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- Investigated mice models of autism spectrum disorder with neuroimmunological and behavioral neuroscience techniques with a focus on maternal immune asthma using social approach tasks in BTBR and C57 mice.

University of Pennsylvania,

Summer 2015

Undergraduate Research Fellow, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience

- Under supervision of **Dr Anjan Chatterjee**
- In collaboration with **Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania** and **Center for Human Appearance**, conducted an independent research project on the social responses to facial appearance, specifically focusing on craniofacial disfigurement.
- Constructed corpus of images of patients who underwent reconstructive surgeries, experimental design via Qualtrics, data collection via Amazon Mechanical Turk and data visualization
 - Recipient of Harap Fund Grant for Independent Research

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	[5] Jamrozik, A.; Oraa Ali, M. ; Sarwer, D. & Chatterjee, A.(2017). More than skin deep: Judgments of individuals with facial disfigurement. <i>Journal of Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity and the Arts</i> .	
	[6] Rubio-Fernandez, P.; Mollica, F.; Oraa Ali, M. & Gibson, E.A.(2018) How do you know that? Automatic belief inferences in passing conversation. <i>Submitted; in review</i> .	
PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION	[7] Oraa Ali, M. ; Fitzroy, A.B. & Breen, M.(2018) Prosody, Poetry and Processing: ERP Evidence for Rhythmic Structure in Silent Reading. <i>Manuscript in preparation</i> .	
AWARDS	[1] Diversity Enhancement Award , 43rd Boston University Conference on Language Development.	2018
	[2] Student Travel Award , 31st CUNY Sentence Processing Conference.	2018
	[3] Finalist, Hacking Arts Hackathon , MIT Media Lab	2016
	[4] Robert Frances Award (Outstanding Student Research Contribution) International Association of Empirical Aesthetics, Vienna, Austria	2016
	[5] NIDCR Building Bridges Travel Award , National Institute of Health	2016
	[6] Student Caucus Travel Award , Association of Psychological Science	2016
	[7] Most Interdisciplinary Project: MuSyC , Hampshire Hackathon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across themes of Brain & Development, Artificial Intelligence, Life Hacks and Environment. 	2016
	Mount Holyoke College:	
	[8] Sue Barry Award , <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded to one graduating senior every year for demonstrating "<i>vision, joy and curiosity</i>" in the pursuit of research in science. 	2017
	[9] Phi Beta Kappa	2017
	[10] Mary Lyon Scholar	2017
	[11] Academic Excellence Award , Neuroscience & Behavior	2017, 2016
	[12] President and Dean of College Fund	2016

GRANTS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

- Five College Digital Humanities**, Five College Consortium & The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- [13] **Five College Digital Humanities Student Fellowship** 2016-17
 - [14] **Five College Digital Humanities Summer Student Fellowship** 2016
 - [15] **Five College Digital Humanities Microgrant** 2016
- Mount Holyoke College**
- [16] **Harap Fund Grant for Independent Research** 2016, 2017, (2018 x 2)
 - For pursuit of independent research and travel (*four time recipient*).
 - [17] **21st Century Scholarship for Academic Excellence** 2013-17
 - [18] **MakerSpace Grant** 2016 x 2
 - For the development of MuSyC (*two time recipient*).
 - [19] **Laurel Fellowship** 2015-16
 - For pursuit of study in *Cognitive Neuroscience and Evolutionary Biopoetics* at the **University of Maastricht, The Netherlands** [*Declined due to pursuit of on-campus research opportunities*]
 - [20] **LYNK-UAF Grant - Pursuit of Scientific Research** 2015
 - For pursuit of independent research anywhere of one's choosing.

CONFERENCE
TALKS

Presenting Author Indicated with *

- [1] **Oraa Ali, M.**, Fitzroy, A.B., & *Breen, M. Prosody, Poetry and Processing: ERP Evidence for Hierarchical Metrical Structure in Silent Reading. *15th International Conference on Music Perception and Cognition and 10th triennial conference of the European Society for the Cognitive Sciences of Music*. Montreal, Canada. 23-28 July 2018.
- [2] **Oraa Ali, M.**, Fitzroy, A.B., & *Breen, M. Prosody, Poetry and Processing: ERP Evidence for Rhythmic Structure in Silent Reading. *31st CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, University of California, Davis, CA. 15-17 March 2018.
- [3] ***Oraa Ali, M.**; McCune, C.; Sano, K. MuSyC: Music, Synaesthesia, Colour. *Art and Science symposium at the 24th Conference of the International Association of Empirical Aesthetics*. Universitat Wien, Vienna, Austria. 29 August - 1 September 2016.

CONFERENCE
POSTERS

- [4] *Rubio-Fernandez, P.; ***Oraa Ali, M.**, & Gibson, E.A. Epistemic inferences in passing conversation: Pragmatics as a test of Theory of Mind accounts. *31st CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. University of California, Davis, USA. 15-17 March 2018.
- [5] ***Oraa Ali, M.**; Fitzroy, A.B. & Breen, M. Prosody, Poetry and Processing: ERP Evidence for Rhythmic Structure in Silent Reading. *11th Cornell Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium*. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. 29-30 April 2017. [*absent due to illness*]
- [6] ***Oraa Ali, M.**; Jamrozik, A.; Sarwer, D. & Chatterjee, A. Interpersonal judgments of individuals with facial disfigurement before & after treatment. *24th Conference of the International Association of Empirical Aesthetics*. Universitat Wien, Austria. 29 August - 1 September 2016.
 - Recipient, **Robert Frances Award** and **Third Best Poster prize**.

- [7] ***Oraa Ali, M.** & Huston, S.J. Behavioral Effects of Single Visual Neuron Stimulation. *Janelia Research Symposium, Janelia Research Center*, Ashburn, VA. 3 August 2016.
- [8] ***Oraa Ali, M.**; Jamrozik, A.; Sarwer, D. & Chatterjee, A. Interpersonal judgments of individuals with facial disfigurement before and after treatment. *28th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science*. Chicago, IL. 26-29 May 2016.
 – Winner, **Building Bridges Poster Award**, National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research, National Institute of Health, USA.
- [9] ***Oraa Ali, M.**; Jamrozik, A.; Sarwer, D. & Chatterjee, A. Interpersonal judgments of individuals with facial disfigurement before and after treatment. *Northeast Undergraduate Research on Neuroscience (NEURON)*. Quinnipiac University, CT, UAA. 28 February 2016.
- [10] ***Nanda, P.**;Emerson, F.;Schwartz, A.;**Oraa Ali, M.**; Steffens, E. & Schwartz J.J. Maternal Immune Activation & Social Cognition: A model for environment effects on the development of social behavioral deficits in autism spectrum disorders.*Northeast Undergraduate Research on Neuroscience (NEURON)*. Quinnipiac University, CT, USA. 22 February 2015.
- DEMOS [11] ***Oraa Ali, M.** MuSyC: Music, Synaesthesia and Art. *4th Digital Humanities Symposium and Fellows Showcase*, Five College Digital Humanities, Amherst College, MA, USA. 6 May 2017.
- [12] ***Oraa Ali, M.** MuSyC: Music, Synaesthesia, Color. *Remixing Senses, Tech Expo, Hacking Arts Conference*, MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA, USA. 19 November 2016.
- [13] ***Oraa Ali, M.** MuSyC: Integrating Art and Science. *3rd Digital Humanities Symposium and Fellows Showcase*, Five College Digital Humanities, Amherst College, MA, USA. 30 April 2017.

TEACHING

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

- [1] **Teaching Assistant, Visual Culture of Protest** Spring 2017
English, Africana Studies and Critical Social Thought
- Provided technical and research support for advanced seminar of 27 students.
 - Facilitated discussion about visual archives of protest and revolution from second half of the 20th century.
 - Responsible for curating content for course related social media and outreach.
- [2] **Laboratory Teaching Assistant, Cell Biology** Spring 2016
Biological Sciences
- Taught scientific techniques such as epifluorescence microscopy, protein purification and polymer chain reaction to group of 50 students.
- [3] **Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Psychology** 2014-15
Psychology & Education
- Taught fundamental statistical concepts and SPSS, and provided academic support to a class of 72 students.
- [4] **Tutor, Introduction to Neuroscience & Behavior** 2014-15
Neuroscience & Behavior
- Provided one on one tutoring for students in introductory neuroscience course.

SERVICE	[1] Judge, Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair , MIT 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluated projects of high school students in the theme of Behavioral Science.
	[2] Student Liaison, Neuroscience & Behavior , Mount Holyoke College 2016-17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided mentorship to peers about pursuing research in neuroscience, course planning and academic strategies.
	[3] Student Resource, AccessAbility Services , Mount Holyoke College 2014-17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided peer academic support for students in AccessAbility Services for several courses: Organic Chemistry, Research Methods in Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Evolution and Neurobiology.
	[4] Mentor, Mount Holyoke Girls in Technology Conference 2017
NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer. MHCGIT invites high school girls from all over Massachusetts to a one-day immersive experience, as they learn more about technology and its pervasiveness in almost every field. Through hands-on workshops, talks, bonding, and mentorship, it aims to break stereotypes, and highlight the importance of women in tech-related fields. (<i>absent due to illness</i>)
	[5] Zine Coordinator, OUTreach , Mount Holyoke College 2015-16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curated the 3rd annual Gender & Sexuality Zine "<i>What is Pride?</i>" [PDF] Facilitated panel about experiences of queer international students at the first Mount Holyoke Queer Alum conference. Helped organize events about intersectional feminism, activism and inter-group solidarity and provide support for LGBT students on campus.
	[6] Co-President, Neuroscience Student Forum , Mount Holyoke College 2015-16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helped student-led journal club to discuss different topics in neuroscience. Curated a collaborative neuroscience related art exhibition for Brain Awareness week entitled: "<i>Synapse: Bridging the Gap Between Art and Science</i>".
	[7] Volunteer Presenter, The Franklin Institute , Philadelphia, PA 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcased eye tracker technology in the perception of visual art at <i>Science After Hours</i> event in "ART + SCIENCE".
	[1] Archives & Special Collections , Mount Holyoke College, USA 2015-17
	<i>Student Archivist</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curated an exhibition for the 40th anniversary of LGBTQ college organizations and in honor of the "The Astronomer". Catalogued the feminist zine collection followed by digital data visualization.
	[2] Science & Technology, Deccan Chronicle , India 2011-13
	<i>Journalist</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrote articles about the representation of women, LGBTQ and disabled individuals for a weekly segment for a national newspaper.
	[3] Freelance Illustrator 2006-Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Illustrated literary journals, designed covers for programs & magazines, created logos for organizations and fundraising events.
OTHER INDEPENDENT PROJECTS	[1] Radio DJ and Sound Engineer 2014-Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DJ and Engineer for 4 seasons on WMBR 88.1 FM, Cambridge, MA DJ for 7 seasons on WMHC 91.5 FM, South Hadley, MA
	[2] MuSyC: Music, Synaesthesia, Color 2016-Present

- Used electrical engineering, signal processing, fabrication, data visualization, rapid prototyping and design to create a device which simulates chromesthetic synaesthesia.
- Currently developing a real-time music visualizer for the WMBR website. [\[Link to Current Beta version\]](#)

SKILLS

Programming:

- Most Experience with **R**, **JavaScript**, **HTML**, **CSS**
- Basic Experience with **Python**, **UNIX**, **EPrime**, **Arduino**, **MATLAB**, **L^AT_EX**

Software and Platforms:

- **Amazon Mechanical Turk**, **PsiTurk**, IbexFarms, GEPHI, **Praat**, SPSS, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, StoryMap^{JS}, Qualtrics, Mesquite, ImageJ⁺⁺, FIJI, Ethovision, AutoCAD

Neuroscience:

- 3 years of experience with Event-related potential (*ERP*) -BioSemi ActiView system
- Basic experience with *eye-tracking*, functional magnetic resonance imaging (*fMRI*) corpus construction, rodent behavioral testing and stereotaxic surgery, optogenetics.

Other:

- Proficient at Drone piloting and surveillance
- Proficient at illustration and graphic design (digital and traditional media)
- Basic experience with sound engineering and radio broadcast engineering
- Basic experience with fabrication (3D printing and laser cutting)

ART SHOWS

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