Jefferson E. Roy

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Neuroscientist with extensive experience in the investigation of goal-directed behavior using electrophysiological recording techniques. Knowledgeable about grant management and budgeting. Engaged technical consultant.

KEY STRENGTHS

o Cognitive study design

Mentoring and supervision

o Presentations

Technical consulting

o Compliance

o In vivo recording

Scientific writing

Science outreach

Budgeting

o Matlab and Julia

Content creation

o Grant writing

NEUROSCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Cambridge, MA, USA Research Scientist III 2007-present

The Picower Institute for Learning and Memory at MIT under mentorship of Dr. Earl K. Miller

- Investigating neuronal mechanisms of cognitive flexibility during goal-directed behavior
- Design and implement multiple electrophysiological non-human primate studies of cognitive behavior
- o Analyze complex neuronal signals and behavior with custom Matlab and Julia scripts
- Proficient with chronic array implantation and recordings, acute recordings, EEG recordings, and electrical stimulation

Associate Lab Director of Miller Lab

2013-present

Cambridge, MA, USA

The Picower Institute for Learning and Memory at MIT

- Perform and teach surgical procedures (e.g. headposts, acute recording chambers, chronic arrays)
- Collaborative mentor to new postdoctoral researchers and graduate students
- o Ensure budgetary compliance per MIT, NIH, NSF, and industry guidelines
- Ensure biosafety and animal use compliance per MIT, USDA, and AAALAC guidelines
- Manage grant applications and progress reports
- Member of MIT Compassion Fatigue Committee (2024-present)

Postdoctoral Associate 2002-2007 Cambridge, MA, USA

The Picower Institute for Learning and Memory at MIT under mentorship of Dr. Earl K. Miller

Graduate Student 1995-2002 Montréal, QC, Canada

McGill University Department of Physiology with Dr. Kathleen E. Cullen

- Investigated neuronal control of the VOR, VCR, and eye movements in alert behaving non-human primates
- Analyzed complex neuronal signals and behavior with custom Matlab scripts

CONSULTING

Muddled Mind Consulting LLC. (Founder)

2013-present

Cambridge, MA, USA

o Provide neuroscience technical consulting services to companies that includes writing whitepapers, data analysis, grant writing and editing, scripts/storyboards, educational content creation, and instruction

EDUCATION

McGill University, Ph.D. in Physiology (Dean's Honours List)

Montréal, QC, Canada

University of Western Ontario, B.Sc. in Physiology (Honours List)

London, ON, Canada

COURSES

Google Project Management Certificate: by Google on Coursera

2024

OUTREACH

The Innovation Institute

2019-2021

Newton, MA, USA

o Instruction of grade 4-5 students in hands-on science exploration of body systems (e.g. muscles, CNS, bones)

Science from Scientists 2014-2017 Bedford, MA, USA

o Taught engaging lessons to 4th grade students with the mission to improve attitudes and aptitudes in STEM fields.

Judge for Middle and High Schools Science Fairs

o Boston Public School Citywide Science Fair 2016-2017, 2023-24 Boston, MA, USA 2009-2023

o Massachusetts State High School Science and Engineering Fair

Cambridge, MA, USA

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Bundgaard, M.H. and Roy, J.E., The Motivated Brain. Coppenhagen: Create Space, 2014.

Scientific Manuscripts

- Miller, E.K., Brincat, S.L., and Roy, J.E. Cognition is an emergent property. Curr. Opin. Behav. Sci., in press, 2024.
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- Roy, J.E. and Cullen, K.E. Vestibuloocular Reflex Signal Modulation During Voluntary versus Passive Head Movements. J. Neurophysiol. 87, 2337-2357, 2002.
- Roy, J.E. and Cullen, K.E. Selective Processing of Vestibular Reafference During Self-generated Head Motion. J. Neurosci. 21, 2131-2142, 2001.
- Roy, J.E. and Cullen, K.E. A Neural Correlate for Vestibulo-Ocular Reflex Suppression During Voluntary Eye-Head Gaze Shifts. Nature Neurosci.1, 404-410, 1998.