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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience , Washington University in St. Louis (<i>WUSTL</i>)	2017–2023
B.A.s in Psychology and Zoology , University of Wisconsin–Madison	2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral Fellow , <i>Brown University, Cognitive, Linguistic, & Psychological Sciences</i> (PI: Dr. David Badre)	2023–Present
Graduate Student Researcher , <i>WUSTL, Psychological & Brain Sciences</i> (PI: Dr. Todd Braver)	2017–2023
Research Assistant , <i>Johns Hopkins University, Neurology</i> (PI: Dr. Nazbanou Nozari)	2014–2017
Undergraduate Research Assistant , <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison, Psychology</i> (PI: Dr. Bradley Postle)	2011–2013
Undergraduate Research Assistant , <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison, Harlow Primate Laboratory</i>	2012

PUBLICATIONS

2024 Freund, MC and Braver, TS Neurocomputational Models of Task Representation	<i>The SAGE Handbook of Cognitive and Systems Neuroscience</i>
Etzel, JA, Brough, RE, Freund, MC , ..., Braver, TS The Dual Mechanisms of Cognitive Control dataset, a theoretically-guided within-subject task fMRI battery	<i>Scientific Data</i>
2021 Braver, TS, Kizner, A, Tang, R, Freund, MC , Etzel, JA The Dual Mechanisms of Cognitive Control Project	<i>Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience</i>
Freund, MC , Etzel, JA, Braver, TS Neural coding of cognitive control: The representational similarity analysis approach	<i>Trends in Cognitive Sciences</i>
Freund, MC , Bugg, JM, Braver, TS A Representational Similarity Analysis of Cognitive Control during Color-Word Stroop	<i>Journal of Neuroscience</i>
2018 Freund, MC and Nozari, N Is adaptive control in language production mediated by learning?	<i>Cognition</i>
2016 Nozari, N, Freund MC , Breining, B, Rapp, B & Gordon, B. Cognitive control during selection and repair in word production	<i>Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience</i>

INVITED AND SYMPOSIA TALKS

2022 Freund, MC and Braver, TS <i>[Nanosymposium Talk]</i> Searching for the neural correlates of history-driven control with EEG decoding	<i>Society for Neuroscience (San Diego, CA)</i>
Freund, MC and Braver, TS <i>[Datablitz talk]</i> Examining the psychometrics of control-related fMRI activity in frontoparietal cortex	<i>Control Processes (remote conference)</i>
Freund, MC <i>[Invited tutorial]</i> An Introduction to Representational Similarity Analysis (with Examples in Cognitive Control)	<i>Arizona State University Psych. Dept. (remote)</i>
2019 Freund, MC , Braver, TS <i>[Datablitz talk]</i> A pattern-similarity analysis approach to cognitive control in color-word Stroop	<i>Cognitive Neuroscience Society (San Francisco, CA)</i>
2016 Freund, MC and Nozari, N <i>[Talk]</i> Online regulation of language production	<i>Psychonomics (Boston, MA)</i>
Freund, MC and Nozari, N <i>[Talk]</i> Conflict-based regulation of control in language production	<i>Cognitive Science Society (Philadelphia, PA)</i>

SELECTED POSTERS

2022 Org. Human Brain Mapping (Glasgow, UK): Studying neural representations that support flexible distractor resistance

2020 Org. Human Brain Mapping (remote): *A pattern-similarity analysis approach to cognitive control in color-word Stroop*

2016 International Workshop on Language Production (La Jolla, CA): *Domain-specific control in language production*

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dissertation Research Award Winner

2021

\$1k awarded towards dissertation project by WUSTL Psychology & Brain Sciences Department

T32 Fellow

2021-2022

Graduate stipend funded by NIH T32 Award (WUSTL Psychology & Brain Sciences)

Cognitive, Computational, and Systems Neuroscience Pathway Fellow

2018–2019, 2020-2021

Graduate stipend funded by the McDonnell Center for Systems Neuroscience (WUSTL)

SERVICE AND MENTORSHIP

Undergraduate Student Mentorship

- Kevin Kotzbauer (Soph., Comp. Eng., WUSTL) 2022
- John Hanrahan (Jr., Psych., Neuro., & Philos.) 2022
- Robert Kimelman (Jr., Math, WUSTL) 2020
- Nicole Costales (Soph., Comp. Eng., WUSTL) 2020
- Matt Witzerman (Jr., Comp. Eng., WUSTL) 2019-2020

Ad hoc reviewer

2019–Present

- eLife (2); Journal of Neuroscience (1); Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience (1); Neuroimage (1, pre-2023); Cerebral Cortex (1); Psychological Review (1); Frontiers in Neuroimaging (1); Human Brain Mapping (2); Psychonomic Bulletin & Review (2); Perspectives on Psychological Science (1)

Amazing Brain Carnival

Fall 2017–2023

'Cadaver brain' exhibit leader

STL, MO

- Lead members of public (all ages) through hands-on tours of gross human neuroanatomy.

Peer-Mentor Program, UW–Madison Psychology Dept.

Fall 2013

Mentor

Madison, WI

- Assisted nine freshman in designing curricula, pursuing research opportunities, and exploring interests in psychology and neuroscience through regular individual and group meetings.

TEACHING

Hierarchical Linear Models

Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant

WUSTL

- On hierarchical (i.e., mixed-effect, multi-level) modeling; theory and implementation in R

Select Topics in Statistics

Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant

WUSTL

- On generalized linear models, resampling (permutation, bootstrap) methods, imputation, G-theory, item-response theory

COMPUTATIONAL AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Math and statistics

advanced Linear & Hierarchical Models, Modern Multivariate Statistics, **introductory** Linear Algebra, Calculus

Languages, development

fluent in R (base, tidyverse, data.table), **intermediate** in Python (NumPy, Scikit-learn, pandas), MATLAB, shell, git, **novice** in Julia, C++

Neural data analysis

tools AFNI, fMRIPrep, Nipy (nipy, nibabel, Nilearn), BrainIAK, MNE, **techniques** multivariate analysis of EEG and fMRI (decoding, encoding, RSA), fMRI timeseries models, ERP and EEG time-frequency analysis

Report generation

knitr/Sweave/RMarkdown, Jupyter, \LaTeX