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## EDUCATION

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| <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> • Los Angeles, CA<br><i>Ph.D. Psychology – Social Cognitive Neuroscience</i><br>Advisors: Matthew D. Lieberman, Carolyn Parkinson               | September 2018 – Present       |
| <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> • Los Angeles, CA<br><i>M.A. Psychology</i><br>Advisors: Matthew D. Lieberman, Carolyn Parkinson                                                | September 2018 – December 2019 |
| <b>Carnegie Mellon University</b> • Pittsburgh, PA<br><i>B.S. Psychology – Cognitive Neuroscience</i><br>Minors: Neural Computation and History<br>Advisors: Timothy Verstynen, Maggie Braun | September 2010 – May 2014      |

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

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| Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (\$6,000)        | Summer 2019              |
| NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000)         | Fall 2018 – Spring 2023  |
| São Paulo School on Advanced Science Fellowship      | Summer 2018              |
| Sigma Xi Best Poster Award (\$500)                   | May 2014                 |
| Carnegie Mellon Institutional Scholarship (\$10,400) | Fall 2010 – Spring 2014  |
| Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Grant (\$22,100)       | Fall 2010 – Spring 2014  |
| Dozzi Fellowship (\$1,000)                           | Summer 2012              |
| Carnegie Mellon Dean's List                          | Spring 2012, Spring 2013 |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Computational Social Neuroscience Lab</b> • University of California, Los Angeles<br><i>Doctoral Researcher</i><br>Advisor: Carolyn Parkinson                                          | September 2018 – Present |
| <b>Social Cognitive Neuroscience Lab</b> • University of California, Los Angeles<br><i>Doctoral Researcher/Research Associate</i><br>Advisors: Matthew D. Lieberman, Naomi I. Eisenberger | July 2016 – Present      |
| <b>TarrLab</b> • Carnegie Mellon University<br><i>Lab Manager/Research Assistant</i><br>Advisor: Michael J. Tarr                                                                          | July 2014 – July 2016    |
| <b>Program in Cognitive Affective Neuroscience</b> • University of Pittsburgh<br><i>Undergraduate Researcher</i><br>Advisor: Greg J. Siegle                                               | April 2012 – July 2014   |

**Carroll Lab** • University of Minnesota  
 Research Assistant  
 Advisor: Marilyn E. Carroll

May 2011 –  
 August 2011

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Tan KM**, Burklund LJ, Craske MG, Lieberman MD. Posttraumatic stress disorder and the social brain: Affect-related disruption of the default and mirror networks. *Depression and anxiety*. 2019 Nov; 36(11):1058-71. <https://doi.org/10.1002/da.22953>

Moieni M, **Tan KM**, Inagaki TK, Muscatell KA, Dutcher JM, Jevtic I, Breen EC, Irwin MR, Eisenberger NI. Sex differences in the relationship between inflammation and reward sensitivity: a randomized controlled trial of endotoxin. *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging*. 2019 Jul; 4(7):619-26. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bpsc.2019.03.010>

Lieberman MD, Straccia MA, Meyer ML, Du M, **Tan KM**. Social, self, (situational), and affective processes in medial prefrontal cortex (MPFC): Causal, multivariate, and reverse inference evidence. *Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews*. 2019 Apr; 99:311-28. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neubiorev.2018.12.021>

## PRE-PRINT & WORKING MANUSCRIPTS

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**Tan KM**, Daitch AL, Pinheiro-Chagas P, Fox KCR, Parvizi J, Liberman MD. (Under Review). Human electrocorticography reveals a common neurocognitive hierarchy for mentalizing about the self and others. *Research Square: Nature Portfolio* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-257986/v1>

**Tan KM**, Tarr MJ. (In Prep). Bottom-up or top-down? The spatiotemporal dynamics of affective object perception differ across valence strength.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Tan KM**, Daitch AL, Pinheiro-Chagas P, Fox KCR, Parvizi J, Lieberman MD. (2020, Feb). *A common cortical hierarchy for mentalizing about the self and others*. Talk presented for the Brain Research Institute, Los Angeles, UCLA.

**Tan KM**, Daitch AL, Fox KCR, Parvizi J, Lieberman MD. (2019, May). *Intracranial Electrophysiology of Mentalizing*. Talk and poster presented for the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, Miami Beach, USA. [\[Talk Video\]](#) [\[Poster PDF\]](#)

**Tan KM**, Burklund LJ, Craske MG, Lieberman MD. (2018, May). *PTSD and the social brain: affect-related disruption of the default and mirror networks*. Poster presented for the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, New York City, USA. [\[Poster PDF\]](#)

Ames DL, Gillespie GSR, Burns SM, **Tan KM**, Lieberman MD. (2018, May). *Predicting the effectiveness of health messaging through fMRI and fNIRS*. Talk presented at the annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, New York City, USA.

Cooper-White MA, Ames DL, Burns SM, **Tan KM**, Gillespie GSR, Lieberman MD. (2018, May). *Investigating the neural and cognitive mechanisms behind 'latitudes of acceptance' for the opinions of others*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, New York City, USA.

**Tan KM, Tarr MJ.** (2016, April). *Valence-related visual encoding is dependent on valence strength prior to frontal affective processing.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, New York City, USA. [\[Poster PDF\]](#)

**Tan KM, Kraynak T, Siegle GJ.** (2014, May). *Toward a pathophysiology of rumination: dorsal nexus resting-state functional connectivity in depression before and after serotonergic or behavioral interventions.* Poster presented at the annual Meeting of the Minds conference, Carnegie Mellon University, USA. [\[Poster PDF\]](#)

**Tan KM, Ferris L, Lee HS.** (2013, May). *Effect of room temperature on interpersonal attraction.* Poster presented at the biannual Research Methods Symposium, Carnegie Mellon University, USA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Introduction to Psychology (Teaching Assistant, Psych10, UCLA)

Winter 2019

## WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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São Paulo School on Advanced Science on Social and Affective Neuroscience  
Better Science Workshop – Stanford Center for Reproducible Neuroscience

Summer 2018

March 2017

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Association for Psychological Science  
Social and Affective Neuroscience Society

2016 – Present

2015 – Present

## RELEVANT SKILLS

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### Experimental Psychology

- Paradigm design (event-related, blocked, resting-state)
- Paradigm implementation (PsychToolbox, E-Prime)
- Crowdsourcing (Mechanical Turk, Qualtrics)

### Neuroimaging

- fMRI, EEG, and MEG data collection
- fMRI, EEG, ECoG, and tractographic preprocessing and analysis
- M/EEG source localization (DIPFIT, MNE)
- Software Packages: SPM, EEGLAB, AFNI, BrainVoyager, FreeSurfer, DSI Studio

### Statistics and Data Analysis

- Regression analyses (fixed effects models, mixed models, logistic models)
- Machine learning (support vector machine classification, representational similarity analysis)
- Data decomposition (independent components analysis)
- Data clustering (PCA, t-SNE, k-means, affinity propagation)
- Parallel Distributed Processing
- Software Packages: MATLAB, R, SPSS, LENS, scikit-learn

### Computing

- Languages: MATLAB, Python, Java, HTML/CSS, Alice
- Shell scripting: Bourne, BASH, GNU Parallel
- Software management: Git, JIRA, Eclipse
- Operating environments: Linux, Windows, OS X

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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**Alice** • Carnegie Mellon University  
*Software Development Intern*

May 2012 –  
August 2012

Bug-finding and debugging for the Alice 3 programming language

**National Weather Service** • Chanhassen, MN  
*Forecasting Intern*

October 2005 –  
April 2006

Tracking and forecasting Minneapolis-area winter storms through dynamical forecast models and ground, air, satellite, and radar observations