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Education

**Duke University** 

Fall 2018 - Present

Ph.D., Psychology & Neuroscience (anticipated 2023)

GPA: 3.96

M.A., Psychology & Neuroscience

GPA: 3.96

Imagination and Modal Cognition Laboratory — Dr. Felipe De Brigard

Pearson Laboratory — Dr. John Pearson

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Class of 2017

Bachelor of Science, Cognitive Science and Computer Science

GPA: 3.97

Work Experience Computer Scientist

Summer 2017 - Present

ARCADIA Project — Paul Bello U.S. Naval Research Laboratory

Undergraduate Researcher

Spring 2015 - Spring 2017

Rensselaer Artificial Intelligence and Reasoning (RAIR) Laboratory — Dr. Selmer Bringsjord

Federal Work Study

Fall 2014 - Spring 2017

Rensselaer Cognitive Science Department

Manuscripts
Under Review/
In Preparation

O'Neill, K., Henne, P., Pearson, J., & De Brigard, F. (In preparation). A unified model of confidence in causal judgment.

Krasich, K., O'Neill, K., Murray, S., Nuthmann, A., & De Brigard, F. (In preparation). A mind lively and at ease: What fixation durations say about the extent of visual processing.

Khoudary, M., **O'Neill, K.**, Faul, L., Murray, S., Smallman, R., & De Brigard, F. (In preparation). Neural differences in dispositional versus situational-based counterfactual thoughts.

Khoudary, M., Hanna, E., **O'Neill, K.**, Iyengar, V., Clifford, S., De Brigard, F., Cabeza, R., & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (Under review). A functional neuroimaging investigation of moral foundations theory.

Henne, P., & O'Neill, K. (Under review). Double Prevention and Counterfactual Thinking.

Murray, S., Henne, P., **O'Neill, K.**, Wang, J., & De Brigard, F. (Under review). What you foresee isn't what you forget: No evidence for the influence of epistemic states on causal judgments for abnormal negligent behavior.

Krasich, K., O'Neill, K., & De Brigard, F. (Under review). Eye tracking mental simulations during retrospective causal reasoning.

O'Neill, K., Henne, P., Bello, P., & De Brigard, F. (Under review). Confidence and

Bringsjord, S., & **O'Neill, K.** (In Press). Third-millenium computational logic. *Minds and Machines*.

## Journal Papers

O'Neill, K., Liu, A., Yin, S., Brady, T., & De Brigard, F. (2021). Effects of category learning strategies on recognition memory. *Memory & cognition*, 1–15.

Henne, P., **O'Neill, K.**, Bello, P., Khemlani, S., & De Brigard, F. (2020). Norms Affect Prospective Causal Judgments. *Cognitive Science*.

O'Neill, K., Smith, A. P., Smilek, D., & Seli, P. (2020). Dissociating the Freely-Moving Thought Dimension of Mind-Wandering from the Intentionality and Task-Unrelated Thought Dimensions. *Psychological Research*.

Seli, P., O'Neill, K., Carriere, J. S., Smilek, D., Beaty, R. E., & Schacter, D. L. (2020). Mind-wandering across the age gap: Age-related differences in mind-wandering are partially attributable to age-related differences in motivation. *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B.* 

O'Neill, K., & De Brigard, F. (2019). Two challenges for a dual system approach to temporal cognition [Commentary on "Thinking in and about Time: A Dual Systems Perspective on Temporal Cognition" by Hoerl, C. and McCormack, T.]. Brain and Behavioral Sciences, 1–77.

Govindarajulu, N. S. and Bringsjord, S. and Sen, A. and Paquin, J. C. and O'Neill, K. (2018). Ethical Operating Systems. In De Mol, Liesbeth and Primiero, Giuseppe (Ed.), Reflections on Programming Systems: Historical and Philosophical Aspects (pp. 235–260). Springer.

## Conference Papers

Yin, S., O'Neill, K., Brady, T., & De Brigard, F. (2019). The Effect of Category Learning on Recognition Memory: A Signal Detection Theory Analysis. *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.*  $\Box$   $\circ$ 

Bello, P., **O'Neill, K**., & Bridewell, W. (2019). Artificial Agency Requires Attention: The Case of Intentional Action. *AAAI Spring Symposium: Towards Conscious AI Systems.* 

O'Neill, K., Bridewell, W., & Bello, P. (2018). Time-Based Resource Sharing in ARCADIA. Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

Bello, P., Lovett, A., Briggs, G., & **O'Neill, K.** (2018). An Attention-Driven Model of Human Causal Reasoning. *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.* 

#### Talks

O'Neill, K., Henne, P., Bello, P., Pearson, J., De Brigard, F. (2021). "Degrading Causation". *Invited talk at Causal Cognition Lab, UCL*.

**O'Neill, K.**, Henne, P., Bello, P., Pearson, J., De Brigard, F. (2021). "Degrading Causation". XPhi Europe.

Bello, P., **O'Neill, K.**, Bridewell, W. (2019). "Artificial Agency Requires Attention: The Case of Intentional Action". In *AAAI Spring Symposium: Towards Conscious AI Systems*.

O'Neill, K., Bridewell, W., Bello, P. (2018) "Time-Based Resource Sharing in AR-CADIA". 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

O'Neill, K., Bringsjord, S. "Solving the Lottery Paradox in a Cognitive Calculus". (2016) International Association for Computing and Philosophy.

## Poster Presentations

O'Neill, K., Henne, P., Bello, P., Pearson, J., De Brigard, F. (2021). "Confidence Effects on Causal Judgment". *Psychonomics*.

**O'Neill, K.**, Henne, P., Bello, P., Pearson, J., De Brigard, F. (2021). "Degrading Causation". Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting.

Khoudary, M., Hanna, E., **O'Neill, K.**, Iyengar, V., Clifford, S., Cabeza, R., De Brigard, F., Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2021). "A Functional Neuroimaging Investigation of Moral Foundations Theory". *Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting*.

Khoudary, M., Hanna, E., **O'Neill, K.**, Iyengar, V., Clifford, S., Cabeza, R., De Brigard, F., Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (2020). "A Functional Neuroimaging Investigation of Moral Foundations Theory". 2020 meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society.

Smith, A., O'Neill, K., Smilek, D., Seli, P. (2019) "On the Utility of the Dynamic Framework of Mind Wandering". *Psychonomics*.

Yin, S., O'Neill, K., Brady, T., De Brigard, F. (2019) "The Effect of Category Learning on Recognition Memory: A Signal Detection Theory Analysis". 41st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

Lovett, A., Briggs, G., **O'Neill, K.**, Bello, P. (2018). "Strategic Deployment of Attention in Online Causal Judgment: A Computational Model". *Journal of Vision*, 18(10), 741-741.

Bello, P., Lovett, A., Briggs, G., O'Neill, K. (2018) "An Attention-Driven Model of Human Causal Reasoning". 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

#### **Teaching**

#### Teaching Assistant

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textit{Psychology of Imagination} & \text{Dr. Tamar Kushnir} & \text{Fall 2021} \\ \textit{Research Methods & Statistics} & \text{Dr. Angela Vieth} & \text{Spring 2021} \\ \textit{Cognitive Psychology} & \text{Dr. Ruth Day} & \text{Fall 2020} \\ \textit{Neuromatch Academy} & \text{pod-089-solid-firefly} & \text{Summer 2020} \\ \end{array}$ 

#### **Guest Lecturer**

Are Humans Rational? — Dr. Selmer Bringsjord Fall 2016 - Spring 2017 Intro To Logic — Dr. Selmer Bringsjord Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

		Maria Khoudary  A Functional Neuroimaging Investigation of Moral Foundations Theory  Duke University	
	Jason Chen, Corey Elowski, Maria Khoudary, Cambria Revsine Predicting fMRI Responses: a Machine Learning Approach Neuromatch Academy  Georgia Hadjis, Anna Dorokhova, Alex Vargas, Wen Jian, Sarah Hanson Predicting Social Task Performance and Brain Activities Based on Emotional Task and Relational Task: an Analysis of the HCP Dataset Neuromatch Academy		
Awards/ Honors	NSF GRFP Honorable Mention Duke Chancellors Scholars Fellowship Undergraduate Research Fellowship Rensselaer Leadership Award Mona & Edward Zander '68 Scholarship Dean's List/Dean's Honor List	Spring 2019 Fall 2018 Spring 2015 - Spring 2017 Fall 2014 - Spring 2017 Fall 2014 - Spring 2017 Fall 2014 - Spring 2017	
Projects	SpikingNeuralNets.jl A flexible system for simulating arbitrary systems of spiking neural networks. ARCADIA A computational framework for attention-centered cognitive modeling. MetaProver A framework for automated logical and meta-logical reasoning via analytic tableaux OSCAR A restoration of John Pollock's nonmonotonic natural deduction theorem prover		
Skills	Programming Python, R, C/C++, Java/Javascript, Clojure/Scheme/Lisp, Julia, MATLAB, HTML/CSS, Prolog, Unix, Git, LATEX Data Collection/Analysis Behavioral, fMRI, eye tracking data Mixed-effect modeling, Bayesian statistics, multivariate statistics Artificial Intelligence Cognitive modeling, ML, Symbolic AI, NLP, Parallel/High-Performance Computing Software Engineering Software development, verification, and visualization Languages German (intermediate)		
Service	Duke Institute for Brain Sciences Methods Methods Methods Methods Pounder  Duke Philosophy of Neuroscience Journal Claration Co-Founder  Duke University Neuroscience Experience (Discounder Duke University Neuroscience (Di	ub Spring 2020 - Present	

Cognitive Science, Cognitive Systems Research

Volunteer

Ad-Hoc Reviewing

Duke Psychology & Neuroscience

Panelist, Graduate School Information Session

**Duke Cognitive Neuroscience Admitting Program** 

Recruitment

Affiliations
Past & Present

Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

Cognitive Science Society (CSS)

International Association of Computing and Philosophy (IACAP)

Psychonomic Society

#### References

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