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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Cognitive Psychology (in progress)** 2014 - Present
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
- M.S., Cognitive Psychology** 2014 - 2016
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
- B.A., magna cum laude, Psychology & Foreign Languages** 2008 - 2012
Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Perlino Award, a competitive award for research related to deafness* 2016
- Summer Graduate Student Research (GSR) Award* 2016
- Summer Graduate Student Research (GSR) Award* 2015
- Regents' Fellowship* 2014
- Phi Beta Kappa* 2012
- Psi Chi* 2012
- Pamplin Corporation Scholarship* 2010 - 2012
- Dean's List* 2008 - 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Researcher, UC Santa Cruz** 2014 - Present
- Investigated the comprehension of discourse markers in human and machine speech, and the effect of backstories in HCI (Advisor: Dr. Jean E. Fox Tree, Spontaneous Communication Laboratory).
Designed and conducted experiments on the contribution of auditory and visual cues towards the comprehension of sarcasm (Advisor: Dr. Nicolas Davidenko, Perception Lab).
- Graduate Research Assistant, UC Berkeley** 2012 - 2014
- Conducted several studies involving TMS and fMRI. I coordinated, scheduled, and ran participants independently, assisting in data collection and analysis, and created an annotative bibliography in the preparation of a literature review (Advisors: Drs. Dobromir Rahnev and Mark D'Esposito).
- Undergraduate Researcher, Lewis and Clark College** 2009 - 2012
- Worked on individual and team projects with humans and rats, using behavioral and physiological measures and conducted data analysis (SPSS).

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Larson, A.S., Fox Tree, J.E.. (*in prep*). Framing, more than speech, affects how machine agents are perceived.

Rahnev, D., Nee, D.E., Riddle, J., **Larson, A.S.**, D'Esposito, M. (2016). Causal evidence for frontal cortex organization for perceptual decision making. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 113(21), 6059-6064.

PRESENTATIONS

Hammond, A.A., D'Arcey, J.T., **Larson, A.S.**, Fox Tree, J.E. (2017, November). The more sarcastic you are, the more sarcastic you think others are. Poster presented at the Psychonomic Society's 58th Annual Meeting. Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Larson, A., Collins, J., Davidenko, N. (2015, July). "No way!": Similar contribution of visual and auditory cues to sarcasm comprehension. Poster presented at the 37th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Pasadena, California USA.

Rahnev, D., **Larson, A.**, D'Esposito, M. (2015, February). Prefrontal cortex and perception: A TMS-fMRI study. Poster presented at the 26th Annual Bay Area Vision Research Day. Berkeley, California USA.

Rahnev, D., **Larson, A.**, D'Esposito, M. (2014, April). Distinguishing three prefrontal processes in perceptual decision-making: A TMS-fMRI study. Poster. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS)*.

Rahnev, D., **Larson, A.**, D'Esposito, M. (2013, November). Causal mapping of lateral prefrontal regions to separate stages of perceptual decision-making. Nano-symposium talk. *Society for Neuroscience*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dance Instructor and Organizer , East Bay Waltz	2014 - Present
Teaching Assistant , Cognition, Dr. Margaret Wilson, UCSC	Present
Teaching Assistant , Roman History - Pompeii, Dr. Charles Hedrick, UCSC	2017
Teaching Assistant , Cognitive Neuroscience, Dr. Cassidy Sterling, UCSC	2017
Teaching Assistant , Psych of Language, Dr. Fox Tree, UCSC	2017
Teaching Assistant , Abnormal Psychology, Patrawat Samermit, UCSC	2016
Teaching Assistant , Research Methods, Dr. Cassidy Sterling, UCSC <i>Gave a guest lecture on APA style (185 enrolled students)</i>	2016
Teaching Assistant , Cognition, Dr. Margaret Wilson, UCSC <i>Gave a guest lecture on Implicit Memory (171 enrolled students)</i>	2016
Teaching Assistant , Psych and Religion, Dr. Ralph Quinn, UCSC	2015
Teaching Assistant , Research Methods, Dr. Faye Crosby, UCSC	2015
Teaching Assistant , Perception, Dr. Nicolas Davidenko, UCSC <i>Gave a guest lecture on Chemical Senses (170 enrolled students)</i>	2015
Teaching Assistant , Statistics, Dr. Audun Dahl, UCSC	2015
Director's Assistant , Berkeley Russian School <i>Subbed in for teachers as needed, managed schedules and the library</i>	2012 - 2014

SERVICE

<i>Noise as Critical Research in Sound Studies working group member</i>	2017 - Present
<i>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee member, UCSC</i>	2016 - Present
<i>Campus Representative for APAGS-ACT, UCSC</i>	2016 - 2017
<i>Ad-hoc reviewer, Memory & Cognition</i>	2017
<i>Outreach to De Anza college students, hosting at UCSC</i>	2016
<i>Outreach to Cognitive Science Student Association of UCSC</i>	2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Psychological Association
Cognitive Science Society

SKILLS

Computer

Experience with Python, HTML/CSS, MATLAB, R, SPSS, SuperLab, Brainsight, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Google Apps, GitHub, Audacity, SuperLab, Mac and PC.

Certifications

CITI certified, certified by OHSU to handle and work with rats, CPR certified (2013 - 2015), certified in the use of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation and Magnetic Resonance Imaging at the Brain Imaging Center of UC Berkeley (2014).

Languages

Advanced French (7 years intensive study), advanced Russian (4 years intensive study).

REFERENCES

Available upon request