

Curriculum Vitae
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2. EDUCATION

Yale College, New Haven, CT, 1985-1989, BA Computer Science and Psychology
Brown University, Providence, RI, 1989-1994, PhD Cognitive Science
Dissertation: Peripheral Vision and Spatial Attention During Simulated Driving

3. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Fellow (1994-1997; Advisor: Nikos K. Logothetis)
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Research Scientist (1997-2000)

Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, Tübingen, Germany

Assistant Professor of Medical Science (2000-2006)

Brown University, Department of Neuroscience

Manning Assistant Professor (2005-2006)

Associate Professor of Neuroscience (2006-2011)

Professor of Neuroscience (2011-present)

4. RESEARCH

a. Chapters in Books

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c. Conference Proceedings

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d. Work in Progress or Under Review

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e. Abstracts (2006-2025, selected from > 90 since 1996)

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Ashok AK, Goetschalckx L, Govindarajan LN, Ahuja A, Sheinberg DL, Serre T (2024) Time to consider time: comparing human reaction times to dynamical signatures from recurrent vision models on a perceptual grouping task, Vision Sciences Society.

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- Ahuja A, Sheinberg DL (2018) Eye Movements Indicate Implementation of Mental Simulation to Assess Future Object Movement, VSS Annual Meeting.
- Xia R, Guan S, Sheinberg DL (2017) Dynamic lateral interactions in monkey area V4, Society for Neuroscience Meeting.
- Guan S, Xia R, Sheinberg DL (2017) Bidirectional visual processing: Distinct dynamics and interactions between V4 and inferior temporal cortex in challenging scenarios, Society for Neuroscience Meeting.
- Guan S, Xia R, Sheinberg DL (2016). Assessing the Role of Correlated Noise using Gaussian Copula Models, Cosyne 2016.
- Lim S, McKee JL, Woloszyn L, Amit Y, Freedman DJ, Sheinberg DL, Brunel N (2015). Inferring learning rules from distributions of firing rates in inferior temporal cortex. Cosyne 2015.
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- Woloszyn L, Sheinberg DL (2006) No Lateral-Vertical Asymmetry in the Processing of Mirror Images in the Monkey, Vision Sciences Society.
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- Sheinberg DL, Mruczek REB, Anderson B, Kawasaki K (2006) Effects of Long Term Image Familiarity in Monkey Temporal Cortex, Vision Sciences Society.

f. Invited Lectures

Special Symposia

"High level vision: Seeing beyond the image", 2018 Farewell Symposium For Heinrich Bülhoff, Tuebingen Germany (August 2018).

"Control of visual processing through optogenetic and electrical stimulation in the non-human primate". Japanese Neuroscience Society (July 2016).

"Plasticity of Visual Representations in Extrastriate Cortex". Gordon Research Conference, Sunday River Resort, Newry, ME (July, 2014).

"How to recognize a chair". Invited guest to honor Marlene Behrmann, incoming co-director of the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition (March, 2014).

Shapes, objects, and predicting the future. Keynote Speaker, 17th Annual Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition Retreat, Seven Springs, PA (October, 2013, rescheduled for March 2014).

Effects of visual experience on temporal cortical activity. International Conference on Computation & Neural Systems, Boston University (May, 2011).

Learning to see in a complex world, The Picower Institute Symposium, MIT, Cambridge (October 2010)

Time scales and recognition dynamics: Physiology and behavior, Keynote Lecture, Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center All-Hands Meeting, San Diego (Jan 2010).

How we know what's out there: The role of temporal cortex in recognition. Plenary speaker, Waterloo Brain Day, Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, University of Waterloo (April, 2009).

Dynamic activity in temporal cortex. Dynamic Perception, Communication and Action Workshop, Hebrew University, Israel Science Foundation. (May 2008)

Dynamic processing of visual form in primate temporal cortex. Lake Ontario Visionary Establishment, Niagara Falls, Canada (Feb 2007).

Dynamic processing of visual form in primate temporal cortex. RIKEN Brain Science Institute Program, Japan (July 2006).

From seeing to knowing: The role of inferotemporal cortex in vision. International Conference on Computation & Neural Systems, Boston University (May, 2005).

Neural correlates of perception, recognition, and beyond in the non-human primate. Harvard Mind/Brain/Behavior Initiative (April, 2005).

"Face" cells and "non-face" cells in IT cortex, Tuebinger Wahrnehmungskongferenz, (Feb, 1999).

Invited Seminars

Effects of experience and attention on visual processing, Dartmouth College, (June 2016).

Visual Processing in Body Dysmorphic Disorder: A Collaborative Approach, Chairs Lunch, Butler Hospital (September, 2013).

Efficient visual processing and the effects of experience, University of Chicago (April, 2012).

The Unity of Consciousness and Sensory integration: Insights from neuroscience, Brown University (Nov, 2011).

Recognizing dynamic form: Modeling and physiology, Collaborative Research Computation Neuroscience Meeting, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore (June, 2010)

Dynamic processing of visual form in the temporal lobe. Yale Neurobiology Colloquium, New Haven (April 2008)

Action recognition in the primate brain. MIT Center Biological & Computational Learning, Cambridge (Feb 2008)

Recognizing and representing action: Dynamic integration of movement or form? NSF All Hands, Vanderbilt University, Nashville (Jan 2008)

Neurophysiological and behavioral effects of familiarity on visual search. Scene Understanding Symposium, MIT (Feb 2007).

Neural dynamics and visual recognition. Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center Kick-off, Salk Institute (Jan 2007).

Exploring the neural dynamics of visual recognition, MGH (March, 2006).

Perception to action through temporal cortex. Harvard Vision Group (Feb 2006).

How do you create an expert? Invited Symposium at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting , NYC (March 2003).

Seeing, knowing, and knowing what you're seeing, MIT Brain and Cognitive Sciences (Dec 2004).

Learning to see a complex world, Harvard University, Dept. of Psychology (March 2004).

Learning to see a complex world: Evidence from physiology and psychophysics: Queens's University, Kingston, Ontario (March 2003).

Cosmic Issues. Koffler Bornstein Families Institute of Jewish Studies, Temple Emanu-El, Providence (March 2003).

Learning to see a complex world: Evidence from physiology and psychophysics: Princeton Plasma Physics Lab, Princeton, NJ (March 2003).

Psychophysics and neurophysiology of natural scene perception in the monkey, Gordon Conference (July 2002).

How the brain sees a complex world, Annual Meeting of the James S McDonnell Foundation, Tarrytown, NY (June 2002).

Probing the neural basis of visual recognition, Brain Science Program Annual Retreat, Burlington, VT (Mar 2002).

The machine inside, Brown University Inauguration Ceremony (Oct 2001).

From perception to action: The role of temporal cortical neurons in noticing visual stimuli, University of Rochester (Mar 2001).

From perception to action: The role of temporal cortical neurons in noticing visual stimuli, Fondation des Treilles, France (Aug 2000).

The role of inferotemporal neurons in perceptual organization, University of Marburg (Dec 1998).

How the brain sees of complex world, Kolloquium der Neurowissenschaften, Tübingen, Germany (Oct 1998).

Neural correlates of visual perception, 14th Annual Houston Conference of Biomedical Engineering Research (Feb 1996).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

My research aims to better understand how the concerted activity of single neurons empowers the primate visual system to explore complex environments and recognize complex objects, and on understanding how experience affects these processes. Our approach involves training non-human primates to carry out visual motor tasks involving complex visual patterns. Current studies are aimed at understanding the role that visual neurons in the temporal lobe play in natural vision and to uncover how the dynamic physiological properties of these cells. Together, these aims capture what I believe to be the fundamental purpose of the visual areas of the temporal lobe - to form a bridge between perception and action by adapting to novel visual environments and providing fast and flexible visual interpretations of the complex world.

Understanding the neural basis of simulation

The ability to imagine events that have not yet occurred is a central element of intelligent behavior. In our combined behavioral and physiological approach to this problem, we have developed a paradigm for studying the neural basis of visual simulation. Our central question is how the brain carries our internal experiences of sensory events that might occur to inform decisions about future actions. We have

shown the patterns of eye movements, processing time, and decisions all support the idea that both humans and non-human primates carry out internal “mental simulations” of events. These can be explored using neuroimaging approaches in the fMRI scanner, and at the single neuron level by recording from populations of cells using high density recording probes. Together, we hope that our work can help us better understand not only how imagination is essential for making sense of a complex world, but also how this process can break down in neuropsychiatric disorders including schizophrenia and PTSD.

Dynamic activity in temporal cortex

Sensory processing is a continuous process and yet our subjective experience appears stable. In this project we are investigating how objects are represented over time by cells in the inferior temporal cortex and how this activity is modulated by attention and correlated with perception, awareness, and recognition. Of special interest is how neural representations change over time as a function of experience.

The neural basis of mental simulation

How do we imagine events that have never happened? We study this process by creating novel environments that observers can use to internally simulate outcomes before they occur. Using a combination of behavioral, computational, and neural recording methods, we are exploring how the brain can support imagination in humans and monkeys.

Shape processing by touch and vision

The goal of this research is to better understand how objects are represented at a supramodal level. To this end, we are exploring how shapes can be recognized by touch and sight using novel approaches for presenting haptic shapes and visual shapes in a unified behavioral paradigm. We are testing the hypothesis that all shape recognition leverages visual areas, even when information is obtained by touch.

Perception of animate form

Investigate the mechanisms by which visual signals related to motion and form are combined to allow monkeys to recognize and respond to animate objects.

5. RESEARCH GRANTS

Active grants:

NIH-NIGMS 5 P30 GM103645 07 6152, Behavior and Neuroimaging Core, Aug 2024-Aug 2029 (Core Director)

NIH-NIMH T32MH020068-18 Interdisciplinary Predoctoral Neuroscience Training Program July 2021 – June 2026 (Co-PI).

Completed grants:

NIH-R21EY032713 Toward an animal model of visual simulation, May 2021-Feb 2025.

NIH-R21NS130475 Recognition of shape by vision and touch, Sept 2022-August 2024.

NIH-NIMH R03MH123990 Closing the loop on markerless object tracking July 2020-June 2023 (PI)

ONR Bidirectional vision (Co-PI, Lead PI: R O'Reilly, ONR N000014-14-0670). May 2014-Mar 2020.

Dynamic visual activity in temporal cortex, April 2004 - June 2018 (NCE). National Institutes of Health (PI: Sheinberg, RO1-EY014681).

NIH NINDS 1U01NS090557 (NIH BRAIN Initiative), "Large-scale Electrophysiological Recording and Optogenetic Control System" (PIs: Goodell, Gray, Sheinberg, Pesaran)

NSF Science of Learning Center "Temporal Learning Center", Oct 2006-Oct 2018, (Senior Investigator; PI: Gary Cottrell, UCSD, SBE-0542013).

DARPA Brain Reorganization and Plasticity to Accelerate Injury Recovery: Multi-Scale and Multi-Modal models Enabled by: Next Generation Neurotechnology (PI: Shenoy, N66001-10-C-2010). April 2010-March 2013.

Norman Prince Neuroscience Institute and Brown Institute for Brain Science Seed Grant, "Visual Processing in Body Dysmorphic Disorder" (PIs: Sheinberg and Phillips).

Brown DEANS Award, "Modification of Perception in Body Dysmorphic Disorder and Neural Correlates" (PIs: Sheinberg and Phillips)

DARPA Neovision II Neuromorphic visual system for intelligent unmanned sensors. (Co-PI, Lead PI: Laurent Itti, BAA-09-58). Jan 2010-Dec 2011.

Collaborative Proposal: Object and Action Recognition in Time Sequences of Images: Computational Neuroscience and Neurophysiology, Sep 2008-Aug 2011, NSF (PI: Sheinberg, IIS #0827427).

Expertise in object perception (Perceptual Expertise Network) Jan 2001-Dec 2010, Subcontract for \$420,000 direct, (Co-PI, I Gauthier PI) JSMF Collaborative Activity Award.

Compositional representation in the visual system (Co-PI, S Geman PI), Sept 2004-Aug 2007, (CRCNS, NSF).

Perception of animate form: Probing the neural basis of cognition, Dec 2001-Nov 2007, (#20002043, PI: Sheinberg) James S McDonnell Foundation

Phase II SBIR, "Ersatz Brain Project", March 2006-June 2008 (Co-PI, J Anderson PI) Air Force Research Laboratory (Rome, NY, Advanced Computer Architecture).

Enrichment and Integration of Networked Computing and Visualization Resources for the Mathematical Sciences (Co-PI, D McClure PI), Sept 2004-Aug 2006, (DMS Infrastructure Program, NSF). \$93,000 direct.

Effects of microstimulation in the inferotemporal cortex of monkeys, Aug 2000-March 2004, McDonnell Pew Program in Cognitive Neuroscience

Sloan Research Fellowship, Sept 2001-Aug 2003

Plasticity of neural representations in the inferotemporal cortex of monkeys, Feb 2001-Jan 2002, Rhode Island Foundation

Potentiation of single neuron responses in inferotemporal cortex, Salomon Faculty Research Award, 2001-2002, Brown University

6. SERVICE

a. To the University

Brown IACUC (2007-2024, Vice-Chair)

University Resources Committee (2008-2010, Faculty Vice-Chair 2009-2010)

Health Careers Advisory Committee (Chair: Andrew Simmons; 2006-2011)

Faculty Animal Users Committee (Chair: Ed Hawrot; 2007-)

Brown-Tuebingen Collaborative Research Liaison (2009-present)

Diversity Advisory Board (Faculty Vice Chair; 2004-2008)

Applied Sciences Building Strategic Planning Committee (2010-present)

Brown University Community Council (Chair: Ruth Simmons; 2005-2009)

BioMed MD/PhD Admissions Committee (2006-2008)

BioMed Dean of Research Advisory Board and Search Committee (2005-2006)

Search Committee, Associate Vet (2012, 2014, 2017)

Computational Neuroscience Undergraduate Concentration, Co-Founder & Director of Undergraduate Studies (2025-present)

Neuroscience Graduate Student Program DGS (2010-2017, 2019-2023)

Neuroscience Graduate Student Program, Steering Committee (2005-2006)

Neuroscience Graduate Student Program Admissions Committee (2008-present)

Neuroscience Graduate Student Program Seminar Committee (2000-2007)

Search Committee Chair, Computational Neuroscience (2012)

Brain Sciences Graduate Program (Director, 2006-2014)

Brain Sciences Program Executive Committee (2006-)

Co-Organizer, Computation in Mind and Brain Initiative (2013-present)

Neuroscience Undergraduate Concentration, Director (2004-2008)

Neuroscience Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2002-2008)

Neuroscience Concentration Advisor (2000-present)

Neuroscience Department Space Committee (2010-present)

Neuroscience Teaching Committee (2011-present)

Freshman Advisor / TEAM Advisor (2001, 2002, 2007, 2009-present)

Sophomore Advisor (2002, 2008-present)

Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences Cog Neuro Search Committee (2003-2004)

Royce Fellowship Program Moderator (Feb 2002)

Member, Mind Brain & Behavior Curriculum Planning Committee (2001)

"The Language of the Brain", Presentation to the Brown Corporation (Oct 2001)

Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for the Psychology Dept

b. To the Profession

Society for Neuroscience, Ethics Committee (2013-present)

Society for Neuroscience, Committee on Animals in Research (2009-2011)

Society for Neuroscience, Prize Committee (2010-present)

Vision Sciences Society Abstract Review Committee (2007-present)

Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation, The Wellcome Trust/ DBT India

Alliance, Center for Complexity Science

NIH CSR Grant Panelist (> 20 since 2016)

Ad Hoc reviewer, Nature, Nature Neuroscience, Neuron, J Neurosci, Cerebral Cortex, Current Biology, Frontier in Neuroscience, PLoS, Perception & Psychophysics, J Neurophys, TICS, PNAS, Vision Research, J Exp Psychol

7. ACADEMIC HONORS

1993 - 1996 NSF Predoctoral Scholar
1996 - 1999 Kirchstein NRSA Postdoc Award
2000 - 2001 Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University
2001 - 2003 Sloan Fellow
2005 - 2006 Manning Assistant Professor
2024 - 2025 Dean's Award for Faculty Research Mentoring

8. TEACHING / MENTORING

Introduction to Computational Neuroscience (NEUR0680, Spring 2025-present) – Foundation course in computational neuroscience serving as springboard for the new computational neuroscience (CNEU) concentration.

Quantitative Methods in Neuroscience (NEUR2060, Spring 2018-2023) – Graduate core course exploring key concepts in computational neuroscience.

Coursera MOOC – Exploring Neural Data (Sept 2014, enrollment > 20,000, co-instructor: Linden) – Teach “learners” from around the world basic programming skills necessary for exploring, analyzing, visualizing real neural data.

Exploring Neural Data (NEUR1520, Spring 2014, co-instructor: Linden) – Teach undergraduates basic programming skills necessary for exploring, analyzing, visualizing real neural data.

Advanced Systems Neuroscience (NEUR2050, Fall 2012, 2013,2014) – Graduate core course exploring fundamental concepts in neural systems.

Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience (NEUR2060, Spring 2013) – Graduate core course exploring key concepts in computational neuroscience.

Cerebral Localization (NEUR1940, Spring 2007, Spring 2010) – Senior seminar exploring the historical and current understanding of localized brain function

Systems Neuroscience (NEUR1030) - Lecture course (100-150 students) examining key principles that underlie the function of neural systems ranging in complexity from peripheral receptors to central mechanisms of behavioral control.

The Neural Representation of Objects (NEUR2940) - Reading course exploring the question of how the brain represents objects and the nature of neural codes that may be used for such representations.

Cognitive Neuroscience (NEUR1940) - Seminar course discussing aspects of brain function from two different, but complementary, perspectives: neurological case study and basic neuroscientific experimentation.

Foundations of Neuroscience (Pfizer/Brown Course, NEUR1500) – Introduction to fundamentals of neuroscience taught to Pfizer employees interested in neuroscience (co-taught with M. Paradiso, D. Lipscombe)

Guest Lectures - Introduction to Neuroscience (NEUR0010), Medical Neurobiology (BN260), Cognitive Neuroscience (BN166), Graduate Systems & Cognitive Neuroscience (NEUR2050, NEUR2060)

PhD Students

Past

- Britt Anderson, MD. PhD, Brain Science Program. (2005)
Title: “Changes in Neuron Firing Rates and Synchronies as A Concomitant of Visual Grouping. A Multi-Electrode Study in the Awake Monkey”
Current Position: Professor of Psychology, U Waterloo
- Ryan Mruczek (Neuroscience Graduate Program, 2001-2007)
Title: “Neural Correlates of Efficient Visual Search”
Current Position: Assistant Professor, College of the Holy Cross
- Jedediah Singer (Brain Science Program, 2002-2008)
Title: “Vision over time: Temporal integration in the temporal lobe”
Current Position: Research Scientist, Two Six Labs
- Ilya Monosov (co-advisor, enrolled NIH-Graduate Partnership Program, 2005-2009)
Title: “Primate frontal eye fields mediate spatial attention in covert visual search”
Current Position: Associate Professor, Wash U
- Luke Woloszyn (Neuroscience Graduate Program, 2004-2011)
Title: “Perception, Visual Memory and Inferior Temporal Cortex”
Current Position: Sr Data Scientist, Foursquare

- Sophie Lebrecht (Cognitive Science Program, 2005-2011)
Title: “Micro-valences’: Affective valence in ‘neutral’ everyday objects”
Current Position: Operations manager, xnor.ai (Apple)
- Heida Maria Sigurdardottir (NSGP 2007-2013)
Title: “Objects in Space”
Current Position: Assistant Professor, University of Iceland
- Shaobo Guan
Title: Vision Beyond the Feedforward Sweep
Current Position: AI Research Lab, Apple Computer
- Ruobing Xia
Title: The neural dynamics of feature-based attention
Current Position: Postdoc, Moore Lab, Stanford
- Diane Burk
Title: The processing of shape motion associations in inferior temporal cortex
Current Position: Postdoc, Averbeck Lab, NIH
- Aarit Ahuja
Title: Neural simulation in the primate brain
Current Position: Research scientist, Exponent Systems

Current

- Ayan Waite (Engineering Graduate Program, 2023-present)
Title: “Getting a grasp on haptic shape recognition”
- Adit Sabnis (NSGP, 2022-present)
Title: “Neural mechanisms of visual simulation”

Postdoctoral Fellows

Jessie Peissig (2002-2004, currently Prof, Cal State Fullerton)
Keisuke Kawasaki (2002-2009, currently Prof, Niigata U, Japan)
Mark Sanderson (2003-2004, currently working for CIGNA)
Britt Anderson (2006-2008, currently Prof, U Waterloo, Canada)
Daniel Brooks (2010-2014, currently, Research director, Walter Reed)
Ji Dai (2010-2015, Currently Professor, Shenzhen Institute, China)
Wenhao Dang (2016-2019)
Ryan Miller (2017-present)

PhD Committees, 2001-present

Graduated

Mijail Serruya (Advisor: Donoghue, chair, 2000-2001)
Sean MacEvoy (Advisor: Paradiso, 2001-2004)
Cathy Clarke (Advisor: Paradiso, 2002-2005)
Matthew Fellows (Advisor: Donoghue, chair, 2001-2005)
Kara Agster (Advisor: Burwell, 2004-2007)
Jean Vettel (Cognitive Science, Advisor: M Tarr, 2006-2009)
Adrian Nestor (CLPS, Advisor: M Tarr, 2006-2009)
Ethan Bromberg-Martin (NIH/GPP, Advisor: Hikosaka, 2006-2009)
Daniel Leeds (CNBC, CMU, Advisor: Tarr, 2010-2013)
Chun-Chia Kung (Cognitive Science, Advisor: M Tarr, 2005-2008)
Carlos Irwin-Vargas (Advisor: Donoghue, chair, 2006-2010)
Benjamin Philip (Advisor: Donoghue, 2006-2009)
Arjun Bansal (Advisor: Donoghue, 2007-2010)
Naveen Rao (Advisor: Donoghue, 2008-2011)
Kristin Kerr (Advisor: Burwell, 2006-2013)
Justine Allen NSGP/MBL (Advisor: Hanlon, 2009-2014)
Jennifer Barredo NSGP (Advisor: Badre, 2008-2014)
Kaivon Paroo NSGP (Advisor: Donoghue, 2007-2014)
Jackie Hynes NSGP (Advisor: Paradiso, 2013-2018)
James Niemeyer NSGP (Advisor: Paradiso, 2009-2016)
Michelle Fogerson NSGP (Advisor: Berson, 2010-2015)
Thomas Wiecki CLPS (Advisor: Frank, 2010-present)
Ali Arslan CLPS (Advisor: Serre, 2010-present)
Lach Franquemont NSGP (Advisor: Donoghue, 2011-2017)
Dan Felch NSGP (Advisor: Carlos Aizenman)
Imri Sofer CLPS (Advisor: Serre, 2011-2016)
Adrian Bondy NIH-GPP (Advisor: Cumming, 2011-2016)
Patti Shih NSGP (Advisor: Badre, 2010-2012)
Catherine Hegarty GPP (Advisor: Karen Berman, 2013-2018)
Dani Rubinstein GPP (Advisor: Karen Berman, 2013-2018)
Kaitlin Wilcoxon NSGP (Advisor: Leigh Hochberg, 2019-2021)
Seth Akers-Campbell NSGP (Advisor: Michael Paradiso, 2015-2022)
Nadira Rodriguez NSGP (Advisor: Theresa Desrochers, 2018-2024)
Adam Nitenson NSGP (Advisor: Tara White, 2015-2019)
Erica Grodin GPP (Advisor: Markus Heilig, 2015-2020)
Alexis Toliver NSGP (Advisor: Judy Liu, 2016-2020)

Ivan Felipe Rodriguez CLPS (Advisor: Thomas Serre, 2019-2025)
Abdullah Ahmed Rashed NSGP (Advisor: Thomas Serre 2019-2025)
Aneri Soni NSGP (Advisor: Michael Frank, 2019-2024)
Julia Licholai GPP (Advisor: Nicholas, Ryba, 2021-2025)
Ciana Deveau GPP (Advisor: Mark Histed, 2021-2025)

Current

Max Seppo NSGP (Advisor: Alex Fleischmann, 2019-present)
Julia Zaltsman NSGP (Advisors: Connors & Burwell, 2017-present)
Kushaal Rao NSGP (Advisor: Leigh Hochberg, 2022-present)
Natalie Freedgood GPP (Advisor: Heather Cameron, 2023-present)
Gwen Folkert GPP (Advisor: Richard Krauzlis, 2025-present)
Alekh K Ashok CLPS (Advisor: Thomas Serre, 2021-present)
Sixuan Chen CLPS (Advisor: Thomas Serre, 2023-present)

Undergraduate Research Advisor (2002-present)

Barbara Schreck, Blake Gurfein, Zeynep Saygin, Justin Bachorik, Zach Gordon, Michael Hadley, Jacob Donoghue, Minal Bhojani, Sergey Stavisky, Jung Kang, Sara Sunshine, Lauren Krumeich, Andrew Kim, Suzanne Michalak, Michelle Schnayder, Luc Amdahl, Stacey Bjorgaard, Jordan Shaw, Sam Johnson, Maria Rodriguez, Yee Won Kim, Zixian Wang, Caleb Schultz, Anisha Kasi, Brett Starr, Emmajane Rhodenhauser, Eric Steinberg, Adin Pepper Fox, Yunxi Liang, Dorji Wangdrak, Harper Liang, Tasiemobi Ajie-Anozie, Brian Ji, Ashley Song, Adrian Skeans