

# Erik Marsja, Ph.D. | Curriculum Vitae

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## Degrees and Titles

2017

### Ph.D. in Psychology

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Department of Psychology, Umeå University.

**Thesis title:** Attention capture by sudden and unexpected changes: a multisensory perspective.

Available from the DiVA Database: <http://umu.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2>

**Supervisors:** Associate Professor Jessica K. Ljungberg, Professor Gregory Neely, & Dr. Patrik Hansson

2012

### M.Sc. in Cognitive Science

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Department of Psychology, Umeå University.

**Thesis title:** Attention Capture: The Impact of Change in Spatial Sound Source on Behavior.

**Supervisor:** Associate Professor Jessica K. Ljungberg

2011

### B.Sc. in Cognitive Science

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Department of Psychology, Umeå University.

**Thesis title:** Attention Capture: Studying the Distracting Effect of One's Own Name.

Available from DiVA Database: <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:umu:diva-46607>.

**Supervisor:** Associate Professor Jessica K. Ljungberg

## Academic Positions

Jan 2019 -

### Postdoctoral Researcher

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Division for Disability Research, Department of Behavioural Sciences and Learning (IBL), Linköping University.

Analysing data from a large database (i.e., n200) and preparing manuscripts in the field of cognitive hearing science. Acquiring expertise in hearing loss, aging, and cognitive functioning. Responsible for arranging the monthly HEAD seminar series. This includes contacting and inviting national, and international, researchers, booking flights, hotels, as well as setting up equipment for online streaming.

Aug 2018 -

**Oct 2018      Postdoctoral Research Assistant**

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Department of Psychology, Umeå University.

**Project:** How does humans perception of safety differ in a broken communication chain compared to an unbroken communication chain?

Literature study commissioned by SOS Alarm, an emergency agency (e.g., public-safety answering point), with the results disseminating in a report as well as an oral presentation for leaders in SOS Alarm's organisation.

Oct 2012 -

**June 2018      PhD Student and Teaching Assistant**

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Department of Psychology, Umeå University.

Planning of studies, programming of experiments, literature search, data analysis, scientific communication, and many more. See the section "Teaching responsibilities" for an overview of my pedagogical experience.

**June 2011      Undergrad. Research Assistant**

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Department of Psychology, Umeå University.

Recruitment of participants and data collection.

## Non-Academic Positions

April 2007 -

**Aug 2009      Heavy (Steel) Industry Worker**

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Plannja AB, Luleå.

Manufacturing of roof panels, sheet metal and roof protection, packaging of the finished products and some warehouse work including truck driving.

## Publications

### International peer-reviewed journals

1. Rosa, E., **Marsja**, E., & Ljungberg, J. K. (2020). Exploring Residual Capacity: The Effectiveness of a Vibrotactile Warning During Increasing Levels of Mental Workload in Simulated Flight Tasks. *Aviation Psychology and Applied Human Factors*, 10(1), 13–23. <https://doi.org/10.1027/2192-0923/a000180>
2. **Marsja**, E., Marsh, J.E., Hansson, P., & Neely, G. (2019). Examining the Role of Spatial Changes in Bimodal and Uni-Modal To-Be-Ignored Stimuli and How They Affect Short-Term Memory Processes. *Frontiers In Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00299>
3. **Marsja**, E., Neely, G., & Ljungberg, K.J. (2018). Investigating Deviance Distraction and the Impact of the Modality of the To-Be-Ignored Stimuli. *Experimental Psychology*, 65(2), 61–70. <http://doi.org/10.1027/1618-3169/a000390>

4. Ljungberg, K. J., Parmentier, F. B. R., Jones, D. M., **Marsja**, E., & Neely, G. (2014). "What's in a name?" "No more than when it's mine own". Evidence from auditory oddball distraction. *Acta Psychologica*, 150C, 161–166. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2014.05.009>

### **Publications In Preparation/Submitted/Under Revision**

1. Stenbäck, V., **Marsja**, E., Hällgren, M., Lyxell, B., & Larsby, B. (Submitted). The contribution of age, working memory capacity and inhibitory control on speech-recognition-in-noise in young, and older adult listeners.
2. Stenbäck, V., **Marsja**, Ellis, R., & Rönnberg, J. (Under Revision). Relationships between objective and subjective outcome measures of speech recognition in noise.
3. **Marsja**, E., Stenbäck, V., Moradi, S., Danielsson, H., & Rönnberg, J. (Manuscript in Preparation). Examining the Relationship Among Aging, Hearing, Cognitive Functioning, and Speech in Noise Performance using Structural Equation Modeling.
4. **Marsja**, E. Elbe, P., & Sörman, D.E. (Manuscript in Preparation). Examining the Factor Structure of the Swedish Translation of the Attentional Control Scale and it's relation to objective measures of attention.
5. Marsh, J.E., Vachon, F., Sörqvist, P., **Marsja**, E., Röer J.P., & Ljungberg, K.J. (Manuscript in Preparation). Irrelevant vibro-tactile stimuli produce a changing-state effect: Implications for theories of interference in short-term memory.
6. **Marsja**, E., Neely, G., & Ljungberg, K.J (Manuscript in Preparation). Deviance distraction in the auditory and tactile modalities after repeated exposure: differential aspects of tactile and auditory deviants.

### **Conference Presentations**

1. **Marsja**, E., Danielsson, H., Stenbäck, V., Moradi, S., Rönnberg, J. (2019, November). Examining how Cognitive Functioning, Aging, and Hearing Loss, Affect Speech-in-Noise Performance. Aging and Speech Communication conference, Tampa, Florida, USA. **Poster**.
2. Stenbäck, V., **Marsja**, E., Danielsson, H., Rönnberg, J. (2019, November). Logical and Auditory Inference Making: Performance in the HINT in normally-hearing and hearing-impaired listeners. Aging and Speech Communication conference, Tampa, Florida, USA. **Poster**.
3. Bampouni, E., **Marsja**, E., Sörman, D.E., & Ljungberg, K.J (2019, November). Do Action Gamers Have Enhanced Visual Search Skills? a Realistic Task Approach. The 15th SweCog conference of the Swedish Cognitive Science Society, Umeå, Sweden. **Poster**.
4. **Marsja**, E., Danielsson, H., Stenbäck, V., Moradi, S., & Rönnberg, J. (2019, June). Examining Relationship Amongst Cognition, Hearing Loss, Age, & Speech in Noise. Cognitive Hearing Science for Communication, Linköping, Sweden. **Poster**.
5. Stenbäck, V., Moradi, S., **Marsja**, E., Danielsson, H., & Rönnberg, J. (2019, June). Logical and auditory inference-making in normally-hearing and hearing-impaired listeners. Cognitive Hearing Science for Communication, Linköping, Sweden. **Poster**.
6. **Marsja**, E., Marsh, J.E., Neely G., Hansson P., & Ljungberg K.J. (2017, April). Domain-general or domain-specificity of the short-term memory: insights from a multisensory distraction paradigm. Re-thinking the Senses Spring School, Dubrovnik, Croatia. **Poster**.
7. **Marsja**, E., Marsh, J.E., Neely G., Hansson P., & Ljungberg K.J. (2016, September). Do Spatial Changes in Sounds and Vibrations Affect Visuo-spatial and Verbal Short-Term Memory?

Attention and Control: Insights from Distraction, Workshop, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK. **Invited Talk.**

8. **Marsja**, E., Marsh, J.E., Neely G., Hansson P., & Ljungberg K.J. (2016, June). Spatial Change in Multisensory Distractors Impact on Verbal and Spatial Short Term Memory. International Multisensory Research Forum 17<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Suzhou, CHN. **Oral presentation.**
9. **Marsja**, E., Neely G., Ma, L., & Ljungberg K.J., (2015, August). Cross-modality matches of intensity and attention capture dimensions of auditory and vibrotactile stimuli. Fechner Day 2015. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for Psychophysics, Québec, CA. **Poster.**
10. **Marsja**, E., Neely, G., Parmentier, F.B.R., & Ljungberg, K.J. (2014, October) Deviance Distraction Is Contingent on Stimuli Being Presented within the Same Modality. Psychonomic Society's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Long Beach, CA, USA. **Poster.**
11. Ljungberg, K.J., Parmentier, F.B.R., **Marsja**, E., Neely, & G. Jones, D., (2014, January). Any Tom, Dick, or Harry will do: Hearing one's own name distracts no more than any other in a cross-modal oddball task. Experimental Psychology Society Meeting. London, UK. **Poster.**
12. **Marsja**, E., Neely, G., Parmentier, F.B.R., & Ljungberg, K.J. (2013, October). Maintenance of the distractive effect of deviating vibrotactile stimuli in a cross-modal oddball paradigm. The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the International Society of Psychophysics, Freiburg, DE. **Poster.**

## Popular Science and Education-Related Articles

1. **Marsja**, E. (2016, July). Python Programming in Psychology – From Data Collection to Analysis. *JEPS Bulletin - The Official Blog of the Journal of European Psychology Students*. **Invited Blog Post.** Retrieved from <http://blog.efpsa.org/2016/07/12/python-programming-in-psychology-from-data-collection-to-analysis/>

## Funding and Grants

**6000 SEK** from the Department of Psychology, Umeå University, for participating in the Re-thinking the Senses Spring School, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 2017.

**15000 SEK** from Lars Hiertas Minnesfond for the project *Är korttidsminnet domän-generellt eller domän-specifikt? (Is short-term memory domain-general or domain specific?)*, 2016.

**12 000 SEK** from the Faculty of Social sciences, Umeå University, for participating in the workshop Attention and Control: Insights from Distraction, and visiting a researcher at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston, UK, 2016.

**8000 SEK** from the Department of Psychology, Umeå University, for participating the conference 17<sup>th</sup> International Multisensory Research Forum 15-18 June, Suzhou, China, 2016.

**10 000 SEK** from JC Kempes minnesfond for the project *Is everyday distractibility related to attention capture by vibrating deviants?*, 2014.

**9 000 SEK** from Knut och Alice Wallenbergs Stiftelse for participating in the conferences Psychonomic Society's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 20-23 November, and APCAM, 20 November, Long Beach, USA, 2014.

**6000 SEK** from the Department of Psychology for participating the conference Fechner Day 2013 (the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for Psychophysics) 21-25 October, Freiburg i.Br., Germany, 2013.

## Peer-reviewed for Journals:

- Journal of Cognitive Psychology
- Frontiers of Psychology
- Behavior Research Methods

## Skills & Training

### Training

2017 Spring School *Re-Thinking the Senses*, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, Croatia

### Teaching

Primarily in:

- Research Methods & Statistical Methods
- Cognitive Psychology (attention, perception, & working memory)
- Applied Cognitive Psychology (attention and perception)

The majority of lectures, seminars, lab demonstrations, supervision of group project (both involving empirical and applied projects) and supervision of thesis' have been given at the Department of Psychology Umeå University, Sweden (2014 - 2017). I have also held lectures, seminars, and supervised projects and thesis' at the Department of Behavioral Science and Learning and Department of Computer and Information Science, Linköping University (2019 - ). At Umeå University and Linköping University, I have so far taught 950 and 550 clock hours, respectively.

### Supervision of Bachelor Students (Undergraduate Level)

- Lindberg, F. (2020). Department of Computer and Information Science, Linköping University. "Hur ungas attityder kring hörselnedsättningar orsakade av fritidsbuller påverkas av deras koppling till sitt framtida jag." (How young people's attitudes to hearing impairments caused by leisure noise are affected by their connection to their future selves.) Bachelor's Thesis in Cognitive Science (18 ECTS). *Main supervisor*
- Dahlgren, S. (2020). Department of Computer and Information Science, Linköping University. "Self-determination perceived by users in support services pursuant to LSS - An analysis on a municipal level. Bachelor's Thesis in Cognitive Science (18 EcTS). *Main supervisor*
- Rombo, A. (2020). Department of Computer and Information Science, Linköping University. "The association between cognition and speech-in-noise perception - Investigating the link between speech-in-noise perception and fluid intelligence in people with and without hearing loss." Bachelor's Thesis in Cognitive Science (18 ECTS). *Main supervisor*

### Supervision of Master Students (Graduate Level)

- Carlbring, J. (2020) Department of Computer and Information Science, Linköping University. "Inclusive Design for Mobile Devices with WCAG and Attentional Resources in Mind." Master's Thesis in Cognitive Science (30 ECTS). *Main supervisor*
- Ma, L. (2015). Department of Psychology, Umeå University. "Cross-Modal Matching of Distractibility in Auditory and Tactile Stimuli". Master's Thesis in Cognitive Science (15 ECTS). *Co-supervisor*
- Blide, M. (2014). Department of Psychology, Umeå University. "Att orka lämna ett misshandelsförhållande: Anknytningsens betydelse (To cope leaving abusive relationships: The importance of attachment). Master's Thesis in Clinical Psychology (30 ECTS). *Co-supervisor*

## Teaching Workshops

Oct 2018      **R Workshop "Step-by-Step"**

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Department of Psychology, Umeå University.

An introduction to R statistical programming language - presented to senior researchers with a focus on basic programming and the R environment.

## Additional skills

- Extensive knowledge in statistical software such as SPSS, JASP, Jamovi, and R statistical programming environment
- Strong scripting skills in Python (v2.7.x & v3.x.x) and R
- Substantial skills in programming and performing experiments using both E-prime and Python (i.e., PsychoPy, OpenSesame, & Expyriment)
- Good skills in Microsoft Word and Excel
- Basic programming skills in Visual Basic, E-basic (E-prime), MATLAB, Bash, JavaScript, and PHP
- Basic skills in Markdown (e.g., RMarkdown) and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## Responsibilities

- Elected chairperson of the Ph.D. students Council of the Department of Psychology, Umeå University.