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### **CURRENT POSITION**

02/2014 - PhD Candidate

2018 Aalto University and University of Turku

(expected) Thesis title: Maintaining social bonds via interpersonal touching: A

cross-cultural study

Supervisors: Prof. Lauri Nummenmaa, University of Turku and

Prof. Mikko Sams, Aalto University

### **EDUCATION**

2014 Master of Science in Technology, Pass with Distinction

Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering

2013 Bachelor of Science in Technology

Aalto University School of Electrical Engineering

2007 Matriculation examination

Helsinki Upper Secondary School of Visual Arts

### **PUBLICATIONS**

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lauri Nummenmaa, **Juulia T. Suvilehto**, Enrico Glerean, Pekka Santti & Jari K. Hietanen. (2016) *Topography of Human Erogenous Zones*. Archives of Sexual Behavior. 45 (5) 1207-1216. doi:10.1007/s10508-016-0745-z

**Juulia T. Suvilehto**, Enrico Glerean, Robin Dunbar, Riitta Hari & Lauri Nummenmaa. (2015) *Social Touch Depends on Emotional Bonds between Humans.* Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America. 112 (45) 13811-13816. doi:10.1073/pnas.1519231112

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

**Juulia T. Suvilehto**, Ville Renvall, Lauri Nummenmaa. (In prep) *Relationship-specific encoding of social touch in somatosensory and insular cortices.* 

**Juulia T. Suvilehto**, Lauri Nummenmaa, Enrico Glerean, Tokiko Harada, Robin Dunbar, Riitta Hari, Robert Turner, Norihiro Sadato, Ryo Kitada. (In prep) *Cultural Universalism in Social Touch*.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Acute pain attenuates emotional experience in the body. (2018) Talk at the 7th Consortium of European Research on Emotion (CERE) Conference. Glasgow, UK.

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Social touch is relationship-specific for children and adults. (2018) Talk at the 1st International Symposium for Affective Touch in Children and Adolescents. Dresden, Germany.

Cultural Universalism in Social Touch. (2017) Poster at Doctoral Program Brain & Mind Symposium. Helsinki, Finland.

Cultural Universalism in Social Touch. (2017) Poster and Data Blitz talk at 2nd Congress of the International Association for the Study of Affective Touch. Liverpool, UK.

Relationship-specific encoding of social touch in the somatosensory cortices? (2016) Poster at 46th Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, CA, USA.

Topography of Human Erogenous Zones. (2015) Poster at Doctoral program Brain & Mind symposium. Kirkkonummi, Finland.

U Can't Touch This: Spatial Topography of Social Touching. (2014) Poster at 1st Annual Meeting of The Society for Affective Sciences. Washington DC, USA.

#### RESEARCH FUNDING

2017	Personal Grant, Alfred Kordelin Foundation	24.000 eur
2016	Young Researcher Grant, Emil Aaltonen foundation	28.250 eur
2015	Young Researcher Grant, Emil Aaltonen foundation	28.250 eur
2014	Young Researcher Grant, Emil Aaltonen foundation	26.500 eur

### PRIZES, AWARDS, AND HONOURS

2016-'18	Travel Awards, Doctoral program Brain & Mind	2.150 eur
2017	Aalto School of Science Scientific Communication Award	500 eur
	awarded to the Brain Twitter Conference #brainTC team	
2017	Finnish science communication award, Liikutu Tiedosta,	3.000 eur
	awarded to Brain Twitter Conference #brainTC	
2015	Best Poster Award, Doctoral program Brain & Mind symposium	200 eur

#### **INVITED TALKS**

#### 2016

Quantifying relationship-specificity of social touch. *Emotion and Social Cognition Lab,* Division of Biology and Biological Engineering, Caltech. Pasadena, California, US. November 2016.

Quantifying relationship-specificity of social touch. *The Somatosensory & Affective Neuroscience Group*, Research Centre in Brain and Behaviour, Liverpool John Moores University. Liverpool, United Kingdom. September 2016.

Quantifying relationship-specificity of social touch. *KatLab*, Research Department of Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology, University College London. London, United Kingdom. September 2016.

### TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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### **AALTO UNIVERSITY**

Teaching Assistant in Experimental and Statistical Methods in 2015 - 2016 Biological Sciences I fall term

5 ECTS credits, Master's level

Teaching Assistant in Experimental and Statistical Methods in

2015
Biological Sciences II spring term

5 ECTS credits, Master's level

Effectively acted as Instructor of Record, although due to University policies the official title for the role was TA.

Teaching Assistant in Introduction to Cell Biology 2010 - 2012 6 ECTS credits, Bachelor's level spring term

### SUPERVISED RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (B.SC./M.SC. STUDENTS)

2017 Ana Maria Triana Hoyos

2015 - 2016 Timo Vehviläinen 2014 - 2015 Tekla Larinkoski 2014 Anna Anttalainen

### SUPERVISED BACHELOR'S THESES

2015 Roope Vesterinen: Toisen välityksellä koetun kivun aivovaste

2014 Tuomas Alakörkkö: Emootioiden aiheuttamat muutokset ihmiskehon lämpötilassa

2013 Joonas Tietäväinen: Sosiaalinen koskettaminen viestinnän muotona

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

10/2017 - Visiting Researcher, Department of Experimental Psychology,

03/2018 University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom.

05/2017 - Doctoral Student, Turku PET Centre, University of Turku, Turku, Finland

09/2016 Visiting Researcher, Department of Psychology, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom

03/2015 Visiting Researcher, Department of Neuroscience & Imaging, University G. d'Annunzio, Chieti, Italy

07/2013 - Research Assistant,

02/2014 Laboratory of Biomedical Engineering and Computational Sciences (BECS), Aalto University School of Science

### **OUTREACH**

2017 Poster presentation at the Brain Awareness Week poster exhibition at University of Helsinki

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2016 - Scientists in Schools project in Aalto University.

(ongoing) Visiting primary, secondary and upper secondary schools to talk about research.

### MEDIA COVERAGE (SELECTED)

2017 Sormenpäät kertovat, Tekniikan Maailma

Miksi suomalaisilla on suuri oman tilan tarve?, *Helsingin Sanomat* Tutkimuksen yllättävä tieto paljastaa suomalaiset koskettelevaksi kansaksi, *Länsi-Suomi* 

Olisitko valmis maksamaan halauksesta?, Yle (online) Mitä kosketus ihmiselle tekee, Puoli Seitsemän, Yle TV1

These Body Maps Show Where We Like To Be Touched, And Where We Don't, *The Huffington Post (online)*¿Te puedo tocar? cómo, dónde y cuándo es aceptable el contacto físico, BBC Mundo (online)

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2017 English for Academic Studies: Academic Writing (2 terms)
- 2018 Oxford University
- 2017 A!Peda Intro, Pedagogical course (5 ECTS)
  Aalto University
- 2015 Connectivity Course: Structural and Functional Brain Connectivity via MRI and fMRI
  MGH/HST Athinoula A Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging

### ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- Volunteer at the Annual Meeting of the Social & Affective Neuroscience Society, Brooklyn, USA.
- Organiser at the second Brain research Twitter conference (#brainTC) 8th March 2018
- 2017 Organiser at the inaugural Brain research Twitter conference (#brainTC) 20th April 2017
- 2015 Organiser at Attending and Neglecting People, Tuusula, Finland Part of Attention and Performance series

### PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Product Manager, CRF Health
Master's thesis position in Health Outcomes. Investigated the suitability of using subjects' own devices (BYOD) in capturing electronic Clinical Outcome Assessments (eCOA) in clinical trials from practical and regulatory perspectives.

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2011- Junior Bioinformatician, Euformatics Oy

Designed and implemented data analysis and data management software for biologists and doctors working with gene sequencing data. Trained end users and acted as tech support.

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Languages	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Finnish	native	native	native
English	fluent	fluent	fluent
Swedish	good	conversational	intermediate
German	can read with dictionary	beginner	beginner

Data-analysis tools	Specific toolboxes	Other to
Matlab	SPM	Git
(and Octave)	Statistics & Machine Learning toolbox	Html, pl
R	ggplot	Java
	psych	Slurm
Python	Nibabel	Subvers
	Nilearn	
	NumPy	
	Scikit-learn	
	SciPy	
	PyMVPA	

Other tools

Git
Html, php, css
Java
Slurm
Subversion

Fsl