

JENNIFER STISO

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EXPERIENCE

Research Engineer, Univ. of Pennsylvania Bioengineering

Jan 2021

- Lead developer on team with 2 other researchers to design and develop web based behavioral experiments completed by thousands of individuals using Amazon Mechanical Turk (AWS), JavaScript, SQL and Heroku
- Led development of Python [software package](#) with 2 other researchers for network control theoretic analysis
- Developed agent-based network model of citation behaviors in the scientific community
- Designed and deployed a [Google Chrome Extension](#) that used natural language processing and bibliometrics to display the gender of papers' authors on web search
- Improved robustness of [Gender Diversity Statement and Code Notebook](#), which displays the proportion of citations for each gender in a bibtex file
- Led a team of 5-10 contributors to tools for citation transparency in the Organization for Human Brain Mapping Hackathon

PhD Candidate, Univ. of Pennsylvania Neuroscience

Aug 2017 - Jan 2021

- With 2 technicians, designed and implemented experiment to probe human relational learning and applied information-theoretic learning algorithm to [relational learning](#) experiment
- Wrote successful proposal for individual fellowship from the NIH (\$46,000; 16% funding rate)
- Developed a [processing pipeline](#) with custom quality checks for large publicly available dataset of neural recordings in over 300 individuals (.5Tb) with epilepsy
- In collaboration with leading mathematician, successfully applied tools from graph theory, network control theory, and non-negative matrix factorization to model the [spread of electrical stimulation](#) and [BCI control](#) in the brain

Intern, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab - Intelligent Systems Group

July 2020 - Oct 2020

- Independently guided research project modeling activity spread in biological neural networks
- Wrote Python code implementing graph models common in human neuroscience research for use in larger (10^6 connections) connectomics datasets
- Advised interns on writing, data visualization, research program investigating the impact of biological neural connection motifs on weight-agnostic artificial neural networks

Consultant for Medical Device Startup, University of Pennsylvania

Aug 2019 - Jan 2020

- Quantified early adoption market and execution strategy for small health-tech startup in the Philadelphia area that specializes in neurofeedback devices.

Rotation Student, Univ. of Pennsylvania Neuroscience

Aug 2016 - Aug 2017

- Explored effects of different functional MRI preprocessing parameters on associations between the brain and behavior
- Collected data and developed analyses for dynamical-systems-based predictor of consciousness during anesthesia induction

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania - PhD in Neuroscience

Jan 2021

University of California at Berkeley - BA in Molecular Biology & Cognitive Science

Aug 2016

SKILLS

Programming: Python, R, MATLAB, Javascript, SQL, Java, Latex, HTML
Fields: graph theory, gender studies, neuroscience, machine learning, psychology
Interpersonal Skills: communication, time management, organization

SELECT INVITED TALKS (3/8)

Effects of Interictal Discharges on Functional Connectivity. *Philadelphia, PA. 2020*
Women in Data Science Conference.
Network Models of Brain Structure, Function, and Control. *Rome, Italy. 2019*
Organization for Human Brain Mapping: Data Science in Neuroscience Symposium.
Using Control Theory to Model Direct Electrical Brain Stimulation. *Paris, France. 2018*
Network Science: Networks in Big Data and Personalized Medicine Satellite.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (3/15)

Stiso, J., ... Bassett, D.S. (2021). [Fluctuations in functional connectivity associated with interictal epileptiform discharges \(IEDs\) in intracranial EEG.](#) In Revision at *NeuroImage*.
Stiso, J., ... Bassett, D. S. (2020). [Learning in brain-computer interface control evidenced by joint decomposition of brain and behavior.](#) *Journal of Neural Engineering*. doi:10.1088/1741-2552/ab9064.
Stiso, J., ... Bassett, D. S. (2019). [White Matter Network Architecture Guides Direct Electrical Stimulation Through Optimal State Transitions.](#) *Cell Reports*. 28(2554 - 2566).

LEADERSHIP AND TEACHING

Co-Director of Graduate Led Initiatives and Activities, University of Pennsylvania *2020*
Negotiated an increase in funds totaling 41% of initial budget (\$8,000) from three separate funding sources within the University of Pennsylvania
Python Data Science Bootcamp *2019*
Designed and delivered one 3 hour lecture on the Pandas package, and one 1 hour lecture on machine learning with the SciKit Learn package for graduate students attending the [Python Data Science Bootcamp](#)

RECENT AWARDS

NGG APICAL Honorable Mention, University of Pennsylvania *2021*
program level award for leadership in outreach programs
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, University of Pennsylvania *2020*
national level PhD funding totaling \$46,000
Jameson Hurvich Travel Award, University of Pennsylvania *2019*
travel award to present research at international conference