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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology
University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Expected: 2027

Supervisor: Dr. Morgan Barense

Committee Members: Dr. Bradley Buchsbaum, Dr. Brian Levine

Honours Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Biology Minor
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada

2022

Advisors: Dr. Daniel Smilek and Allison Drody

Honours Thesis Title: “The effects of self-selected background music and task difficulty on task engagement and performance in a visual vigilance task”

Graduated with Dean’s Honours

PUBLICATIONS

* Denotes shared first authorship

Homann, L. A., Drody, A. C., Smilek, D. (2023). The effects of self-selected music and task difficulty on task engagement and performance in a visual vigilance task. *Psychological Research*, 87, 2460–2476. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00426-023-01836-6>

Homann, L. A. *, Roberts, B. R. T. *, Ahmed, S., Fernandes, M. A. (2022). Are emojis processed visuo-spatially or verbally? Evidence for dual codes. *Visual Cognition*, 30(4), 267–279. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13506285.2022.2050871>

PRESENTATIONS

(v) Denotes a virtual presentation

Homann, L. A., Drody, A. C., Smilek, D. “The effects of self-selected music and task difficulty on task engagement and performance in a visual vigilance task”.

Invited Q & A: Seminar in Attention and Multi-Tasking (taught by Dr. Nathan Ward) at Tufts University, Oct. 2023 (v)

Invited Talk: Laboratory for Attention and Social Cognition at McGill University, Jan. 2022 (v)

Homann, L. A., Roberts, B. R. T., Ahmed, S., Fernandes, M. A. “Are emojis processed visuo-spatially or verbally? Evidence for dual codes”.

Poster: Psychonomic Society 62nd Annual Meeting, Nov. 2021 (v)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Canada Graduate Scholarship—Doctoral Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada	\$105,000	2023–2026
Canada Graduate Scholarship—Masters Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada	\$17,500	2022–2023
Undergraduate Student Research Award Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada	\$4,500	2020

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Award of Academic Excellence Canadian Psychological Association		2022
Recruitment Award University of Toronto, Department of Psychology	\$5,000	2022
Honours Thesis Award University of Waterloo, Department of Psychology		2022
Term Distinction University of Waterloo		2020–2022
University of Toronto Scholars Award University of Toronto	\$6,000	2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Student Memory and Perception Lab, University of Toronto <i>Principal Investigator:</i> Dr. Morgan Barense	Sep. 2022–present
Honours Thesis Student and Research Assistant Vision and Attention Lab, University of Waterloo <i>Principal Investigator:</i> Dr. Daniel Smilek	Jan. 2021–Aug. 2022
Research Assistant Cognitive Neuroscience Lab, University of Waterloo <i>Principal Investigator:</i> Dr. Myra Fernandes	Jan. 2020–May 2022
Research Assistant Psychological Interventions Research Team, University of Waterloo <i>Principal Investigator:</i> Dr. Jonathan Oakman	May 2019–Aug. 2020

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

▪ Janice An, <i>Research Opportunity Program</i>	Sep. 2023–present
▪ Jessica Sun, <i>Research Opportunity Program and Individual Project</i>	May 2023–present
▪ Shelby Davies, <i>Mini-Thesis</i>	Jan. 2023–Apr. 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming languages and tools: R, JavaScript, Python, Bash, Git, HTML

Data analysis: SPSS, jamovi, NVivo, Excel

Experiment programming: JSPsych, PsychoPy, E-Prime, OpenSesame, Qualtrics, JATOS
Experiment Manager, cognition.run

Apparatus: EyeLink eye-tracking system

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Instructor for the Summer Psychology Research Initiative (SPRINT) Jul. 2023

Psychology Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee, University of Toronto

- Title of Lecture: “The Testing Effect: Applications to Real-World Event Memory”

Teaching Assistant

Department of Psychology, University of Toronto

- PSY201: Statistics I Fall 2022, Fall 2023

MENTORSHIP AND SERVICES

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology

Orientation Coordinator Sep. 2023–present

Psychology Graduate Students Association, University of Toronto

- Organizing and executing events during recruitment and orientation weeks for incoming graduate students

Conference Co-Organizer Sep. 2023–present

Toronto Area Memory Group (TAMeG)

- Coordinating and planning an annual conference for memory researchers in southern Ontario

Graduate Mentor for the Summer Psychology Research Initiative (SPRINT) Jul. 2023

Psychology Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee, University of Toronto

- Mentored a group of six high school students and advised them on creating a university-level research proposal and presentation

Workshop/Keynote Committee—Lead Jan. 2023–May 2023

Psychology Graduate Students Association, University of Toronto

- Led a committee that planned the keynote and workshop components of the annual symposium
- Created, organized, and moderated a panel on academic publishing

Graduate Mentor

Sep. 2022–Mar. 2023

Psychology Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee, University of Toronto

- Advised undergraduate students applying to research-based graduate programs and research assistant positions, provided feedback on application materials, and aided in facilitating CV and personal statement workshops

Peer Mentor

Sep. 2021–Apr. 2022

Department of Psychology, University of Waterloo

- Mentored seven undergraduate psychology students

President

Jan. 2020–Aug. 2021

Undergraduate Psychology Society (PsychSoc), University of Waterloo

- Oversaw day-to-day functioning of PsychSoc, its executive members, and the tuck shop

Vice President of Events

Sep. 2019–Dec. 2020

Undergraduate Psychology Society (PsychSoc), University of Waterloo

- Led a group of volunteers in the planning of academic and social events for undergraduate psychology students