

# ZOE M. BOUNDY-SINGER

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Texas at Austin

09/17 – Present

Neuroscience PhD candidate

Committee: Robbe Goris, Wilson Geisler, Alex Huk, Xue-Xin Wei, & Samantha Santacruz

Thesis: Representation of uncertainty in macaque visual cortex

### University of Chicago

09/12 – 06/16

Bachelor of Science with Honors

Major: Biology ♦ Neuroscience Specialization

Minor: Computational Neuroscience

Thesis: Speed invariance of texture perception

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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Plexon Neuroscience Presenter Award

10/22

Cold Spring Harbor Labs Neuroscience: Computational Vision (*course attendee*)

07/22

University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin (*covers stipend + tuition*)

09/22 – 08/23

COSYNE Presenters Travel Grant

03/22

Professional Development Award from the Graduate School, UT Austin

10/19, 10/21, & 11/22

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF-GRFP)

08/19 – 07/22

UT Austin Institute for Neuroscience (INS) training grant recipient

09/17 – 07/19

University of Chicago - Dean's list scholar

09/12 – 06/16

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate student advised by Robbe Goris

01/18 – Present

*University of Texas at Austin – Center for Perceptual Systems*

Project: Representation of uncertainty in macaque visual cortex

### Rotation student advised by Thibaud Tallefumier

09/17 – 12/17

*University of Texas at Austin – Department of Neuroscience and Mathematics*

Project: Optimal tuning curves for efficient coding

### Research assistant & summer intern advised by Sliman Bensmaia

10/13 – 09/16

*University of Chicago – Department of Organismal Biology and Anatomy*

Project: Speed invariance of texture perception

### Summer research assistant advised by Huifang Xu

06/13 – 09/13

*University of Wisconsin – Madison - Department of Geoscience*

Project: Incorporation of trace elements in carbonate minerals

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Boundy-Singer, Z. M.\***, Ziemba, C. M\*, Goris, R.T.L. Confidence as a noisy decision reliability estimate. *In press: Nature Human Behavior*. (2022).

Henaf, O., **Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Meding, K., Ziemba, C. M, Goris, R.T.L. Representation of visual uncertainty through neural gain variability. *Nature Communications* 11, 2531 (2020).

**Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Saal, H.P., Bensmaia, S. J. Speed Invariance of Texture Perception. *Journal of Neurophysiology* 118(4), 2371-2377 (2017).

## IN PREPARATION

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**Boundy-Singer, Z.M.**, Ziemba, C. M, Goris, R.T.L. Representation of uncertainty in V1 populations.

## POSTERS

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**Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Ziemba, C. M, Goris, R.L.T. Relating V1 population activity to perceptual orientation uncertainty. (November, 2022). Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, CA.

Ziemba, C. M, **Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Goris, R.L.T. Decoding momentary gain variability from neuronal populations. (November, 2022). Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, CA.

**Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Ziemba, C. M, Goris, R.L.T. Representation of Uncertainty by Macaque V1 Populations. (March, 2022). COSYNE. Lisbon, Portugal.

**Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Ziemba, C. M, Goris, R.L.T. Representation of Uncertainty by Macaque V1 Populations. (November, 2021). Society for Neuroscience. Virtual.

Ziemba, C. M, **Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Goris, R.L.T. Isolating metacognitive sensitivity with a process model for confidence. (November, 2021). Society for Neuroscience. Virtual.

**Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Henaf, O., Meding, K., Ziemba, C. M, Goris, R.L.T. Representation of Sensory Uncertainty in Macaque Visual Cortex. (February, 2020). COSYNE. Denver, CO.

**Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Ziemba, C. M, Goris, R.L.T. Incentivizing, dissecting, and modeling human confidence judgments (October, 2019). Society for Neuroscience. Chicago, IL.

**Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Ziemba, C. M, Goris, R.L.T. (April, 2019). Incentivizing, dissecting, and modeling human confidence judgments. NETI. Austin, TX.

Saal, H.P., Lieber, J. D., **Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Weber, A. I., Bensmaia, S. J. (November, 2016). Inferring the neural representations underlying perceptual invariance in touch. Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, CA.

Lieber, J. D., Saal, H.P., **Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Weber, A. I., Bensmaia, S. J. (November, 2016). The coding of natural textures in primate somatosensory cortex. Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, CA.

Saal, H.P., Lieber, J. D., **Boundy-Singer, Z. M.**, Weber, A. I., Bensmaia, S. J. (October, 2015). Tactile texture invariance and its peripheral neural basis. Society for Neuroscience. Chicago, IL.

## TALKS

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INS Dialogues, UT Austin 02/22

*Title: Decision confidence: computational and physiological mechanism*

Center for Perceptual Systems Seminar Series, UT Austin 11/21

*Title: Representation of uncertainty by macaque V1 populations*

UT Austin INS recruitment talk 02/20

*Title: Uncertainty in the primate visual system*

UT Austin INS recruitment talk 02/18

*Title: Optimal tuning curves for efficient coding*

## OUTREACH

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Present Your PhD Program: Youth Science Workshop, UT Austin (*presenter*) 05/22

Health Science Summer Camps, UT Austin (*lecturer*) 07/18

UT Austin Neuroscience Undergraduate Reading Program Mentor (NURP) 01/18 – 5/20

*Semesterly I mentor an undergraduate in a neuroscience topic via primary literature review*

University of Chicago NEURO Club 09/13 – 06/16

*Member of the neuroscience club who's mission is to teach members of the community of various ages and backgrounds about neuroscience*

## MENTORSHIP

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*UT Austin:*

Quiana Jeffs, Ivan Zambrano

*Goris Lab Undergraduate RA*

Rebecca Moore, Thomas Jensen, Khue Tran, Che-Wei Chou,  
Mareena Zaheer, Michael Darmawan, Maher Rahman

*NURP*

*University of Chicago:*

Molly O'Donnell, Katherine Reis

*Bensmaia Lab Undergraduate RA*

## TEACHING

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Instructor INS Bootcamp psychophysics module – UT Austin

*8/22*

Teaching assistant for PSY 194 – Ethics and Professional Development – UT Austin *Spring 21 & 22*

*Responsibilities included curating weekly reading assignments, giving topical lectures, and leading class discussions*

## MEMBERSHIPS

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Society for Neuroscience

*09/15 – Present*

## SKILLS

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MATLAB, Python, R programming language, LaTeX, Adobe Illustrator