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## Education

### Dartmouth College

Hanover, NH

MASTER OF ARTS, DIGITAL MUSICS

June 2017

- **Thesis Title:** *Stimulus-Model-Based Reconstruction of Naturalistic Music Stimuli from High-Field fMRI*
- **Course work including:** Neuroscience of Music (Michael Casey), MVPA (Jim Haxby), fMRI, EEG, music information retrieval, data sonification/visualization, multi-variate calculus, computer music composition, music recording and production

### The Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BIOLOGY

May 2014

- Minor in Music Technology, Deans List

## Experience

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kanwisher Lab (Dr. Caroline Robertson)

Cambridge, MA

TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE

Sep. 2017 - Present

- Developed a panoramic real-world VR eye-tracking experiment to investigate visual salience and atypical attention in ASD.
- Built and analyzed machine learning models of attention using eye-gaze data and 360° images.
- Coordinated a pharmaceutical study exploring the role of GABA in binocular rivalry.

### Dartmouth College, Bregman Media Labs (Prof. Michael Casey)

Hanover, NH

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, TA

Sep. 2015 - Sep. 2017

- Implemented a neural encoding model based stimulus reconstruction framework on the supercomputer cluster applying multivariate pattern analysis to 7T fMRI data (in preparation for publication).
- TA: Intro to Sonic Arts (*Ashley Fure*), Sonic Space and Form (*Sangwook "Sunny" Nam*), Intro to Sonic Arts (*Clara Latham*)

### Abington Neurological Associates, Clinical Trial Center (Dr. David Weisman)

Willow Grove, PA

CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR

Sep. 2014 - Aug. 2015

- Coordinated phase II and phase III clinical trials of investigational drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.
- Patient care including: patient interviews, dispensing investigational products, collecting lab samples, taking vital signs.

### The Pennsylvania State University, Deep Sea Lab (Prof. Charles Fisher)

University Park, PA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jan. 2013 - Aug. 2014

- Conducted multivariate statistical analysis using Primer, R, and ArcGIS to assess impact of Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

### QuantTera, R&D Microelectronics Company

Scottsdale, AZ

NSF REU INTERN, SEASONAL TECH

Apr. 2011 - Jan. 2013

- Investigated novel techniques for semiconductor device wafer bonding; exhibit at 2013 Consumer Electronics Show

### Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Center for Applied Genomics

Philadelphia, PA

SUMMER RESEARCH INTERN

Summer 2011

- Project: Use of pharmacological inhibitors to delineate DcR3 signaling pathway in EBV cell lines; proteomics of IBD

## Publications/Presentations

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

#### ***GABAergic inhibition gates perceptual awareness during binocular rivalry (Under Review - PNAS)***

Jefferey Mentch, Alina Spiegel, Catherine Ricciardi, Caroline E. Robertson

#### ***Stimulus-Model-Based Reconstruction of Polyphonic Music Features from High-Field fMRI (In Preparation)***

Michael Casey, Jefferey Mentch

#### ***Ecosystem Impacts of Oil and Gas Inputs to the Gulf of Mexico (ECOGIG)***

Charles R. Fisher, Iliana B. Baums, Amanda W.J. Demopoulos, Nicole Dubilier, Fanny Girard, Kaitlin Kovacs, Melissa Kurman, Jeff Mentch, Jillian Petersen, Miles Saunders, Lizbeth Sayavedra, Ryan J. Sibert, Sam Vohsen

*Oceanography* 28.1, Supplement: New Frontiers in Ocean Exploration: The E/V Nautilus 2014 Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Field Season (2015) pp. 28–29. 2015

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Causal Push-and-Pull Modulation of Binocular Rivalry Dynamics using GABAergic Drugs**

Jeff Mentch, Alina Spiegel, Catherine Ricciardi, Nancy Kanwisher, Caroline E. Robertson

*Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting*, May **2018**, 53.356

### **Visual Salience Model of Active Viewing in 360° Real-World Scenes**

Caroline E. Robertson, Jeff Mentch, Nancy Kanwisher

*Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting*, May **2018**, 56.462

### **Stimulus-Model-Based Reconstruction of Polyphonic Music Features from High-Field fMRI**

Michael Casey, Jeff Mentch

*The Neurosciences and Music VI: Music, Sound and Health*, Jun. **2017**, B3-5

### **Stimulus-Model-Based Reconstruction of Naturalistic Musical Stimuli from High-Field fMRI**

Michael Casey, Jeff Mentch

*Dartmouth College Graduate Student Poster Session*, Apr. **2017**

## Skills

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**General Software** Python, MATLAB, bash, Unity/C#, p5.js, MaxMSP, Adobe Creative Suite, ArcGIS, Logic Pro, Ableton Live, LaTeX

**Neuroimaging** PyMVPA, AFNI, FreeSurfer, FSL

**GRE** 170/170V, 167/170Q

**Languages** English, Spanish