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Professional Experience

Director of Scientific Research

2020- present

Stanford University, School of Medicine

Research Fellow

2019-2020

Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Postdoctoral Associate

2017-2020

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

Education

| Ph.D. Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience University of Toronto | 2014-2017 |
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| M.A. Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience University of Toronto | 2013-2014 |
| B.Sc. Psychology and Social Anthropology University of Cape Town | 2008-2010 |

Research Contributions

Publications

- [1] Lowe, M.X., Stevenson, R.A., Barense, M.D., Cant, J.S., and Ferber, S. (2018). Relating the perception of visual ensemble statistics to individual levels of autistic traits, *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*, 80 (7), 1667-1674
- [2] Lowe, M.X., Rajsic, Ferber, S., and Walther, D.B. (2018). Discriminating scene categories from brain activity within 100ms, *Cortex*, 106, 275-287* Featured on the journal cover
- [3] Lowe, M.X., Rajsic, J., Gallivan, J.P., Ferber, S., and Cant, J.S. (2017). Neural representation of geometry and surface properties in object and scene perception, *NeuroImage*, 157, 586-597* Featured on the journal cover
- [4] Robin, J., **Lowe, M.X.,** Pishdadian, S., Rivest, J., Cant, J.S., & Moscovitch, M. (2017). Selective scene perception deficits in a case of topographical disorientation, *Cortex*, 92, 70-80
- [5] Lowe, M.X., Gallivan, J.P., Ferber, S., and Cant, J.S. (2016). Feature diagnosticity and task context shape activity in human scene-selective cortex, *NeuroImage*, 125, 681-692* Featured on the journal cover
- [6] Lowe, M.X., Stevenson, R.A., Wilson, K.E., Ouslis, N.E., Barense, M.D., Cant, J.S., and Ferber, S. (2016). Sensory processing patterns predict the integration of information held in visual working memory, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 42(2), 294-301

- [7] Wilson, K.E., **Lowe, M.X**., Ruppel, J., Pratt, J., and Ferber, S. (2016). The scope of no return: Openness predicts the spatial distribution of Inhibition of Return, *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*, 78, 209-217
- [8] Lowe, M.X., Ferber, S., and Cant, J.S. (2015). Processing context: Asymmetric interference of visual form and texture in object and scene interactions, *Vision Research*, 117, 34-40* Featured on the journal cover
- [9] Assaf, H., Mzozoyana, M., Al Zoubi, H., Nador, J.D., Noesen, B., **Lowe, M.X.**, and Cant, J.S. (2020). Artificially-generated scenes demonstrate the importance of global scene properties for scene perception. *Neuropsychologia*

Submitted Manuscripts

[10] Wilson, K., Sun, S.Z., Emrich, S., Lowe, M.X., Kosnik, R., Ruppel. J., and Ferber, S. (in revision). Individual differences in visual attention: Conscientiousness and selective attention.

Manuscripts in Preparation for Submission

[11] Lowe, M.X.*, Mohsenzadeh, Y.*, Lahner, B., Charest, I., Oliva, A^, and Teng, S^. Spatiotemporal dynamics of sound representations reveals a progression of category dominance.

Peer-reviewed Conference Publications

- [12] Lowe, M.X., Teng, S., Mohsenzadeh, Y., Charest, I., Pantazis, D., and Oliva, A. (2018). Temporal dynamics underlying sound discrimination in the human brain. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience, CCN 2018*
- [13] Lahner, B., Teng, S., Lowe, M.X., Charest, I., Oliva, A., and Mohsenzadeh, M. (2019). The emergence of early sound categorical responses in the human brain, *Shared Visual Representations in Human and Machine Intelligence (SVRHM)*, NeurIPS, 2019

Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations

2020

- [1] Lahner, B., Teng, S., **Lowe, M.X.**, Charest, I., Oliva, A., and Mohsenzadeh, M. (2020). The emergence of early sound categorical responses in the human brain, Poster to be presented at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS), Boston, MA.
- [2] Lahner, B., Mohsenzadeh, M., Lowe, M.X., Charest, I., Teng, S., and Oliva, A. (2020). Revealing the neural dynamics, category selectivity, and activation times of every brain region involved in human auditory processing, Poster to be presented at NAISys, CSHL, New York, NY

2019

[3] Lahner, B., Teng, S., **Lowe, M.X.**, Charest, I., Oliva, A., and Mohsenzadeh, M. (2019). The emergence of early sound categorical responses in the human brain, Poster presented at Shared Visual Representations in Human and Machine Intelligence (SVRHM), NeurIPS, Vancouver, BC

- [4] Lowe, M.X., Mohsenzadeh, Y., Lahner, B., Teng, S., Charest, I., and Oliva, A. (2019). Spatiotemporal dynamics of sound representations in the human brain. Poster presented at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- [5] Lowe, M.X., Mohsenzadeh, Y., Lahner, B., Teng, S., Charest, I., and Oliva, A. (2019). Neural dynamics of human auditory perception across space and time. Poster presented at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. *Abstract awarded the Postdoctoral Fellow Award
- [6] Lowe, M.X., Mohsenzadeh, Y., Lahner, B., Teng, S., Charest, I., and Oliva, A. (2019). Spatiotemporal neural representations in high-level visual cortex evoked from sounds. Talk presented at the Vision Science Society Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL.

2018

[7] Lowe, M.X., Teng, S., Mohsenzadeh, Y., Charest, I., Pantazis, D., and Oliva, A. Temporal dynamics underlying sound discrimination in the human brain. Poster presented at the Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience, Philadelphia, PA.

2017

- [8] Lowe, M.X., Rajsic, J., Cant, J.S., and Ferber, S. (2017). Efficient encoding of ensemble statistics in the visual periphery. Talk presented at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Washing, D.C.
- [9] Lowe, M.X., Rajsic, J., Gallivan, J.P., Ferber, S., and Cant, J.S. (2017). Making a scene: Neural representation of visual features in object and scene perception. Poster presented at the Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.
- [10] Lowe, M.X., Rajsic, J., Ferber, S., and Walther, D.B. (2017). Category discrimination of early electrophysiological responses reveals the time course of natural scene perception. Poster presented at the Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL.*Abstract awarded the Elsevier Travel Award
- [11] Mzozoyana, M. W., Lowe, M.X., Groen, I.I.A., Cant, J.S., and Harel, A. (2017). Artificially generated scenes demonstrate the importance of global scene properties for scene perception. Poster presented at the Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL.

2015 and prior

- [12] Cant, J.S., Lowe, M.X., Rajsic, J., Gallivan, J.P. (2015). Are scene-shape and scene-texture processing mediated by shared or distinct neuronal mechanisms in the parahippocampal place area? Talk presented at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- [13] Lowe, M.X., Ferber, S, and Cant, J.S. (2015). Dynamic representation of texture and spatial layout in human scene-selective cortex. Poster presented at the Organization of Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI
- [14] Lowe, M.X., Ferber, S, and Cant, J.S. (2015). Texture and spatial layout converge in human scene-selective cortex. Poster presented at the Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL
- [15] Lowe, M.X., Stevenson, R.A., Wilson, K.E., Ouslis, N.E., Barense, M.D., Cant, J.S., and Ferber, S. (2015). Sensory processing patterns predict the bias of ensemble statistics for items held in visual

- working memory. Poster presented at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- [16] Lowe, M.X., and Cant, J.S. (2014). Revealing a global-processing bias for texture in scene perception. Poster presented at the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON.
- [17] Lowe, M.X., and Cant, J.S. (2014). Perceiving the global: The role of surface texture consistency in object and background perception. Poster presented at the Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL
- [18] Wilson, K.E., Ruppel, J., Lowe, M.X., Shaw, M., Kosnik, R., Pratt, J., and Ferber, S. (2013). Individual differences in the scope of spatial attention. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, Naples, FL

Neuroimaging Skills

Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Univariate analysis; multivoxel pattern analysis (MPVA) including representational similarity analysis (RSA); fMR-adaptation); Electroencephalography (EEG); Magnetoencephalography (MEG)

Honors and Awards

| Postdoctoral Fellow Award, Cognitive Neuroscience Society | 2019 |
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| Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), | 2017 |
| Elsevier Travel Award, Vision Sciences Society | 2017 |
| Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) | 2016 |
| Travel Award from the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, University of Toronto | 2015 |
| Travel Award from the Faculty of Arts & Sciences, University of Toronto | 2014 |
| University of Toronto Fellowship | 2013-2016 |
| Dean's Award for Academic Excellence, University of Cape Town | 2009 |
| Academic Scholarship, University of Cape Town | 2007-2008 |

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistance

| Cognitive Neuroscience (PSY493; 4th year undergraduate course, University of Toronto) | 2017 |
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| Cognitive Psychology Laboratory (PSYC58; 3rd year undergraduate course, University of | 2014-2016 |
| Toronto Scarborough) | |
| Cognitive Neuroscience of Vision (PSYC51; 3rd year undergraduate course, University of | 2014-2015 |
| Toronto Scarborough) | |
| Perception and Cognition (PSYB51; 2nd year undergraduate course, University of Toronto | 2014, 2016 |
| Scarborough) | |
| Psychological Research Laboratory (PSYB01; 2nd year undergraduate course, University of | 2013 |
| Toronto Scarborough) | |

Invited Lectures

| Neural representations of the visual world across time and space, University of Toronto Scarborough | 2017 |
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| Sensation and Perception, University of Toronto | 2017 |
| Scene Perception, University of Toronto | 2015 |
| Introduction to experimental design and data analysis, University of Toronto | 2014-2016 |

Professional Service

| Volunteer, CVPR 2018 & CVPR 2018 Area Chair Workshop | 2018 |
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| fMRI Project Planning Committee Member University of Toronto | 2014-2016 |
| University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Representative, PGSA | 2014-2015 |
| Master of Arts Student Representative, PGSA | 2013-2014 |

Ad-hoc Peer Review

Journal of Neuroscience, Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics, Cortex, Human Brain Mapping, Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Experimental Brain Research

Professional Memberships

Society for Neuroscience, Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Vision Science Society, Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Cognitive Computational Neuroscience