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## Academic Positions

- Assistant Professor (Research)**, Department of Neuroscience, Brown University (USA) 05/2011-present  
Conducting research on the brain processes involved in motor skill learning and eye-hand coordination. I study these mechanisms with functional magnetic resonance imaging and psychophysics techniques from healthy individuals. I also assess how Parkinson's disease affects these processes.
- Investigator (Research)**, Department of Neuroscience, Brown University (USA) 2008-2011
- Post-doctoral Research Associate**, Department of Neuroscience, Brown University (USA) 2003-2008
- Teaching Assistant**, School of Optometry, Université de Montréal (Canada) 2001  
Responsible for the development of curriculum and primary class instruction in a fall-term course on the fundamentals of Motor control and Motor learning (KIN 6870- *Kinésiologie et Intégration Sensorielle*).
- Intern**, Department of Kinesiology, University of Waterloo (Canada) 2000  
Conducted research to assess how we use visual inputs to grasp objects. The internship required training in a new laboratory, conducting experiments, analyzing data, and presenting the outcomes at a conference. Supervisor : Dr. Heather Carnahan.

## Education

- Ph.D.** Kinésiologie, Université de Montréal, Canada 2003  
Dissertation: "On the role of static and dynamic visual information for the control of goal directed movements". Director: Dr. Luc Proteau
- M.Sc.** Sciences de l'Activité Physique, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada 1998  
Thesis: "Learning to juggle as a mean to improve handwriting legibility in Dysgraphic children". Director: Dr. Claude Dugas
- B.A.** Psychology, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada 1995

## Publications

- Im HY, **Bédard**, P, & Song JH. (2015). Encoding attentional states during visuomotor adaptation. *Journal of Vision*, 15(8), 20, 1-16. doi: 10.1167/15.8.20.
- Fasoli S, **Bédard** P, Barredo J, Sanes J, and Resnik, LJ. (2015). Plasticity Associated with Learning to Use an Advanced Upper Limb Prosthetic Device: A Neuroimaging Study. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2015.08.218>.
- Song JH and **Bédard** P. (2015). Paradoxical Benefits of Dual-Task Contexts for Visuomotor Memory. *Psychological Science*; Feb;26(2):148-58. doi: 10.1177/0956797614557868.
- Bédard** P and Sanes JN. (2014) Brain representations for acquiring and recalling visual-motor adaptations. *NeuroImage*. Nov 1;101:225-35; doi: 10.1016/j.neuroimage.2014.07.009.

**Bédard P, Song JH.** (2013). Attention modulates generalization of visuomotor adaptation. *Journal of Vision*, Oct 16;13(12).

Song JH, **Bédard P.** (2013). Allocation of attention for dissociated visual and motor goal. *Experimental Brain Research*, Apr; 226(2):209-19.

Gorrostieta C, Ombao H, **Bédard P,** and Sanes JN. (2012). Investigating brain connectivity using mixed effects vector autoregressive models. *NeuroImage*, 59(4), 3347-3355.

**Bédard P** and Sanes JN (2011). Basal ganglia-dependent processes in recalling learned visual-motor adaptations. *Experimental Brain Research* 209(3), 385-93.

**Bédard P,** Wu M, and Sanes JN. (2011). Brain activation related to combinations of gaze position, visual input, and goal-directed hand movements. *Cerebral Cortex* Jun, 21(6):1273-82.

**Bédard P** and Sanes JN (2009). On a basal ganglia role in learning and rehearsing visual-motor associations. *NeuroImage* Oct 1, 47(4), 1701-10.

**Bédard P** and Sanes JN. (2009). Gaze and hand position effects on finger-movement-related human brain activation. *Journal of Neurophysiology* 101(2), 834-42.

**Bédard P,** Thangaval A, and Sanes JN. (2008). Gaze influences finger movement-related and visual-related activation across the human brain. *Experimental Brain Research* 188(1): 63-75.

**Bédard P** and Proteau L. (2005). Movement planning of video and of manual aiming movements. *Spatial Vision* 18(3): 275-296.

**Bédard P** and Proteau L. (2004). On-line vs. off-line utilization of peripheral visual afferent information to ensure spatial accuracy of goal-directed movements. *Experimental Brain Research* 158(1):75-85.

**Bédard P** and Proteau L. (2003). On the role of peripheral visual afferent information for the control of rapid video-aiming movements. *Acta Psychologica (Ams)* 113(1): 99-117.

**Bédard P** and Proteau L. (2001). On the role of static and dynamic visual afferent information in goal-directed aiming movements. *Experimental Brain Research* 138(4): 419-431.

#### **Articles under review or in Preparation**

**Bédard P,** Chappidi M, Bataglia-Mayer A, Caminiti R, and Sanes JN. We are studying the brain correlates of performing visual-based corrections during reaching movements.

**Bédard P** and Sanes JN. Determining the role of the basal ganglia in sensory-motor adaptation using fMRI and individuals with Parkinson's disease.

**Bédard P,** Gorrostieta C, Ombao H, and Sanes JN. Human Parietal-Frontal Cortical Representations of Action Selection.

**Bédard P,** Dubrowski A, Proteau L, and Carnahan H. Determining how we use visual inputs to grasp objects when we look at them via peripheral vision as opposed to direct vision.

#### **Ongoing projects**

**Bédard P,** Batty E, Churchill T, and Sanes JN. Assessing effects of gaze orientation on directional tuning in human fronto-parietal cortex using fMRI.

**Bédard P,** Mathews A, and Sanes JN. Determining the neural correlates of sensory-motor transformations and the impact of decision making using EEG.

**Bédard P** and Song J-H. In collaboration with a colleague from the Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences Dept. at Brown University, conducting research on how attention affects memory formation during sensory-motor adaptation. We have conducted several experiments and our results suggest that attention does not influence performance changes during learning per se, but rather affects recall and thus memory formation.

**Bédard P**, Walsh E, and Sanes JN. We are studying the role of GABA and glutamate in the primary motor cortex during visuomotor adaptation using Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS).

## **Conferences**

Song JH and **Bédard P**. Long-lasting paradoxical effects of attentional-states on visuomotor learning. Vision Science Society, St-Pete beach, Florida, USA, 2014.

**Bédard P** and Sanes JN. Effective connectivity changes before and after sudden and gradual visual-motor adaptation Society for Neuroscience Chicago, USA, 2015.

Sanes JN and **Bédard P**. Brain activity during gradual visuomotor adaptation. Society for Neuroscience Washington DC, USA, 2014.

Song JH and **Bédard P**. Long-lasting paradoxical effects of attentional-states on visuomotor memory states on visuomotor learning. Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, USA, 2013.

**Bédard P** and Song JH, Attention modulates generalization of visuomotor learning. Vision Science Society, Naples, USA, 2013.

Song JH and **Bédard P**. Effects of attentional states on visuomotor learning. Vision Science Society, Naples, USA, 2013.

Sanes JN, **Bédard P**, Caminiti R, Chappidi M, Battaglia-Mayer A. Human brain representations for online adjustments of voluntary actions. Human Brain Mapping, Seattle USA, 2013.

Sanes JN and **Bédard P**. Parkinson's disease effects on brain representations of learning and recalling internal models. Society for Neuroscience New Orleans, USA, 2012.

**Bédard P**, Battaglia-Mayer A, Chappidi MR, Caminiti R, and Sanes JN, Human brain representations of on-line motor control. Society for Neuroscience New Orleans, USA, 2012.

**Bédard P**, Churchill T, and Sanes JN. Directional coding of reaching in human fronto-parietal cortex and effects of gaze orientation. Human Brain Mapping. Québec city, Canada, 2011.

**Bédard P**, Churchill T, and Sanes JN. Movement directional coding in human fronto-parietal cortex: effects of gaze position. Society for Neuroscience Washington DC, USA, 2011.

Song J and **Bédard P**. Attentional load effects on sensory-motor adaptation. Society for Neuroscience Washington DC, USA, 2011.

**Bédard P**, Song J-H. Attentional load effects on sensory-motor adaptation. Vision Sciences Society, Naples, Florida, USA, 2011.

**Bédard P**, Thaweerattanasin T and Sanes JN. Action selection representations in frontal and parietal cortex. Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, USA, 2010.

**Bédard P**, Thaweerattanasin T and Sanes JN. Action selection representations in frontal and parietal cortex. Human Brain Mapping. Barcelona, Spain, 2010.

- Bédard P**, Wu M, and Sanes JN. Memory and visual interactions for combined human brain representations for gaze position and hand movements. Society for Neuroscience, Chicago, USA, 2009.
- Bédard P**, Wu M, and Sanes JN. Memory and visual interactions for combined human brain representations for gaze position and hand movements. Human Brain Mapping. San Francisco, USA, 2009.
- Bédard P** and Sanes JN. Brain representations of visuo-motor adaptation learning and retention. Human Brain Mapping. San Francisco, USA, 2009.
- Bédard P** and Sanes JN. Brain representations of visuo-motor adaptation learning and retention. Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, USA, 2008.
- Sanes JN and **Bédard P**. Basal ganglia contributions to short-term retention of visual-motor adaptations. Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, USA, 2008.
- Bédard P** and Sanes JN. Combined gaze and hand representations for skeletal movements in human brain. Society for Neuroscience, Atlanta, USA, 2006.
- Bédard P** and Sanes JN. Gaze and hand centered frame of reference for finger movements in human. Human Brain Mapping, Florence, Italy, 2006.
- Bédard P** and Sanes JN. Parkinson's disease affects brain activation during visual-motor arbitrary associative learning. Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, USA, 2005.
- Bédard P** and Sanes JN. Parkinson's disease affects brain activation during visual-motor arbitrary associative learning. Human Brain Mapping, Toronto, Canada, 2005.
- Bédard P**, Thangaval A, and Sanes JN. Integration of gaze position with finger movements in the human brain. Human Brain Mapping, Budapest, Hungary, 2004.
- Bédard P**, Thangaval A, and Sanes JN. Gaze field in human neo-cortex related to finger movement. Society for Neuroscience, New Orleans, USA, 2003.
- Bédard P** and Proteau L. Is movement planning improved by initial vision of the hand or eye movement from the starting base to the target location? Société Canadienne d'Apprentissage Psycho-moteur et de Psychologie du Sport (SCAPPS), Montréal, Canada, 2001.
- Bédard P**, Dubrowski A, Proteau L, and Carnahan H. Grasping objects in peripheral visual field. Société Canadienne d'Apprentissage Psycho-moteur et de Psychologie du Sport, Waterloo, Canada, 2000.
- Bédard P** and Proteau L. On the role of static and dynamic visual information for the planning and control of hand movements. Société Canadienne d'Apprentissage Psycho-moteur et de Psychologie du Sport, Edmonton, Canada, 1999.

### **Mentorship and Teaching**

I have mentored the work of several undergraduate students. I teach them how to design fMRI and psychophysics experiments, collect and analyze data using various softwares including Matlab, R project, FSL, and AFNI, and present the outcomes. In collaboration with Dr Sanes, I also supervised students research projects in the completion of honorary undergraduate thesis.

Instructor: CLPS 1580A: Visually-Guided Actions and Cognitive Processes. Brown University Dept. of Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences; Autumn 2012

Instructor: CLPS 1580B: Visual Attention. Brown University Dept. of Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences; Autumn 2013

## **Memberships**

Society for Neuroscience (SFN)

Vision Science society (VSS)

Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM)

Vice-President, Graduate Student Association, Dépt. de Kinésiologie, Université de Montréal

## **Ad hoc reviewer:**

*Brain, Journal of Neurophysiology, Journal of Motor Behavior, Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Neuroscience, PlosONE*