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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. in Neuroscience with concentrations in Computation and Cognition, GPA: 3.96/4.00

Cornell University

Berkeley, CA
2021–2026

Ithaca, NY

B.A. in Computer Science and Mathematics, Minor in Cognitive Science, GPA: 4.01/4.30

Work experience

Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Seattle, WA May 2024 - August 2024

2017-2020

PhD Research Intern

- Developed a system to improve the interpretability, transparency, and controllability of LLM safety moderation.
- Performed prompt engineering, taxonomy development, batched inference, crowdsourcing, symbolic knowledge distillation, supervised fine-tuning, and evaluation on large language models (LLMs).

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **J.-J. Li** and A. G. Collins, "An algorithmic account for how humans efficiently learn, transfer, and compose hierarchically structured decision policies", *Cognition*, vol. 254, p. 105 967, 2025.
- [2] J.-J. Li, V. Pyatkin, M. Kleiman-Weiner, L. Jiang, N. Dziri, A. Collins, J. S. Borg, M. Sap, Y. Choi, and S. Levine, "SafetyAnalyst: Interpretable, transparent, and steerable LLM safety moderation", In submission to ICLR, 2024.
- [3] J.-J. Li, C. Shi, L. Li, and A. G. Collins, "Dynamic noise estimation: A generalized method for modeling noise fluctuations in decision-making", *Journal of Mathematical Psychology*, vol. 119, p. 102842, 2024.
- [4] T.-F. Pan, J.-J. Li, B. Thompson, and A. Collins, Latent variable sequence identification for cognitive models with neural bayes estimation, 2024. arXiv: 2406.14742 [cs.LG].
- [5] D. S. Jin, O. Agdali, T. Yadav, S. I. Kronemer, S. Kunkler, S. Majumder, M. Khurana, M. C. McCusker, I. Fu, A. Khalaf, K. L. Christison-Lagay, S. L. Aerts, Q. Xin, J.-J. Li, S. H. McGill, M. J. Crowley, and H. Blumenfeld, "Neural mechanisms of awareness of action", bioRxiv, 2024.
- [6] J.-J. Li, C. Shi, L. Li, and A. G. Collins, "A generalized method for dynamic noise inference in modeling sequential decision-making", in *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 2023.
- [7] C. McCafferty, B. F. Gruenbaum, R. Tung, J.-J. Li, X. Zheng, P. Salvino, P. Vincent, Z. Kratochvil, J. H. Ryu, A. Khalaf, K. Swift, R. Akbari, W. Islam, P. Antwi, E. A. Johnson, P. Vitkovskiy, J. Sampognaro, I. G. Freedman, A. Kundishora, A. Depaulis, F. David, V. Crunelli, B. G. Sanganahalli, P. Herman, F. Hyder, and H. Blumenfeld, "Decreased but diverse activity of cortical and thalamic neurons in consciousness-impairing rodent absence seizures", Nature Communications, vol. 14, no. 1, pp. 1–19, 2023.
- [8] J.-J. Li, L. Xia, F. Dong, and A. G. Collins, "Credit assignment in hierarchical option transfer", in *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 2022.
- [9] J. Ding, **J.-J. Li**, and M. Xu, "Classification of murmurs in pcg using combined frequency domain and physician inspired features", in 2022 Computing in Cardiology (CinC), IEEE, vol. 498, 2022, pp. 1–4.

SKILLS

- Programming: Python, Java, Julia, C, C++, Swift, Bash, Shell, OCaml
- Data Science: R, Numpy, SciPy, pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, MATLAB, SPM, FSL
- Machine Learning: TensorFlow, scikit-learn, PyTorch, OpenAI Gym, MuJoCo, CUDA, Kaggle, Google Colab
- Natural Language Processing: Large Language Models, Prompt Engineering, Fine-Tuning, Crowdsourcing
- Experimental Design: PsychoPy, Psychtoolbox, jsPsych, Amazon MTurk, EEGLAB, Persyst, EyeLink
- Operating Systems: Linux, Unix, Windows
- Web Development: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Heroku
- Database Management: SQL, Microsoft Excel, RAID
- Other: LaTex, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, GitHub

Relevant Courses

- Machine Learning: Deep Unsupervised Learning, LLMs and Cognition, Deep Reinforcement Learning, Computer Vision, Intro to Machine Learning, Large-Scale Machine Learning, Computational Genetics
- Software Engineering: Object-Oriented Design and Data Structures (Honors), Algorithms, Computational Problem Solving, Operating Systems, Database Systems, Database Systems Practicum
- Mathematics and Statistics: Numerical Analysis, Biological Statistics, Basic Probability, Applicable Abstract Algebra, Linear Algebra (Honors), Multi-variable Calculus
- Neuroscience: Methods in Computational Modeling for Cognitive Science, Computational Psychology, Clinical Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology, Biopsychology, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• Society for Neuroscience Trainee Professional Development Award	2024
CogSci Conference Travel Grant	2023
• Milton I. and Florence Mack Neurology Research Fund	2021-2022
• Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Caltech	2018

Presentations

Invited talks

Dynamic noise modeling in decision-making	Uniklinikum Würzburg
Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience in Development Psychiatry Research Group	June 2024

Conference talks

Dynamic noise modeling in decision-making	Tahoe, CA
Berkeley Neuroscience Conference	October 2023
A generalized method for dynamic noise inference	Sydney, Australia
CogSci Conference	July 2023
Credit assignment in the transfer of hierarchical options	Toronto, Canada
CogSci Conference	July 2022

Conference posters

Modeling how humans learn, transfer, and compose hierarchical policies	Chicago, IL
Society for Neuroscience Conference	October 2024
Modeling the emergence of instrumental learning in an odor-based 2AFC to Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Conference	August 2024
Modeling how humans learn, transfer, and compose hierarchical policies	Boston, MA
Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Conference	August 2024
Credit assignment in the learning and transfer of hierarchical options	San Francisco, CA
Cognitive Neuroscience Society Conference	April 2022