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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Neuroscience January 2019

Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois

B.S., Neurobiology and Psychology May 2011

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Psychology 2022 – present

Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee

Adjunct Professor of Neuroscience 2020 – 2021

Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

Adjunct Professor of Neuroscience 2020

Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois

Visiting Teacher Scholar 2019

Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2019 – present

Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois

Principal Investigator: Thorsten Kahnt, Ph.D.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

PSYC 382: Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience (undergraduate level)

Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

Behavioral and cognitive neuroscience is a required for the cognitive and behavioral neuroscience major at Loyola University, and the goal of the course is to familiarize mid- and upper-level undergraduate students with related neuroscience topics (i.e., object recognition, attention, language, learning and memory, cognitive control, and emotion) through lecture-based instruction, engagement with primary literature, and collaborative group work. I am solely responsible for course design and content, which involves crafting the syllabus, establishing learning objectives, developing and recording asynchronous lectures, and selecting and presenting primary research articles. I also design and evaluate exams, participation assignments, individual and collaborative writing assignments, and final projects.

MENTOR

Research Mentor, Kahnt Lab

2020 – **present**

Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois

Provide research support for rotation graduate student and undergraduate student

Tutor, Collaborative Learning & Integrated Mentoring in the Bioscience Program (CLIMB) 2016 – 2019 Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois

Provided academic support for three graduate students (neuroscience coursework, Ph.D. candidacy qualifying exam)

Study Group Facilitator, CLIMB

2014, 2016

Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois

Led study sessions for small groups of graduate students

Academic Mentor, Chicago Lights

2013 - 2014

Chicago, Illinois

Provided personal and academic support for high school student as part of tutoring program that serves underrepresented communities

WORKSHOP LEADER

Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Award – F31DC015374 (Score: 10)2016 – 2019National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication DisordersInstitutional Predoctoral National Research Service Award – T32NS0479872014 – 2016Human Cognition Training ProgramInstitutional CORE Facilities Equipment Grant (significant contributor)2015Northwestern Office for Research

Community Building Grant

2014 - 2017

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Cognitive Brain Mapping Group Seminar Series