

# Qihong Lu

## Education & Training

- 2017-2023 **Ph.D., Cognitive Psychology**, Princeton University.  
Advisors: Ken Norman, Uri Hasson  
Dissertation committee: Ken Norman, Uri Hasson, Tom Griffiths, Sam Gershman, Jeff Zacks
- 2019 **M.A., Cognitive Psychology**, Princeton University.
- 2013-2017 **B.S., Mathematics & Psychology**, University of Wisconsin-Madison.  
Graduated with Comprehensive Honors; Certificate in Computer Science

## Research Experience

- 2022/05-09 **CTRL-labs @ Facebook Reality Labs**, Meta.  
Managers: Abigail Russo, Diogo Peixoto & David Sussillo
- 2017-2023 **Princeton Computational Memory Lab and Hasson Lab**, Princeton University.  
P.I.: Kenneth A. Norman, Uri Hasson
- 2014-2017 **Knowledge and Concepts Lab**, UW-Madison.  
P.I.: Timothy T. Rogers
- 2015/05-09, **The Parallel Distributed Processing Lab**, Stanford University.  
2016/05-09 P.I.: James L. McClelland
- 2015 **Lupyan Lab**, UW-Madison.  
P.I.: Gary Lupyan
- 2013-2015 **Language and Cognitive Neuroscience Lab**, UW-Madison.  
P.I.: Maryellen C. MacDonald & Mark S. Seidenberg

## Papers & Preprints

- Lu, Q., Hasson, U., Norman, K.A., (2022). [A neural network model of when to retrieve and encode episodic memories](#). eLife, 11, e74445.
- Kumar, M., Anderson, M.J., Antony, J.W., Baldassano C., Brooks, P.P., Cai, M.B., Chen, P.H.C., Ellis, C.T., Henselman-Petrusek, G., Huberdeau, D., Hutchinson, J.B., Li, P.Y., Lu, Q., Manning, J.R., Mennen, A.C., Nastase, S.A., Hugo, R., Schapiro, A.C., Schuck, N.W., Shvartsman, M., Sundaram, N., Suo, D., Turek, J.S., Vo, V.A., Wallace, G., Wang, Y., Zhang, H., Zhu, X., Capota, M., Cohen, J.D., Hasson, U., Li, K., Ramadge, P.J., Turk-Browne, N.B., Willke, T.L. & Norman, K.A. (2022). [BrainIAK: The Brain Imaging Analysis Kit](#). Aperture Neuro, 1(4).
- Rogers, T. T., Cox, C., Lu, Q., Shimotake, A., Kikuch, T., Kunieda, T., Miyamoto, S., Takahashi, R., Ikeda, A., Matsumoto, R., Lambon Ralph, M. A. (2021). [Evidence for a deep, distributed and dynamic semantic code in human ventral anterior temporal cortex](#). eLife, 10, e66276.
- Chen, C., Lu, Q., Beukers, A., Baldassano, C., & Norman, K. A. (2021). [Learning to perform role-filler binding with schematic knowledge](#). PeerJ, 9, e11046.
- Lu, Q., Hasson, U., Norman, K.A., (2020). [Learning to use episodic memory for event prediction](#). bioRxiv.
- Kumar, M., Ellis, C. T., Lu, Q., Zhang, H., Capotă, M., Willke, T. L., Ramadge, P. J., Turk-Browne, N. B., & Norman, K. A. (2020). [BrainIAK tutorials: User-friendly learning materials for advanced fMRI](#)

[analysis](#). PLoS Computational Biology, 16(1), e1007549.

Lu, Q., Chen, P. H., Pillow, J. W., Ramadge, P. J., Norman, K. A., & Hasson, U. (2018). [Shared Representational Geometry Across Neural Networks](#). Workshop on Integration of Deep Learning Theories, 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems Montréal, Canada.

McClelland, J. L., Mickey, K., Hansen, S., Yuan, X., & Lu, Q. (2016). [A Parallel-Distributed Processing Approach to Mathematical Cognition](#). Manuscript, Stanford University.

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## Conference Talks & Invited Talks

2022/03 Penn Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Lab. University of Pennsylvania. PI: Anna Schapiro

2022/02 Mila Neural-AI Reading Group, Mila - Quebec AI Institute

2021/07 Honey Lab & Chen Lab. Johns Hopkins University. PI: Janice Chen & Chris Honey

2021/07 Contextual Dynamics Lab. Dartmouth College. PI: Jeremy Manning

2021/06 Oxford Neurotheory Lab, University of Oxford. PI: Andrew Saxe

2021/03 Google DeepMind. PI: Matt Botvinick

2021/03 [Invited Symposium on How Prior Knowledge Shapes Encoding of New Memories, Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting \(CNS\)](#)

2021/02 Dynamic Memory Lab. University of California, Davis. PI: Charan Ranganath

2020/08 [Context and Episodic Memory Symposium \(CEMS\)](#)

2020/03 Neuromatch Conference (NMC)

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## Conference Proceedings & Posters

Lu, Q., Nguyen, T., Hasson, U., Griffiths, T. L., Zacks, J. M., Gershman, S. J., Norman, K. A. (2023) Toward a More Neurally Plausible Neural Network Model of Latent Cause Inference. To be presented at the Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.

Dong, C., Lu, Q., Norman, K. A. (2023) Strategic Control of Episodic Memory Through Post-Gating. To be presented at the Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.

Kumar, M., Ellis, C.T., Lu, Q., Zhang, H., Capotă, M., Willke, T.L., Ramadge, P.J., Turk-Browne, N.B., & Norman, K.A. (2020). BrainIAK tutorials: user-friendly learning materials for advanced fMRI analysis. Poster presented at The Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting.

Lu, Q., Fan, Z. Y., Hasson, U., & Norman, K. A. (2019) Optimal Timing for Episodic Retrieval and Encoding for Event Understanding. The Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.

Lu, Q., Fan, Z. Y., Hasson, U., & Norman, K. A. (2019) Patience is a virtue: A normative account of why waiting to encode and retrieve memories benefits event understanding. Poster presented at the Context and Episodic Memory Symposium.

Lu, Q., Chen, P. H., Pillow, J. W., Ramadge, P. J., Norman, K. A., & Hasson, U. (2018). Shared Representational Geometry Across Neural Networks. Poster presented at the workshop on Integration of Deep Learning Theories, 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.

Kumar, M., Ellis, C. T., Lu, Q., Zhang, H., Ramadge P. J., Norman, K. A., & Turk-Browne N. B. (2018). BrainIAK education: user-friendly tutorials for advanced, computationally-intensive fMRI analysis. Poster presented at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience.

Lu, Q., Hasson, U., & Norman, K. A. (2018). Modeling hippocampal-cortical dynamics during event processing. The Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.

Yu, J. Lu, Q., Hasson, U., Norman, K. A., & Pillow, J. W. (2018). Performance optimization is insufficient for building accurate models for neural representation. The Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.

- Chen, C., Lu, Q., Beukers, A. Baldassano, C., & Norman, K.A. (2018). Generalized schema learning by neural networks. The Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.
- Lu, Q., Ramadge, P., Norman, K. A. & Hasson, U. (2018). Measuring representational similarity across neural networks. Poster to be presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- Lu, Q., & Rogers, T. T. (2016). An interactive model accounts for both ultra-rapid superordinate classification and basic-level advantage in object recognition. Poster presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- Lu, Q., & McClelland, J. L. (2016). Teaching a neural network to count: reinforcement learning with “social scaffolding”. Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Neural Computation and Psychology Workshop.
- Cox, C. R., Lu, Q., & Rogers, T. T. (2015). Iterative Lasso: An even-handed approach to whole brain multivariate pattern analysis. Poster presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Cognitive Neuroscience Society annual conference.

## Ad Hoc Review

- Journal Neurobiology of Learning and Memory  
ReScience
- Conference Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)  
International Conference for Learning Representations (ICLR)  
Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN)  
Conference on the Mathematical Theory of Deep Neural Networks (DeepMath)

## Teaching

- 2021/07-08 **TA**, Deep Learning.  
Neuromatch Academy
- 2021 Spring **TA**, ELE|NEU|PSY 480 fMRI Decoding: Reading Minds Using Brain Scans.  
2018 Fall Prof: Ken Norman & Peter Ramadge; Princeton University
- 2020 Spring **TA**, NEU 350 Laboratory in Principles of Neuroscience (2-week fMRI lab).  
2018 Spring Prof: Alan Gelperin & Anthony Ambrosini; Princeton University
- 2019 Spring **TA**, NEU|PSY 330 Computational Modeling of Psychological Function.  
Prof: Jon Cohen; Princeton University
- 2019/11, **Guest lecture**, Functional Alignment for fMRI data.  
2019/01 BrainIAK workshop at Princeton University
- 2018/08 **Guest lecture**, Intro to Multivariate Pattern Analysis.  
BrainIAK workshop at Princeton University

## Service

- 2018-present **Photographer**, Works featured on the Princeton University website (e.g., [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)).
- 2020-2023 **Contributor/Code review**, Brain Imaging Analysis Kit, PNI-Intel collaboration.
- 2018-2021 **Organizer**, The Parallel Distributed Processing (PDP) meeting, Princeton.
- 2020-2021 **Member of the Social committee**, Psychology Graduate Student Committee.  
Co-initiated a peer-mentoring program to support first-year graduate students.
- 2020 **Co-organizer**, Conference on the Mathematical Theory of Deep Neural Networks.
- 2014-2017 **Student Representative**, Faculty Honors Committee, UW-Madison.  
Reviewed scholarship and research grant applications.

2013-2014 **Tutor for Calculus**, Greater University Tutoring Service, UW-Madison.

## Research Mentoring

- 2020-2021 Carson Wardell, Senior Thesis, Princeton. Learning to imagine: Using Memory-Augmented Neural Networks to Model Cortical-Hippocampal Interaction During Mental Simulation.
- 2018-2019 Kathy Fan, Senior Thesis, Princeton. Learning When to Encode and Retrieve Episodic Memories with Memory-Augmented Neural Networks.
- 2017-2018 Catherine Chen, Senior Thesis, Princeton. Learning the Schematic Structure of a World: Contextual Understanding of Stochastically Generated Stories in Neural Networks.

## Honors, Awards & Fellowships

- 2021 **Graduate Student Fellowship in Cognitive Science**, Princeton U.
- 2021 **Certificate of Excellence**, for teaching a Deep learning course @ NeuromatchAcademy.
- 2018 **Charles W. Lummis Scholarship**, Princeton U.
- 2017 **College of Letters & Science Dean's Prize**, UW-Madison.  
The highest undergraduate honor awarded by the dean to the three most academically outstanding students of the 2017 class.
- 2017 **Undergraduate Academic Achievement Award**, UW-Madison.
- 2017 **Outstanding Undergraduate Research Scholar Award**, UW-Madison.
- 2016 **David H. Durra Scholarship**, UW-Madison.  
High achieving student in physical sciences or mathematics.
- 2016 **Undergraduate Travel Awards**, UW-Madison.
- 2015 **Hilldale Undergraduate Research Fellowship**, UW-Madison.  
\$4,000 of research funds
- 2015 **Phi Beta Kappa as a junior**, UW-Madison.
- 2015 **Bromley Research Conference Travel Grant**, UW-Madison.
- 2015 **CSLI Summer Research Internship**, Stanford U.
- 2014, 2015 **Undergraduate Research Scholar Award**, UW-Madison.  
Nominated by Dr.Maryellen MacDonald & Dr.Timothy Rogers
- 2014 **Welton Summer Sophomore Research Grant**, UW-Madison.  
\$2,500 of research funds
- 2014 **International Undergraduate Writing Contest 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**, UW-Madison.
- 2014 **Margaret E. and Allard Smith Scholarship**, UW-Madison.

## Open Source Contributions

python [BrainIAK: Brain Imaging Analysis Kit](#), [PsyNeuLink](#)

## Technical Skills

Python (pytorch, keras), Git, bash script, Matlab, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Adobe Photoshop & Lightroom

## Languages

Mandarin Chinese (native), English