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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Neuroscience MIT (Cambridge, MA) Brain & Cognitive Sciences Department
 Advisor: Prof. Tomaso Poggio 2001–2006
- M.Sc. in Statistics and Probability Theory Université de Rennes (Rennes, France) 1999–2000
- M.Sc. in EECS Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Bretagne (Brest, France) • Major in image processing • 1997–2000
- BSc in Mathematics and Physics (Classes préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles) Lycée Pasteur (Neuilly, France) • 1995–1997

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Brown University, Departments of Cognitive & Psychological Sciences and Computer Science
 Carney Institute for Brain Science
 Center for Theoretical Physics and Innovation
 Data Science Institute
 Center for Computational Brain Science
 Center for Computation and Visualization
 Full Professor
 2021-present
- ANR-3IA Artificial and Natural Intelligence Toulouse Institute (France) International Chair in AI • 2019–present

- Brown University, Department of Cognitive, Psychological and Linguistic Sciences Associate
 Professor 2017–2021
- Brown University, Carney Behavioral Phenotyping Core Facility Associate Director 2011–2020
- Brown University, Department of Cognitive, Psychological and Linguistic Sciences Manning Assistant Professor • 2010–2017
- MIT (Cambridge, MA), McGovern Institute for Brain Research Postdoctoral Associate 2006– 2009

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

- Adelle Diagnostic Technology and Innovation Advisor 2023–present
 - High-throughput, AI-based platform for biomarker identification and validation
 - Development of minimally invasive blood-based diagnostic tests for NPH diagnosis and shunt surgery benefit prediction

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar • citations: 21,530 • h-index: 54 • i10-index: 100

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- Walk a mile in my shoes! 3d visual perspective taking in humans and machines. P. Zhou, D. Linsley, A. Ashok, G. Gaonkar, A. Nagaraj, F. Lewis & T. Serre. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN) Aug 2024
- Building better models of biological vision by searching for more ecological data diets and learning objectives.
 S. Chen, A. Ashok, A. Kimata, D. Sheinberg, W. Asaad & T. Serre. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN) Aug 2024
- Modeling the effects of language on visual perception with deep learning. C. Wood[†], J. Gopal[†],
 D. Linsley, P. Feng & T. Serre. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN) Aug 2024
- Predicting human behavioral decisions with recurrent neural networks. Y-A. Cheng, I.F. Rodriguez & T. Serre. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN) • Aug 2024
- Ecological data and objectives for human alignment. A. Nagaraj, A.K. Ashok, D. Linsley, F. Lewis,
 P. Zhou & T. Serre. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN) Aug 2024
- Integrating vision and decision-making models with end-to-end trainable recurrent neural networks. Y-A. Cheng, I.F. Rodriguez, T. Watanabe & T. Serre. Vision Science Society (VSS) May 2024

- Building better models of biological vision by searching for more ecological data diets and learning objectives. D. Linsley, A. Ashok, A. Nagaraj, P. Zhou, F. Lewis & T. Serre. Vision Sciences Society (VSS) May 2024
- HMAX strikes back: Self-supervised learning of human-like scale invariant representations. N.
 Pant, I.F. Rodriguez, A. Beniwal, S. Warren & T. Serre. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN) • Aug 2024
- Time to consider time: Comparing human reaction times to dynamical signatures from recurrent vision models on a perceptual grouping task. A.K. Ashok, L. Goetschalckx, L.N. Govindarajan, A. Ahuja, D. Sheinberg & T. Serre. Vision Science Society (VSS) May 2024
- Benefits of synchrony: Improving deep neural networks using complex values and kuramoto synchronization. S. Muzellec, A. Almada, T. Serre & R. VanRullen. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN) • Aug 2024
- Computing a human-like reaction time metric from stable recurrent vision models.
 L. Goetschalckx[†], L. Govindarajan[†], A.K. Ashok & T. Serre. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN) Aug 2023
- Harmonizing the visual strategies of image-computable models with humans yields more performant and interpretable models of primate visual system function. I. Felipe, D. Linsley & T. Serre. Vision Sciences Society (VSS) May 2023
- Toward modeling visual routines of object segmentation with biologically inspired recurrent vision models. L. Goetschalckx, M. Zolfaghar, A.K. Ashok, L.N. Govindarajan, D. Linsley & T. Serre. Vision Sciences Society (VSS) • May 2022
- What is the function of the orientation-tilt illusion? t. Serre, D. Linsley & J. Kim. Vision Sciences Society (VSS) • May 2020
- Kura-net: Exploring systems of coupled oscillators with deep learning. M. Ricci, A. Soni, Y. Zhang, M. Jung & T. Serre. Computational and System Neuroscience (CoSyNe) conference Mar 2020
- Development of a deep learning algorithm for the histopathologic diagnosis and gleason grading of prostate cancer biopsies. O. Kott, D. Linsley, A. Amin, A. Karagounis, C. Jeffers, D. Golijanin, T. Serre & B. Gershman. BIDMC Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning Symposium Feb 2020
- A deep learning algorithm for the diagnosis and gleason grading of whole slide images of prostate cancer core biopsies.
 O. Kott, S. Li, D. Linsley, A. Amin, B. Golijanin, D. Golijanin, T. Serre & B. Gershman. Annual Meeting of the American Urology Association 2020
- The function of contextual illusions. D. Linsley, J.K. Kim & T. Serre. *CSHL: From Neuroscience to Artificially Intelligent Systems* 2020
- A recurrent neural model for color constancy. A. Zerroug, D. Linsley & T. Serre. Neuromatch conference • 2020
- The function of contextual illusions. D. Linsley, J.K. Kim & T. Serre. Neuromatch conference 2020

CONTRIBUTED AND INVITED TALKS & SEMINARS

- CBMM Summer School (Woods Hole, MA) Aug 2025
- Flatiron Inst. SSL Workshop (New York, NY) April 2025
- CiNet (Osaka, Japan) Feb 2025
- Harvard (Cambridge, MA) Neuro 140/240: Biological and Artificial Intelligence Feb 2025
- MIT Quest Seminar Series (Cambridge, MA) Feb 2025
- AIC conference (Jackson, WY) Jan 2025
- Univ. of Amsterdam (CS) (Computer Science, Netherlands) Oct 2024
- CBMM Summer School (Woods Hole, MA) Aug 2024
- Univ. of Pennsylvania (Vision seminar, Philadelphia, PA) April 2024
- AIC conference (Jackson, WY) Jan 2024
- MIT (Cambridge, MA) 9.520/6.860: Statistical Learning Theory Nov 2023
- SUNY School of Optometry (New York, NY) Oct 2023
- CBMM Summer School (Woods Hole, MA) Aug 2023
- Columbia Univ. (Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, NYC) May 2023
- Harvard Univ. (Psychology Dept, Cambridge, MA) Apr 2023
- Harvard (Cambridge, MA) Neuro 1400: Biological and Artificial Intelligence Feb 2023
- École Normale Supérieure (Data Science seminar, Paris, France) March 2023
- AIC conference (Jackson, WY) Jan 2023
- Univ. of Texas (Center for Perceptual Systems, Austin, TX) Jan 2023
- MIT (Cambridge, MA) 9.520/6.860: Statistical Learning Theory Nov 2022
- Bernstein workshop on "Symmetries in neuroscience" (Berlin, Germany) Sep 2022
- Harvard Univ. Psychology Dept (Cambridge, MA) Aug 2022
- ICMNS (Virtual) Keynote July 2022
- TU Darmstadt (Comp. Cognitive Science Colloquium, Germany) June 2022
- VSS Symposium on Perceptual Organization (St Pete's Beach, FL) May 2022
- AIC conference (Jackson, WY) Jan 2022
- MIT (Cambridge, MA) 9.520/6.860: Statistical Learning Theory Nov 2021
- MIT Brain & Cognitive Sciences Dept (Cambridge, MA) Nov 2021
- Simons Foundation workshop (ML for Large-Scale Neuroscience, NYC) Oct 2021
- CRCN workshop (Computational Neuroscience, NYC) Oct 2021

- CBMM Summer School (Woods Hole, MA) Aug 2021
- ICLR workshop (Virtual) Apr 2021
- Harvard (Cambridge, MA) Neuro 1400: Biological and Artificial Intelligence Feb 2021
- AIC conference (Jackson, WY) Jan 2021
- Facebook AI Research (Paris, France) Jan 2021
- MIT, Center for Brains, Minds and Machines (Cambridge, MA) Invited discussant Dec 2020
- MIT (Cambridge, MA) 9.520/6.860: Statistical Learning Theory Nov 2020
- Washington Univ. (Neuroscience Seminar, St Louis, MO) Oct 2020
- Univ. of Amsterdam Computer Science (Amsterdam, Netherlands) Sept 2020
- CBMM Summer School (Woods Hole, MA) Aug 2020
- CNS Meeting (Workshop on ML for brain modeling, Melbourne, Australia) July 2020
- Bristol Univ. (Generalization in Mind and Machine series, UK) June 2020
- Vision Science Society (St Pete's Beach, FL)
 June 2020
- Harvard (Cambridge, MA) NEURO140: Biological and Artificial Intelligence Feb 2020
- AIC Conference (Jackson Hole, WY) Feb 2020
- Paul-Sabatier Univ. (Toulouse, France) Jan 2020
- EPFL (EPFL, Switzerland) Jan 2020
- MIT (Brains, Minds and Machines Seminar) Nov 2019
- Univ. of Rhode Island (RI-AI Meetup, North Kingstown, RI) Nov 2019
- OSHEANCon'19 (Providence, RI) Keynote Nov 2019
- Dartmouth Univ. (Dept of Epidemiology, NH) Oct 2019
- Symposium: Humans & Machines Learn to See (Ebsdorfergrund, Germany) Aug 2019
- Univ. of Pennsylvania Vision Seminar (Philadelphia, PA) Aug 2019
- IEEE CVPR workshop (Long Beach, CA) Keynote Jun 2019
- Johns Hopkins Univ. (Cognitive Science Dept, Baltimore, MD) May 2019
- York Univ. (Center for Vision Research, Toronto, Canada) Mar 2019
- IEEE CVPR Area Chair Workshop (San Diego, CA) Feb 2019
- UMass (Psychological and Brain Sciences, Amherst, MA) Feb 2019
- ECVP Workshop on 3D shape (Trieste, Italy) Aug 2018
- Workshop: Bio & Computer Vision (Royal Society, London) Feb 2018
- RIT (Center for Imaging Science, NY) Oct 2017

- New England Machine Learning Day (Cambridge, MA) May 2017
- AIC Conference (Breckenridge, CO) Jan 2017
- MIT Brain & Cognitive Sciences Dept (Cambridge, MA) Nov 2016
- Cornell Univ. (Ithaca, NY) Distinguished Speakers in Behavioral and Brain Sciences Oct 2016
- Univ. of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain) Aug 2016
- Workshop: Visual Neuroscience & CS (Pre-ECVP, Barcelona, Spain) Aug 2016
- Consortium of Northeastern Herbaria meeting (Providence, RI) Jun 2016
- Workshop on Deep Learning (Cambridge, MA) May 2016
- SUNY School of Optometry (New York, NY) Jan 2016
- Genova Univ. (Computer Science seminar, Italy) May 2015
- Workshop on Deep Learning (Bertinoro, Italy) May 2015
- Columbia Univ. (Theoretical Neuroscience Seminar, NYC) May 2015
- MIT (Brains, Minds and Machines Seminar) Apr 2015
- Univ. of Maryland (Neuroscience Seminar, University Park, MD) Mar 2015
- Institut de la Vision (Paris, France) Nov 2014
- Washington Univ. (St Louis, MO) Oct 2014
- Bristol-Myers Squibb (Wallingford, CT) Sep 2014
- Indiana Univ. (Bloomington, IN) Sep 2014
- Johns Hopkins Univ. Applied Physics Lab (Laurel, MD) Sep 2014
- Université de Bretagne Sud (Lorient, France) July 2014
- Telecom Bretagne (Brest, France) July 2014
- Columbia Univ. Center for Theoretical Neuroscience (New York, NY) July 2014
- Design Automation Conference (San Francisco, CA) May 2014
- Vision Science Society (St. Pete Beach, FL) Contributed Apr 2014
- MIT (Cambridge, MA) 9.S913: Understanding Visual Attention Apr 2014
- Harvard Univ. Psychology Dept (Cambridge, MA) Nov 2013
- SUNY (New York, NY) Apr 2013
- IPAM Graduate Summer School (Deep Learning, Los Angeles, CA)
 Jul 2012
- Neuromorphic Engineering workshop (Telluride, CO) Jul 2012
- Univ. of Memphis (Memphis, TN) Jan 2012
- Edinburgh Univ. (Edinburgh, UK) Mar 2011

- Harvard Univ. (Schwartz Institute, Cambridge, MA) Mar 2011
- Harvard Univ. Psychology Dept (Cambridge, MA) Feb 2011
- Scene Understanding Symposium (Cambridge, MA) Jan 2011
- Brown Univ. (Applied Math Dept, Theory seminar) Nov 2010
- Workshop: Inversion Methods (Cagliari, Italy) Jun 2010
- Columbia Univ. (New York, NY) Mar 2010
- Max Planck Institute for Cybernetics (Tubingen, Germany) Feb 2010
- Ecole Normale Supérieure Data Science Seminar (Paris, France) Jan 2010

PATENTS

- D. Linsley, J. Kim, A.K. Ashok, L.N. Govindarajan, R.G. Liu & T. Serre Recurrent neural circuits
 US20200356862A1 2020
- T. Serre, Y. Barhomi, Z. Nado, K. Bath & S. Eberhardt Method and system for automated behavior classification of test subjects US20180225516A1 2018
- T. Serre, T. Poggio, M. Riesenhuber, L. Wolf & S.M. Bileschi High-performance vision system exploiting key features of visual cortex • US7606777B2 • 2009
- Y. Ivanov & T. Serre Confidence weighted classifier combination for multi-modal identification
 US20060120609A1 2006

TRAINING GRANTS

Brown Postdoctoral Training Program in Computational Psychiatry. NIH/NIMH, T32 training grant.
 Grant #5T32MH126388. Co-PI (Frank/Rasmussen/Serre). \$1,840,290 • 2021-2026

RESEARCH GRANTS

Current grants

- High-performance compute cluster for brain science. NIH, Instrumentation grant. Grant #S10OD036341. PI. \$1,999,744 * 2025-2030
- One vision: Computational alignment of deep neural networks with humans. NSF, Research grant. Grant #2402875. co-PI (Serre/Linsley). \$1,190,678 2024-2028
- Brain-inspired deep learning models of visual reasoning. ONR, Research grant. Grant #N00014-24-1-2026. PI. \$2,478,465 2023-2028
- REPRISM: Flexible embodied problem-solving by manipulating the representational prism. ONR,
 Multi-University Research Initiative (MURI). Grant #N000142412603. co-I (PI: Konidaris).
 \$4,476,529 * 2024-2027

- SEA-CROGS: Scalable, efficient and accelerated causal reasoning operators, graphs and spikes for earth and embedded systems. DOE, Research grant. Grant #DE-SC0023191. Co-I (PI: Maxey). \$2,000,000
 2022-2027
- Secondary analysis of resting state MEG data using the Human Neocortical Neurosolver software tool for cellular and circuit-level interpretation. NIH/NIMH, Research grant. Grant #1RF1MH130415.
 Co-I (PI: Jones). \$1,173,602 • 2022-2025
- The next generation of operator regression networks: Theory, algorithms, applications. ONR, Research grant. Grant #N00014-22-1-2795. Co-I (PI: Karniadakis). \$2,999,480 2022-2027

Completed grants

- Origins of Southeast Asian rainforests from paleobotany and machine learning. NSF, Collaborative research grant in Frontier Research in Earth Sciences (FRES). Grant #EAR-1925481. co-PI (Wilf/Gandolfo/Serre). \$665,000 2019-2024
- Intelligent spine interface (ISI). DARPA, Research grant. Grant #D19AC00015. Co-I (PI: Borton).
 \$6,307,353 2019-2024
- Leveraging computer vision to augment suicide risk. NIH/NIMH, Research grant. Grant #R21 MH127231. co-PI. \$275,000 • 2021-2023
- Oscillatory processes for visual reasoning in deep neural networks. NSF, CRCNS US-France Research grant. Grant #IIS-1912280. co-PI (Serre/VanRullen). \$548,809 • 2019-2023
- Brain-inspired deep learning models of visual reasoning. ONR, Research grant. Grant #N00014-19-1-2029. PI. \$1,947,983 2018-2023
- Next-generation machine vision for automated behavioral phenotyping of knock-in ALS-FTD mouse models. NIH/NINDS, R21 research grant. Grant #R21 NS 112743. MPI (Fallon/Serre). \$450,000
 2020-2022
- Understanding the neural basis of the volitional state through continuous recordings in humans.
 NIH/NINDS, U01 research grant. Grant #U01NS098968. Co-I (PI: Cash, MGH). \$133,217 2016-2019
- Automating pathology with deep learning. NIGMS / Advance-CTR, U54 research grant. Grant #U54GM115677. PI. \$50,000 2018-2019
- Naturalistic data collection in the SmartPlayroom. NIH/NIMH, R21 research grant. Grant #R21 MH
 113870. co-PI (Amso/Serre). \$446,875 2017-2019
- WildCog: Evolution and local adaptation of cognitive abilities and brain structure in the wild. Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP), Research grant. Grant #RGP0006/2015. co-PI (Chaine/Morand-Ferron/Serre). \$235,123 * 2015-2018
- Scaling up computational models of visual processing in cortex. DARPA, DARPA Young Faculty Award, DARPA Director's Award. Grant #N66001-14-1-4037. PI. \$1,000,000 • 2015-2018
- Computational mechanisms of rapid visual categorization: Models and psychophysics. NSF, NSF early career award. Grant #IIS-1252951. PI. \$500,001 • 2013-2018
- Development of a machine vision system for high-throughput computational behavioral analysis. NSF,
 I-Corps grant. Grant #IIP-164456. PI. \$50,000 2016-2016

- Towards a biologically-inspired vision system for the control of navigation in complex environments. ONR, Research grant. Grant #N000141110743. PI. \$839,227 2011-2014
- Development of a machine-learning and computer-vision platform for automated behavioral analysis.
 Sponsored research. PI. \$262,639 2012-2013
- Towards a human-level neuromorphic artificial visual system. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Research grant. Grant #N10AP20013. PI. \$543,332. 2010-2011

SERVICE

To the University

- Cognitive & Psych Sciences Faculty Search Committee (chair) 2025–2026
- Research Computing Advisory Committee co-chair 2018–present
- Freshman and sophomore advisor (most years) 2011–present
- CCBS Faculty Search Committee (co-chair) 2023-2024
- CCBS Faculty Search Committee (chair) 2022–2023
- Cognitive Ling. & Psych Sciences Faculty Search Committee 2022–2023
- Cognitive Neuroscience undergrad concentration advisor 2022–2024
- CCBS Faculty Search Committee 2021–2022
- OVPR's Research Computing Advisory Committee co-chair 2018-present
- Data Science Initiative Executive Committee 2018–2022
- Data Science Initiative Campus Advisory Board co-chair 2018–2022
- Cognitive Science undergraduate concentration advisor 2015 2018
- Computation in Brain and Mind Initiative Steering Committee 2013 2020
- Academic Technology Steering Committee 2012 2020
- Carney Cluster Executive Committee 2013–2023

To the profession

- Board Member, Courtois Chair Scientific Committee (U. Montreal) 2025–2032
- CIFAR Scientific Review Board 2025–2026
- Section Editor (Neuroscience), PLOS Comp. Biology 2021–present
- Section Editor (Visual System), Encyclopedia of Computational Neuroscience 2017-present
- Area Chair, NeurIPS 2025
- Area Chair, ICLR 2025

- Senior Area Chair, CCN 2025
- Area Chair, ICML 2024
- Area Chair, NeurIPS 2023
- Area Chair, ICML 2023
- Area Chair, ICLR 2023
- Area Chair, CVPR 2023
- Area Chair, NeurIPS 2022
- Area Chair, ICML 2022
- Area Chair, ICLR 2022
- Area Chair, CVPR 2022
- Area Chair, NeurIPS 2021
- Area Chair, ICML 2021
- Area Chair, ICLR 2021
- Area Chair, NeurIPS 2020
- Board of Reviewing Editors eLIFE 2019-2023
- Senior Program Committee, AAAI 2020 2019
- Area Chair, CVPR 2019
- Area Chair, CVPR 2018
- Associate Editor Frontiers in Perception Science 2011 –2018
- Co-organizer of the Beyond Deep Learning symposium 2017
- Local Chair, CRCN annual PI meeting 2017
- Local Chair, IEEE ICDL-EpiRob 2015
- Area Chair, CVPR 2014
- Area Chair, NeurIPS 2011
- Co-organizer of the MIT Scene Understanding Symposium (SUnS) 2006 –2011

Ad-hoc reviewing

- Organizations and funding agencies (French) National Research Agency, European Research Council, Human Frontier Science Program, National Science Foundation, National Institute of Health (Analytics and Statistics for Population Research Panel B study section)
- Journals Current Biology, Journal of Vision, Nature Machine Intelligence, Nature Neuroscience, Neuron, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Science

To the community

- Lecture on neuroscience and AI in Prof. Valla's studio at RISD 2024
- Brown-RISD AI lab with Profs. Valla and Cardini 2020
- Lecture on high-level vision in Prof. Rose's studio at RISD 2019
- Lecture on high-level vision in Prof. Rose's studio at RISD 2018
- Lecture on high-level vision in Prof. Rose's studio at RISD 2017
- Lecture on high-level vision in Prof. Rose's studio at RISD 2016
- Lecture on high-level vision in Prof. Rose's studio at RISD 2014
- Communicating science project with Prof. Rose and design student (RISD) 2012

SAMPLE MEDIA COVERAGE

- Brown University offers cash incentive to assist with 'Click Me' AI research (Brown News) 2025
- Brown to lead national institute for intuitive, trustworthy AI assistants (Brown News) 2025
- Inside ClickMe: Professor Serre and Jay Gopal on advancing explainable AI (American Bazaar Online) • 2025
- Explainable AI busts open black boxes (Carney News) 2024
- Training AI to see more like humans (NSF) 2024
- Explainable AI busts open black boxes (Carney News) 2024
- New tool explains how AI 'sees' images and why it might mistake an astronaut for a shovel (Brown News) • 2023
- Summers are for science: A look at what Brown researchers were up to this summer (Brown Daily Herald) • 2023
- Finding the art in artificial intelligence (Venture Beat) 2019
- Brain research blooms at Brown (Brown Daily Herald) 2019
- Carney Institute settles in above Brown bookstore (Brown Daily Herald) 2019
- Intel and Brown University researchers embark on a two-year project to bridge spinal cord breaks using AI (Venture Beat) • 2019
- Brown researchers teach computers to see optical illusions (Brown News) 2018
- Focus on early stage illness may be key to treating ALS, study suggests (Brown News) 2018
- Research identifies a key weakness in modern computer vision systems (Brown News) 2018
- University conference explores future of AI (Brown Daily Herald) 2018
- Researchers gather at Brown to discuss next-generation AI (Brown News) 2018
- TDP-43 Mouse Model Research Featured (Brown News) 2018

- AI helps scientists map behavior in the fruit fly brain (Science Magazine) 2017
- Linking two labs a learning opportunity for Ph.D. student (Brown News) 2016
- A computer with a great eye is about to transform botany (Wired) 2016
- Meeting of minds leads to brain science technology venture (Brown News) 2016
- Computer vision can help classify leaves (Brown News) 2016
- Leaf mysteries revealed through the computer's eye (Science Daily) 2016
- People make the easiest judgments first when analyzing scenery (News Medical Science) 2015
- In analyzing a scene, we make the easiest judgments first (Brown News) 2015
- Making the easiest judgments first when viewing new environments (Science Daily) 2015
- Future watch: understanding the brain (Science Daily) 2015
- Research featured (Pour la recherche magazine) 2011
- Catégorisation socio-politique: Entretien croisé. (Revue Emulations) 2010
- Computer-based video analysis boosts data gathering in behavioral studies (Brown News) 2010
- Cerveau: Le voici tout près d'être mis en équation (Science & Vie magazine) 2009
- Reverse engineering the brain (Biomedical Computation Review) 2009
- Research featured in the BBC series Visions of the Future (BBC) 2008
- Understanding the brain (PC Magazine) 2008
- Computer vision inspired by the human brain (IEEE Comp) 2008
- News Bytes (Biomedical Computation Review) 2007
- When computer vision imitates life (EyeNet) 2007
- Computer model mimics the blink of an eye (MIT Tech Talk, Apr 4, 2007) 2007
- Easy on the eyes (The Economist) 2007
- Visual-cortex simulator sees animals as humans do (New Scientist) 2007
- Biologically Inspired Vision Systems (Technology Review) 2007
- Computer model mimics neural processes in object recognition (MIT News) 2007
- Mimicking how the brain recognizes street scenes (Naval Res) 2007
- Recognizing scenes like the brain does (Slashdot) 2007
- Visionary Research: Teaching computers to see like a human (Scientific American) 2007
- Reverse-Engineering the Brain (Technology Review) 2006

ACADEMIC HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORARY SOCIETIES

- Elected fellow in the ELLIS Program, Natural Intelligence 2024
- Brown Mid-Career Research Achievement Award 2024
- Awarded Thomas J. Watson, Sr. Professor of Science endowed Chair 2023
- PAMI Mark Everingham Prize for pioneering human action recognition datasets.
- PAMI Helmholtz Prize for significant impact on computer vision research. 2021
- Awarded International Chair in AI (ANITI, France) 2019-present 2019
- DARPA Director's Award 2016
- Distinguished Speaker in Behavioral and Brain Sciences, Cornell University (Ithaca, NY) 2016
- DARPA Young Faculty Award 2014
- Professeur Invité, Lorient University (Lorient, France) 2014
- NSF Early Career Award 2013
- Manning Assistant Professorship 2013
- Teaching with Technology Course Design Award 2012
- Sheridan Junior Faculty Teaching Fellows Program 2011–2012
- Awarded Manning Assistant Professorship 2010

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Computing Machinery 2025–present
- American Association for the Advancement of Science 2025–present
- IEEE Society 2017–present
- Vision Science Society 2002-present
- Society for Neuroscience 2001-present

TEACHING (LAST 5 YEARS)

- CPSY 1291 Computational methods for mind brain and behavior (51 students) Fall 2025
- CLPS 1950 Deep Learning in Brains, Minds & Machines (24 students) Spring 2024
- CLPS 1291 Computational Cognitive Science (70 students) Fall 2023
- CLPS 1950 Deep Learning in Brains, Minds & Machines (24 students) Spring 2022
- CLPS 1291 Computational Cognitive Science (32 students) Fall 2022

- CLPS 1950 Deep Learning in Brains, Minds & Machines (24 students) Spring 2022
- CLPS 1291 Computational Cognitive Science (69 students) Spring 2021
- CLPS 0950 Introduction to Programming (76 students) Fall 2021

MENTORING

Postdoctoral fellows (14)

- C. Cueva 2024–present
- L. Rosendhal (Assistant Professor; Florida Atlantic University) 2024–2025
- J. Jang (Senior Researcher, Center for Brain Function, KIST) 2022–2024
- L. Goetschalckx (AI Researcher, imec) 2020-2024
- R. Liu (Machine Learning Researcher, CENIA, Chile) 2019–2022
- A. Ben Tafous (industry) 2020–2021
- M. Jung (industry) 2019-2021
- S. Eberhardt (industry) 2015-2017
- S. Zhang (Professor, Harbin Institute of Technology) 2013–2014
- D. Reichert (Research Scientist, DeepMind) 2012-2014
- S. Bonneaud (industry) 2012–2013
- S. Crouzet (industry) 2010–2012
- J. Corbett (Research scientist, MIT) 2010-2011
- H. Jhuang (industry) 2011

Graduate students (22 advised)

- J. Chang (ANITI) 2026-present
- P. Zhou 2025-present
- S. Chen (CoPsy; industry) 2023–present
- J. Colin (Ellis Alicante; co-advised with Nuria Oliver) 2023–present
- M. Lepori (CS; co-advised with E. Pavlick) 2022–present
- Y.-A. Cheng (CoPsy; co-advised with T. Watanabe) 2022–present
- B. Lelan (ANITI; co-advised with V. Boutin) 2024–present
- A. Ashok 2021–present
- S. Muzellec (ANITI; co-advised with R. VanRullen) 2022–2025

- I. Rodriguez (CoPsy; industry) 2019–2025
- A. Ahmed (Neuroscience; co-advised with M. Nassar) 2018–2025
- T. Fel (Kempner fellow, Harvard) 2021-2024
- M. Chalvidal (ANITI; co-advised with R. VanRullen; industry) 2020–2023
- A. Zerroug (ANITI; startup founder) 2019–2023
- M. Vaishnav (ANITI; startup founder) 2019–2023
- P. Sailamul (CoPsy; industry) 2016–2023
- L. Govindarajan (CoPsy; currently a postdoc at MIT) 2017–2022
- M. Ricci (CoPsy; Assistant Professor, Institut Imagine, Paris, France) 2014–2020
- J.K. Kim (CoPsy; DeepMind) 2014–2019
- D. Mely (CoPsy; OpenAI) 2011–2016
- A. Arslan (CoPsy; industry) 2010–2015
- I. Sofer (CoPsy; industry) 2011–2014

Full-time research staff (16)

- V. Nema 2024-2025
- F. Lewis 2023-2024
- A. Arjun 2022–2023
- M. Reuter 2020–2021
- K. Thakkar 2018–2019
- D. Yang 2018-2019
- R. Saha 2018–2019
- V. Veerabadran 2017-2018
- T. Sharma 2017-2018
- Y. Haji 2016-2018
- P. Gupta 2015-2018
- Y. Wang 2015–2016
- Y. Barhomi 2010–2016
- X. Li 2011–2015
- M. Capps 2010-2011
- Y. Guo 2012

Ph.D. thesis committees (14)

- A. Soni (Neuroscience) 2025
- A. Fengler (Cognitive Science) 2022
- J. Bai (Cognitive Science, Advisor: W. Warren) 2022
- D.C. Burk (Neuroscience) 2020
- D. Burk (Neuroscience, Advisor: D. Sheinberg) 2019
- R. Xia (Neuroscience, Advisor: D. Sheinberg) 2019
- S. Guan (Neuroscience, Advisor: D. Sheinberg) 2018
- J. Hynes (Neuroscience, Advisor: M. Paradiso) 2016
- B. Kent (CoPsy, Advisor: R. Burwell) 2015
- K. Rio (CoPsy, Advisor: W. Warren) 2014
- T. Wiecki (CoPsy, Advisor: M. Franck) 2014
- J.H. Park (CoPsy, Advisor: S. Sloman) 2011
- S. Dimitriadis (CoPsy, Advisor: J. Anderson) 2010
- D. Buchanan (CoPsy, Advisor: D. Sobel) 2010

External examiner on Ph.D. dissertation (14)

- A. Gopalakrishnan (Dalle Molle Institute for AI, Switzerland. Advisor: J. Schmidhuber) 2025
- S. Loewe (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Advisor: M. Welling) 2024
- C. Hamberlin (Harvard University. Advisors: T. Konkle and G. Alvarez) 2024
- G. Malik (Northeastern University, MA. Advisor: E. Mingolla) 2023
- S. Stabinger (Innsbruck University, AT. Advisor: A. Rodríguez-Sánchez) 2022
- A. Franciosini (Institut des Neurosciences de la Timone, France; Advisor: L. Perrinet) 2021
- P. Mehrani (York University, OT. Advisor: John Tsotsos) 2021
- Y. Chen (Stony Brook University, NY. Advisor: Greg Zelinsky) 2021
- R. Cadene (Sorbonne, France. Advisor: Matthieu Cord) 2020
- A. Doerig (EPFL, Switzerland. Advisor: Michael Herzog) 2020
- I. Hadji (York University, ON. Advisor: Richard Wildes) 2019
- G. Lindsay (Columbia, NY. Advisor: Ken Miller) 2017
- J. Zhang (Hefei University, China, Advisor: Jun Gao) 2015
- M. Cauchoix (CNRS, France. Advisor: Denis Fize) 2014

Masters students (6)

- A. Nakaraj 2024-present
- X. Yu (Brown University) 2024–present
- P. Feng (Computer Science) 2022–2024
- A. Karagounis (Computer Science) 2017–2018
- A. Jones (Computer Science) 2017–2018
- M. Spector (Computer Science) 2013-2014

Undergraduate honors thesis students (17)

- N. Pant (Computer Science) 2024
- S.O. Olaiya (Neuroscience) 2023
- C. Moyer (Computer Science) 2024
- I. Logonria-Valenzuela (Cognitive Neuroscience) 2022
- C. Jeffers (Computational Biology) 2019
- D. Murphy (Computer Science) 2019
- M. Winter (Independent concentration) 2018
- C. Holtz (Cognitive Neuroscience) 2018
- J. Cader (Independent concentration) 2016
- Z. Nado (Computer Science) 2016
- R. Feinman (Applied Math) 2015
- S. Parker (Neuroscience) 2015
- J.K. Kim (Independent concentration) 2014
- R. Martens (CoPsy; industry) 2014
- S. Shahamatdar (Bio-engineering) 2013
- G. Riesen (Cognitive neuroscience; Departmental award) 2012
- E. Sanford (Neuroscience) 2012

International/visiting graduate students (22)

- A. Menezes (BITS Pilani K K Birla, Goa, India) 2025-2026
- G. Dhimoila (École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France) 2025–2026
- Y. Jiao (East China University of Science and Technology, China) 2018–2019
- L. Xu (Xi'an Jiaotong University, China) 2017–2018

- A. Singh (Cambridge University, UK) 2016
- A. Adoubib (Ecole Normale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Bretagne, France) 2015
- O. Boisard (Université de Bourgogne, France) 2015
- J. Brochard (Ecole Normale Supérieure, France) 2014
- R. Danilo (Université de Bretagne Sud, France) 2014
- J. Brochard (Ecole Normale Supérieure, France) 2013
- K. Lee (KAIST, S. Korea) 2012
- J.P. Noel (Gustavus Adolphus College, MN) 2012
- K. Olfer (Leiden University, Netherlands) 2012
- P. Sailamul (KAIST, S. Korea) 2012
- G. Irwin (Osnabrueck University, Germany) 2012
- S. Zhang (Harbin Institute of Technology, China) 2012
- M. Cauchoix (CNRS, France) 2011
- H. Kuehne (Karlsruhe University, Germany) 2010
- K. Olfer (Leiden University, Netherlands) 2010
- T. Stemmler (Bremen University, Germany) 2010
- M. Cauchoix (CNRS, France) 2010
- E. Garrote (University of the Basque Country, Spain) 2010