

CURRICULUM VITAE

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine



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DEMOGRAPHIC AND PERSONAL INFORMATION**Current Appointments**

- 2015-present Research Scientist, Center for Neurodevelopmental and Imaging Research, Kennedy Krieger Institute
 2016-present Affiliated Faculty, Wendy Klag Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
 2017-present Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

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Education and Training

- 1998-2002 B.S.E., Biomedical Engineering, Duke University, Durham, NC
 Research Advisor: Roger Nightingale
 2005-2010 Ph.D., Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of North Carolina & North Carolina State University, Chapel Hill, NC
 Dissertation: Functional imaging of central mechanisms underlying human pain perception
 Advisors: Gregory Essick & Mark Tommerdahl
 2010-2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Neurology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
 Focus: Neuorimaging and behavioral methods for investigating sensorimotor deficits in autism
 Advisor: Stewart Mostofsky

Professional Experience

- 2002-2003 Data Technician, Department of Psychiatry, Washington University School of Medicine
 2003-2005 Associate in Research, Duke-UNC Brain Imaging and Analysis Center, Duke University
 2010-2013 Junior Contract Editor, American Journal Experts
 2015-2016 Instructor, Department of Neurology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

PUBLICATIONS:**Original Research [OR]**

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Role: Prepared Kennedy Krieger's contribution to the data exchange and contributed to the critical revision of the manuscript
- [9] **Nebel MB**, Joel SE, Muschelli J, Barber A, Caffo B, Pekar JJ, Mostofsky S. Disruption of functional organization within the primary motor cortex in children with autism. *Human Brain Mapping*. 2014; 35:567-580.
- [10] *Muschelli J, **Nebel MB**, Caffo B, Barber A, Pekar JJ, Mostofsky S. Reduction of motion-related artifacts in resting state fMRI using aCompCor. *NeuroImage*. 2014; 96:22-35, 2014.
Role: *contributed equally to all aspects of the manuscript; +corresponding author
- [11] Lindquist M, Xu Y, **Nebel MB**, Caffo B. Evaluating dynamic bivariate correlations in resting-state fMRI: A comparison study and a new approach. *NeuroImage*. 2014; 101:531-46.
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- [2] D'Souza NS, **Nebel MB**, Wymbs N, Mostofsky S, Venkataraman A. A Generative-Discriminative Basis Learning Framework to Predict Clinical Severity from Resting State Functional MRI Data. In *International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention*, pp. 163-171. Springer, Cham, 2018.

FUNDING

EXTRAMURAL Funding

Current:

05/13/16-04/30/2021 Visual Motor Development in Infants at High Risk for Autism

K01 MH109766-01

National Institute of Mental Health

Role: P.I. 100% (12.00 calendar)

This study will investigate developmental patterns of behavior and brain function hypothesized to contribute to impaired acquisition of skills necessary for normal motor and social-communicative development in autism. This work is expected to contribute to a more nuanced understanding of the neurodevelopmental pathways that lead to a diagnosis of autism.

07/01/18-06/30/21 CRCNS Research Proposal: Collaborative Research: Discovering Network Structure in the Space of Group-Level Functional Differences
#1822581

National Science Foundation

Role: Co-Investigator; 4.16% (0.50 calendar)

The goal of this project is to discover and characterize brain network architectures in the space of group-level functional differences. This strategy mimics our growing perception of complex neurological disorders as system-level dysfunctions, rather than a collection of isolated effects. We will strategically leverage patient heterogeneity to guide network estimation in three clinical test beds: autism, ADHD, and schizophrenia. ****Please note, in years 1-2, and approximately 10 months of the 3rd year, Dr. Nebel's effort and funding support for this project will be subsumed under her K01 grant award #K01 MH109766.***

02/01/2019-11/30/22 Bayesian Methods for Cortical Surface Neuroimaging Data
R01 EB027119

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

P.I. Mejia

Role: Co-Investigator; 15% (1.8 calendar)

This project will develop advanced statistical methods for cortical surface functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) data, with a focus on computationally efficient Bayesian techniques. Compared with traditional volumetric fMRI, cortical surface fMRI offers superior alignment of subjects' cortical areas and more meaningful spatial modeling through neurologically relevant geodesic distances along the cortical surface. We will apply the proposed methods to study brain-behavior relationships in autism and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. ****Please note, for the first 2 years, Dr. Nebel's effort and funding support for this project will be subsumed under her K01 grant award #K01 MH109766.***

Completed:

07/01/15-06/30/16 Statistical Methods for Large N and P Problems
R01 EB012547

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

P.I.: Caffo

Role: Co-Investigator; 25% (3.00 calendar)

The goal of this project is to tailor model-based independent component blind source separation methods to investigate brain-behavior relationships in large, multi-site fMRI data sets from various patient populations, including autism.

07/01/15-04/30/16 Statistical Methods for Mapping Human Brain Development
R01 MH095836

National Institute of Mental Health

P.I.: Reiss

Role: Co-Investigator; 25% (3.00 calendar)

The goal of this project is to develop new statistical methods to compare trajectories of the functional organization of the brain in typically developing children and children with neurodevelopmental disorders, namely autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

07/01/15-04/30/16 Adolescent Changes in Brain and Behavior in Boys and Girls with ADHD
2 R01 MH085328-10A1

National Institute of Mental Health

P.I.: Mostofsky

Role: Research Scientist; 32% (3.84 calendar)

The goal of this project is to examine developmental changes in brain structure and behavior in girls and boys with ADHD and to examine the impact of these changes on adolescent mental health and other functional outcomes. The findings will help identify risk factors in children with ADHD and could thereby lead to prevention efforts and improved outcomes for children with ADHD.

11/01/12-10/31/14 Understanding the Brain Basis of Impaired Imitation Learning in Autism
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Autism Speaks

Role: P.I.; 100% (12 calendar)

The goal of this project is to compare the influence of visual and proprioceptive input on imitation learning in school-age children with autism and to identify patterns of brain connectivity that are related to autism-associated impairments in imitation.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teaching

Classroom instruction

2007 (Fall) Co-Instructor, Ethics for Biomedical Graduate Students, UNC Chapel Hill
2011 (Spring) Writing Mentor, Undergraduate, The Science of Staying in Shape, Duke University
2013 (Spring) Writing Mentor, Undergraduate, Current Research in Neuroscience, Duke University
2014 (Fall) Writing Mentor, Undergraduate, Engineering Innovation, Duke University
2015 (Spring) Writing Mentor, Undergraduate, Visual Perception and the Brain, Duke University
2017 (Fall) Guest Lecturer, Undergraduate, Applied Linear Regression, Indiana University
2018 (Fall) Guest Lecturer, Undergraduate, Applied Linear Regression, Indiana University

CME instruction

JHMI/Regional

2016 (Fall) Guest Lecturer for Pediatric Radiology Housestaff, Multidisciplinary Updates in Pediatric Radiology, “Investigating the brain-basis of motor deficits in autism using functional magnetic resonance imaging”, Johns Hopkins University

Workshops /seminars

JHMI/Regional

2014 (Fall) Guest Lecturer, Clinical Neurosciences Conference Series, “Visuomotor functional connectivity in autism”, Johns Hopkins University
2015 (Winter) Guest Lecturer for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows, “Neurobiology of Autism”, Johns Hopkins University

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research Focus

I am a biomedical engineer with specific training and expertise in imaging science and sensory-motor neuroscience. My research is focused on using large neuroimaging and video-based data sets to study how children learn to dynamically interpret sensory information to produce appropriate actions and how this process is disrupted in children with neurodevelopmental disorders, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). I have 14 years of experience collecting, processing and analyzing structural and functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) data from healthy young adults, typically developing children and various adult and pediatric patient populations. I am also experienced in the development and implementation of task-based functional MRI measures of multisensory integration and visuomotor learning. In recent years, I have focused on developing innovative and reliable functional connectivity-based parcellation methods to study brain organization. Using these methods, we have demonstrated that abnormalities in the functional segregation of limb control within the motor system and in the intrinsic synchronization between motor and visual systems are related to the severity of social deficits in school-age children with ASD. As part of my NIMH funded Career

Development Award (K01 MH109766-01), I am extending these findings to study the longitudinal development of visual-motor synchronization and hand-eye coordination in infants at high risk for ASD to determine whether the abnormalities observed in school-age children come online before or after symptom onset. I am also collaborating with others in the department to develop movement-based intervention methods for enhancing visual-motor connectivity necessary for imitating and learning from the actions of others.

Research Program Building / Leadership

2000-2002	Research Assistant, Orthopaedic and Injury Biomechanics Lab, Duke University
2002-2003	Data Technician, Department of Psychiatry, Washington University School of Medicine
2003-2005	Associate in Research, Duke-UNC Brain Imaging and Analysis Center, Duke University
2005-2008	Graduate Research Assistant, Michael W. Krzyzewski Human Performance Lab, Duke University

Technology Transfer Activities

2009-2010	Graduate Student Intern, Office of Technology Development, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Performed prior art searches and assessed commercialization potential of medical device/diagnostic technology developed at UNC.
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SYSTEM INNOVATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES Not Applicable

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Institutional Administrative Appointments

2016	Reviewer, K-to-R Transition Program Specific Aims Speed Critique Session
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Journal peer review activities

2010-present	Biological Psychiatry, Ad-hoc Reviewer
2010-present	Cerebral Cortex, Ad-hoc Reviewer
2010-present	Journal of Neuroscience, Ad-hoc Reviewer
2013-present	NeuroImage, Ad-hoc Reviewer
2015-present	Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience, Review Editor

Professional Societies

2013-present	Society for Neuroscience, Member
2013-present	International Society for Autism Research, Member
2014-present	Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Member

RECOGNITION *(in chronological order, earliest first by start date under each subcategory)*

Awards, Honors

2002	Mary Beth Nebel Award, Duke University Division I Rowing Team Given annually to the varsity rower who best personifies persistence, leadership & resolve
2008	UNC School of Dentistry Table Clinics Basic Science Research Award
2012	ADHD-200 Global Prediction Competition Winning Team Contributed to the development of the Johns Hopkins Team's winning algorithm for classifying children as typically developing or having ADHD using demographic and neuroimaging information
2013	International Society for Autism Research Travel Award to San Sebastian, Spain

Invited Talks

JHMI/Regional

Nov 2014	Speaker, JHU Department of Biostatistics and The Wendy Klag Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Joint Grand Rounds, "Investigating the Brain Basis of Motor Deficits in Autism: SMART-KKI Collaborations," Baltimore, MD
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National

May 2015	Speaker, NYU Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Lectures on Analysis of Neuroimaging Data, "Investigating the Brain Basis of Motor Deficits in Autism," New York, NY
June 2017	Speaker, Statistical Methods in Imaging Conference, "Making Motor Connectivity Great Again," Pittsburgh, PA

Nov 2017	Speaker, Infant Brain Imaging Study Annual Meeting, “Examining the emergence of visually guided reaching/grasping in infants at high risk for autism,” New York, NY
July 2018	Speaker, Emory University Center for Biomedical Imaging Statistics, “Communication is hard or why I study motor coordination in autism,” Atlanta, GA
Nov 2018	Speaker, University of Virginia Department of Psychology, “Communication is hard or why I study motor coordination in autism,” Charlottesville, VA

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Oral/Podium Presentations

Nebel MB, Folger S, Tommerdahl M, Hollins M, McGlone F, Essick G. *Modulation of tactile responsiveness in somatosensory cortex by noxious heat: Implications for TMD*. 5th Scientific Meeting of the TMJ Association, Bethesda, MD, June 2008.

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Nebel MB, Eloyan A, Nettles C, Sweeney K, Ament K, Ward R, Choe AS, Barber AD, Caffo BS, Pekar JJ, Mostofsky SH. *Visual-Motor Connectivity Relates to Autism Trait Severity*. 23rd Scientific Meeting and Exhibition, ISMRM, Milan, Italy, May 2014.

Barber A, Choe AS, Cohen J, **Nebel MB**, Xu Y, Lindquist MA. *Evaluating the Reproducibility of Dynamic Connectivity in fMRI*. IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, Brooklyn, NY, April 2015 [Dr. Lindquist gave the talk].

Floris DL, Barber AD, **Nebel MB**, Mostofsky SH. *Atypical Lateralization of Motor Circuit Connectivity in Children with High-Functioning Autism Is Associated with Motor Deficits*. IMFAR, Salt Lake City, UT, May 2015 [Dr. Floris gave the talk].

Community Services

2011-2013	High School Student Mentor & Teacher Liaison Committee Member, Thread (formerly the Incentive Mentoring Program)
2016-present	Back on My Feet Baltimore , an organization that combats homelessness through the power of running, community support, and essential employment and housing resources, Core Volunteer
2017	Baltimore Point-In-Time Homeless Street Count Volunteer