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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuroscience, Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL) Cognitive, Computational, and Systems Neuroscience and Quantitative Data Analysis tracks B.A.s in Psychology and Zoology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison) 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Post-Doctoral Associate, Brown University, Cogn., Ling. & Psych. Sciences (Pl: Dr. David Badre)	2023-Present
Graduate Student Researcher, WUSTL, Psychological & Brain Sciences (Pl: Dr. Todd Braver)	2017–2023
Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins University, Neurology (Pl: Dr. Nazbanou Nozari)	2014–2017
Undergraduate Research Assistant, UW-Madison, Psychology (Pl: Dr. Bradley Postle)	2011–2013
Undergraduate Research Assistant, UW-Madison, Harlow Primate Laboratory	2012

PUBLICATIONS

2024 Freund, MC and Braver, TS The SAGE Handbook of Cognitive and Systems Neuroscience Neurocomputational Models of Task Representation (Ch. 29)

Etzel, JA, Brough, RE, Freund, MC, ..., Braver, TS

Scientific Data

Cognition

2017-2023

The Dual Mechanisms of Cognitive Control dataset, a theoretically-guided within-subject task fMRI battery

2021 Braver, TS, Kizner, A, Tang, R, Freund, MC, Etzel, JA The Dual Mechanisms of Cognitive Control Project

Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience

Neural coding of cognitive control: The representational similarity analysis approach

Freund, MC, Bugg, JM, Braver, TS A Representational Similarity Analysis of Cognitive Control during Color-Word Stroop Journal of Neuroscience

Trends in Cognitive Sciences

2018 Freund, MC and Nozari, N

Is adaptive control in language production mediated by learning?

2016 Nozari, N, Freund MC, Breining, B, Rapp, B & Gordon, B. Cognitive control during selection and repair in word production Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience

TALKS

2022 Freund, MC and Braver, TS

Society for Neuroscience (San Diego, CA)

[Nanosymposium talk] Searching for the neural correlates of history-driven control with EEG decoding

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Freund, MC, Etzel, JA, Braver, TS

Control Processes (remote conference)

[Datablitz] Examining the psychometrics of control-related fMRI activity in frontoparietal cortex

Freund, MC Arizona State University Psych. Dept. (remote)

[Invited tutorial] An Introduction to Representational Similarity Analysis (with Examples in Cognitive Control)

2019 Freund, MC, Braver, TS

Cognitive Neuroscience Society (San Francisco, CA)

[Accepted datablitz] A pattern-similarity analysis approach to cognitive control in color-word Stroop

2016 Freund, MC and Nozari, N

Psychonomics (Boston, MA)

[Accepted talk] Online regulation of language production

Freund, MC and Nozari, N [Accepted talk] Conflict-based regulation of control in language production Cognitive Science Society (Philadelphia, PA)

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 Psychological & Brain Sciences Department

T32 Fellow 2021–2022

Graduate stipend funded by NIH T32 Award to WUSTL Psychological & Brain Sciences

Cognitive, Computational, and Systems Neuroscience Pathway Fellow

2018–2019, 2020–2021

Graduate stipend funded by the McDonnell Center for Systems Neuroscience at WUSTL

SERVICE AND MENTORSHIP

Undergraduate Student Mentorship

· Kate Scanlan (Soph., Neuroscience, Brown)

2023-Present

· Rowen Lee (Soph., Neuroscience, Brown)

2023-Present

· Avery Schwartz (Sr., Psychology, Neuroscience, & Philosophy, WUSTL)

2021–2022

· Kevin Kotzbauer (Soph., Comp. Eng., WUSTL)

2022

· John Hanrahan (Jr., Psych., Neuro., & Philos.)

2022

Robert Kimelman (Jr., Math, WUSTL)
Nicole Costales (Soph., Comp. Eng., WUSTL)

2020 2020

Matt Witzerman (Jr., Comp. Eng., WUSTL)

2019-2020

Peer Reviewer 2019–Present

eLife (3); Journal of Neuroscience (1); Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience (1); Neuroimage (1, pre-2023); Cerebral Cortex (1); Psychological Review (2); Frontiers in Neuroimaging (1); Human Brain Mapping (2); Psychonomic Bulletin & Review (2); Perspectives on Psychological Science (1)

Cognitive, Computational, and Systems Neuroscience Pathway

Retreat Planning Committee Member

2020-2022

WUSTL

· Invited speakers for and led activities during a yearly research retreat.

Amazing Brain Carnival Fall 2017–2023

'Cadaver brain' exhibit leader

STL, MO

Fall 2019

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

Peer-Mentor Program Fall 2013

Mentor

UW-Madison Psychology

· 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

Teaching Assistant WUSTL

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

Select Topics in Statistics

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2019

WUSTL

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

COMPUTATIONAL AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Math and statistics

Algebra, Calculus introductory Topology, Dynamical Systems, Recurrent Neural Networks

advanced R (base, tidyverse, data.table), intermediate Python (NumPy, Scikit-learn, pandas),

MATLAB, shell, git, novice Julia, C++

tools AFNI, fMRIprep, Nipy (nipype, nibabel, nilearn), BrainIAK, MNE, techniques multivariate

analysis of EEG and fMRI (decoding, encoding, RSA), fMRI timeseries models, ERP and EEG time-frequency analysis