# KATIE ANN PETERSON

#### **EDUCATION**

# 2013-2017 Ph.D., Medical Science (Psychiatry), University of Cambridge

Supervisors: Prof Barbara J. Sahakian and Prof John D. Pickard Thesis: *Cognition and apathy in normal pressure hydrocephalus* 

## 2008-2012 MA (Hons), Psychology, University of Dundee

Degree award: 1st class (Hons)

Thesis: The influence of priming, framing and executive function on moral judgements

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Supervisor: Prof Trevor A. Harley

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

## 2021 Research Associate - Metabolic Imaging in Dementia

Dept. Radiology, University of Cambridge, PIs: Dr Tomasz Matys and Prof James B. Rowe Recruitment of patients with Alzheimer's disease and healthy controls for a study investigating a new MRI method for detecting dementia.

## 2020 Research Associate - 7Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Dementia

Dept. Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge, PI: Dr Thomas Cope Recruitment of patients with primary progressive aphasia and healthy controls for 7Tesla MRI studies. Conducted neuropsychological and language assessments.

## 2017-2020 Research Associate - Development of the Mini Linguistic State Examination

Dept. Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge, PIs: Prof James B. Rowe, Prof Peter Garrard, and Prof Karalyn Patterson

Developed a novel test for the assessment of progressive aphasia. Recruited patients (primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal syndrome) and controls for an MRI study. Conducted neuropsychological and language assessments. Analysed structural brain imaging data (FreeSurfer).

## 2013-2017 Ph.D. student - Cognition and apathy in normal pressure hydrocephalus

Dept. Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, PIs: Prof Barbara J. Sahakian and Prof John D. Pickard

Investigated cognitive and neuropsychiatric symptoms in normal pressure hydrocephalus. Recruited people with brain injury for research. Analysed behavioural and structural brain imaging data (FSL, ITK-SNAP). Conducted a meta-analysis. Completed IRAS NHS ethics applications.

## 2011-2012 Undergraduate Research Assistant

School of Psychology, University of Dundee

Programmed experiments (Cedrus SuperLab). Qualitative and quantitative data collection.

#### **CLINICAL POSITIONS**

# 2013-2016 Research Neuropsychologist, NHS Cerebrospinal Fluid Disorders Clinic, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

Assessed cognitive function and mood in patients with suspected or established normal pressure hydrocephalus and benign intracranial hypertension. Assessed cognitive outcome post-shunt surgery/ lumbar drain. Wrote summary reports for the neurosurgical team, supervised by a clinical psychologist.

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## **RELEVANT SKILLS**

## Clinical experience

Neuropsychological, neuropsychiatric, and language assessment (cerebrospinal fluid disorders, behavioural variant frontotemporal dementia, Alzheimer's disease, primary progressive aphasia, progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal syndrome); other clinical research experience (stroke, brain tumour, traumatic brain injury).

# Data analysis

Analysis and visualisation (R, SPSS), neuroimaging analysis (FreeSurfer, FSL, SPM, ITK-SNAP).

#### Research ethics

Good Clinical Practice training.

Completed multiple IRAS NHS/ university ethics applications and amendments.

# **Programming/coding**

Strong skills in R, some experience with HTML, CSS, UNIX command line, Cedrus SuperLab.

## **Data management**

REDCap, Microsoft Excel.

#### Written communication

Scientific and technical writing; editing and proofreading for non-native speakers; reviewing. Production of study documentation including protocols, information sheets, and SOPs.

#### **Oral communication**

Presentation skills, listening skills, empathy, negotiation.

Considerable experience working with patients with complex communication needs.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **Peterson, K.A.,** Patterson, K., & Rowe, J. B. (2019). Language impairment in progressive supranuclear palsy and corticobasal syndrome. *Journal of Neurology,* 1-14. doi: 10.1007/s00415-019-09463-1
- Savulich, G., Thorp, E., Piercy, T., **Peterson, K.A.,** Pickard, J.D., & Sahakian, B.J. (2019). Improvements in attention following cognitive training with the novel "Decoder" game on an iPad. *Frontiers in Behavioural Neuroscience*, doi: 10.3389/fnbeh.2019.00002
- **Peterson, K.A.,** Mole, T.B., Keong, N.C.H., DeVito, E.E., Savulich, G., Pickard, J.D., & Sahakian, B.J. (2019). Structural correlates of cognitive impairment in normal pressure hydrocephalus. *Acta Neurologica Scandinavica*, 139(3), 305-312. doi: 10.1111/ane.13052
- **Peterson, K.A.,** Savulich, G., Jackson, D., Killikelly, C., Pickard, J.D., & Sahakian, B.J. (2016). The effect of shunt surgery on neuropsychological performance in normal pressure hydrocephalus: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Journal of Neurology*, *263*(8), 1669-1677. doi:10.1007/s00415-016-8097-0
- **Peterson, K.A.,** Housden, C.R., Killikelly, C., DeVito, E.E., Keong, N.C., Savulich, G., Czosnyka, Z., Pickard, J.D., & Sahakian, B.J. (2016). Apathy, ventriculomegaly and neurocognitive improvement following shunt surgery in normal pressure hydrocephalus. *British Journal of Neurosurgery*, *30*(1), 38-42. doi:10.3109/02688697.2015.1029429

# FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- Patel, N., **Peterson, K.A.**, Ingram, R., Storey, I., Cappa, S.F., Catricala, E., Patterson, K.E., Lambon Ralph, M.A., Rowe, J.B., & Garrard, P. The Mini Linguistic State Examination (MLSE): a brief but accurate assessment tool for classifying Primary Progressive Aphasias. (*Under review, preprint:* https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.06.02.20119974v1)
- **Peterson, K.A.,** Jones, P.S., Patel, N., Tsvetanov, K.A., Ingram, R., Cappa, S.F., Lambon Ralph, M.A., Patterson, K., Garrard, P., & Rowe, J.B. Language disorder in progressive supranuclear palsy and corticobasal syndrome: neural correlates and detection by the MLSE screening tool. (*Under review, preprint:* <a href="https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.03.04.21252852v1">https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.03.04.21252852v1</a>)

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#### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

• Language impairment in progressive supranuclear palsy and corticobasal syndrome: The MLSE screening test and its neural correlates. The Alzheimer's Association International Conference. Virtual event, 2020. [Poster]

- Development of the standardised, multilingual Mini Linguistic State Examination (MLSE) to classify and monitor primary progressive aphasia. The Alzheimer's Association International Conference. Chicago, Illinois, United States, 2018. [Poster]
- Language impairment in progressive supranuclear palsy and corticobasal syndrome. The Alzheimer's Association International Conference. Chicago, Illinois, United States, 2018. [Poster]
- Cognition and apathy in normal pressure hydrocephalus. Behavioural and Clinical Neuroscience Institute discussion group seminar series. Cambridge, UK, 2016. [Oral presentation]
- **Cognition, motivation, and apathy following brain injury.** The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cambridge Psychiatry Graduate Symposium. Cambridge, UK, 2015. [Oral presentation]
- Normal pressure hydrocephalus a reversible dementia? Systematic review and metaanalysis of cognitive outcome following shunt surgery. Cambridge Neuroscience Seminar. Cambridge, UK, 2015. [Poster]
- Apathy, ventriculomegaly and neurocognitive improvement following shunt surgery in normal pressure hydrocephalus. The British Association for Psychopharmacology (BAP) Summer Meeting. Cambridge, UK, 2014. [Poster]
- Reversing dementia: Characterising cognitive improvement in normal pressure hydrocephalus. School of Clinical Medicine Research Day. Cambridge, UK, 2013. [Poster]
- Does crime pay or do good deeds lead to heaven? The influence of priming, framing, and executive function on moral judgements. British Psychological Society (Scotland) Conference for Undergraduate Research Projects. Glasgow, UK, 2012. [Oral presentation]

## **AWARDS**

**2014** Public Vote Best Poster, Lucy Cavendish College Graduate Research Day

## **AD-HOC REVIEWER**

Journal of Neuroscience, Psychological Medicine, Neurobiology of Aging, Parkinsonism & Related Disorders, Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society, Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurology, SAGE Open Medicine

# **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

2021	University of Birmingham mentorship scheme
	Mentor to an undergraduate student of Biomedical Sciences
2017-2018	University of Cambridge undergraduate supervision scheme
	Co-supervised the final year research project of a Psychology undergraduate
2011-2012	University of Dundee peer support mentorship scheme
	Mentored a first-year psychology student
2005-2007	Various primary schools, Shetland
	Befriender/ mentor/ group teaching experience

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## **FURTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Outreach 2020** Member of a focus group to facilitate virtual community centres during the

COVID-19 lockdown.

**2019** Produced a research newsletter for patients and carers attending the

dementia clinics at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

**Volunteering** 2015-2016 Green Impact Project, investigated and implemented green initiatives

in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge.

**2006-2007** Befriender/ volunteer at various care homes, Shetland.