JING-JING LI

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Neuroscience with concentrations in Computation and Cognition, GPA: 3.97/4.00

Cornell University

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

Berkeley, CA

2021–2026

Ithaca, NY

2017–2020

WORK EXPERIENCES

Amazon Web Services Agentic AI

Seattle, WA

Applied Scientist Intern

May 2025 - August 2025

- Led a research project on the adversarial robustness of tool-enabled LLM agents.
- Performed context engineering, synthetic data generation, and evaluation on diverse LLM agents.

Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Seattle, WA

Research Intern

May 2024 - August 2024

- Developed a framework to improve the interpretability, transparency, and steerability of AI safety moderation.
- Performed prompt engineering, taxonomy development, crowdsourcing, synthetic data generation, model distillation, supervised fine-tuning, and evaluation on LLMs.

SKILLS

- Large Language Models: Prompt Engineering, Supervised Fine-Tuning, Crowdsourcing
- Machine Learning: Pytorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, CUDA, Hugging Face
- Programming: Python, Java, C, C++, Bash, Shell, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, GitHub
- Data Science: Numpy, SciPy, pandas, Matplotlib, R, MATLAB, SQL
- Other: LaTeX, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Linux, Microsoft Excel

Relevant Courses

- Machine Learning: Deep Unsupervised Learning, LLMs and Cognition, Deep Reinforcement Learning, Computer Vision, Large-Scale Machine Learning, Intro to Machine Learning, Computational Genetics
- Software Engineering: Data Structures (Honors), Algorithms, Operating Systems, Database Systems
- Mathematics and Statistics: Numerical Analysis, Biological Statistics, Probability Theory, Abstract Algebra, Linear Algebra (Honors), Multi-variable Calculus

Grants and Fellowships

• UC Berkeley ICBS Grant (\$5,000; Co-recipient with Eve Fleisig)	2024-2025
• 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

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] J.-J. Li, J. He, C. Shang, D. Kulshreshtha, X. Xian, Y. Zhang, H. Su, S. Swamy, and Y. Qi, STAC: When innocent tools form dangerous chains to jailbreak LLM agents, 2025. arXiv: 2509.25624 [cs.CR].
- [2] **J.-J. Li**, J. Mire, E. Fleisig, V. Pyatkin, M. Sap, and S. Levine, "PluriHarms: Benchmarking the full spectrum of human judgments on AI harm", in *NeurIPS CogInterp Workshop (Accepted)*, 2025.
- [3] J.-J. Li, V. Pyatkin, M. Kleiman-Weiner, L. Jiang, N. Dziri, A. G. E. Collins, J. S. Borg, M. Sap, Y. Choi, and S. Levine, "SafetyAnalyst: Interpretable, transparent, and steerable safety moderation for AI behavior", in *ICML*, 2025.
- [4] **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.
- [5] **J.-J. Li**, C. Chen, and A. G. Collins, "Humans integrate heuristics and bayesian inference to efficiently explore under uncertainty", in *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 2025.
- [6] T.-F. Pan, J.-J. Li, B. Thompson, and A. GE Collins, "Latent variable sequence identification for cognitive models with neural network estimators", *Behavior Research Methods*, vol. 57, no. 10, p. 272, 2025.
- [7] J. Chase, J.-J. Li, W. C. Lin, L.-H. Tai, A. G. Collins, and L. Wilbrecht, "Genetic changes linked to two different syndromic forms of autism enhance reinforcement learning in adolescent male but not female mice", bioRxiv, pp. 2025–01, 2025.
- [8] **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.
- [9] 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.
- [10] **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.
- [11] 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.
- [12] **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.
- [13] 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.

Presentations

Invited talks

AI Agent Safety Social Panel

 $ICML\ 2025$

Vancouver, Canada July 2025

Dynamic noise modeling in decision-making

Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience in Development Psychiatry Research Group

Uniklinikum Würzburg June 2024

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Conference talks

Humans integrate heuristics and Bayesian inference to efficiently explore CogSci Conference	San Francisco, CA July 2025
Dynamic noise modeling in decision-making Berkeley Neuroscience Conference	Tahoe, CA October 2023
A generalized method for dynamic noise inference CogSci Conference	Sydney, Australia July 2023
Credit assignment in the transfer of hierarchical options CogSci Conference	Toronto, Canada July 2022
Conference posters	
Interpreting the full spectrum of human judgments on AI harm NeurIPS CogInterp Workshop	San Diego, CA December 2025
Interpretable, transparent, and steerable LLM safety moderation \ensuremath{ICML}	Vancouver, Canada July 2025
◀ Humans Integrate heuristics and Bayesian inference to efficiently explorate RLDM Conference (spotlight)	Dublin, Ireland June 2025
Interpretable, transparent, and steerable LLM safety moderation NeurIPS SoLaR Workshop	Vancouver, Canada December 2024
Modeling how humans learn, transfer, and compose hierarchical policies Society for Neuroscience Conference	Chicago, IL October 2024
Modeling the emergence of instrumental learning in an odor-based 2AFC Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Conference	task Boston, MA August 2024
Modeling how humans learn, transfer, and compose hierarchical policies Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Conference	Boston, MA August 2024

Credit assignment in the learning and transfer of hierarchical options

Cognitive Neuroscience Society Conference

San Francisco, CA

April 2022