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- A64 Kolodny, O., and S. Edelman, *The leap of language: the ecological context of language evolution*, Sackler colloquium on the Extension of Biology Through Culture, UC Irvine, November 2016.
- A65 Moyal, R., and S. Edelman, *Dissociating the effects of relevance and predictability on visual detection sensitivity*, Proc. Conference of the Visual Sciences Society, St. Pete Beach, May 2017.
- A66 Onnis, L., A. Truzzi, P. Venuti, A. Bentenuto, G. Esposito, and S. Edelman, *Statistical structure in speech to typically and non-typically developing toddlers*, Interdisciplinary Advances in Statistical Learning, Bilbao, June 2017.
- A67 Edelman, S., and R. Moyal, *Fundamental constraints on the time course of perception and consciousness*, Proc. 21st Conference of the Association for Scientific Study of Consciousness, Beijing, June 2017.
- A68 Moyal, R., and S. Edelman, *Reexamining the effects of structure and context on visual detection*, Proc. 21st Conference of the Association for Scientific Study of Consciousness, Beijing, June 2017.
- A69 Edelman, S., *Immortality, happiness, and integral personality: why humans cannot have all three together*, Proc. 43rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Baltimore, June 2017.
- A70 Onnis, L., A. Truzzi, P. Venuti, A. Bentenuto, G. Esposito, and S. Edelman, *Statistical properties of speech directed to typically and non-typically developing toddlers*, AMLaP, Lancaster, UK, September 2017.
- A71 Onnis, L., and S. Edelman, *Learning language with structured variation*, AMLaP, Lancaster, UK, September 2017.

Awards and Fellowships **1985:** Feinberg Graduate School of the Weizmann Institute — the Dean's Award for Achievement.

1987: Aharon Katzir Fund (Weizmann Institute) and the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory — grants for the participation in the Cold Spring Harbor course on Computational Neuroscience.

1988-1990: Chaim Weizmann Postdoctoral Fellowship **1990-1992:** Koret Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship

1992-1995: Yigal Alon Fellowship

1994-1998: Sir Charles Clore Career Development Chair

1996: Levinson Prize in Mathematics

Agency **Function** Total Funds Duration BARD (US/Israel) Co-PI \$221,000 1992-95 Israel Academy of Science ΡI \$70,000 1991-94 1995-97 German-Israeli Foundation Co-PI DM 339,000 Ministry of Science (Israel) PΙ NIS 120,000 1995-97 1999-01¹ EPSRC (UK) PΙ £ 118,245 ESRC (UK) ΡI 1999-00 £ 39,946 \$160,000 2002-06 Binational Science Foundation (US/Israel) Co-PI $2010-11^2$ NIH R03 Co-PI \$50,000

Research Grants

University Service

NSF

• Director of computing (1992-1996, Dept. of Applied Math & CS, Weizmann Institute)

Co-PI

\$486,656

2012-15

- Sub-Dean for Graduate Affairs (1998-1999, School of Cognitive and Computing Sciences, University of Sussex)
- Co-Director, Cornell Cognitive Studies Program (2000–2001).
- Director, Cornell Cognitive Studies Program (2001–2004).
- Member, Cornell Computing and Information Science Council (2006–2007).

Teaching Experience

- Visual perception and computer vision (Spring 1991)
- Topics in vision (Fall 1991)
- Models of brain function (Spring 1992)
- Computer vision (Fall 1992)
- Computational neuroscience of representation (Spring 1993)
- Computation in Systems of Receptive Fields (Spring 1994)
- Techniques in Computational and Biological Vision (Fall 1994)
- Features of Visual Representation (Spring 1995)
- Computer Vision (Fall 1995)
- Brains and Computation (Freshman Advisor Seminar at MIT; Fall 1996)
- Introduction to Cognitive Science (Fall 1997)
- Neural Networks (Spring 1998; Spring 1999)
- Computational Neuroscience (Spring 1998; Spring 1999)

¹ Given up, due to the move to Cornell. ² ARRA.

- Advanced Computer Vision (Spring 1998)
- Formal Computational Skills (Autumn 1998)
- Issues in Cognitive Psychology (Cornell Psych 214; Fall 1999, Fall 2000)
- Modeling of Perception and Cognition (Cornell Psych 416; Spring 2000)
- Representation of Structure in Vision and Language (Cornell Psych 530 / Ling 530; Spring 2000, Spring 2002, Spring 2004)
- Topics in High-Level Vision (Cornell Psych 465 / CS 392; Spring 2001, Spring 2003, Spring 2005, Spring 2009, Spring 2011)
- Mind and Reality in Science Fiction (Cornell Psych 531; Spring 2003, Spring 2005, Spring 2016)
- Cognitive Psychology (Cornell Psych 214 / 614 / 501; Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012)
- Neuroscience as the Quest for Perfect Self-Knowledge (Cornell Psych 531; Spring 2004, Spring 2007, Spring 2008)
- Language Acquisition in Humans and Computers (Tel Aviv University Computer Science; Fall 2005; Cornell Psych 426; Spring 2007)
- Computation in the Brain (Cornell Psych 465, Spring 2008)
- Consciousness and Free Will (Cornell Psych 231, Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2016)
- Computational Principles of Psychology (Korea University BRI 606, Fall 2009)
- Embodied Cognition (Cornell Psych 465, Spring 2010)
- Reinforcement Learning: Computational and Brain Aspects (Spring 2012)
- Computing the Mind (Escuela Regional en Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicaciones, Universidad Nacional de Asunción, Paraguay, Fall 2013)
- Imagination and Creativity (Cornell Psych 4320, Spring 2014)
- Brain, Behavior, and Computation (Cornell Psych 4320, Spring 2015)
- Language beyond Skinner and Chomsky (Cornell Psych 4320, Spring 2017)
- Computational Psychology (Cornell Psych 3140, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018; Spring 2019, Spring 2021; also at the Sagol School of Neuroscience, Tel Aviv University, Spring 2016)
- Psychology and Ethics of Hi-Tech (Cornell Psych 4320, Spring 2018)
- Inconvenient Truths (Cornell Psych 4320; Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
- Inequality, Power, and Happiness (Cornell Psych 4030; Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2019)
- Practical Approaches to Saving the World (Cornell Psych 4320; Fall 2020)
- Morality and the Evolution of Cooperation Cornell Psych 4320; Spring 2021)
- Varieties of Freedom (Cornell Psych 4320; Fall 2021, Fall 2022)
- The Consciousness Revolution (Cornell Psych 4320; Spring 2022)

Graduate Fields (Cornell)

Psychology

- Computer Science
- Cognitive Science

Service to the Community

- Associate Editor, *Network: Computation in Neural Systems*; area of responsibility: the neurobiological foundations of consciousness in the brain and its simulation in machines (2021)
- Member, editorial board, Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Consciousness (2020

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- Associate Editor, Behavioral and Brain Sciences (1999)
- Specialty Chief Editor, Frontiers in Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (2012 2013)
- Associate Editor, Frontiers in Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (2010 2012)
- Member, Advisory Board, Versita de Gruyter Book Publishing Program in Linguistics (2010)
- Associate Editor, *Cognitive Science* (2001 2005)
- External reviewer, EC COGVIS consortium (2002 2004)
- External reviewer, EC COGSYS program (2005)
- Program Chair, 9th Israeli Conference on AI and Computer Vision
- Session chair at: ARVO'95, ECVP'95, ARVO'96, CogSci'04
- Member, program committee: 12th Intl. Conf. on Pattern Recognition (1994); 2nd Intl. Workshop on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (1996); 3rd Intl. Workshop on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (1998), meetings of the Cognitive Science Society (2002, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009); Neural Information Processing Systems (2006), EACL workshop on Computational Linguistic Aspects of Grammatical Inference (2009), Association for Scientific Study of Consciousness annual conference (2013), 4th International Usage-Based Linguistics conference (2018)
- Member, Governing Board, Intl. Assoc. for Pattern Recognition (1992-1995)
- Ad-hoc referee for: Nature, Nature Neuroscience, Science, PNAS, Vision Research, Biological Cybernetics, Intl. J. Computer Vision, Neural Networks, IEEE Trans. Patt. Anal. Mach. Intell., Comp. Vision, Graphics and Image Proc., Spatial Vision, Bull. Math. Biol., Cognition, ICPR'94, ICCV'95, Neural Computation, Cognitive Psychology, Cognitive Science, J. Exp. Psychol.: Human Perception & Performance, Behavioral and Brain Sciences, Network: Computation in Neural Systems, Optics Communications, Perception, Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), ICCV'98, Image and Vision Computing, IEEE Trans. Systems, Man & Cybern., Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology, NSF (including panels and site visits), EC 6th Framework (including panel), ICANN98, AFOSR, Psychonomic Bulletin and Review, Research Grants Council (Hong Kong), Cognitive Systems Research, US Army Research Office, Psychological Science, Cognitive Science Society Conference, MIT Press, Brain and Language, Cerebral Cortex, US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF), Prosody-2008, PLoS, Trends in Cognitive Sciences, J. Theor. Biol., NSERC (Canada), Evolang-2007, Journal of Vision, Journal of Child Language, Biolinguistics, Evolang-2011, Psychological Review, GIF (German-Israeli Fund), ISF (Israel Science Foundation), Language Sciences, Phil. Trans. Royal Soc. B.

Sponsored Invited Talks

- *Viewpoint dependence in object recognition*, Summer Atelier in Theoretical Neuroscience, The Neurosciences Institute, Rockefeller University, July 1990.
- Representation, similarity, and the Chorus of Prototypes, Workshop on Shape Representation in the Brain, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM, August 1993.
- Representation of structure in biological vision, Intl. Workshop on Structural and Syntactic Pattern Recognition, Nahariya, Israel, October 1994.
- Features of visual representation, Japan-Israel Joint Meeting in Neurosciences, Eilat, Israel, December 1994.
- A new look at the problem of representation in vision, 7th Rosenön Workshop on Computer Vision, Dalarö, Sweden, August 1995.
- Representation and similarity, 5th Tohwa University symposium on higher brain function, Fukuoka, Japan, October 1995.
- Similarity to reference shapes as a basis for shape representation, 2nd ATR Symposium on Face Recognition, ATR Laboratories, Kyoto, Japan, January 1996.
- Object recognition: more than remembrance of things past?, Royal Society Discussion Meeting on Knowledge-based Vision, London, February 1997.
- Learning to generalize across views in face recognition, symposium on Formal Approaches to Facial Cognition, 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for Mathematical Psychology, Bloomington, Indiana, July 1997.
- Learning as extraction of low-dimensional representations, ATR Symposium on Machine Learning, ATR Laboratories, Kyoto, Japan, April 1998.
- Core problems in high-level vision, 5th International Symposium on Strategies toward Complex Systems, Graduate University of Advanced Studies, Tokyo, Japan, March 1999.
- On the representation of structure, International Symposium on Visual Object Recognition: Brain and Machines, Werner-Reimers-Foundation, Bad Homburg, Germany, May 1999.
- Representation and recognition in vision, William Lowe Bryan Memorial Lecture, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, November 1999.
- On the representation of structure, Interdisciplinary meeting on cognitive functions of objects in perception and action, CNRS/CREA, Paris, France, June 2000.
- (Coarse Coding of Shape Fragments) + (Retinotopy) = Representation of Structure, 29th annual LOVE conference, Niagara Falls, Canada, February 2000.
- On what it could mean to see, Workshop on Computer Vision, University of Palermo, March 2001.
- *On what it could mean to see*, Stockholm Workshop on Computer Vision, Rosenön, Sweden, July 2001.
- Probabilistic principles in unsupervised learning of visual structure, Carnegie Mellon University colloquium, February 2002.

- Probabilistic principles in unsupervised learning of visual structure, Bodian Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, March 2002.
- *Unsupervised learning of visual structure*, Second International Conference on Biologically Motivated Computer Vision, Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, Tübingen, November 2002.
- On what it could mean to see, and what could be done about it, Computation and Neural Systems Program colloquium, Caltech, March 2003.
- A Vision of Language, NSF Workshop on Integrated Cognitive Science, October 2-3, 2003, Arlington, VA.
- Unsupervised acquisition of context-sensitive recursive structure from language-like data, Biology colloquium, CUNY, December 2003.
- *Rich Syntax from a Raw Corpus: Unsupervised Does It*, NIPS Workshop on Syntax, Semantics and Statistics, Whistler, BC, December 2003.
- Computational principles for unsupervised learning in vision (and in language acquisition), Engineering colloquium, Brown University, March 2004.
- Computational principles for unsupervised learning in vision, special Psychology colloquium, Stanford University, March 2004.
- Unsupervised statistical learning in vision: computational principles, biological evidence, ECCV-2004 Workshop on Statistical Learning in Computer Vision, Prague, May 2004.
- Object recognition and categorization: some lessons from psychophysics, neurobiology and computer vision, CVPR-2004 Workshop on Generic Object Recognition, Washington, DC, June 2004.
- *Unsupervised learning of natural languages*, Johns Hopkins University, CLSP colloquium, October 2004.
- Structured cognition: from vision to language, with a brief detour via motor control, Machines and Locomotion series colloquium, Cornell University, March 2005.
- *Visions of language: through a mirage to an oasis*, Tel Aviv University, Excellence Program seminar, October 2005.
- Visions of language: through a mirage to an oasis, Tel Aviv University, Scientific Forum, December 2005.
- Effective learning of high-precision, lexicalized grammars from raw corpus data, Tel Aviv University, linguistics colloquium, December 2005.
- A practical algorithm for learning construction grammars, and its implications, Hebrew University, Interdisciplinary Program seminar, December 2005.
- Rationalists do it by the rules; Empiricists do it to the rules, keynote address at ICDL'06, June 2006.
- Structure from statistics: the computational basis of the emergence and transmission of syntax, international workshop on nascent languages, Bellagio Conference Center, Italy, October 2006.
- Learning language: rationalists do it by the rules, empiricists do it to the rules,

- invited talk at the 11th International Conference on Cognitive and Neural Systems, Boston, MA, May 2007.
- *Progress in unsupervised language acquisition*, invited talk at the 2007 Workshop on Psycho-Computational Approaches to Language Acquisition, Nashville, TN, August 2007.
- On what it means to see and what we can do about it, invited talk at a Santa Fe Institute workshop on *High-Level Perception and Low-Level Vision: Bridging the Semantic Gap*, Santa Fe, NM, October 2007.
- Bootstrapping language with a little help from one's friends, invited talk at the 2008 Summer Institute on Social Cognition, Institut des sciences cognitives, UQAM, Montreal, July 2008.
- A scalable computational approach to grammar discovery from naturalistic corpus data, invited talk at a symposium on Machine Learning of English from Corpora, IASCL XI Conference, Edinburgh, July 2008.
- A New Vision of Language, or There and Back Again, Computer Science special seminar, University of Birmingham, August 2008.
- Computational Cognitive Linguistics, Episode IV: A New Hope, Department of Psychology colloquium, Cornell University, September 2008.
- Invited talk at the Third Korea-Japan joint workshop on pattern recognition, Yonsei University, Seoul, November 2008.
- Psychology colloquium, Korea University, Seoul, November 2008.
- Psychology colloquium, Yonsei University, Seoul, October 2009.
- Invited participant in *Dynamic Coordination in the Brain: From Neurons to Mind*, Ernst Strüngmann Forum, Frankfurt, August 2009.
- *Rebooting Grammar Induction*, invited talk at the Cornell Grammar Induction Workshop, Ithaca, NY, May 2010.
- Computing the mind, dynamically: some consequences of asking the right questions, invited talk at the Cornell Symposium on Epistemology of Perception, Ithaca, NY, September 2010.
- On evolution and learning in linguistic theory, or: Chomsky between Scylla and Charybdis, invited talk at an international workshop of the Israel Science Foundation, Learning, decision making and evolutionary theory: Can we bridge the gap?, Kfar Blum, Israel, November 2010.
- Invited speaker in *Computer Vision and Human Perception Future Trends*, a symposium in honor of Shimon Ullman, Weizmann Institute of Science, April 2012.
- Invited speaker and panelist in *Days of Happiness*, a Credo Bonum Foundation seminar held in Sofia, Bulgaria, June 2012.
- Invited speaker in 2012 Turing Memorial Institute on the Evolution of Consciousness, Montreal, Canada, July 2012.
- Invited speaker and panelist at the 8th International Science Festival, Rome, Italy, January 2013.

- Learning a generative probabilistic grammar of experience, Dept. of Psychology / Cognitive Science colloquium, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, May 2013.
- *The Happiness of Pursuit*, public talk at the Cornell School of Continuing Education (Summer Cornell), July 2013.
- Invited speaker at the NSF workshop on animal communication, NIMBIOS / University of Tennessee, Knoxville, October 2013.
- Invited speaker (two colloquia) at the Kokoro Research Institute, Kyoto University, January 2014.
- The role of similarity in object and scene representation, Cognitive Science colloquium, the University at Buffalo, March 2014.
- Learning generative probabilistic grammars for sequential behaviors, colloquium at the RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Wako-shi, Saitama, Japan, May 2014.
- Invited participant in NII Shonan Meeting on *Deep Learning: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications*, Shonan Village Center, Japan, May 2014.
- *Design for a Brain?*, colloquium at the Sagol Neuroscience Program, Tel Aviv University, Israel, June 2014.
- On DN, RL, and doing AI with the brain in mind, computer science department colloquium, Cornell University, November 2014.
- Three colloquia at the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, July 2015:
 - Learning a generative probabilistic grammar of experience: a process-level model of language (and birdsong) acquisition
 - Happiness: evolutionary basis, cognitive mechanisms, social & personal dynamics
 - Modeling language and cognition
- Computational Vision, Behavior, and Experience, invited plenary talk at APCV 2015
 Asia-Pacific Conference on Vision, Singapore, July 2015.
- More difficult than it sounds: prospects for progress in linguistics, invited plenary talk at the 2nd Conference on Usage-Based Linguistics, Tel Aviv, June 2016.
- To understand vision, we must study real behavior, evolution, and the brain, invited talk at Sensing: from Minds to Machines, an international research workshop of the Israel Science Foundation, Ben-Gurion University, Be'er Sheba, May-June 2016.
- *Happiness*, panelist at a Helix Center Symposium, New York Psychoanalytic Society, September 2016.
- Verbal behavior without syntactic structures: language beyond Skinner and Chomsky, brown bag colloquium, Dept. of Computer Science, Cornell University, November 2016.
- Two invited talks at *Human and Machine Learning*, a workshop at the Beijing Institute of Technology, August 2017:
 - Learning and language: evolutionary background, behavioral characterics, computational processes, brain circuitry
 - Consciousness: what it is, who has it, what it is good for, and how it may be computed

- Fundamental constraints on the time course of perception and consciousness, Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience, Berlin, August 2018.
- *Vision in the service of behavior*, invited talk at the *Flies, Men, and Machines* symposium in honor of H. H. Bülthoff, MPI for Biological Cybernetics, Tübingen, August 2018.
- Verbal behavior without syntactic structures: language beyond Skinner and Chomsky, Center for Minds, Brains, and Culture colloquium, Emory University, February 2019.
- Dynamic Emergence Theory of conscious experience, Center for Minds, Brains, and Culture lunch talk, Emory University, February 2019.
- Organizer (also presenter), NII Shonan Meeting on *Language as goal-directed sequential behavior*, Shonan Village Center, Japan, May 2019 (3.5 days; 28 international participants).
- *Preventable Unhappiness*, guest lecture in History 6.30, Dartmouth College, November 2019.
- Practical Approaches to Saving the World, Apotheosis Society, Cambridge University, May 2020.
- Why Pain Hurts: An Evolutionary Computational Account, Association for Mathematical Consciousness Science (AMCS) seminar series, July 2021.
- Autodiagnosis and the Dynamical Emergence Theory of Basic Consciousness, invited plenary talk at the Models of Consciousness 2 Conference of the Association for Mathematical Consciousness Science (AMCS), September 2021.
- *Dynamical Emergence of Basic Consciousness*, colloquium at the Santa Fe Institute, May 2022.
- *The moral psychology of surveillance capitalism*, invited talk at the symposium on Moral Psychology of Social Technology, Cornell University, June 2022.
- Conscience, conditional cooperation, and the prospects of surviving capitalism, Department of Communication, UCLA, June 2022.
- *Mind-like Computation and the Consciousness Revolutions*, Forum on Mind Computation from the Intelligence Science Perspective, the Global Artificial Intelligence Technology Conference, Hangzhou, China, November 2022.
- Autodiagnosis and the Dynamical Emergence of Basic Consciousness, colloquium at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, December 2022.
- Conscience, conditional cooperation, and the prospects of surviving capitalism, colloquium at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, December 2022.