Prachi Mahableshwarkar, Ph.D.

Summary: 5+ years of experience in designing vision/HCI experiments, analyzing human large-scale data (3,000+ participants, custom Python codebase), and designing/testing a virtual reality training system for a medical residents.

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Work Experience

2025-Present

Human Frontier Collective Specialist - GenAI at Scale AI

• Building and evaluating complex problem sets to rigorously test AI models and inform research directions.

2019-2024

Doctoral Researcher - Human Visual Cognition, Depth Perception

Quantitative Model of Human Spatial Perception in Images (github-repo)

(Python, R, HPC, Unity)

- Designed and executed image-based quantitative experiments on 3,000 participants (4 publications, pre-print, in press)
- Conducted data visualization, statistical analysis, model testing, and bootstrapped decoding analyses on behavioral responses to depth tasks in images
- Wrote custom scripts in Unity (VR developer platform) to perform controlled data-driven analyses of human error in spatial perception.

Pipeline for Large-Scale Online Data Collection

(Python, PHP, Javscript/HTMl/CSS)

• Built an open-source pipeline that accelerates online data collection by 25x using custom servers (AWS) and data collection platforms (MTurk, Prolific; code-base, in Press late Spring)

2020-

Virtual Reality Research Collaborator at Children's National Hospital

- 2023
- Developed testing procedures and led a cross-functional team in data collection efforts to optimize VR/AR training system for neonatal endotracheal intubation
- Conducted usability tests (ergonomics, UX) and statistical analyses to assess human performance

2018

Intern - Goldman Sachs Organizational Research Team

• Created data-driven psychology solutions to fix the gender pay gap and promote ethical practices at the firm

Skills

Research: Statistical analysis, data visualization, experimental design, data analysis, usability testing, survey methods Languages: Python, MATLAB, Javascript, R, Advanced Statistical Modeling Analysis (SAS), SQL

Frameworks/Libraries: Pandas, Git, Pillow (PIL), NumPy, Matplotlib, SciPy, scikit-learn, JupyterLab, Unity

Education

2022

2024

2024 | The George Washington University - PhD in Cognitive Neuroscience

2019 **Carnegie Mellon University -** B.S. in Cognitive Neuroscience, Minor in Human Computer Interaction

Leadership Experience

2020- Board Member of GWU's Collaborative of Department Equity (CODE)

Developed surveys, reviewed syllabi, and organized meetings to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion

2021- Research Mentor - Brain and Navigation Laboratory

• Mentored a team of research assistants and developed tutorials on Python, JupyterLab, pandas, and GitHub

Honors, Awards, and Conferences

- 3 Minute Thesis winner, OPAM 2022 Professional Development Award
- National Honors Society in Neuroscience (Nu Rho Psi), Psychology (Psi Chi), and Mortar Board
- Presented novel findings to different audiences in 4 presentations at prominent scientific conferences