

Education & Academic Appointments

- 2023-present **Alan Kanzer Postdoctoral Fellow**, Center for Theoretical Neuroscience & Zuckerman Mind, Brain and Behavior Institute, Columbia University.
- 2017-2023 **Ph.D. & M.A., Cognitive Psychology**, Princeton University.
Advisors: Ken Norman, Uri Hasson
Dissertation Committee: Ken Norman, Uri Hasson, Tom Griffiths, Sam Gershman, Jeff Zacks
- 2013-2017 **B.S., Mathematics & Psychology**, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Graduated with Comprehensive Honors; Certificate (Minor) in Computer Science

Other Selected Research Experience

- 2022/05-09 **CTRL-labs**, Reality Labs, Meta (formerly known as Facebook).
Research Scientist Intern; Computational modeling for wrist-based EMG neural interfaces;
Managers: Abigail Russo, Diogo Peixoto & David Sussillo
- 2014-2017 **Knowledge and Concepts Lab**, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Undergraduate researcher; Built neural network models of object semantic representation;
P.I.: Timothy T. Rogers
- 2015/05-09, **The Parallel Distributed Processing Lab**, Stanford University.
- 2016/05-09 **Research Intern**; Built neural network models of mathematical cognition;
P.I.: James L. McClelland

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, 32nd Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS). Montréal, Canada.
- McClelland, J. L., Mickey, K., Hansen, S., Yuan, X., & Lu, Q. (2016). [A Parallel-Distributed Processing](#)

Conference Talks & Invited Symposium

- 2021/03 [Invited Symposium on How Prior Knowledge Shapes Encoding of New Memories. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting \(CNS\)](#)
- 2020/08 [Context and Episodic Memory Symposium \(CEMS\)](#)
- 2020/03 Neuromatch Conference (NMC)

Invited Talks at External Departments/Groups

- 2023/10 Department of Psychology, The University of Hong Kong. Host PI: Xiaoqing Hu
- 2022/02 Mila Neural-AI Reading Group. Mila - Quebec AI Institute
- 2021/03 Google DeepMind. PI: Matthew Botvinick

Invited Talks at External Labs

- 2023/11 Mattar Lab. New York University. PI: Marcelo Mattar
- 2023/09 Shohamy Lab. Columbia University. PI: Daphna Shohamy
- 2022/03 Penn Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Lab. University of Pennsylvania. PI: Anna Schapiro
- 2022/02 State Key Laboratory of Cognitive Sciences and Learning, Beijing Normal University. PI: Yunzhe Liu
- 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
- 2021/02 Dynamic Memory Lab. University of California, Davis. PI: Charan Ranganath

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. Poster presented at the Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.
- Dong, C., **Lu, Q.**, Norman, K. A. (2023) Strategic Control of Episodic Memory Through Post-Gating. Poster 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.
- Kumar, M., Ellis, C.T., Lu, Q., Zhang, H., Capotă, M., Willke, T.L., Ramadge, P.J., Turk-Browne, N.B., & Norman, K.A. (2019). BrainIAK tutorials: user-friendly learning materials for advanced fMRI analysis. Poster presented at The Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting.
- 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, 32nd 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 48th 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 40th 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 38th 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 15th 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 22nd Cognitive Neuroscience Society annual conference.

Ad Hoc Review

- Journal Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience
 Scientific Reports
 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 lecturer**, Functional Alignment for fMRI data.
 2019/01 BrainIAK workshop at Princeton University
- 2018/08 **Guest lecturer**, Introduction to Multivariate Pattern Analysis.
 BrainIAK workshop at Princeton University

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.
- 2018 Summer Noam Miller, Summer Research, Princeton. Leabra7: A Python Software for Modeling Hippocampal-Cortical Interactions in Learning.
- 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

- 2023-2025 **Alan Kanzer Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Zuckerman Institute, Columbia University.
Annual stipend + \$5,000 of research funds per year for three years
- 2021-2022 **Graduate Student Fellowship in Cognitive Science**, Princeton University.
- 2021 **Certificate of Excellence**, for teaching a Deep learning course @ NeuromatchAcademy.
- 2018 **Charles W. Lummis Scholarship**, Princeton University.
- 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.
Department level nomination-based award in the Department of Psychology
- 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 University.
- 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 3rd Place**, UW-Madison.
- 2014 **Margaret E. and Allard Smith Scholarship**, UW-Madison.
High achieving first-year student

Service

- 2020-2023 **Contributor/Code review**, Brain Imaging Analysis Kit, PNI-Intel collaboration.
- 2023 **Application Mentor**, Graduate Program Application Support Group, Empowering Diversity and Promoting Scientific Equity at Princeton Neuroscience Institute ([EPSP](#)).

- 2019-2023 **Photographer**, Works featured on the Princeton University website (e.g., [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)).
- 2020-2021 **Member of the Social committee**, Psychology Graduate Student Committee.
Co-initiated a peer-mentoring program to support first-year graduate students during COVID19.
- 2018-2021 **Organizer**, The Parallel Distributed Processing (PDP) meeting, Princeton.
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.

Open Source Contributions

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

Technical Skills

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

Languages

Mandarin Chinese (native), English