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## Personal

**Full name** Mark John Hurlstone  
**Date of birth** June 21, 1980  
**Nationality** British

## Employment

*2013–Present* Assistant Professor  
School of Psychology, University of Western Australia  
*2012–2013* Postdoctoral Research Associate (Stephan Lewandowsky & Carmen Lawrence)  
School of Psychology, University of Western Australia  
*2010–2011* Postdoctoral Research Associate (Robert Hughes & Dylan Jones)  
School of Psychology, University of Cardiff  
*2010* Postdoctoral Research Associate (Simon Farrell)  
Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Bristol

## Education

*2006–2010* PhD Experimental Psychology  
School of Psychology, University of York  
*Thesis title:* The problem of serial order in visuospatial short-term memory  
*Supervisors:* Prof. Graham Hitch & Prof. Alan Baddeley  
*2005–2006* MSc Reading, Language, & Cognition  
School of Psychology, University of York  
**Award:** Prize for highest scoring MSc student  
*2001–2004* BSc (Hons.) Psychology  
School of Psychology, University of Leicester  
**Award:** Wladyslaw Sluckin prize for highest scoring BSc student

## Research Interests

<i>Auditory distraction</i>	Testing a duplex mechanism account of auditory distraction and attentional selectivity in which some forms of distraction are resistible and others are ineluctable.
<i>Behavioural economics</i>	Applying insights from laboratory experiments and psychology to economics, particularly the economics of climate change and other ecosystem issues.
<i>Cognitive modelling</i>	Computational and mathematical modelling of cognitive processes; model evaluation and selection issues; models of choice behaviour and response time.
<i>Human memory</i>	Short-term and long-term memory; serial recall memory; free recall memory; sequence learning; relationship between time and memory.

## Competitive Grants

2010	Department of Psychology, University of York: Graham Hitch, Mark Hurlstone, & Tom Hartley: <i>An oscillator model account of effects of the timing of items in short-term memory</i> (£2,500).
2008	Experimental Psychology Society (Study Visit Grant): Mark Hurlstone & Simon Farrell: <i>Modelling fill-in and in-fill errors: Constraints for theories of serial order memory</i> (£1,200).
2007	Nuffield Foundation (undergraduate science bursary): Mark Hurlstone & Graham Hitch: <i>Auditory distraction in verbal and spatial short-term memory</i> (£1,360).
2006	Economic and Social Research Council (1+3 postgraduate studentship): Mark Hurlstone: <i>Serial order in short-term memory</i> .

## Publications

### Peer Reviewed Manuscripts - in preparation

**Hurlstone, M. J., & Hitch, G. J.** (2014, in preparation). How is the serial order of a visual sequence represented? Insights from transposition latencies.

**Hurlstone, M. J., Farrell, S., & Lewandowsky, S.** (2014, in preparation). Modelling sequential dependencies in serial recall: Constraints for theories of serial order memory.

**Hurlstone, M. J., Ecker, U. K. H., & Lewandowsky, S.** (2014, in preparation). Scientific certainty argumentation methods (SCAMs) and climate change: Exposing SCAMs shields against climate change misinformation.

**Hurlstone, M. J.** (2014, in preparation). Modelling immediate serial spatial recall in a macaque (*Macaca mulatta*).

Hughes, R., **Hurlstone, M. J.**, & Jones, D. M. (2014, in preparation). Processing load and distraction: Attentional capacity or differential engagement?

## Peer Reviewed Manuscripts - submitted

Hartley, T., **Hurlstone, M. J.**, & Hitch, G. J. (2014, submitted). Effects of rhythm on memory for spoken sequences: A model and tests of its stimulus-driven mechanism. *Cognitive Psychology*.

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, & Hitch, G. J. (2014, submitted). Functional similarities and differences between the coding of positional information in verbal and spatial short-term memory. *Memory & Cognition*.

## Peer Reviewed Manuscripts - published

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, Lewandowsky, S., Sewell, B., & Newell, B. (in press). The role of framing and normative messages in building support for climate policies. *PLoS ONE*.

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, & Hitch, G. J. (in press). How is the serial order of a spatial sequence represented? Insights from transposition latencies. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory & Cognition*.

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, Hitch, G. J., & Baddeley, A. D. (2014). Memory for serial order across domains: An overview of the literature and directions for future research. *Psychological Bulletin*, 140, 339-373.

Unsworth, K. L., Russell, S. V., Lewandowsky, S., Lawrence, C., Fielding, K., Heath, J., Evans, A., **Hurlstone, M. J.**, & McNeill, I. (2013). Individual adaptation to climate change and psychological drivers: What about me? Factors affecting individual adaptive coping capacity across different population. *National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility*.

Farrell, S., **Hurlstone, M. J.**, & Lewandowsky, S. (2013). Sequential dependencies in recall of sequences: Filling in the blanks. *Memory & Cognition*, 41, 938-952.

Hughes, R., **Hurlstone, M. J.**, Marsh, J. E., Vachon, F., & Jones, D. M. (2013). Cognitive control of auditory distraction: Impact of task difficulty, foreknowledge, and working memory capacity supports duplex-mechanism. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 39, 539-553.

Hughes, R., Vachon, F., **Hurlstone, M. J.**, Marsh, J., Macken, W., & Jones, D. M. (2011). Disruption of cognitive performance by sound: Differentiating two forms of auditory distraction. In *Proceedings of the 10th International Congress on Noise as a Public Health Problem*.

## Theses

**Hurlstone, M. J.** (2010). *The problem of serial order in visuospatial short-term memory*. Unpublished PhD thesis, University of York, UK.

**Hurlstone, M. J.** (2006). *Top-down processing and temporal grouping in immediate serial recall*. Unpublished MSc thesis, University of York, UK.

**Hurlstone, M. J.** (2004). *The modularity of ordering processes in verbal and spatial short-term memory*. Unpublished BSc thesis, University of Leicester, UK.

## Conference Papers

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, Lewandowsky, S., Newell, B. R., & Sewell, B. (Dec, 2013). Curbing emissions: Framing and normative messages influence CO<sub>2</sub> abatement policy preferences. University of New South Wales, Sydney NSW, Australia.

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, & Lawrence, C. (July, 2012). The impact of normative feedback on pro-environmental intentions and behaviour. National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility Conference, Melbourne, Australia.

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, & Lewandowsky, S. (July, 2012). Climate change coping and the effects of social norms and message framing on those with extreme worldviews. National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility Conference, Melbourne, Australia.

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, Hughes, R., & Jones, D. M. (November, 2011). Auditory distraction: The resistible and the ineluctable. Auditory Perception, Cognition and Action Meeting, Seattle, USA.

**Hurlstone, M. J.** (July, 2011). Memory for serial order across domains: Four common principles. Paper presented at the Fifth International Conference On Memory, York, U.K.

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, Hitch, G. J., & Baddeley, A. D. (July, 2009). Modelling grouping effects in verbal and spatial short-term order memory. Paper presented at the Experimental Psychology Society, York, U.K.

**Hurlstone, M. J.**, Hitch, G. J., & Baddeley, A. D. (Jan, 2009). How is the serial order of a visuospatial sequence coded? Insights from transposition latencies. Paper presented at the Experimental Psychology Society, London, U.K.

Hartley, T., **Hurlstone, M. J.**, & Hitch, G. J. (July, 2008). An oscillator model account of effects of the timing of items in short-term memory. Paper presented at the XXIXth International Congress of Psychology, Berlin, Germany.

## Invited colloquia & workshops

2014, July. Workshop: *Working memory benchmarks*. University of Zurich, Switzerland.

2013, December. Symposium: *Psychology and climate change*.  
University of New South Wales, Sydney NSW, Australia.

## Research Supervision

### PhD Candidates:

2014–*Current* Susie Wang (co-supervised with W/Prof. Carmen Lawrence)

### Honours Supervision:

2014 Jemma Heart, Jay Kinkade, Jessica Sipes, Emily Tuckey  
2013 Mei Jae Lai, Sarah Meredith, Isabelle Stacey  
2012 Shaun Markovic, Brittany Sewell

## Manuscript Reviewing

I am an ad hoc reviewer for the following journals:

*Acta Psychologica* / *Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology* / *Environment & Behavior* / *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, & Cognition* / *Journal of Mathematical Psychology* / *Memory / Memory & Cognition* / *PLoS ONE* / *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*.

## Teaching

2014	Psychology 3310: Specialist Topics in Psychology Topic 1: Behavioural Economics Topic 2: Political Psychology
2013	Psychology 3310: Specialist Topics in Psychology Topic: Psychology and Climate Change
2012	Psychology 3310: Specialist Topics in Psychology Topic: Principles of short-term memory and episodic memory
2006–2009	Discussion group tutor
2004–2005	Statistics demonstrator

## Professional Activities

2007–2008	Postgraduate student representative Department of Psychology, University of York
2007–2008	Research committee member Department of Psychology, University of York

## Technical Skills

I am a proficient user of L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, MATLAB, Python, and R.

I have experience of developing, implementing, and testing cognitive models, including both algebraic and simulation models. The latter includes neural networks and sequential sampling models, such as random walk and accumulator models.

I am also experienced in the use of a number of model evaluation and selection methods, including: least squares and maximum likelihood parameter estimation; polytope optimization algorithms; information criteria approaches (e.g., AIC and BIC); parameter space partitioning; landscaping; cross validation and generalization methods; bootstrapping methods.