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Education

- **MSc. Computer Science (2007-2010), University of Toronto**
Thesis: “On software quality in climate modelling”
- **Hon BSc. Computer Science (2000-2004), University of Toronto**

Skills

- **Science:** Image processing, Diffusion tensor modelling, Machine learning, Artificial neural network models, High performance computing, Biomarker development, Qualitative research methods, Software quality analysis.
- **Systems:** Linux administration (Debian, Centos), Windows, Virtualization (ESXi, KVM, Docker, KVM), Provisioning (Ansible, Salt), Filesystems (ZFS, ext, NFS), Clustering (SGE, PBS)
- **Programming:** Python, R, Java, Matlab, Shell, Javascript, HTML/CSS, C/C++, Perl, Visual Basic, Eclipse, XML, SVG, XSLT, Git, SVN, MySQL, SQLite, LaTeX, Jekyll

Work

- **Research Methods Specialist, 2012-Present**
Kimel Lab, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto
Research in automated MR image segmentation of the hippocampus, machine learning approaches to understanding hippocampus shape changes in Alzheimer’s disease, classification of deficit/non-deficit schizophrenia from DTI white matter measures, white matter tractography. Collaborate with members of the lab and other CAMH researchers on analysis approaches and implementation. Ran formal and informal workshops and teachings for lab and CAMH researchers. Study data curation and automated pre-processing and quality control. Workstation and cluster administration.

- **Research Intern**, 2011-2012
Kimel Lab, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto
Supervised by Dr. Mallar Chakravarty in the Translational Imaging-Genetics Research lab. Primary research on automated MR image segmentation techniques for the hippocampus and subfields. Other activities include assisting with the management of desktop and servers, compute cluster, data backup, software quarantine.
- **Course Developer**, 2012
Mozilla, Toronto
Developed course materials for the Python lessons of the Software Carpentry project (<http://software-carpentry.org>), as well as developed website and server infrastructure.
- **Software Developer**, 2005-2007
The Jonah Group, Toronto
Worked as part of a team to develop a datawarehouse to allow efficient claims reporting by Blue Cross of Michigan. Activities included designing Extract-Transform-Load SQL jobs to perform daily updates to the datawarehouse, database tuning and query optimization, as well as building a JUnit-based database testing framework.
- **Software Developer**, 2004-2005
Fidalia Networks, Mississauga
Designed, developed and tested SimplyAssist, a zero-configuration remote assistance suite using REALBasic, C++, XML, and Python. Other responsibilities included managing company routing and networking systems, and wireless broadband radio links to remote sites.
- **Software Developer**, 2003-2004
The Blueprint Initiative, Toronto
Developed a web application for curating and investigating biomolecular interactions derived from automated literature search and manual curation. Implemented a text-index of structured data using Lucene, an interactive HTML display of database records using an XSL pipeline, and unit tests using JUnit.
- **NSERC Summer Internship**, 2002 *University of Victoria, Computer Science Department, BC*
Supervised by Dr. Hausi Müller in the ACRE (Adoption-Centric Reverse research group). Developed and tested the feasibility of using, an auto-generated interactive graph (node/edge) editor for software artifact diagrams using SVG, Javascript, and Perl.

Teaching

- **Scientific Computing Fundamentals for CAMH Researchers workshop series**, August 2015, CAMH. Lead. <http://pipitone.github.io/camh-computing-skills-august-2015>
- **Scientific Computing Fundamentals for CAMH Researchers workshop series**, March 2015, CAMH. Lead. <http://pipitone.github.io/computing-skills/>
- **Climate Change: Software, Science, and Society (PMU199)**, 01/2011-05/2011, *Teaching Assistant*
- **Software Carpentry (Python)**, 01/2011-05/2011, *Head Teaching Assistant*
- **Software Carpentry (Python)**, 09/2010-12/2010, *Head Teaching Assistant*
- **Software Carpentry**, 05/2010-07/2010, *Course design*
- **Software Carpentry (MATLAB)**, 01/2010-05/2010, *Instructor*
- **Software Carpentry (MATLAB/Python)**, 09/2009-12/2009, *Teaching Assistant*
- **Introduction to Computer Science (CSCA48)**, 05/2009-08/2009, *Teaching Assistant*
- **Software Design (CSC207)**, 01/2009-05/2009. *Teaching Assistant*
- **Introduction to Computer Programming (CSC148)**, 01/2008-05/2008. *Teaching Assistant*
- **Introduction to Computer Programming (CSC108)**, 09/2007-12/2007. *Teaching Assistant*

Volunteer Work

- **Software Carpentry**, Computing skills for scientists. 2007-Present. Admin/instruction
- **Volleyball social @ CAMH**, Weekly client-staff volleyball. 2012-Present.
- **Hot Yam!**, Campus kitchen, 2007-2011. Coordinator
- **Toronto Sustainable Food Co-operative**, Campus kitchen. 2011. Founder.
- **Canadian Civil Liberties Association**, G20 Observer, 2010.

Publications

Journal Articles

- Voineskos AN, Winterburn JL, Felsky D, **Pipitone J**, Rajji TK, Mulsant BH, Chakravarty MM. Hippocampal (subfield) volume and shape in relation to cognitive performance across the adult lifespan. *Hum Brain Mapp*. 2015 Aug;36(8):3020-37.
- Barnett, A. J., Park, M. T., **Pipitone, J.**, Chakravarty, M. M., and McAndrews, M. P. (2015). Functional and structural correlates of memory in patients with mesial temporal lobe epilepsy. *Frontiers in Neurology*, 6.
- Friedel, M., van Eede, M. C., **Pipitone, J.**, Chakravarty, M. M., and Lerch, J. P. (2014). Pydpiper: a flexible toolkit for constructing novel registration pipelines. *Frontiers in neuroinformatics*, 8.
- Park, M. T., **Pipitone, J.**, Baer, L. H., Winterburn, J. L., Shah, Y., Chavez, S., Schira, M. M., Lobaugh, N. J., Lerch, J. P., Voineskos, A. N., and Chakravarty, M. M. (2014). Derivation of high-resolution MRI atlases of the human cerebellum at 3T and segmentation using multiple automatically generated templates. *Neuroimage*, 95:217–231.
- **Pipitone, J.**, Park, M. T., Winterburn, J., Lett, T. A., Lerch, J. P., Pruessner, J. C., Lepage, M., Voineskos, A. N., Chakravarty, M. M., Alzheimer’s Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (2014). Multi-atlas segmentation of the whole hippocampus and subfields using multiple automatically generated templates. *Neuroimage*, 101:494–512.
- Raznahan, A., Shaw, P. W., Lerch, J. P., Clasen, L. S., Greenstein, D., Berman, R., **Pipitone, J.**, Chakravarty, M. M., and Giedd, J. N. (2014). Longitudinal four-dimensional mapping of subcortical anatomy in human development. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 111(4):1592–1597.
- Riggs, L., Bouffet, E., Chakravarty, M., Laughlin, S., Laperriere, N., Liu, F., Skocic, J., **Pipitone, J.**, Strother, D., Hukin, J., Fryer, C., McConnell, D., and Mabbott, D. (2014). Hippocampal volumes decrease over time in children treated for medulloblastoma. *Neuro-Oncology*, volume 16, page 103.
- Wong, A. P., **Pipitone, J.**, Park, M. T., Dickie, E. W., Leonard, G., Perron, M., Pike, B. G., Richer, L., Veillette, S., Chakravarty, M. M., and Others (2014b). Estimating volumes of the pituitary gland from t1-weighted magnetic-resonance images: Effects of age, puberty, testosterone, and estradiol. *Neuroimage*, 94:216–221.

- Wheeler, A. L., Chakravarty, M. M., Lerch, J. P., **Pipitone, J.**, Daskalakis, Z. J., Rajji, T. K., Mulsant, B. H., and Voineskos, A. N. (2013). Disrupted prefrontal interhemispheric structural coupling in schizophrenia related to working memory performance. *Schizophrenia bulletin*.
- Felsky, D., Szeszko, P., Yu, L., Honer, W. G., De Jager, P., Schneider, J., Malhotra, A., Ikuta, T., **Pipitone, J.**, Chakravarty, M., and Others (2013a). Effects of the SORL1 alzheimer’s disease risk gene across the human lifespan. *Alzheimer’s & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer’s Association*, 4(9).
- Felsky, D., Szeszko, P., Yu, L., Honer, W. G., De Jager, P. L., Schneider, J. A., Malhotra, A. K., Lencz, T., Ikuta, T., **Pipitone, J.**, and Others (2013b). The SORL1 gene and convergent neural risk for alzheimer’s disease across the human lifespan. *Molecular psychiatry*.
- Felsky, D., Lerch, J., Chakravarty, M. M., **Pipitone, J.**, Rajji, T. K., Lobaugh, N. J., Mulsant, B. H., Pollock, B. G., Kennedy, J. L., and Voineskos, A. N. (2012). SORL1 and white matter tract integrity: Predicting risk for Late-Onset alzheimer’s disease. *Biological Psychiatry*, volume 71, page 150S.
- Lett, T. A., Chakravarty, M. M., Lerch, J. P., Felsky, D., **Pipitone, J.**, Daskalakis, J., Mulsant, B. H., Kennedy, J. L., and Voineskos, A. N. (2012). The schizophrenia risk gene GAD1 (GAD67) promoter variants and Fronto-Limbic system disconnectivity. *Biological Psychiatry*, volume 71, page 153S.
- **Pipitone, J.** and Easterbrook, S. (2012). Assessing climate model software quality: a defect density analysis of three models. *Geoscientific Model Development*, 5(4):1009–1022.
- Easterbrook, S., Glenn, M., Aranda, J., and **Pipitone, J.** (2009). Software research and climate change. In *Proceedings of the 2009 Conference of the Center for Advanced Studies on Collaborative Research*, pages 362–363. IBM Corp.

Conference Posters and Abstracts

- **Pipitone, J.**, Lett, T. A. P., Roostaei, T., Lerch, J. P., Mulsant, B. H., Kennedy, J. L., Chakravarty, M. M., and Voineskos, A. N. (2012). The link between neurexin-1 and local cortical folding and surface area. In *BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY*, volume 71, page 252S.
- **Pipitone, J.** and Easterbrook, S. (2009). On the software quality of climate models. *AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts*, 1:0759.

- **Pipitone, J.**, Aranda, J., and Cortés, V. Aim for the eagle: Making the best use of our software research skills to fight climate change.

Courses

- Topics in computer science (CSC2600), Winter 2011
- Building community resilience (CHL7001), Fall 2010
- Topics in software engineering (CSC2125), Winter 2007
- Natural language computing (CSC2511), Winter 2007
- Algorithms in Graph Theory (CSC2410), Fall 2007
- Computational structural biology (CSC2418), Fall 2007
- Introduction to machine learning (CSC2515), Fall 2007
- Cognitive Neuroscience (PSY493H1), Fall 2011. Audited
- Physiology and Psychology of Emotion (PSY494), Fall 2011. Audited.
- Buddhism and the Science of Mindfulness Meditation (NEW331), Summer 2011. Audited.
- Buddhism and Cognitive Science (NEW333), Summer 2011. Audited.
- Environmental Psychology (PSY435), Fall 2010, Audited.

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