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Education

DEGREE-GRANTING

Princeton University , Princeton, NJ Ph.D. Psychology and Neuroscience Advisors: Jonathan D. Cohen and Thomas L. Griffiths	2018–2023
Swarthmore College , Swarthmore, PA B.A. Computer Science and Philosophy Thesis: <i>An Application of Computational Learning Theory to Moral Epistemology</i> Advisor: Alan R. Baker	2014–2018

SUPPLEMENTARY

MIT Center for Brains, Minds, and Machines , Woods Hole, MA Summer Course	2019
University of Oxford , Oxford, UK Visiting Student, St. Anne's College Computer Science and Philosophy	2016–2017

Publications

WORKING MANUSCRIPTS

1. **Agrawal M**, Peterson JC, Cohen JD, Griffiths TL (R&R). Stress, Intertemporal Choice, and Mitigation Behavior During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.
2. **Agrawal M**, Danks D (in prep). Maxim Consequentialism for Bounded Agents.
3. **Agrawal M**, Allan S, Mattar MG, Cohen JD, Daw ND (in progress). Opportunity Costs Modulate Hippocampal Experiential Activation.
4. **Agrawal M**, Peterson JC, Cohen JD, Griffiths TL (in progress). Large-Scale Evaluation of Intertemporal Choice Theory.

PEER-REVIEWED

5. Christian IR, **Agrawal M** (2022). A Computational Model of Unintentional Mind Wandering in Focused Attention Meditation. *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Society*.
6. Peterson JC, Bourgin DD, **Agrawal M**, Reichman D, Griffiths TL (2021). Using Large-Scale Experiments and Machine Learning to Discover New Theories of Human Decision-Making. *Science*.
7. **Agrawal M**, Mattar MG, Cohen JD, Daw ND (2021). The Temporal Dynamics of Opportunity Costs: A Normative Account of Cognitive Fatigue and Boredom. *Psychological Review*.

8. **Agrawal M**, Peterson JC, Griffiths TL. (2020). Scaling up Psychology via Scientific Regret Minimization. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
9. Jas M, Achakulvisut T, Idrizović A, Acuna D, Antalek M, Marques V, Odland T, Garg RP, **Agrawal M**, Umegaki Y, Foley P, Fernandes H, Harris D, Li B, Pieters O, Otterson S, de Toni G, Rodgers C, Dyer E, Hamalainen M, Kording K, Ramkumar P (2020). Pyglmnet: Python implementation of elastic-net regularized generalized linear models. *Journal of Open Science Software*.
10. **Agrawal M**, Peterson JC, Griffiths TL (2019). Using Machine Learning to Guide Cognitive Modeling: A Case Study in Moral Reasoning. *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Society*.
11. Moraud, EM, Tinkhauser G, **Agrawal M**, Brown P, Bogacz R (2018). Predicting Beta Bursts From Local Field Potentials to Improve Closed-loop DBS Paradigms in Parkinson's Patients. *40th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society*.

CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP ABSTRACTS

12. **Agrawal M** (2020). An Application of Computational Learning Theory to Moral Epistemology. *46th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. (Cancelled due to COVID-19.)
13. **Agrawal M**, Mattar MG, Daw ND, Cohen JD (2020). The Temporal Dynamics of Opportunity Costs: A Normative Account of Mental Fatigue and Boredom. *'Mental Effort: One Construct, Many Faces?' Workshop, 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Society*.
14. **Agrawal M**, Mattar MG, Daw ND, Cohen JD (2019). Rational Arbitration of Hippocampal Replay. *2019 Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*.
15. **Agrawal M**, Peterson JC, TL Griffiths (2019). Understanding a Large Dataset of Moral Decisions Through Scientific Regret Minimization. *Moral Decision Making Workshop, 4th Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making*.

Awards

Cognitive Science Graduate Student Fellow, <i>Princeton University</i>	2020
National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate Fellowship	2019
Computational Neuroscience Travel Grant, <i>Swarthmore College</i>	2017
John W. Nason Community Service Fellowship, <i>Swarthmore College</i>	2016
Philip Evans Scholar, <i>Swarthmore College</i>	2014

Invited Talks

1. Cushman/Greene Joint Lab Meeting, Harvard University	2022
2. NSF Prepare Rapid PI Meeting	2021
3. Feldman Barrett Lab, Northeastern University	2021
4. Apps Lab, University of Birmingham and University of Oxford	2021
5. Army Research Office Seminar Series on Pioneers in Life and Human Sciences	2021
6. MILA Neuro-AI Reading Group, Université de Montréal and McGill University	2020
7. Gershman Lab, Harvard University	2020

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| 8. Workshop on Scaling Cognitive Science, Cognitive Science Conference | 2020 |
| 9. Scaling Cognitive Science Workshop, Princeton University | 2019 |

Press

[Are we witnessing the dawn of post-theory science?](#)

The Guardian, 2022

[Machine learning, big data reveal new theories of human-decision-making](#)

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), 2021

Teaching

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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| PSY / COS 360: Computational Models of Cognition, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | 2021 |
| PSY / NEU 330: Computational Modeling of Psychological Function, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | 2021 |
| PSY / COS 454: Probabilistic Models of Cognition, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | 2020 |

PRINCETON NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE

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| Introduction to Python, <i>Instructor</i> | 2019 |
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SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

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| PHIL 012: Logic, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | 2017 |
| CPSC 021: Introduction to Computer Science, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> | 2015 |

BREAKTHROUGH HOUSTON

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| 8th Grade Algebra, <i>Teaching Fellow</i> | 2014 |
| 7th Grade Algebra, <i>Teaching Fellow</i> | 2013 |

Advising

GRADUATE STUDENTS

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| Isaac R. Christian, <i>Princeton University</i> | 2021- |
| Tyler Giallanza, <i>Princeton University</i> | 2020-2022 |

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

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| Justin Curl, <i>Princeton University</i> | 2020-2021 |
| Taylor Jean-Jacques, <i>Princeton University</i> | 2019-2020 |

Professional Service

AD HOC REVIEWING

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| Biological Psychiatry | Memory & Cognition |
| Cognitive Psychology | NeurIPS (Workshop) |
| Cognitive Science Conference | Neurons, Behavior, Data Analysis, and Theory |

PLOS Computational Biology

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DEPARTMENT

Graduate Student Committee

Emerging Scholars of Psychological Science (ESPS) Talk Series

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