>Senior Fellow</b>	Jun 2009 - Jun 2016
	<b>Research Fellow</b>	Oct 2007 - Aug 2009
	<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b>	Feb 2004 - Sep 2007
<b>Education</b>	<b>Albert-Ludwigs-Universität</b> Freiburg, Germany <b>Visiting Researcher</b>	Jul 2003 - Jan 2004
	<b>Ph.D. 2004</b> Computer Science, The University of Manchester, UK Supervisors: Jonathan L. Shapiro, Ulrich D.F. Nehmzow Thesis: "Self-organized symbol meanings for route communication between mobile robots."	
	<b>M.S. 1999</b> Mechanical Engineering, Colorado State University, USA Advisor: Wade O. Troxell Thesis: "Biomimetic design of a cooperative mobile robot system for a foraging task."	
	<b>B.S. 1997</b> Mechanical Engineering, Colorado State University, USA Advisor: Susan P. James Thesis: "The Advanced Wear Tester: A large-cycle gait simulator for the testing of artificial hip designs."	
<b>Peer reviewed journal articles</b>	ENC Manoogian, A Zadourian, HC Lo, NR Gutierrez, A Shoghi, A Rosander, A Pazargadi, CK Ormiston, X Wang, J Sui, Z Hou, <b>JG Fleischer</b> , S Golshan, PR Taub, S Panda (2022) <a href="#">Feasibility of time-restricted eating and impacts on cardiometabolic health in 24-h shift workers: The Healthy Heroes randomized control trial</a> . <i>Cell Metabolism</i> , 34(10):1442-1456.e7	
	<b>JG Fleischer</b> , SK Das, M Bhapkar, ENC Manoogian, S Panda (2022) <a href="#">Associations between the timing of eating and weight-loss in calorically restricted healthy adults: Findings from the CALERIE study</a> . <i>Exp Gerontol.</i> , 165:111837.	

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L Chow, ENC Manoogian, A Alvear, **JG Fleischer**, H Thor, K Dietsche, Q Wang, JS Hodges, KS Nair, S Panda, DG Mashek. (2020) [Effects of time restricted eating on body composition and metabolic measures in overweight humans: a randomized trial](#). *Obesity*, 28: 860–869.

MJ Wilkinson, ENC Manoogian, A Zadourian, H Loa, S Fakourib, A Shoghib, **JG Fleischer**, S Navlakha, S Panda, PR Taub. (2019) [Ten-hour time-restricted eating reduces weight, blood pressure, and atherogenic lipids in patients with metabolic syndrome](#). *Cell Metabolism*, 31(1):92-104.e5

Media: [NPR](#) — [CBS This Morning](#) — [MD Magazine](#) — [The Conversation](#)

AT Hutchison, P Regmi, ENC Manoogian, **JG Fleischer**, GA Wittert, S Panda, LK Heilbronn. (2019) [Time-restricted feeding improves glucose tolerance in men at risk of type 2 diabetes: a randomized crossover trial](#). *Obesity*, 27:724–732.

**JG Fleischer**, R Schulte, HH Tsai, S Tyagi, A Ibarra, MN Shokhirev, L Huang, MW Hetzer, S Navlakha (2018). [Predicting age from the transcriptome of human dermal fibroblasts](#). *Genome Biology*, 19:221.

Media: [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) — [Tech Times](#) — [Pew Trusts](#)

GP Dunster, L de la Iglesia, M Ben-Hamo, C Nave, **JG Fleischer**, S Panda, HO de la Iglesia (2018). [Sleepmore in Seattle: Later school start times are associated with more sleep and better performance in high school students](#). *Science Advances*, 4 (12), eaau6200.

Media: [NPR](#) — [NBC News](#) — [Washington Post](#) — [Seattle Magazine](#)

JL McKinstry, **JG Fleischer**, Y Chen, WE Gall, GM Edelman (2016). [Imagery may arise from associations formed through sensory experience: a network of spiking neurons controlling a robot learns visual sequences in order to perform a mental rotation task](#). *PLOS One*, 11(9): e0162155.

**JG Fleischer** and GM Edelman (2009). [Brain-based devices: An embodied approach to linking nervous system structure and function to behavior](#). *IEEE Robotics & Automation Magazine*, 16(3):33–41.

**JG Fleischer** and JL Krichmar (2007). [Sensory integration and remapping in a medial temporal lobe model during maze navigation by a brain-based device](#). *Journal of Integrative Neuroscience*, 6(3):403–431.

**JG Fleischer**, JA Gally, GM Edelman, and JL Krichmar (2007). [Retrospective and prospective responses arising in a modeled hippocampus during maze navigation by a brain-based device](#). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, 104(9):3556–3561.

DA Nitz, WJ Kargo, and **JG Fleischer** (2007). [Dopamine signaling and the distal reward problem](#). *Neuroreport*, 18(17):1833–1836.

JL Krichmar, AK Seth, DA Nitz, **JG Fleischer**, and GM Edelman (2005). [Spatial navigation and causal analysis in a brain-based device modeling cortical-hippocampal interactions](#). *Neuroinformatics*, 3(3):197–222.

- Refereed conference** **JG Fleischer** (2014). Persistent activity through multiple mechanisms in a spiking network that solves DMS tasks. Abstract and poster at *Computational and Systems Neuroscience Meeting (COSYNE)*
- JG Fleischer** and AE Kozarev (2012). Perceptual grouping and figure-ground segregation arising from short-term plasticity in a spiking network. Abstract and poster at *Computational and Systems Neuroscience Meeting (COSYNE)*
- JG Fleischer**, B Szatmáry, DB Hutson, DA Moore, JA Snook, GM Edelman, and JL Krichmar (2006). A neurally controlled robot competes and cooperates with humans in Segway Soccer. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, pp.3673–3678
- B Szatmáry, **JG Fleischer**, DB Hutson, DA Moore, JA Snook, GM Edelman, and JL Krichmar (2006). A Segway-based human-robot soccer team. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, pp.4436–4438.
- Other conference and preprints** X Wang, ENC Manoogian, **JG Fleischer**, and S Panda (2019) Novel Methods to Visualize Circadian Data. Poster at *Fall Workshop on Biological Timing*, Center for Circadian Biology, University of California San Diego.
- JG Fleischer**, R Schulte, HH Tsai, S Tyagi, A Ibarra, MN Shokhirev, L Huang, MW Hetzer, S Navlakha, J Mertens, and R Gage (2019) Predicting age from the transcriptome of human dermal fibroblasts both within and across datasets. Poster at *The Salk Institute Integrative Biology Symposium*
- JG Fleischer** and JA Gally (2013). A spiking neural network model of working memory can solve delayed match-to-sample tasks and displays a serial position effect. Poster at *The Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting*
- JG Fleischer**, JA Gally, GM Edelman, and JL Krichmar (2007). Different neural pathways lead to journey-dependent and journey-independent place cell activity in an embodied model of hippocampus. Poster at *The Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting*
- JG Fleischer** (2004). Imitation is not enough for lexicon learning In *Proceedings of the Eighth International Conference on Simulation of Adaptive Behavior*, pp.477–486.
- JG Fleischer** and SR Marsland (2002). Learning to autonomously select landmarks for navigation and communication. In *Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Simulation of Adaptive Behavior*, pp. 151–160.
- JG Fleischer** and UDF Nehmzow (2001). Towards robots that give each other navigational directions: Learning symbols for perceptual categories. In *Proceedings of the 3rd British Conference on Autonomous Mobile Robotics and Autonomous Systems*. Dept. of Computer Science, University of Manchester Technical Report UMCS-01-4-1.
- JG Fleischer** and WO Troxell (1999). Biomimicry as a tool in the design of robotic systems. In *Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Engineering Design and Automation*. Integrated Technology Systems, Prospect, KY.
- Book chapters** **JG Fleischer**, JL McKinstry, DE Edelman, and GM Edelman (2011). The case for using Brain-Based Devices to study consciousness. In, JL Krichmar and H Wagatsuma (Eds.), *Neuromorphic and Brain-Based Robots: Trends and Perspectives*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 303–320.
- JG Fleischer** (2007). Neural correlates of anticipation in cerebellum, basal ganglia, and hippocampus. In, MV Butz, O Sigward, G Baldassarre, G Pezzulo (Eds.), *Anticipatory Behavior in Adaptive Learning Systems: From Brains to Individual and Social Behavior*, Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence. vol 4520, pp.19–34.

**JG Fleischer**, SR Marsland, and JL Shapiro (2003). Sensory anticipation for autonomous selection of robot landmarks. In, MV Butz, O Sigward, P Gerard (Eds.), *Anticipatory Behavior in Adaptive Learning Systems: Foundations, Theories, and Systems*, Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence. vol 2684, pp.201–221.

**Other writing and media**

**JG Fleischer** *Social distancing has probably saved more than 1,200 lives in San Diego County*, OpEd in San Diego Union-Tribune, 2020-04-03.

*Smart Talk on the 'Intelligence Explosion'*, interview on the limits and ethics of Artificial Intelligence, Voice of San Diego, 2009-06-31.

**Patents**

**JG Fleischer**, B Szatmáry, DB Hutson, DA Moore, JA Snook, GM Edelman, JL Krichmar (2005) *Hybrid control device*. U.S. Patent # 8583286, priority date September 13, 2005, granted Nov 12, 2013.

**Teaching**

**UC San Diego COGS 9 Introduction to Data Science** *Spring 2017*

185 students, 3 TAs. Teaching evaluations (77 respondents): 94.4% of students recommend the professor overall, 97.2% of students recommend the course overall. COGS 9 is an innovative course that aims to excite novices about programming and data science. It teaches students how to handle data, analyze it, test it, visualize it, inform with it, and not mislead with it. In addition to the technical aspects, it addresses the role of data science in the scientific method and the ethics involved in handling data.

**UC San Diego PSYC 142 Psychology of Consciousness** *Summer 2016*

29 students, 1 TA. Teaching evaluations (9 respondents): 88.9% of students recommend the professor overall, 100% of students recommend the course. PSYC 142 covers topics like visual awareness, attention, illusions, automaticity, free will, philosophy of mind, and altered states of consciousness during dreaming and drug use. It mixes seminars with structured class-wide discussions.

**The Neurosciences Institute, 2004 – 2016**. While NSI is not a degree-granting institution, I maintained my commitment to teaching in practical settings. From 2009-2012 I lectured twice a year for a half-day program that familiarized each incoming class of DARPA interns with computational neuroscience. I participated in many community lecture series that demystify science for different groups of school children, adults, and senior citizens.

**University of Manchester, 1999 – 2003**. As a graduate student I created and taught lectures, created course materials, ran hands-on laboratory sessions, helped students, and marked student work in the following classes:

CS201	Algorithms and Data Structures	CS643	Machine Learning
CS202	Imperative programming in C	CS648	Neural Networks
CS503	System Software	CS649	Mobile Robotics

**Colorado State University, 1997 –1999**. As a graduate student I ran laboratory classes, created and taught lectures, constructed assignments for students, and graded assignments.

ME325	Machine Design and Manufacturing	EE411	Control Systems
ME417	Digital Control Systems		

<b>Mentorship</b>	<b>Yunjia (Scott) Yang, undergrad IA &amp; RA</b> <i>2021 - present</i> mentored in ML, professional skills, and successful application for UR scholarship
	<b>Tyler Tran, undergrad RA</b> <i>2021 - present</i> mentored in data science, professional skills, and successful application for UR scholarship
	<b>Jiayi (Viki) Zhao, undergrad IA &amp; RA</b> <i>2021 - present</i> mentored in ML, data science, professional skills, and successful application for UR scholarship
	<b>Jialu Sui, undergraduate RA</b> <i>2020 - 2022</i> mentored in data science, professional skills, and successful applications for UR scholarship and grad school
	<b>Xinran (Katherine) Wang, undergraduate intern</b> <i>2018 - 2020</i> mentored in data science, professional skills, and successful grad school application
	<b>Zhaoyi (Joey) Hou, undergraduate intern</b> <i>2019 - present</i> mentored in data science and professional skills
	<b>Javier How, Ph.D. student</b> <i>2017 - present</i> mentored in statistics, machine learning and professional skills
	<b>Sophie Aimon, postdoc</b> <i>2017 - 2019</i> mentored in writing and navigating the job market
	<b>Sam Sultan, technician</b> <i>2017 - 2019</i> mentored in statistics, machine learning, professional skills, and successful application to grad school
	<b>Kearney Mesa High School FIRST robotics team</b> <i>2012 - 2013; 2016</i> mentored in programming, logic, presentation making, and professional skills. I was co-lead of the programming team with 6 students in each year of the program, 3 of which were females we specifically encouraged to take up lead technical rather than supporting roles.
<b>Service</b>	<b>Alexander Kozarev, technician</b> <i>2010 - 2013</i> mentored in computational neuroscience, machine learning, professional skills, and in a successful application to grad school
	<b>Thomas Allen, technician</b> <i>2006 - 2011</i> mentored in computational neuroscience, probabilistic machine learning for robotics, professional skills, and in a successful application to grad school
	Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (CRCNS) and the journals: Adaptive Behavior, Neural Networks, PLOS One, Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience, Frontiers in Neurorobotics, IEEE Transactions on Robotics, IEEE Transactions on Autonomous Mental Development  Program committee member for conferences: Computational and Systems Neuroscience (2012–2013), Simulation of Adaptive Behavior (2008–2010), International Neural Network Society (2008), Anticipatory Behavior in Adaptive Learning Systems (2004–2008), Towards Intelligent Mobile Robots (2001).

**Invited talks** Neurosci Dept Colloquium SUNY Downstate (2014), Air Force Research Labs Colloquium (2013), HRL DARPA SyNAPSE (2010–2012), DARPA Neural Engineering, Science, and Technology Meeting (2010), DARPA Interns Education Program (4 times a year, 2009–2012), Minding the Brain (an annual scientific event for donors and the general public, 2008 – 2011), Informatik Dept Colloquium Albert-Ludwigs-Universität (2003), Anticipatory Behavior in Adaptive Learning Systems (2002).

**Awards and Honors** 2003 Duetscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Fellowship  
1999–2002 American/Canadian Citizens Scholarship - Manchester University  
1999–2002 ATLAS Prestige Scholarship - Manchester University  
1998–1999 Maxtor Corporation Scholarship - Colorado State University  
1997 NASA/CEISS Scholarship in Engineering Science  
1997 Inducted into Order of the Engineer  
1995 Inducted into Pi Tau Sigma, The National Mechanical Engineering Honor Fraternity. Served as Secretary of the Tau Psi chapter.