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17th Annual Conference

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Chicago, USA



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Program At-A-Glance

CST	Wednesday April 23	Thursday April 24	Friday April 25	Saturday April 26
8:00 AM	Registration: 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM (State/LaSalle Foyer)	Mentor Match Event 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Huron <i>Sponsored by NIRx</i>		Symposium 3: Single-Neuron Mechanisms of Face Perception in the Human Medial 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM LaSalle Ballroom
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12:45 PM	Presidential Address: Cognition Emerges from Neural Dynamics <i>Earl K. Miller</i> 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM LaSalle Ballroom	Mid-Career Award Presentation 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM LaSalle Ballroom	Blitz Talks #3 1:05 PM - 1:50 PM LaSalle Ballroom	
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3:00 PM	2. Screenomics for passive sensing of smartphone use <i>Brooke Ammerman</i>	Comic SANS 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM LaSalle Ballroom	Innovation Award Announced, SANS Business Meeting & Closing 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	
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About the Society

The Social & Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS) is committed to research investigating the neural basis of social and affective processes. The Society was founded in 2008 and now comprises over 300 members.



Welcome to the 17th annual SANS Conference

Dear SANS Attendees,

Welcome to the **17th Annual Meeting of the Social & Affective Neuroscience Society!** This year, we're gathering in Chicago, a city known for its deep-dish pizza, striking architecture, and complex history of social conflict and activism—a fitting place for a community of researchers dedicated to understanding the social and emotional forces that shape human life.

One of the most exciting aspects of our annual conference is that ~15–20% of attendees are joining us for the first time. With researchers from over a dozen countries, this meeting provides a unique opportunity to learn diverse perspectives and develop new connections in social and affective neuroscience, uniting our community. This is a sign of a thriving society, and it's a great reason to step outside of our usual circles. So I encourage you to introduce yourself to someone new, start a conversation, and make a connection that could shape your career or research in unexpected ways.

This year's program has been expertly curated by conference co-chairs Elisa Baek (University of Southern California) and João Guassi Moreira (University of Wisconsin, Madison), along with a dedicated committee: Candace M. Raio, Chujun Lin, Josiah Leong, and Justin Minue Kim. Their hard work has brought together a lineup of thought-provoking talks, discussions, and networking opportunities that make this meeting special. A heartfelt thank you to them for their time, effort, and vision.

Our Trainee Committee, led by Hongbo Yu (University of California, Santa Barbara), has expanded this year, welcoming Shanny Foo and Nikki Puccetti, while celebrating former members Shawn Rhoads and Cat Camacho, who have moved into faculty roles. Their work kicks off the conference with the Mentor-Mentee Match event—at 8 AM, no less (yes, we know it's early). This event, generously sponsored by NIRX, helps break down barriers between faculty and trainees. And if the nerves of networking feel overwhelming, perhaps someone can bring an fNIRS system to measure our collective brain activity in real time.

Our Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice (EDIJ) Committee, led by Jeni Kubota (University of Delaware), has organized an essential session on Science and Funding Outside the U.S., featuring researchers from Australia, Spain, Taiwan, and Canada. The session will feature SANS scholars from outside of the US who will discuss faculty and postdoctoral opportunities as well as grant funding for international scholars. These global connections are more important than ever. The EDIJ committee also organized a Social Hour for everyone to celebrate the travel award winners! And we also very much welcome Damian Stanley (Adelphi University) as the incoming chair of the EDIJ committee. Welcome, Damian!

Among the many highlights of this year's conference, two thought-provoking debates will address major issues in our field. The first debate, Scaling Up or Zooming In? will delve into the question of large consortia versus small, investigator-led studies, featuring Damien Fair and Thalia Wheatley, moderated by Josiah Leong. The second debate, Artificial Intelligence in Social & Affective Neuroscience: Caution or Acceleration? will explore the role of AI in our research, with Mark Thornton and Mohammad Atari, moderated by Chujun Lin.

Welcome

Moving on to more serious business—Comic SANS returns for its second edition, posing the timeless question: how many social and affective neuroscientists' sense of humor is rooted in schadenfreude? And for those looking for a more informal setting to connect, the EDIJ Social at Timothy O'Toole's Pub on Friday offers a great opportunity to celebrate, and commiserate, with our fellow members. Don't forget to disclose your feelings to strengthen those social bonds!

We are honored to have Beatriz Luna (University of Pittsburgh) as our Keynote Speaker this year, who will present on Adolescent Neurocognitive Plasticity and Specialization Shaping Adult Trajectories. Additionally, Earl K. Miller (MIT) will deliver the Presidential Address on Cognition Emerging from Neural Dynamics. We also take this opportunity to celebrate our award winners: Mark Thornton (Dartmouth College), who will be recognized with the Early Career Award; Cate Hartley (New York University), who will be recognized with the Mid-Career Award; and Kevin Ochsner (Columbia University), who will be recognized with the Distinguished Career Award.

The Challenges We Face – and Our Commitment to Science

This is a difficult time for science. Research funding has taken a major toll over the past decade in several countries in part due to war, economic instability, and political conflict. Dramatic funding cuts in the U.S. are reshaping the landscape of research, with consequences that will be felt for years. These cuts do not just threaten individual labs; they endanger the foundational work that drives scientific progress—work that is often conducted in academic and non-profit settings, where discovery is valued over profit. We must advocate for science, not only because it fuels medical and technological advancements but because it deepens our understanding of what it means to be human. In times like these, we must support one another and seek new opportunities, including international collaborations that allow us to continue asking bold, important questions.

We are also facing a broader challenge: the focus of our work - from the neuroscience of emotion regulation to intergroup relations to social network formation - directly involves considerations of diversity in terms of socioeconomic status, gender, race and ethnicity, and more. Much of this work seeks to better the lives of those who suffer from discrimination based on their identity or background. In the U.S., terms central to social and affective neuroscience have been banned from use in certain federal funding proposals. Yet, our field's work remains critical. These research areas are not optional—they are at the heart of understanding human experience. The continued pursuit and commitment to our field is more necessary than ever.

Despite these challenges, I am encouraged by the fact that we are here today, at this conference. We have this time to support each other in science, to advance the best science we can, and to form social networks to help keep each other afloat and adapt to these circumstances.

With that, I warmly welcome you to SANS 2025. I encourage you to engage fully—attend sessions that challenge you, meet someone new, and take part in and lead the conversations that will shape the future of our field.

See you in Chicago!



Ajay Satpute
President

Awards

Distinguished Scholar Award

The Distinguished Scholar Award recognizes the broad scope and potentially integrative nature of scholarship in social and affective neuroscience. It honors a scholar who has made distinctively valuable research contributions across their career in areas by significantly advancing our understanding of the biological basis of social and affective processes or expanding the core of social and affective neuroscience discipline.



Kevin Ochsner

Columbia University

Kevin Ochsner is Professor and former Chair of the Department of Psychology at Columbia University, where he directs the Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (SCAN) Lab and co-directs the Center for Brain, Mind and Society, whose mission is using behavioral and brain research to inform our understanding of societal issues. His lab has published more than 170 scientific articles and books, supported by funding from private and public institutions, including five different NIH Institutes.

For this work, Kevin has received various awards including the APA New Investigator Award and the Young Investigator Award from the Cognitive Neuroscience Society. Kevin is one of six co-founders of the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society and is a past president of the Society for Affective Science.

Awards

Mid Career Award

The award recognizes an mid-stage investigator who has made significant contributions to Social and Affective Neuroscience terms of outstanding scholarship and service to the field.



Catherine Hartley

New York University

Dr. Catherine Hartley is an Associate Professor of Psychology and Neural Science at New York University. She received her B.S. in Symbolic Systems from Stanford University and her PhD in Psychology from New York University. Her research focuses on characterizing how dynamic changes in brain circuits from childhood to adulthood influence the learning, memory, and decision-making processes that support goal-directed behavior. In this work, she uses a variety of methodological approaches including neuroimaging, psychophysiology, computational modeling, and ecological momentary assessment. A central goal of her research is to understand the adaptive benefits of how individuals learn and make decisions at different developmental stages, as well as how specific learning and decision-making biases contribute to vulnerability or resilience to psychopathology.

Awards

Early Career Award

The Early Career Award recognizes an early-stage investigator who has made significant contributions to Social and Affective Neuroscience in terms of outstanding scholarship and service to the field.



Mark Thornton

Dartmouth College

Mark Thornton is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Dartmouth College. He directs the Social Computation, Representation, and Prediction Laboratory (SCRAP Lab) and is a core faculty member of the Consortium for Interacting Minds. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Princeton University, and his Ph.D. in Psychology from Harvard University. Thornton's research focuses on understanding how the brain organizes social knowledge and how it uses this knowledge to predict the social world. He studies these topics using a combination of naturalistic and controlled experiments, functional neuroimaging, and computational methods.

Awards

Travel Awards

We are happy to announce that The Social & Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS) was able to offer TEN (10) travel awards for this year's conference. To that end, these funds were awarded to students and scholars from underrepresented groups in our society. Furthermore, the society will offer opportunities for grant awardees to meet and interact with PIs who share similar scientific interests. We are currently working on establishing a comprehensive and long-term infrastructure that will strive to reflect and represent the various diverse dimensions of our society.



Marla Dressel
Georgetown University
Neural Modulation of Intranasal Oxytocin on Emotional Expressions of Ingroup Members in Individuals with Psychopathic Traits



Gayathri Batchalli Maruthy
University of Texas at Dallas
Neural Mechanisms of Mindful Emotion Regulation Across an Emotional Stroop Task



Elif Celik
Virginia Commonwealth University
Trait Mindfulness and Political Polarization: Investigating Neural Responses and Emotional Orientations



Maylyn Mei
City University of New York
Identifying Theta Connectivity Subgroups and Their Associated Symptoms in Anxious Adolescents



Melanie Kos
Temple University
Emotion Regulation Strategies Moderate the Association Between Anterior Insula Responses to Fairness and Relative Deprivation



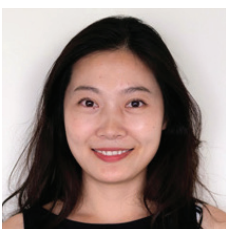
Jay Von Monteza
University of Denver
Temporal Contexts of Effort and Arousal: Decision Speed and Pupillometry Illuminate the Experience of Choice Difficulty During a Novel Risky Monetary Decision-Making Paradigm



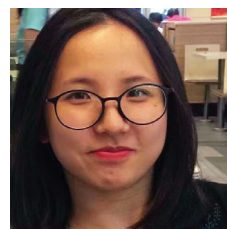
Min-Min Lin
National Taiwan University
Social Comparison Contexts Influence Empathy for Pain: An fMRI Research



Paola Odriozola
University of California, Los Angeles
Predicting Longitudinal Anxiety in Adolescents Using Mixed Effects Random Forest Regression

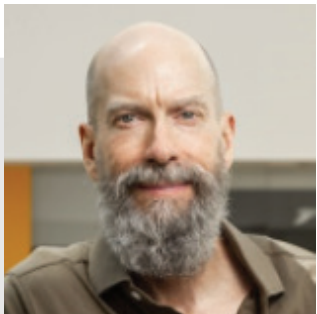


Chang Lu
University of Southern California
What Drives Idiosyncratic Neural Processing in Loneliness?: Examining Neural Responses to Uncertain and Challenging Media Narratives



Songzhi Wu
Dartmouth College
Forgiveness Updates Negative Interpersonal Memories to be Less Negative

Presidential Speaker



Earl K. Miller

The Picower Institute for Learning and Memory and Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Earl K. Miller is the Picower Professor of Neuroscience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has academic appointments at The Picower Institute for Learning and Memory, and The Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at MIT.

Professor Miller earned his B.A. (summa cum laude, with honors) from Kent State University in 1985, and his M.A. (1987) and Ph.D. (1990) from Princeton University. In 2020, he received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Kent State University.

Professor Miller's work has been pivotal in understanding the neural basis of cognition. He has made significant discoveries in areas such as working memory, attention, categorization, and top-down 'executive' control. He developed a key theory in cognitive neuroscience, emphasizing the role of the prefrontal cortex in rule learning and goal maintenance. Professor Miller pioneered the study of multifunctional 'mixed selectivity' neurons, marking a departure from traditional views. He has provided new insights into the role of neural dynamics in shaping perception, thought, and action. By combining experimental, theoretical, and computational methods, his work offers vital insights for understanding cognition and its disorders in conditions such as autism, schizophrenia, and attention deficit disorder.

Professor Miller has received numerous awards and serves in editorial roles for major neuroscience journals. He also serves on international advisory boards. His 2001 paper with Jonathan Cohen, introducing a novel theory for understanding executive brain functions, is the fifth most-cited paper in the history of neuroscience.

Keynote Speaker



Beatriz Luna

University of Pittsburgh

Beatriz Luna, Ph.D., is the Distinguished Staunton Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics as well of Professor of Psychology, Radiology, and BioEngineering at the University of Pittsburgh. She is the founder and Director of the Laboratory for Neurocognitive Development, founder and acting past president of the Flux Society for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, and Scientific Director of the Magnetic Resonance Research Center at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Luna uses multimodal neuroimaging (s-, rs, t- fMRI, EEG, MEG, PET, MRSI, tissue iron, and ³¹P) to investigate the neurobiological mechanisms that support the transition from adolescence to adulthood when lifetime trajectories are determined to inform basic processes of normative development. Her studies have identified changes in brain function, connectivity, neural oscillations, myelination, and neurotransmitters. Notably, her recent findings provide evidence for unique critical period plasticity in prefrontal cortex through the adolescent period that further supports that adolescence is a time when adult neurocognitive trajectories will be established. Together her findings have led to the influential Driven Dual Systems Model of adolescent development, which indicates that the brain systems supporting executive processes are specializing but available in adolescence and are driven by neural processes supporting motivation and affect. Her model emphasizes that adolescence is a critical period of brain specialization in which adult modes of operation are determined – underlining vulnerabilities for the emergence of psychopathology.

Dr. Luna has published over a hundred and eighty peer-reviewed articles describing her innovative studies, in addition to theoretical papers discussing her models of adolescent development. She has received numerous awards including the Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering, the Provost's Award for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring, Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry, and the Flux Huttenlocher Award for pioneering work in developmental cognitive neuroscience. Her research has been continuously supported by the National Institutes of Mental Health recently being awarded a MERIT award to sustain continued investigations. She has informed policy including US Supreme Court briefs regarding extended sentencing in the juvenile justice system. Her extensive media history includes a cover story in *National Geographic* and a PBS Special with Alan Alda – “Brains on Trial”.

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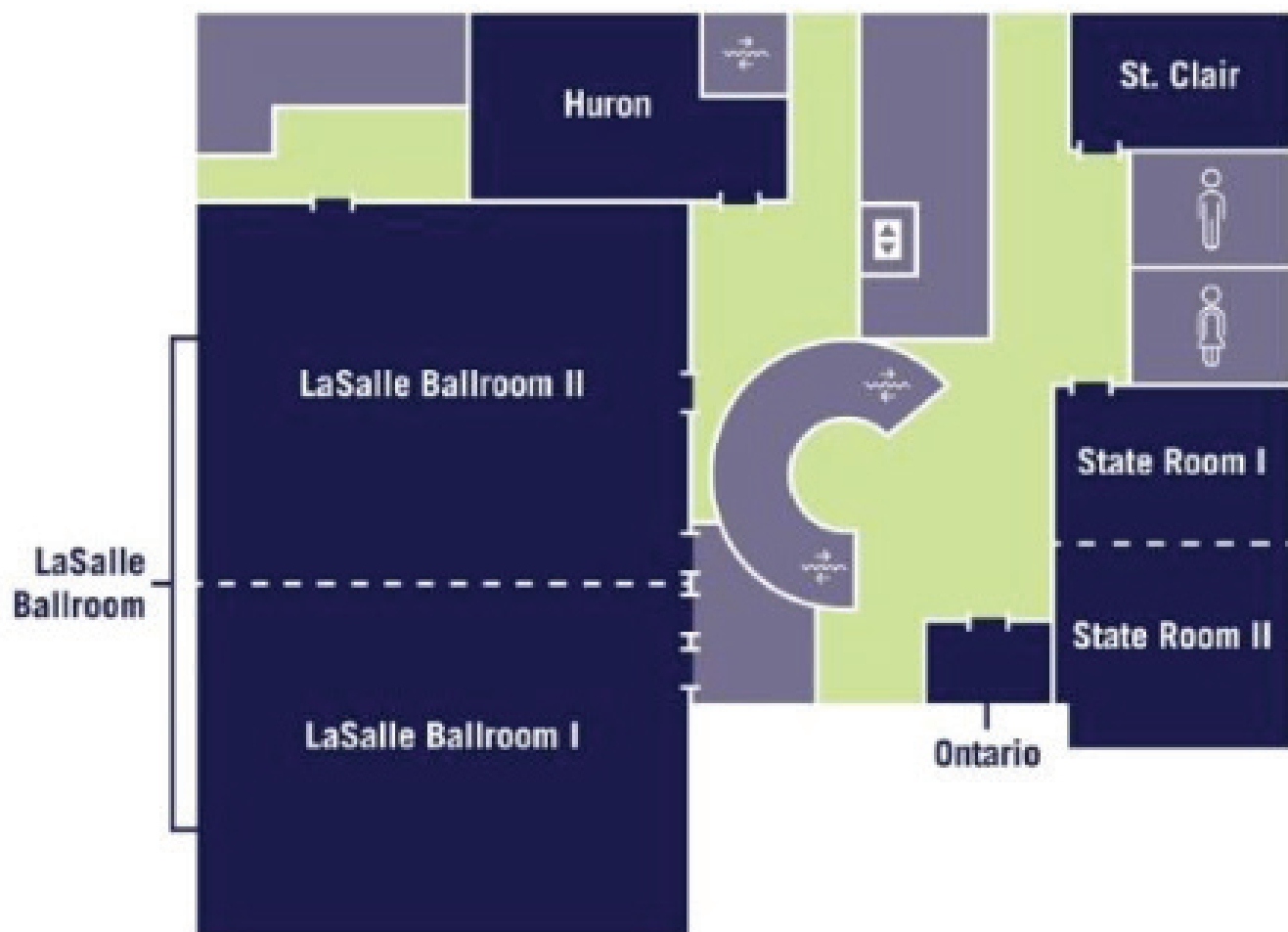
Trainee Committee

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- **Cat Camacho**, Washington University in St. Louis
- **Shanny Foo**, Montreal Neurological Institute
- **Kathryn McNaughton**, University of Maryland
- **Nikki A. Puccetti**, Ohio State University
- **Shawn A. Rhoads**, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Venue Map

Lakeshore Level



General Conference Information

Venue Wi-Fi Access

Wi-Fi is available in the SANS meeting space for SANS delegates.

Wireless Network: CHIMM

Password: Treetop

Registration

Conference registration fees include access to the entire conference program including:

- Award sessions
- Keynote speaker sessions
- Workshop sessions
- Symposia sessions
- Individual orals & poster sessions
- Professional development opportunities
- Welcome reception & social events
- Daily coffee breaks
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in conference areas
- Networking opportunities

Name Badges

Your name badge is your admission ticket to all conference sessions, coffee breaks, and the opening reception. **Please wear it at all times.** At the end of the conference, we ask that you recycle your name badge in one of the name badge recycling stations near the registration desk.

Lost Name Badges

There is a \$25 replacement fee for any lost or missing name badges – If you've lost your name badge, visit the registration desk for a replacement as soon as possible.

Registration and Information Desk Hours

The SANS registration and information desk, located in the **LaSalle Ballroom Foyer** will be open during the following dates and times

Wednesday, April 23	12:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Thursday, April 24	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday, April 25	7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturday, April 26	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

If you need assistance during the conference, please visit the registration desk.

Poster Information

Poster Session 1: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Set Up:	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Session Time:	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Poster Removal:	6:00 PM

Poster Session 2: Friday, April 25, 2025

Set Up:	8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Session Time:	4:15 PM – 5:15 PM
Poster Removal:	5:30 PM

Poster Session 3: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Set Up:	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Session Time:	1:50 PM – 3:00 PM
Poster Removal:	4:00 PM

Any posters that are not taken down by the removal deadline will be held at the registration desk until the end of the conference. Any posters that remain unclaimed by the end of the conference will be disposed of.

Information on Poster Authors (Primary), Poster Numbers and Poster Titles begins on page 36.

General Conference Information

Staff

SANS staff from Podium Conference Specialists can be identified by bright orange **STAFF** ribbons on their name badges. Feel free to ask anyone of our staff for assistance. For immediate assistance please visit us at the registration desk.

Meals

Daily coffee breaks and an opening reception are included in your conference registration fees. Any additional food and beverages will be at your own expense.

Dietary Requirements

Food and beverages offered during breaks and the opening reception will be clearly labeled. We have thoughtfully curated a diverse selection to accommodate various preferences and needs.

Special Conference Events

You can find all the details here:

socialaffectiveneuro.org/conference-events

[**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago - Magnificent Mile**](#)

Mentor-Mentee Kick-Off

Thursday, April 24 08:00 – 09:00

Comic SANS

Thursday, April 24 17:00 – 18:00

[**Timothy O'Toole's Pub**](#)

EDIJ Social Meet-Up

Friday, April 25 17:30 – 18:30

SANS Social Meet-Up

Friday, April 25 18:30 – 21:30

Lunch Options

Chipotle Mexican Grill 2 min walk

Fast-food chain offering Mexican fare, including design-your-own burritos, tacos & bowls.

Potbelly Sandwich Shop 2 min walk

Retro-style counter-serve chain known for made-to-order toasted sandwiches, salads & baked goods.

Bombay Wraps 1 min walk

Fast-casual eatery offering Indian wraps, bowls, and rolls with vegan and halal options.

Dollop Coffee Co. 2 min walk

Chill outpost serving specialty coffees & teas, plus house made eats & locally sourced baked goods.

Buona 3 min walk

Long-standing local chain eatery known for Italian beef sandwiches, plus pizza, burgers & salads.

Do-Rite Donuts & Chicken 5 min walk

Chef-owned counter for artisanal donuts in unusual flavors plus fried chicken sandwiches & coffee.

Whole Foods Market 3 min walk

Eco-minded chain with natural & organic grocery items, housewares & other products (most sell wine).

Jersey Mike's Subs 3 min walk

New Jersey-based counter-serve sandwich chain serving jumbo subs filled with cold cuts & toppings.

Sweetgreen 4 min walk

Locavore-friendly counter-serve chain specializing in organic salads & bowls.

Burrito Beach 3 min walk

Beach-themed Mexican fast-food spot serving burritos, tacos, quesadillas & salads.

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Website: nirx.net

Exhibitor



Brain Vision

Brain Vision partners with scientists and institutions at the forefront of affective and neurophysiological research, helping them select and effectively utilize state-of-the-art hardware and software from the world's leading manufacturers of EEG, fNIRS, non-invasive brain stimulation, peripheral physiology, experience sampling, eye tracking, and other solutions.

We deliver personalized, full-service support to further our primary goal of assisting researchers to attain their maximum research potential and advance the field of neuroscience.

Connect with our Scientific Consultants at info@brainvision.com.

Website: brainvision.com

SANS Conference Program Schedule



[Click here to see the program on our website.](#)

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

12:00 – 17:30

LaSalle Foyer

Conference Registration Desk Open

Pick up your name badges now!

13:00 – 17:30

LaSalle 1

Pre-Conference Workshop:

Naturalistic methods beyond neuroimaging: Capturing behavior in the wild

Moderators

Elisa Baek, *University of Southern California*

João Guassi Moreira, *University of Wisconsin - Madison*

Presentations

13:15 – 14:30

Social network analysis

Miriam Schwyck, *Columbia University*

14:30 – 15:45

Screenomics for passive sensing of smartphone use

Brooke Ammerman, *University of Wisconsin–Madison*

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:15

Geolocation data collection and analysis

Aaron Heller, *University of Miami*

Thursday, April 24, 2025

07:00 – 18:00
LaSalle Foyer

Registration Open

08:00 – 09:00
Huron

Mentor Match Event

Moderator

Hongbo Yu, *University of California, Santa Barbara*

Hosted by the SANS Trainee Committee, this kick-off event will provide a mechanism for the SANS community to build new bridges with each other, and more specifically, between the faculty and the trainee communities.

Sponsored by:



09:00 – 09:30
LaSalle Ballroom

Opening Remarks & Welcome Address

Speakers

Ajay Satpute, *Northeastern University*

Elisa Baek, *Program Co-Chair, University of Southern California*

João Guassi Moreira, *Program Co-Chair, University of Wisconsin*

Join us for our opening remarks as we officially kick off the conference and highlight sessions not to be missed!

09:30 – 10:45
LaSalle Ballroom

Symposium 1: From emotion to social interaction: New insights from direct brain recordings in humans

Moderator

Justin Minue Kim, *Sungkyunkwan University*

Speakers

Salman Qasim, *Rutgers University*

Katherine Kabotyanski, *Baylor College of Medicine*

Sai Sun, *Tohoku University*

Shawn Rhoads, *Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*

Recent advances in human intracranial recordings have transformed our understanding of how the brain encodes complex social and emotional information. Our symposium brings together innovative research examining how direct neural recordings (e.g., local field potentials, single unit recordings) can enhance research in social and affective neuroscience. We will showcase work from a panel of early career researchers representing diverse geographic and demographic backgrounds. The panel of speakers includes Dr. Salman Qasim (Assistant Professor at Rutgers University; New Brunswick, NJ), Katya Kabotyanski (MD/PhD student at Baylor College of Medicine; Houston, TX), Dr. Sai Sun (Assistant Professor at Tohoku University; Sendai, Japan), and Dr. Shawn Rhoads (Assistant Professor at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; New York, NY).

10:45 – 11:15
State Foyer

Coffee Break

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11:15 – 12:30
LaSalle Ballroom

Debate 1: Scaling up or zooming in? The case for large consortia vs. small investigator-led studies

Moderator

Josiah Leong, *University of Arkansas*

Speakers

Damien Fair, *University of Minnesota*

vs.

Thalia Wheatley, *Dartmouth College*

Practices surrounding the use of non-invasive in vivo neuroimaging methods such as fMRI have changed radically in the last five years alone. Recent evidence suggests that many effect sizes of interest obtained using these methods require exceedingly large sample sizes, while other work has emphasized the need for research findings that are generalizable across historically understudied demographics. These pressures have called into question the reliance on single-investigator led studies, with some suggesting a move toward a consortium study-based model (e.g., ABCD, HCP). However, critics of this approach note such large studies are constrained by opportunity cost to collect data on a core set of measures that may omit key constructs, while additional work has warned of sequential decay in the evidentiary value of repeated mining a single large dataset. Looking forward, this is a critical issue for the SANS community to consider as we continue our research pursuits. This collegial debate between Drs. Damien Fair and Thalia Wheatley will be a forum for the community to learn about and explore these issues in greater detail with the ultimate goal of enriching our science. For this debate, Dr. Fair will defend the position that consortia-based studies are the future of reliable and replicable science while Dr. Wheatley will argue that single-investigator led studies are the optimal way to adequately capture the unique richness of social and affective phenomena.

12:30 – 13:45

Lunch – On Own

13:45 – 14:45
LaSalle Ballroom

Presidential Address: Cognition emerges from neural dynamics

Moderator

Ajay Satpute, *Northeastern University*

Speaker

Earl K. Miller, *The Picower Institute for Learning and Memory and Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Traditional views compared brain function to a network of neuron connections, like telegraph systems. However, growing evidence suggests higher cognition involves emergent properties: rhythmic oscillations, or “brain waves.” Brain functionality goes beyond simple connections, resembling a system where “telegraph wires” also generate “radio waves” (electric fields) for rapid communication. This enables millions of neurons to self-organize, similar to a crowd doing ‘the wave’. These rhythms play a vital role in organizing our thoughts.

14:45 – 15:30
Frontenac Ballroom

Blitz Talks 1

Moderator

Candace Raio, *NYU Grossman School of Medicine*

Presentations

Attitudes shape neural responses to narratives of racial discrimination

Eunjee Ko, *Ohio State University*

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Katherine Kabotyanski, *Baylor College of Medicine*

Reduced functional efficiency within the working memory network in adolescents predicts cannabis initiation four years later while cannabis use does not lead to future changes in working memory activation

Mona Darvishi, *Ohio State University*

A neural signature of the bias towards self-focus

Danika Geisler, *Columbia University*

Language-informed neural networks predict brain responses to emotional experiences

Nilofar Vafaie, *Emory University*

15:30 – 17:00

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State Foyer

Poster Session 1 & Opening Reception

17:00 – 18:00

LaSalle Ballroom

"Comic Sans"

Hosted by

Prateekshit "Kanu" Pandey, *University of California, Santa Barbara*

Leor Hackel, *University of Southern California*

Some scholars say that comedy is a simple equation of tragedy plus time. We disagree and think comedy is purely driven by Social and Affective Neuroscientists. Join us again for the 2nd edition of Comic SANS, a comedy showcase of social/affective neuroscientists and the research topics they love. Come see some of your favorite scientists perform stand-up and comedic readings!

Friday, April 25, 2025

07:30 – 17:30

LaSalle Foyer

Registration Open

08:15 – 09:45

LaSalle Ballroom

EDIJ Session: Science and funding outside of the U.S.

Moderator

Damien Stanley, *Adelphi University*

Speakers

Eliane Deschrijver, *University of Sydney*

Raphael Samuel Matthew Kaplan, *Universitat Jaume, Spain*

Andy Chen, *National Taiwan University*

Jennifer Bartz, *McGill University*

Social and Affective Neuroscience is an international endeavor with researchers across the globe. In this professional development symposium, the EDIJ committee has brought speakers from outside the United States to discuss science and funding opportunities in their respective countries. The speakers will not only share their academic journeys and insights into the academic system, but also provide valuable information on job opportunities and potential funding sources (grants and postdoctoral funding) for non-citizens within the country where they work. The first speaker, Dr. Deschrijver, is from the University of Sydney in Australia; our second speaker, Dr. Kaplan, from Universitat Jaume in Spain; our third speaker, Dr. Chen, is from National Taiwan University in Taiwan; and our final speaker, Dr. Bartz, is from McGill University in Canada.

09:45 – 10:15

State Foyer

Coffee Break

10:15 – 11:30

LaSalle Ballroom

Symposium 2: Advances in Best Practices & Methods SANS Symposium

Moderator

Elisa Baek, *University of Southern California*

Speakers

Harry Clelland, *ELTE*

Danielle Cosme, *University of Pennsylvania*

Gang Chen, *National Institutes of Health*

Shannon Burns, *Pomona College*

11:30 – 12:45

LaSalle Ballroom

Debate 2: AI in Social and Affective Neuroscience: Caution or Acceleration?

Moderator

Justin Minue Kim, *Sungkyunkwan University*

Speakers

Mark Thornton, *Dartmouth College*

vs.

Mohammad Atari, *University of Massachusetts Amherst*

Artificial intelligence (AI) has markedly transformed human society and science in a breathtakingly short amount of time. AI-based services are increasingly becoming staples in day-to-day scientific workflows. Some experts and enthusiasts have even predicted that the entire scientific enterprise will be replaced by artificial agents, and that experiments of the

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future may not require humans as investigators or research participants. In parallel, complex AI model architectures, such as large language models (LLM), have been touted as adequate models of the brain to help us probe causal and dynamic properties of psychological and neural phenomena. However, skeptics have warned that such a reliance on AI, broadly construed, may widen existing inequities in various domains, impoverish the training of future scientists, result in false leads, and may ultimately only help us to “produce more while understanding less”. As AI technologies and methodologies continue to grow and evolve, it is critical for the SANS community to engage in an ongoing dialogue about the role of AI, broadly, in our field. Should AI be a helpful Co-Pilot — a resident statistician, software developer and grant editor in one? Is an LLM a sufficiently useful model of the brain for research purposes? This collegial debate between Drs. Mohammad Atari and Mark Thornton will be a forum for the community to learn about and explore these issues. For this debate, Dr. Atari will defend the position that ‘less is more’ guardrails are needed when incorporating AI into our science. Dr. Thornton will argue that widespread adoption of AI will be a net gain for the SANS community.

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch – On Own

14:00 – 15:00

LaSalle Ballroom

Keynote Address: Adolescent Neurocognitive Plasticity and Specialization Shaping Adult Trajectories

Moderator

João Guassi Moreira, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Speaker

Beatriz Luna, *University of Pittsburgh*

During adolescence, the foundation of adult neurocognitive trajectories is being established. Studies will be presented that characterize neurobiological mechanisms that provide evidence for unique developmental plasticity and specialization underlying this maturational period. We performed longitudinal studies using an accelerated cohort design spanning 10-30 years of age using high-field 7T MRI and EEG. We investigated the shape of cognitive development and reward processing and applied multimodal neuroimaging to measure concomitant developmental changes reflecting plasticity in neural activity (EEG), myelination (MRI R1), glutamate/GABA balance (MRSI) in prefrontal cortex, dopaminergic function (striatal tissue iron) in limbic systems and their connectivity informing a model of developmental specialization. Our findings provide evidence for adolescent-specific plasticity of executive brain systems that may underlie risk for atypical trajectories that underlie the emergence of psychopathology but also identify a window of unique malleability when trajectories can be affected.

15:00 – 15:30

LaSalle Ballroom

Mid-Career Award Presentation: Developing behavioral flexibility

Moderator

Aaron Heller, *University of Miami*

Speaker & Recipient

Catherine Hartley, *New York University*

Throughout our lives, we acquire knowledge through experience. This knowledge is structured — it reflects regularities in our environments that we can discover and exploit, over the course of development, to support the flexible pursuit of valued outcomes. In this talk, I will present studies examining at the cognitive, neural, and computational levels how the exploration, learning, and decision-making processes that support or constrain flexible goal-directed behavior change over the course of development from childhood to adulthood. I will show that development confers marked changes in the evaluative processes that guide our behavior and I will discuss how these changes may adapt our choices and actions to the reward statistics of the environment and optimize behavior for specific developmental stages.

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Blitz Topics 2

Moderator

Justin Minue Kim, *Sungkyunkwan University*

Presentations

Autonomic arousal predicts functional network integration and memory performance during story listening

Jadyn Park, *University of Chicago*

Emotion regulation strategies moderate the association between anterior insula responses to fairness and relative deprivation

Melanie Kos, *Temple University*

Computational single-neuron mechanisms of face coding in the human temporal lobe

Runnan Cao, *Washington University in St. Louis*

Negatively valenced and high-arousal news headlines drive preferential evidence accumulation and influence selection behavior

Richard Huskey, *University of California, Davis*

The neural representation of social relationships

Mingzhe Zhang, *Beijing Normal University*

16:15 – 17:15
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Poster Session 2 & PM Break

17:30 – 18:30

EDIJ Social Meet-Up

Timothy O'Toole's Pub Chicago

22 N Fairbanks Ct, Chicago, IL 60611, United States

Join the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice Committee for a meet-up to bring together SANS members from underrepresented/minoritized or marginalized groups and celebrate our shared community. This event is meant to foster belonging and encourage networking among members. Diversity Travel Award winners will be celebrated. The meet-up is open to all SANS members interested in attending.

18:30 – 21:30

SANS Social Meet-Up

Timothy O'Toole's Pub Chicago

22 N Fairbanks Ct, Chicago, IL 60611, United States

Join your colleagues from SANS for a casual "drop-in" style evening of fun and entertainment. This meet-up is open to SANS attendees. Meet and share ideas with colleagues over drinks. Please wear your conference name badge to attend.

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07:30 – 16:00

LaSalle Foyer

Registration Open

09:00 – 10:15

LaSalle Ballroom

Symposium 3: Single-neuron mechanisms of face perception in the human medial temporal lobe

Moderator

Josiah Leong, *University of Arkansas*

Speakers

Hernan Rey, *Medical College of Wisconsin*

Amber X. Chen, *University of California, Santa Barbara*

Runnan Cao, *Washington University in St. Louis*

Shuo Wang, *Washington University in St. Louis*

Faces are among the most significant visual stimuli we encounter in daily life, and the human medial temporal lobe (MTL) plays a critical role in face processing. This symposium explores the single-neuron mechanisms underlying face perception in the human MTL through four distinct investigations. Specifically, we present a coherent set of studies on conceptual, visual, and social trait representations in the human MTL. The first talk discusses the computational principles underlying face perception, conceptual integration, and memory formation in the human MTL. The second talk introduces a novel visual feature-based neural coding framework in the MTL, revealing “receptive fields” within a high-level visual feature space. This framework expands beyond traditional semantic and conceptual neural codes previously associated with the MTL. The third talk focuses on quantifying the relative contributions of visual and semantic processing at the neuronal population level, providing insight into how these processes interact to support face recognition. Finally, the fourth talk examines dynamic naturalistic video stimuli to demonstrate how single neurons in the human MTL encode a wide array of information, including visual features, semantic attributes, and social traits, highlighting the comprehensive nature of MTL neural coding. Together, these findings uncover the sophisticated computational mechanisms of face perception in the human brain, bridging visual and semantic domains and deepening our understanding of how social information is represented at the neuronal level.

10:15 – 10:30

State Foyer

Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:45

LaSalle Ballroom

Symposium 4: Universality and Specificity in Prosocial Decision-Making

Moderator:

Candace Reio, *NYU Grossman School of Medicine*

Speakers

Inbal Bartal, *Tel-Aviv University*

Yi Yang, *Temple University*

Rui Pei, *Stanford University*

Huan Wang, *Stanford University*

This symposium explores the universality and specificity in the neural mechanisms of prosocial decision making. The first talk (Bartal) presents findings from rodent models, highlighting evolutionarily conserved neural circuits that predict helping behaviors in rats, suggesting a universal foundation for prosocial decision making. The subsequent three talks

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focus on distinct aspects of specificity in these neural mechanisms. The second talk (Yang) examines age-related differences in neural responses to unfair offers during the Ultimatum Game, identifying stage of life as an important aspect of specificity. The third talk (Pei) investigates individual differences of the neuropsychological mechanisms when college students decide whether to initiate conversations with peers, emphasizing the role of positive expectations of others as the second aspect of specificity. The final talk (Wang) explores differences in the neuropsychological mechanisms underlying trust in strangers between Eastern and Western cultures, highlighting culture as the last aspect of specificity.

Together, this symposium provides an interdisciplinary perspective on prosocial decision making, employing methods ranging from animal model and neuroimaging to computational approaches and cross-cultural comparisons.

11:45 – 12:45

Lunch – On Own

12:45 – 13:05

LaSalle Ballroom

Early Career Award Presentation: How people change their minds about people

Moderator

Ajay Satpute, *Northeastern University*

Speaker & Recipient

Mark Thornton, *Dartmouth College*

First impressions of other people can have major and lasting consequences. However the process of impression formation does not stop at one's first glance at another person. People can and do change their minds about other people. A nervous job candidate can reveal hidden strengths. A promising first date can be followed by a boorish second. What factors – internal and external – drive us to update our impressions of other people? And what are the neural mechanisms that make these updates possible? In this talk, I combine naturalistic stimuli, social interaction data, functional neuroimaging, and computational modeling to understand the drivers and mechanisms of trait impression updating.

13:05 – 13:50

LaSalle Ballroom

Blitz Topics 3

Moderator

Josiah Leong, *University of Arkansas*

Presentations

The effect of friendship on temporal and spatial alignment of events in real-time conversation

Sebastian Speer, *Princeton University*

Neural evidence of social influence and homophily in an emerging community of adolescent girls: A longitudinal fMRI study

Yixuan Lisa Shen, *University of California, Los Angeles*

Common and distinct neural correlates of social interaction perception and theory of mind

Zizhuang Miao, *Dartmouth College*

Dissimilarity in ventral striatum response to socially rejecting events predicts increased loneliness in autistic and non-autistic youth

Kathryn McNaughton, *University of Maryland, College Park*

Unraveling the dynamic changes of mind: the critical role of the dorsal anterior cingulate cortex in predicting attitude changes

Haiming Li, *Northeast Normal University*

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State Foyer*

Poster Session 3 & Refreshment Break

15:00 – 15:45
LaSalle Ballroom

Distinguished Scholar Award Presentation: Taking the self out of self-control

Moderator

Ajay Satpute, *Northeastern University*

Speaker & Recipient

Kevin Ochsner, *Columbia University*

How do we cope in a world that seems to present new emotional challenges on a daily basis? Psychological research presents two different answers to this question. On the one hand, there is data suggesting we should rely on our individual capacities for self-control, deploying emotion regulation strategies to manage difficult emotions. On the other hand, there is data suggesting that we should count on our social connections to buffer us against life stressors. Although the literatures documenting the benefits of each path towards well-being are largely separate, this talk asks whether and how they can be integrated to achieve a more complete understanding of how we may effectively weather the storm and drang of daily life

15:45 – 16:00
LaSalle Ballroom

Closing Remarks/Innovation Award Announcement & Society Business Meeting

Please join us for our Society Business Meeting and a review of our society initiatives, the announcement of our 2025 Innovation Award Winner, and the announcement of our 2026 Conference location!

SANS Conference Oral Presentations

Symposia

S1 – From emotion to social interaction: New insights from direct brain recordings in humans

Shawn Rhoads¹, Salman Qasim², Katherine Kabotyanski³, Sai Sun⁴

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1. Neurons in the human entorhinal cortex map abstract emotion space
2. Identifying ethologically relevant neurobehavioral biomarkers of emotional state
3. Neural mechanisms and causal modulation of decision variables in emotionally ambiguous perceptual judgments
4. Intracranial neural signatures of accurate social inference in human dyads

Recent advances in human intracranial recordings have transformed our understanding of how the brain encodes complex social and emotional information. Our symposium brings together innovative research examining how direct neural recordings (e.g., local field potentials, single unit recordings) can enhance research in social and affective neuroscience. We will showcase work from a panel of early career researchers representing diverse geographic and demographic backgrounds. The panel of speakers includes Dr. Salman Qasim (Assistant Professor at Rutgers University; New Brunswick, NJ), Katya Kabotyanski (MD/PhD student at Baylor College of Medicine; Houston, TX), Dr. Sai Sun (Assistant Professor at Tohoku University; Sendai, Japan), and Dr. Shawn Rhoads (Assistant Professor at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai; New York, NY). Each speaker will be allocated 18 minutes for their talk (including Q&A). The symposium will conclude with a 15-minute panel discussion.

The first talk (Dr. Qasim) will present findings on how neurons in the medial temporal lobe dynamically encode emotional information, revealing that entorhinal cortex and amygdala neurons exhibit grid-like activations in a 2D arousal-valence emotion space. This work suggests a neural substrate for cognitive maps of emotion. The second presentation (Ms. Kabotyanski) will characterize the temporal, behavioral, and neural dynamics underlying emotional state changes in treatment-resistant depression. Using continuous, synchronized audio, video, and neural recordings, this work highlights how cross-modal features predict self-reported affect and neural activity with implications for effective diagnosis and treatment of affective disorders. The third talk (Dr. Sun) will focus on perceptual decision-making about emotionally ambiguous facial expressions using a multi-modal evidence from single neuron recordings, fMRI, transcranial direct current stimulation, and drift-diffusion modeling of behavior. This study elucidates the neural bases of emotion judgment under uncertainty and offers insights into the neural dynamics underlying decision-making. The final talk (Dr. Rhoads) will present work using simultaneous hyper-recordings of local field potentials among interacting pairs of participants to examine how the brain enables accurate social inference during cooperation. Using computational modeling, results reveal context-dependent neural signatures supporting the intersubject alignment of abstract representations during social belief updating.

Together, this panel highlights the promise of direct brain recordings in advancing our understanding of the neurocomputational basis of emotion and social interaction. The symposium will conclude with a panel discussion on how these findings can bridge basic and clinical research, and how future work can integrate multi-modal approaches to uncover the neural processes underlying human affect and social cognition.

S2 - Advances in Best Practices & Methods SANS Symposium

Harry Clelland¹, Danielle Cosme², Gang Chen³, Shannon Burns⁴

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1. Multi100: Estimating the Analytical Robustness of the Social Sciences – Implications for SAN

The same dataset can be analysed in different justifiable ways to answer the same research question, potentially challenging the robustness of empirical science. In my talk I will walk through the results of a recently completed large-scale big team science effort to estimate the analytical robustness of the social and behavioural sciences (known as the Multi100). I will present many-analyst data from more than 400 independent researchers, quantifying the extent to which 'researcher degrees of freedom' influences published effect sizes and conclusions. I will then introduce potential implications for social and affective neuroscience, setting the stage for Dr Cosme's talk on multiverse analysis in fMRI.

2. Analytic flexibility and multiverse analyses with fMRI data

Analytic flexibility is a major issue in neuroimaging and can affect the conclusions we draw from our analyses. This talk will discuss the impact of undisclosed analytic flexibility on replicability and present an overview of how multiverse analyses can be used with fMRI data to systematically map how analytic decisions affect results and assess the robustness of results across sets of possible decisions.

3. Challenges in Neuroimaging Data Analysis: Should Statistics Respect Science More?

Statistical modeling plays a central role in shaping how neuroimaging data are analyzed and interpreted. Yet tensions often arise between statistical rigor and scientific relevance. In this talk, I'll highlight several common challenges in neuroimaging analysis where strict adherence to conventional statistical practices can sometimes obscure, rather than clarify, scientific

insight. Topics will include multiple comparisons, result reporting, and sample size considerations. I'll argue that aligning statistical methods more closely with scientific goals can lead to more meaningful and reproducible findings.

4. Evaluating the impact of speaking motion on intersubject correlation measurement in naturalistic fMRI

Dr. Burns will discuss her lab's efforts to characterize the impact of speaking-related head motion on signal quality and statistics in naturalistic fMRI studies, and the extent to which different motion filtering and exclusion practices can improve results.

S3 - Single-Neuron Mechanisms of Face Perception in the Human Medial Temporal Lobe

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⁴Medical College of Wisconsin

Title 1: Faces, concepts, and memories at single neuron resolution in the human medial temporal lobe (and beyond)

Title 2: Feature-based encoding of face identity by single neurons in the human medial temporal lobe

Title 3: Dissociating the perceptual and conceptual contributions to social trait perception from faces: Triangulating behavior, single-neuron recording, and AI models

Title 4: Context-dependent encoding of social traits by single-neurons in the human amygdala and hippocampus

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S4 - Universality and Specificity in Prosocial Decision Making

Huan Wang¹, Inbal Ben Ami Bartal², Yi Yang³, Rui Pei¹

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- Evolutionary roots of empathy and prosocial behavior
- Age-Related Differences in Neural Responses during the Ultimatum Game
- Neural Representation in the Salience Network Supports Social Risk Decision Making
- Different neuroaffective mechanisms promote trust in individuals from Eastern versus Western cultures

Details : A harmonious society thrives on kindness and cooperation, yet the factors driving prosocial behaviors vary widely across individuals and contexts. Why do some people dedicate their wealth to charitable causes while others keep it within their family? What circumstances promote cooperation among individuals who vary in their cooperative regard? To address these questions, it is essential to understand the neuropsychological mechanisms of prosocial decision making across diverse contexts, examining both universal and context-specific aspects of these processes.

This symposium explores the universality and specificity in the neural mechanisms of prosocial decision making. The first talk (Bartal) presents findings from rodent models, highlighting evolutionarily conserved neural circuits that predict helping behaviors in rats, suggesting a universal foundation for prosocial decision making. The subsequent three talks focus on distinct aspects of specificity in these neural mechanisms. The second talk (Yang) examines age-related differences in neural responses to unfair offers during the Ultimatum Game, identifying stage of life as an important aspect of specificity. The third talk (Pei) investigates individual differences of the neuropsychological mechanisms when college students decide whether to initiate conversations with peers, emphasizing the role of positive expectations of others as the second aspect of specificity. The final talk (Wang) explores differences in the neuropsychological mechanisms underlying trust in strangers between Eastern and Western cultures, highlighting culture as the last aspect of specificity.

Together, this symposium provides an interdisciplinary perspective on prosocial decision making, employing methods ranging from animal model and neuroimaging to computational approaches and cross-cultural comparisons. It also examines various aspects of prosocial behaviors including helping, preferences for fairness, social risk-taking, and trust. Our diverse team of researchers (three women and one man from Israel and the USA) offers novel insights into how prosocial behaviors are shaped across species, life stages, and sociocultural contexts.

SANS Conference Blitz Talks

Blitz Talks #1: April 24, 2025 | 2:45pm - 3:30pm

B1.1 Attitudes shape neural responses to narratives of racial discrimination

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Neural synchrony during exposure to naturalistic stimuli has been shown to reflect similar understandings of narrative contents and perspectives. Given that attitudes and prior experiences shape our understanding of social information, the way racial minorities and majorities make sense of racial discrimination at the neural level might differ due to their substantially different experiences. Here, we investigated how attitudes modulate neural similarity of racial minorities and majorities in understanding a narrative of racial discrimination and how these predict subsequent evaluations of the storyteller.

METHODS: 28 black and 27 white participants reported their attitudes and beliefs about prejudice followed by a measure of implicit racial attitudes (the Evaluative Priming Task). Afterwards, they watched a video of a black woman recounting an experience of racial discrimination during functional neuroimaging (fMRI), and participants evaluated the storyteller. Using Intersubject Representational Similarity Analysis we computed the intersubject correlations of all participant pairs based on activity within the dmPFC. We then tested whether race moderated the relationship between attitudes and neural synchrony and whether neural synchrony itself predicts similarity in evaluations of the storyteller.

RESULTS: Across racial groups of the pairs, neural synchrony after the revelation of racial discrimination was predicted by the similarity in political ideology ($b=.013$, permuted $p<.001$) and belief about malleability of the individual prejudice ($b=.021$, permuted $p<.001$). Significant interaction effects revealed some unique predictors of neural synchrony in each racial group. For black participants, similarity in social identity threat concern was a unique predictor of neural synchrony ($b=.022$, permuted $p=.005$), whereas for white participants, mean negative implicit racial attitude was associated ($b=.030$, permuted $p<.001$). Neural synchrony predicted similarity in trait evaluation on both stereotype dimension ($b=4.283$, permuted $p<.001$) and personality dimension ($b=9.894$, permuted $p<.001$) only for white participants.

CONCLUSIONS: Our results suggest that black and white people engage in both common and distinct processes when understanding a narrative of racial discrimination and these can lead to different evaluations of the storyteller among racial majorities. The relationship between neural synchrony and beliefs and political attitudes was shared across both black and white participants, whereas social identity threats and implicit racial attitudes were unique and depended on participants' racial identity. The findings suggest that shared understanding of a story of racial discrimination may be driven by attitudes and may lead to similar impression of a storyteller.

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B1.2 - Identifying ethologically relevant neurobehavioral biomarkers of emotional state

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Affective disorders are the most common subset of psychiatric conditions. Major depressive disorder (MDD), in particular, affects over 120 million people worldwide and is the leading cause of disability as well as death from suicide. Emotion dysregulation is the hallmark of depression and other affective disorders, so developing tools for objective, quantitative characterization of the temporal, behavioral, and neural dynamics underlying emotional state change is critical for properly diagnosing and treating these debilitating conditions.

METHODS: We analyzed continuous, synchronized audio, video, and neural recordings during naturalistic conversations in human neurosurgical patients implanted with both stereo-EEG (sEEG) and deep brain stimulation (DBS) electrodes as part of a clinical trial (NCT03437928) for treatment-resistant depression (TRD). We then developed a pipeline for automated transcription with diarization and utterance-level timestamps of audio recordings and used natural language processing (NLP) tools to identify emotional state change points. Pre-trained affective computing models were then used for extraction of linguistic, acoustic, and kinesic features associated with emotional state change. These behavioral features were then correlated to measures of self-reported affect, as well as brain-wide features of concurrent spontaneous neural activity. Finally, we used a multi-modal intermediate fusion model to investigate whether cross-modal features can better predict self-reported affect and neural activity, than any single modality alone.

RESULTS: Both content-relevant (linguistic, semantic) and content-irrelevant (acoustic, kinesic) features of emotional state change in naturalistic behavior were correlated with asynchronous self-reported affect, as well as with brain-wide neural features

previously found to be associated with mood. Convergence points across multiple modalities showed a stronger correlation with self-reported affect than any single modality alone. Cross-modal behavioral features associated with positive emotional state also showed a positive correlation with high-gamma activity in limbic regions.

CONCLUSIONS: Naturalistic conversations provide a wealth of objective, quantifiable behavioral data that is highly temporally resolved and closely aligned with underlying neural activity. By relating semantic features from “what” is expressed, as well as acoustic and kinesic features from “how” it is expressed, to simultaneous neural activity, we can build multi-modal models for more effective diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of affective disorders.

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B1.3 - Reduced functional efficiency within the working memory network in adolescents predicts cannabis initiation four years later while cannabis use does not lead to future changes in working memory activation

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DETAILS: The bulk of imaging studies on the relationship between neural activity during working memory and cannabis use have been cross-sectional, leaving questions about whether brain activity differences between cannabis users and non-users reflect pre-existing vulnerabilities (vulnerability model) or result from neuroadaptive changes due to cannabis exposure (toxicity/neuroadaptation model). The present work takes advantage of a longitudinal sample to (1) determine if neural activity in working memory-related ROIs at baseline predicts cannabis initiation four years later (vulnerability model) and (2) determine if cannabis use over this period predicts changes over time in working memory-related neural activity (neuroadaptation model). At time point 1, the study sample was 177 adolescents (100 females) from the Adolescent Health and Development in Context (AHDC) study, with an initial average age of 15.98 years (SD = 2.06). For the cross-sectional analysis at time point 1, a standard fMRI GLM model was used with group-level models (2-Back vs. 0-back) to generate differentiated activation clusters (voxel-wise uncorrected $p < 1 \times 10^{-13}$) for which a 6mm sphere around each peak voxel was generated ($n=14$). After FDR correction, any lifetime cannabis use positively correlated with neural activity in the left superior medial gyrus ($r = .27$, $p = .005$), inferior parietal lobule ($r = .22$, $p = .019$), insula/inferior frontal gyrus ($r = .23$, $p = .019$), and right middle frontal gyrus ($r = .20$, $p = .022$). For aim 1 (vulnerability model), logistic regression analyses among youth who had never used cannabis at baseline ($n=109$) assessed if neural activity in these 4 ROIs predicted cannabis initiation four years later, controlling for working memory performance as well as alcohol/cigarette use, household income, sex, age, and race. At follow-up (mean age = 19.93 years), 36 participants had initiated cannabis use, while 73 had not. Increased activation in the left superior medial gyrus (OR = 2.23, CI = 1.09–5.33, $p = .044$), left inferior parietal lobule (OR = 3.79, CI = 1.65–10.41, $p = .004$), left insula/inferior frontal gyrus (OR = 1.80, CI = 0.65–7.36, $p = .020$), and right middle frontal gyrus (OR = 3.20, CI = 1.40–8.64, $p = .011$) predicted cannabis initiation 4 years later. Comparable results (all p 's $< .05$) for these 4 ROIs were obtained when using a measure of cannabis use in the last 12 months. These results provide robust evidence for the predictive role of neural activation in these regions on future cannabis initiation when controlling for behavioral performance. For aim 2 (neuroadaptation model), multiple linear regression analyses were conducted for those who had neuroimaging data at both time points ($n = 63$) using the same ROIs, controlling for baseline activity and the same covariates. Neither a lifetime history of cannabis use nor cannabis use in the last 12 months predicted altered brain functioning over time in these ROIs (all p 's $> .29$). These results indicate that cannabis use may not result in significant changes in brain functioning within the observed timeframe. However, heightened activation for the same level of behavioral performance in specific brain regions during the N-Back task may indicate increased susceptibility to cannabis initiation, independent of other risk factors. This research is important for distinguishing risk factors from the outcomes of substance use.

B1.4 - A Neural Signature of the Bias Towards Self-Focus

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: People are remarkably self-focused, disproportionately choosing to think about themselves relative to other topics. Self-focus can be adaptive, helping individuals fulfill their needs. It can also go haywire, with maladaptive self-focus a risk and maintenance factor for internalizing disorders like depression. Yet, the drive to focus on the self remains to be fully characterized. We discovered a brain state that when spontaneously brought online during a quick mental break predicts the desire to focus on oneself just a few seconds later.

METHODS: In Study 1, we identified a default network neural signature from pre-trial activity that predicts multiple indicators of self-focus within our sample. In Study 2, we applied our neural signature to independent resting-state data from the Human Connectome project.

RESULTS: In Study 1, multi-voxel pattern analysis revealed that spatial patterns in the default network core subsystem are able to predict a subsequent choice to focus on the self (vs. others) with 83% accuracy ($p < .001$). We named this pattern the “pre-self” pattern and investigated its ability to predict self focus in other contexts. First, we applied it to a baseline resting state scan and found it’s presence significantly predicted self-reported self-focus ($\beta = .19$, $t(105.1) = 2.03$, $p = 0.045$) as well as the presence of an active self reflection neural pattern 8 seconds later ($\beta = 0.16$, $t(14310) = 4.55$, $p < 0.001$). Then in Study 2, we found that individuals who score high on internalizing, a form of maladaptive self-focus, similarly move in-and-out of this pattern during rest ($r = 0.01$, $p < 0.001$), suggesting a systematic trajectory towards self-focused thought.

Conclusions: We identified a default network neural signature from pre-trial activity that predicts 1) multiple indicators of self-focus within our sample and 2) internalizing symptoms in a separate sample from the HCP. This is the first work to “decode” the bias to focus on the self and paves the way towards stopping maladaptive self-focus in its course.

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B1.5 - Language-Informed Neural Networks Predict Brain Responses to Emotional Experiences

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Artificial neural networks (ANNs) have proven useful for modeling how the brain encodes the external environment, capturing both low-level and abstract levels of representation. Previous studies have shown that models trained exclusively on visual stimuli predict activity in high-level visual regions. More recently, vision-language models such as CLIP have been shown to outperform vision transformers in association cortices, including regions involved in multimodal integration and abstract representation (Wang et al., 2023). However, it remains unclear how these models perform in emotionally rich, dynamic contexts and whether their pretraining helps encode consistent, context-sensitive emotion-related representations. Using the EmoFilm dataset—a collection of film clips curated to evoke diverse emotional responses—this study evaluates the performance of vision-language (CLIP, BLIP) and purely visual models (AlexNet, ResNet50, EmoNet) in predicting brain activity across visual regions involved in socio-emotional processing. We also tested how well these models generalize across movies and predict continuous emotion ratings, hypothesizing that language-informed models would better detect abstract representations that generalize across contexts.

METHODS: We fit encoding models to predict voxel-wise fMRI responses during movie viewing using features extracted from AlexNet, ResNet50, EmoNet, CLIP, and BLIP. Features were temporally aligned with fMRI data via resampling and convolution with a hemodynamic response. Focusing on brain regions involved in socioemotional processing, multivoxel estimation was fit with partial least squares regression models separately in the amygdala, posterior superior temporal sulcus (pSTS), ventral visual cortex (VVC), and higher-order association areas. Generalization performance was estimated using leave-one-run-out cross-validation, such that responses to independent videos were used for evaluation. A repeated-measures ANOVA assessed the main effects of model and region, as well as their interaction.

RESULTS: The ANOVA revealed a significant model \times region interaction ($F(12, 288) = 4.577$, $p < 0.0001$). Post-hoc analyses showed that language-informed models (CLIP, BLIP) significantly outperformed purely visual models (AlexNet, ResNet50, EmoNet) in the ventral visual cortex (e.g., VVC) and higher-order association cortices (e.g., IPS, VMV). Differences in the VVC ranged from 0.0228 to 0.0369 ($p = 0.0002$ to $p = 0.0275$), while differences in higher-order areas ranged from 0.0224 to 0.0298 ($p = 0.0000$ to $p = 0.0078$). Additionally, a small but significant difference of 0.0080 was observed in the amygdala ($p = 0.0486$). Model performance remained comparable in the pSTS.

CONCLUSIONS: This study demonstrates that language-informed ANNs (CLIP, BLIP) outperform purely visual models in predicting brain activity in higher-order cortical areas, supporting the role of language-informed pretraining in stabilizing abstract, emotion-related representations. These findings extend prior research by leveraging dynamic, emotionally rich stimuli to underscore the advantages of language-informed representations in brain encoding and emotion prediction tasks. By highlighting the contributions of language-based pretraining, this work emphasizes the importance of integrating multimodal sources of information in models designed to capture complex human experiences.

Blitz Talks #2: April 25 - 3:30pm - 4:15pm

B2.1- Autonomic arousal predicts functional network integration and memory performance during story listening

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Emotional events are often remembered with greater accuracy and detail. While earlier studies of this phenomenon focused on isolated brain regions, such as the amygdala and the hippocampus, recent work suggests that arousal has a more global effect. For example, animal studies demonstrated rapid changes in the functional connectivity across the whole brain following activations in the locus coeruleus. Similarly, human resting-state fMRI studies have revealed greater integration across functional networks during periods of heightened endogenous arousal. Here, we used an ambiguous social narrative to demonstrate that emotionally arousing events are recalled with higher fidelity to the encoded content. We then tested the hypothesis that changes in autonomic arousal, triggered by surprising events and changing plotlines, modulate the integration of functional brain networks.

METHODS: In a publicly available fMRI dataset, participants (n=22) listened to a 20-minute-long story involving a mysterious social event while in the scanner. In our analysis, the story was segmented into 24 events, defined by major shifts in the storyline. For each event and participant, we constructed an unweighted, undirected graph from the pairwise functional connectivity matrices. We then calculated the average participation coefficient (PC) across all brain regions as a measure of overall network integration. A high average PC indicates a brain state with high levels of intermodular connectivity across the brain. To obtain measures of arousal, we invited an independent set of participants (n=35) to listen to the same story. Pupil dilation during story listening was used to measure autonomic arousal. Participants were then asked to recall the story from memory. To obtain a measure of recall performance, we converted both the transcriptions of the audio clip of the participants' verbal recall to text embeddings using Google's Universal Sentence Encoder. We then computed the recall accuracy as the cosine similarity between the stimulus and participant recall embeddings for each event. The higher the fidelity score, the more similar the participants' recall was to the story.

RESULTS: Our analyses revealed events associated with greater pupil dilation were later recalled with greater accuracy ($b=0.09$, $t=2.44$, $p<0.05$). In other words, consistent with previous research, memory for arousing events was better compared to non-arousing events. We also found that events with increased pupil dilation were associated with greater functional network integration ($b=0.2$, $t=6.89$, $p<0.01$), providing further support for arousal-modulated functional integration. Finally, we found that functional network integration predicted recall performance ($b=7.6$, $t=4.6$, $p<0.01$), such that events associated with greater integration at encoding were later recalled with greater similarity to the encoded content.

CONCLUSIONS: These results suggest that physiological arousal facilitates the integration between functional brain networks, which may underlie arousal-driven memory enhancements. Using audio narratives as stimuli, our work adds to the literature on arousal and memory by demonstrating that widespread integration across brain networks strengthens memory for emotional events.

B2.2 - Emotion regulation strategies moderate the association between anterior insula responses to fairness and relative deprivation

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: The Ultimatum Game (UG) has been used to study how offer fairness impacts decisions to accept or reject a proposal. However, while these decisions are made within an experimental context, they are still not made within a vacuum impervious to outside influence. Internal norms calibrate how "unfair" of an offer someone is willing to accept. These internal norms for this financial decision can be influenced by external factors, such as social context of the choice and an individual's socioeconomic status (SES). Further, emotions may impact an individual's internal decision parameters and push them to reject or accept objectively unfair offers. One that is more adept at bettering theirs and others' emotions, for example, may accept unfair offers more often. We seek to elucidate the respective influence of 1) social context, 2) individual deprivation and community-level deprivation, and 3) emotion regulation on individuals' neural responses to proposed offers varying in fairness and agent sociality during the UG.

METHODS: Ninety-four participants (mean age = 34.3, age range = 21-55, SD age = 10.9; 60 female) from our ongoing data collection (Smith et al., 2024, Data in Brief) underwent fMRI scanning while completing the UG task as the responder. Participants responded to offers (5, 10, 25, or 50%) of a \$16 or \$32 endowment from either a stranger (social) or computer (nonsocial). The Emotional Regulation of Others and Self (EROS) was administered to gather participant scores across four subscales: extrinsic bettering or worsening, and intrinsic bettering or worsening. Participants provided their home address, which was used

to determine their Area Deprivation Index (ADI) score, and completed the U.S. Index of Socioeconomic Deprivation (USiDEP) to determine their individual deprivation score. Novel relative deprivation scores were calculated to be the difference between their individual deprivation and their area deprivation scores.

RESULTS: In line with previous research, participants rejected unfair offers at a higher rate compared to fair offers (e.g., Güth et al., 1982). Further, we found that fair offers resulted in activation in the ventral striatum (e.g., Tabibnia et al, 2008), whereas unfair offers elicited aINSactivation (e.g., Sanfey et al., 2003). We also found that participants with lower USiDEP scores had increased activation in the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (dlPFC) (MNI = 22, 20, 65; 27 voxels, $p = .010$) as offers from social agents became increasingly (un)fair. We also found that the association between aINS response to fairness and relative deprivation was moderated by extrinsic bettering (MNI = 36, 20, 8; 39 voxels, $p = .001$).

CONCLUSIONS: Overall, our preliminary results are indicative of SES-related differences in neural responses to social agents proposing offers of varying fairness. Our results also suggest that the links between neural responses to fairness and community- and individual-level deprivation depend on emotion regulation strategies. These initial results showcase the interaction between SES and emotion regulation in individuals' perceptions of offer fairness, which may drive social decision making.

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B2.3 - Computational single-neuron mechanisms of face coding in the human temporal lobe

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Faces are among the most important visual stimuli we perceive every day. The neural circuits and pathways underlying face recognition involve a critical progression of information processing from the ventral temporal cortex (VTC) to the medial temporal lobe (MTL). In this process, complex visual features are extracted and transformed into meaningful semantic representations, enabling us to recognize faces regardless of changes in viewpoint, size, or context. To investigate the neural computational mechanisms of face recognition, we conducted a comprehensive study using intracranial EEG (iEEG) and single-neuron recordings in the human VTC and MTL when neurosurgical patients viewed 500 naturalistic face images. First, we characterized the spatiotemporal organization of visual representations in the human VTC. Neural responses from the VTC demonstrated axis-based feature coding, a finding that parallels observations in the macaque inferotemporal cortex. Second, using VTC neural feature axes (i.e., electrodes exhibiting axis coding), we constructed a neural feature space. Within this space, MTL neurons encoded a receptive field (i.e., coding region), demonstrating region-based feature coding. This, in turn, accounted for the sparse coding properties observed in the MTL and provided a computational framework linking visual processing to semantic encoding in the brain. Third, using the same stimuli, we replicated similar findings with single-neuron recordings in the macaque inferotemporal cortex, further validating our observations across species. Lastly, robust interactions between the VTC and MTL during face coding were observed, emphasizing coordinated neural processing between these regions. Specifically, VTC axis-coding channels were directly connected to the MTL to provide visual feature information, while MTL region-coding neurons exhibited synchronization with gamma oscillations in the VTC. Together, our findings reveal a computational framework that explains the transition of visual coding from dense, feature-based representations in the VTC to sparse, semantic-based representations in the MTL. This framework provides a mechanistic understanding of the neural processes underlying face recognition and highlights the physiological basis of coordinated processing between these critical brain regions.

B2.4 - Negatively Valenced and High-Arousal News Headlines Drive Preferential Evidence Accumulation and Influence Selection Behavior

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Citizens in modern democracies are more likely to select negative news compared to positive news. This is called the negativity bias. The negativity bias for news is thought to be evolutionarily and culturally advantageous. This account suggests that negative stimuli, including news, capture our attention. However, there is a substantial gap between stimulus-driven attentional capture and the decision to select and subsequently process news. We address this gap by examining the negativity bias from a value-based decision making framework and summarize five studies that develop and test a computational model to examine how valence and arousal shape news selection.

METHODS: In a first study, economic news headlines were generated using ChatGPT 3.0. A total of 208 headlines were scored on valence and arousal using the ANEW dictionary and cross-validated by human annotators ($n = 323$) on Mturk using the self assessment manikin. The top 56 highest/lowest scoring headlines were selected and used to create four types of headline stimuli: high arousal/positive valence, high arousal/negative valence, low arousal/positive valence, low arousal/negative valence. Subsequently, four identical confirmatory studies were conducted. In studies two – five, participants completed a two-choice

decision making experiment. During this experiment, participants were presented with all possible pairings of the news headlines and asked to choose which described a news article they would prefer to read. Selection and reaction time were recorded.

Studies two and three were among undergraduate students from three different universities ($n = 357$; $n = 334$), whereas study four was among nationally representative (in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, and political ideology) participants recruited from Prolific ($n = 300$). Study five was a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) experiment conducted among young adults from the university and surrounding community ($n = 16$ democrats, 14 republicans; right handed; no contraindication to fMRI).

Choice and reaction time data were used to fit a computational hierarchical Bayesian drift diffusion model with headline valence, headline arousal, and political ideology as terms. Functional imaging data were preprocessed using fmriprep and analyzed using nilearn.

RESULTS: Results indicate a credible drift rate for negatively valenced and high arousal news headlines. Among college-aged participants, results demonstrate that liberals have the strongest preference for negatively valenced headlines whereas conservatives are approximately equal in their preference. The larger and more representative sample in study four allowed us to further interrogate these findings as moderated by age. Results show an overall preference for negative valence and high arousal headlines, with preferential evidence accumulation more similar among conservative and independent relative to liberal participants. Finally, the fMRI data demonstrate that the medial prefrontal, inferior temporal, and posterior parietal cortex appear sensitive to negatively valenced headlines. Arousal was associated with activation in the medial prefrontal cortex and striatum.

CONCLUSIONS: Our computational modeling results bridge the gap between stimulus-driven attentional capture and selection by demonstrating that people's negativity bias for news is the result of preferential evidence accumulation, thereby clarifying the negativity bias selection mechanism for news.

B2.5 - The Neural Representation of Social Relationships

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Human relationships are central to social cognition, yet the neural mechanisms underlying how individuals represent and navigate the complexity of these relationships remain poorly understood. This study investigates how diverse social relationships are organized in the brain, examining whether they are represented in terms of dimensions, categories, or both.

METHODS: Thirty-five participants underwent functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) while completing a task in which they evaluated 76 social relationships based on a variety of theoretical features. In parallel, participants rated these relationships on 30 relationship features derived from 15 existing theories and categorized them using a free-sorting task.

RESULTS: Dimensional reduction through PCA revealed five key relational dimensions: formality, activeness, valence, exchange, and equality (FAVEE). Clustering of the relationships revealed six canonical categories: familial, romantic, hostile, transactional, power, and affiliative relationships. Neural activity patterns during the relationship inference task were then analyzed and found to correspond strongly with both the five relational dimensions and the six relationship categories. Regions involved in social cognition, such as the vmPFC, precuneus, TPJ, STS, and ATL were implicated in representing these dimensions and categories. Notably, the neural representations of the five dimensions and six categories exhibited a high degree of alignment. Furthermore, we applied voxel-wise encoding models and found that the categorical model exhibited broader neural representation across the brain compared to the dimensional model. Model comparison revealed that the FAVEE model, which was derived from the PCA dimensions, explained the neural data more effectively than other existing theoretical models, providing a comprehensive framework for understanding how the brain processes and organizes social relationships.

CONCLUSIONS: These results highlight the distributed, network-based nature of social relationship representations and underscore the brain's reliance on both dimensional and categorical structures to represent the complexity of human relationships.

Blitz Talks #3: April 26 1:05pm - 1:50pm

B3.1 - The effect of friendship on temporal and spatial alignment of events in real-time conversation

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Conversations among friends are often more dynamic, enjoyable, and wide-ranging than those between strangers. How do friends do this? Because friends have inside jokes, shared past experiences, and mutual interests, they may start with a shared mental map, allowing them to leap from one topic to another without losing each other. In contrast, strangers begin in separate mental landscapes, so they must tread carefully and coordinate smaller steps to avoid confusion. Here we test this possibility by investigating how friends and strangers represent and move through moments in a conversation. To do so, we scanned dyads using fMRI hyperscanning as they engaged in naturalistic conversation. We used Hyper-Hidden-Markov-Modeling, a computational method that allows us to track how each member of the dyad represents each decoded 'event' in the conversation. We hypothesized that friends would share more common representations, seeing each moment similarly, particularly in mentalizing regions. We hypothesized that these shared representations would promote more wide-ranging, exploratory conversations, whereas strangers' lack of overlapping representations would constrain their topic exploration.

We analyzed fMRI hyperscanning data from dyads (N=30 self-identified friends; N=27 strangers) engaged in a real-time conversation. We explored how an existing social connection influences the processes involved in the representational alignment of conversation events. To this end, we employed a computational method, termed Hyper-Hidden-Markov-Modeling, to project each interaction partner's neural states into a shared latent space and to segment them into meaningful events. This method allowed us to assess both how similarly each dyad represented a given event in latent space. The similarity of an event quantifies how aligned or attuned two people are in their thinking about the conversation, as indicated by how close their neural patterns are in the shared latent space. We then tested how representational alignment related to objective measures of conversation exploration derived from topic modeling analyses.

H-HMM revealed that friends represented events more similarly in latent neural space. Representational alignment was particularly pronounced for regions in the mentalizing network (MPFC & STS). This higher similarity in event representation was significantly correlated with several linguistic measures of exploration: Dyads whose representation aligned more closely in latent neural space tended to generate more topics, switch between them more often, and jump larger distances in semantic space.

Our study reveals that friendship is associated with more aligned event representations in conversation. As friends navigate from one conversation moment to the next, they represent the conversation content more similarly. This alignment may arise from their shared history, as friends often build upon a repository of common experiences, knowledge, and inside references. This enhanced alignment has direct consequences for the dynamics and the quality of their conversation. If friends see the world more similarly to each other, they can embark on more diverse and far-reaching conversations spanning a broader range of topics, all while staying anchored on common ground.

B3.2 - Neural evidence of social influence and homophily in an emerging community of adolescent girls: A longitudinal fMRI study

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BACKGROUND AND AIM: Friends are similar to one another, but is that similarity a cause or consequence of friendship? Past cross-sectional social neuroscience research examining intersubject correlations (ISCs) of neural responses to naturalistic stimuli in a friendship network illustrates that socially proximal individuals exhibit more similar neural responses across many brain regions, possibly reflecting shared attention, interpretation, and emotional responses among friends. However, given the cross-sectional nature of past research, it is difficult to ascertain whether the neural similarity observed among friends reflects social influence processes (friends grow similar to one another), homophily (people befriend similar others), or both. Recent research has shown preliminary evidence of neural homophily, such that people with high pre-existing neural similarity are more likely to befriend one another. Using a longitudinal study paradigm, the current study shows, for the first time, whether friends become more neurally similar over time, reflecting the effects of social influence processes, and replicates findings of neural homophily in a non-WEIRD, developmental sample.

METHODS: Participants were recruited from a girls high school in South Korea. At the beginning of their first year (t1) and a follow-up about 8 months later (t2), participants completed surveys about their social networks, which were used to characterize in-school sociocentric friendship networks. At both time points, a subset of participants (t1: n = 58; t2: n = 59) completed an fMRI study where they viewed naturalistic video stimuli (the stimuli presented at t1 and t2 were different but matched in content), and their neural time series during movie-viewing were used to conduct ISC analysis.

RESULTS: Social network proximity at t1 predicted an increase in neural similarity from t1 to t2 when controlling for neural similarity at t1, such that people who were close to one another at the beginning of the school year grew more neurally similar over time. Further, neural similarity at t1 predicted social proximity at t2, such that higher neural similarity at baseline predicted shorter dyadic social distance in the future.

CONCLUSIONS: The current study reveals that social influence processes and homophily both contribute to why friends exhibit more similar neural responses to one another. Through social influence processes, friends may grow similar to one another over time, either by influencing one another directly or due to the influence of others around them. At the same time, homophily suggests that people should be more likely to befriend others who share pre-existing similarities because these similarities create opportunities for encounters, facilitate communication, and foster mutual understanding and positive interactions. To our knowledge, this is the first longitudinal study that employed naturalistic fMRI paradigms in conjunction with sociocentric network analysis to study the cause and consequence of friendship, and specifically, to examine the neural manifestation of homophily and social influence. In addition, the current study is distinctive for extending this research to a non-WEIRD and developmental sample.

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B3.3 - Common and distinct neural correlates of social interaction perception and theory of mind

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Social cognition involves a continuum from perception of agents and their interactions to inferences based on theory of mind (ToM). Despite their frequent co-occurrence in real life, they were predominantly studied in isolation. We aim to better understand the commonality and distinction between social interaction perception and ToM at the behavioral and neural levels.

METHODS: Participants (N = 231) rated four text and four audio narratives on the presence of social interactions and their use of ToM. Another group of participants (N = 90) experienced the same eight narratives passively during functional magnetic resonance (fMRI) scanning. We analyzed co-variation between neural activity and time courses of normative social interaction and ToM ratings by voxel-wise general linear models and determined their common and distinct neural correlates using Bayes Factors (with 5 and 1/5 as thresholds).

RESULTS: Social interaction and ToM ratings were only modestly correlated across time ($r = .32$). At the neural level, social interaction perception and ToM activity maps generalized across text and audio presentation (correlations between unthresholded t maps $r = 0.83$ and 0.57 , respectively). In the same model, when ToM was held constant, merely perceiving social interactions activated all regions canonically associated with ToM under both modalities (FDR $q < .01$), including temporoparietal junction, superior temporal sulcus, medial prefrontal cortex, and precuneus. ToM activated all these regions as well, suggesting the existence of a shared, modality-general system for social interaction perception and ToM. Furthermore, ToM was uniquely associated with activity in lateral occipitotemporal cortex, left anterior intraparietal sulcus, and right premotor cortex.

CONCLUSIONS: These results show that perceiving social interactions automatically engages regions implicated in ToM. In addition, ToM is distinct from social interaction perception in its recruitment of regions associated with multiple higher-level cognitive processes such as action understanding and executive functions. They further imply that both social interaction perception and ToM involve automatic, pre-reflective inferences, while ToM additionally involves controlled, deliberative inferences.

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B3.4 - Dissimilarity in ventral striatum response to socially rejecting events predicts increased loneliness in autistic and non-autistic youth

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Loneliness substantially impacts well-being, particularly for autistic youth that report higher rates of loneliness compared to non-autistic peers. One factor that influences loneliness is perceiving the world differently from others, such that lonely individuals have more idiosyncratic neural responses compared to non-lonely peers (Baek et al., 2023). While this neural dissimilarity has been previously assessed using naturalistic video stimuli, understanding which specific features of the stimuli drive this relation between neural dissimilarity and loneliness will shed insight on which aspects of the differences in neural processing are most predictive. Here, we test for the presence of specific time periods within naturalistic video stimuli that most strongly predict loneliness in autistic and non-autistic youth.

METHODS: Autistic (n=30) and non-autistic (n=81) youth aged 11-14 completed an adapted version of the Loneliness and Social Dissatisfaction Scale (Parker & Asher, 1993), then participated in an MRI scan. During the scan, youth viewed a five-minute socially rich animated clip, *Partly Cloudy* (Richardson et al., 2018). Preprocessed BOLD time series were extracted from bilateral ventral striatum, in line with the role of reward processing in loneliness. To quantify dynamic fluctuations in neural dissimilarity across the length of the video stimulus, sliding window correlations of 15 TRs (TR=1.25s) were calculated between each potential pair of participants across the time series. Models were constructed for each window to test relations between loneliness and that window's neural similarity value following an Anna Karenina approach in which lonely participants were predicted to be more neurally idiosyncratic. We implemented these models as multilevel models with crossed random effects, with neural similarity between any given pair of participants in a given window as the outcome, the mean of the pair of participants' loneliness scores as a predictor, and random intercepts for each participant in the pair (Chen et al., 2017). Significant time periods were considered meaningful if they were comprised of 2 or more consecutive significant windows. Analyses were conducted across the full sample, and separately for the autistic and non-autistic groups.

RESULTS: Across the full sample, two time periods were identified in which ventral striatum dissimilarity significantly predicted increased loneliness ($p < 0.05$). Both time periods, each 30-35 seconds long, corresponded to previously identified mentalizing events within the clip (Richardson et al., 2018), including depictions of social rejection between the characters. When analyses were conducted within the two groups, the analysis for the autistic group replicated one of the two significant time periods, while the analysis for the non-autistic group revealed no significant time periods.

CONCLUSIONS: These findings highlight a relation between increased loneliness and idiosyncratic reward processing, specifically for socially rich events involving rejection, and particularly for autistic youth. Future analyses will complement this data-driven approach with independent event coding and continuous participant coding of affective experiences during clip viewing. Through these approaches we aim to further understand the role of reward processing in loneliness and better characterize the neural correlates of loneliness.

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B3.5 - Unraveling the Dynamic Changes of Mind: The Critical Role of the Dorsal Anterior Cingulate Cortex in Predicting Attitude Changes

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: In everyday life, we are often exposed to debates presenting valid arguments on both sides of an issue. While previous research has identified brain regions associated with one-shot attitude changes, little attention has been paid to the neural mechanisms underlying dynamic attitude changes in response to debatable persuasive information. In this study, we used functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to investigate how the brain processes debatable information and determines whether and how we change our minds. Moreover, understanding whether neural dynamics in the brain can predict attitude changes is both a fascinating scientific question and a promising area for practical application.

METHODS: Thirty-seven participants were scanned using fMRI while watching a video of a debate on a specific topic that presented persuasive arguments on both sides. Participants were initially instructed to rate their attitude toward the topic on a 15-point scale ranging from support to opposition. They were then allowed to adjust their attitude at any time during the video if they felt it had shifted (Fig. 1A). The inter-subject similarity (ISS) in neural responses between pairs of participants while viewing the debate and the similarity in their attitude changes throughout the debate were calculated. We applied inter-subject representational similarity analysis (IS-RSA) to identify brain regions coupled with attitude shifts (Fig. 1B). Additionally, multi-voxel patterns within these brain regions and the functional connectivity of the whole brain with seed regions were used to predict the direction of attitude change at each shift point. Attitude changes were classified into four categories: More Support, More Oppose, Less Support, and Less Oppose, and predictions were made using support vector machines (Fig. 1C).

RESULTS: The greater the similarity in attitude changes among participants, the more similar their neural responses in the dorsal anterior cingulate cortex (dACC, $r = 0.23$, $p = 0.012$, $n = 10000$ permutations). Specifically, increased neural activity in the dACC was observed at the time points when participants shifted their attitudes (Fig. 2A). Moreover, multi-voxel patterns in the dACC and the functional connectivity of the dACC seed region with other brain regions were used to predict the direction of attitude changes. Although the multi-voxel pattern prediction did not achieve above-chance accuracy, the whole-brain functional connectivity with the dACC seed region reliably predicted the four categories of attitude changes (More Support, More Oppose, Less Support, and Less Oppose) with an accuracy of 0.46 ($p < 0.001$; chance level = 25%) (Fig. 2B).

CONCLUSIONS: Our study demonstrates that when exposed to debatable persuasive information, neural dynamics in the dACC are coupled with changes in attitude. Furthermore, functional connectivity between the dACC and other brain regions reliably predicts the direction of attitude shifts. These findings highlight the role of the dACC in processing persuasive arguments, with its connectivity being crucial for dynamic reassessment and attitude changes in real-time contexts.

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P1-D-35 Maternal Depression and Neural Synchrony: Investigating the Impact of Depressive Symptoms on Mother-Child Brain Connectivity During Face-to-Face Interactions

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P1-D-36 Cognitive Mechanisms of Feedback-seeking along Internalizing Symptoms

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P1-D-37 Diverse Approaches to Sentiment Analysis Reliably Reflect and Explain Symptom Changes in Psychotherapy

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P1-D-38 Efficacy of Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation (NIBS) Combined with Evidence-Based Psychotherapy for Psychiatric and Neurodevelopmental Disorders: a Meta-Analysis

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P1-D-39 Increased Gray Matter Density in the Precuneus Amongst Female Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence With Traumatic Brain Injury

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P1-E-40 Reduced Functional Efficiency Within the Working Memory Network in Adolescents Predicts Cannabis Initiation Four Years Later While Cannabis Use Does Not Lead to Future Changes in Working Memory Activation

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P1-E-41 Predicting Longitudinal Anxiety in Adolescents Using Mixed Effects Random Forest Regression

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P1-E-42 The Use of Atypical Functional Connectivity in Autism Spectrum Disorder Risk Prediction

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P1-F-43 Selective Representation of Inter-Individual Differences in Corrupt Behaviors through Negative Collaboration Networks

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P1-F-44 Examining Functions of Prefrontal Regions within Parallel 'Social' and 'Control' Networks

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P1-F-45 Multivariate Associations Between Social Environment and Functional Connectivity in Older Adults

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P1-F-46 Neural Similarity at Resting fMRI Predicts Future Social Distance in the Social Network of an Entire High School

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P1-F-47 Shared And Distinct Reward-Related Neural Mechanisms of Internalizing and Externalizing Symptoms in Preadolescence: Findings from the ABCD Study

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P1-G-48 A Computational Account of Individual Differences in Learning from Social Rejection and Acceptance

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P1-G-49 Neural Synchrony as a Predictor of Empathic Accuracy in Social Interactions

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P1-G-50 Discerning Emotional Expressions and Racial/Ethnic Identity of Black/African American and Hispanic/

Latine Faces

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P1-G-51 Investigating Prefrontal Activation Among Social Media Users: A Functional Near-infrared Spectroscopy (fNIRS) Study.

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P1-G-54 Assessing Artificial Intelligence Software for Pain Quantification Based on Facial Expression

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P1-G-55 Modeling Social Attributes of Dynamic Faces With Deep Neural Networks

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P1-G-57 Probing Facial Emotion Processing in the Superior Temporal Sulcus with ANN-Based Encoding Models

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P1-G-58 Dyadic Engagement and Approachability Predicts Infant Neural Response to Social Touch

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P1-G-59 Gesture-Based Instruction Enhances Neural Synchrony and Predicts Children's Mathematical Learning

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P1-G-60 The Moderating Effect of the Oxytocinergic System on the Relationship Between an Infants' Environment and the Neural Correlates of Social Tactile Processing

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P1-G-61 Forgiveness Updates Negative Interpersonal Memories to be Less Negative

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P1-G-62 Excitatory Stimulation of Somatosensory Cortex Affects Emotional Responses to Positive Social Images in Individuals with Low Affective Empathy - A Transcranial Current Stimulation (TDCs) Study

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Poster Session 2

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P2-A-1 The Mechanisms Underlying Moral Licensing in Multi-Stage Decisions

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P2-A-2 Unequal Resource Division Occurs in the Absence of Group Division and Identity

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P2-A-3 The Importance of Locus of Control and Prediction Error for Updating Future Predictions

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P2-A-4 Family Obligation Attitudes Predict Differentiated Functional Connectivity When Giving to Others During Adolescence

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P2-A-5 Negatively Valenced and High-Arousal News Headlines Drive Preferential Evidence Accumulation and Influence Selection Behavior

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P2-A-7 Does Social Predictability Relate to Feelings of Connection and Bias Memory Recall?

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P2-A-8 Neural Mechanisms Underlying the Transfer of Pavlovian Observational Learning to Decision Making

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P2-A-9 The Prioritization of Social Content During Episodic Memory Guided-Inferences

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P2-A-10 The Influence Of Egocentric Anchoring-and-Adjustment on Flexible Social Comparisons

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P2-A-11 Using Machine Learning and Mixed Effect Models to Predict Undergraduate STEM Dropout

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P2-A-12 The Dark Side of Guilt: The Victim-Centered Compensatory Effect of Guilt on Bribe-Taking

Shiwei Qiu¹, Xiaolin Zhou¹, Yang Hu¹
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P2-A-13 Investigating Age-Related Flexibility in Cognitive Effort Allocation

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P2-A-14 Trait Reward Sensitivity and Motivation Shape Connectivity Between the Default Mode Network and the Striatum during Reward Anticipation

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P2-B-15 The Neural Basis of Emotion Regulation Across the Political Spectrum

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P2-B-17 When Do We See Our Future Self as Other?

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P2-B-18 How Loneliness Manifests in Everyday Language: A Daily Diary Study

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P2-B-19 Neural Signatures of Arousal Generalize Across Subjective Ratings During Narrative Viewing and Pupil Dilation at Rest

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P2-B-20 Trait Mindfulness and Political Polarization: Investigating Neural Responses and Emotional Orientations

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P2-B-21 Neural Representation of Affective Valence in Human Amygdala

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P2-B-22 Emotion Dynamics Across the Menstrual Cycle During Adolescence

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P2-B-23 Favoring the Rich: How Selective Learning Reinforces Pro-Upper-Class Bias

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P2-B-24 Distinct Time-Varying Brain State Dynamics of Impulsive and Anxious Individuals

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P2-B-26 The Representation of Emotion Concepts in Hippocampal-Prefrontal Systems

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P2-B-27 Modeling Contextual Constraints in Brain-Behavior Relationships Using Traditional Machine Learning and Doubly Predictive, Self-Contextualizing Neural Networks

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P2-B-28 Modeling High-Dimensional Social Cognition in Naturalistic Context

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P2-B-29 How the Brain Resolves Emotional Ambiguity: The Role of Prestimulus Brain Activity in Emotion Perception

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P2-B-30 Autonomic Arousal Predicts Functional Network Integration and Memory Performance During Story Listening

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P2-B-31 Emotion and Reward Information Influence Choice in Age-Varying Ways

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P2-B-32 - A Unified Model for Representing and Regulating Decision Variables

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P2-B-33 Attention and Self-race Bias: How Spatial Cues Affect Emotion Recognition Across Racial Group Memberships

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P2-B-34 Integration of Static and Dynamic Visual Threat Signals in the Human Superior Colliculus

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P2-B-35 Computational Single-Neuron Mechanisms of Face Coding in the Human Temporal Lobe

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P2-B-36 A Multimodal Approach to Decode Individual Emotional States from Natural Motor Rhythms, Physiological Signals, and Spontaneous Brain Activity

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P2-C-37 Tell Me More! Investigating Value Perception in Conversation Through Cortical Entrainment

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P2-C-38 Exploring The Mirror and the Mentalizing System During Self-Directed and Other-Directed Communicative Intentions with EEG Measures

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P2-C-39 Collective Brain Alignment and Narrative Reflection: Can Neural Alignment During Story Listening Predict Memory Formation and Retention for Story Scenes?

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P2-C-40 Effect of Asymmetric Noise on Interpersonal Communication Dynamics

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P2-C-41 Shared Neural Patterns for Musically Evoked Imaginings in the Default and Language Networks

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P2-C-42 Functional Connectivity, But Not Activation, Differs Between Autistic and Neurotypical Youth During Social Interaction

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P2-C-43 Attitudes Shape Neural Responses to Narratives of Racial Discrimination

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P2-C-44 Decomposing the Cognitive Structure of Human Social Intelligence

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P2-C-45 The Neural Representation of Social Relationships

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P2-C-46 Motivational Mechanisms Underlying Empathy and Subsequent Prosocial Behavior in Adolescents and Adults

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P2-C-47 Divergent Neural Responses to Political Videos Predicted Using Language Models

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P2-C-48 From Brain Gradients to Real-World Social Connections: Mentalizing-Related Reconfigurations of Large-Scale Cortical Networks Predict Social Network Size

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P2-C-49 How is Delayed Justice Judged? Computational Substrates Underlying Judgment of Delayed Justice

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P2-D-50 Negative Neural Emotion Discrimination is Associated with Anxiety

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P2-D-51 Effect of PTSD in the Triple Network Model (DMN, SN And FPN) in Women Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women

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P2-D-52 How Divergent Social Knowledge Shapes Social Learning in Autistic Adolescents

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P2-D-53 Neural Sensitivity to Positive Autobiographical Memory Recall Predicts Smoking Lapse During Abstinence

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P2-D-55 Are Trust and Reciprocity Related to Functional Connectivity in Behavioral Variant Frontotemporal Dementia And Alzheimer's Disease?

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P2-D-56 Uncovering the Enduring Nature of Fear in High Trait Anxiety With a Longitudinal Computational Affective Neuroscience Approach

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P2-E-57 Incidence and Continuity of Transgender Identity in the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Sample

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P2-E-58 High School-University Partnerships Advance Naturalistic STEM Research Outcomes: Investigating Preschoolers' Health, Cognitive Flexibility, and Behavior in the Real World

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P2-E-59 Developmental Differences in Neural Responses to Ostracism: Unpacking Adolescent Sensitivity to Exclusion and Inclusion

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P2-F-60 Effects of Individual Social Network Structures on Interpersonal Coordination and Brain Dynamics

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P2-F-61 Distinct Functional Connectivity Patterns in Schizophrenia vs. Healthy Controls While Viewing Naturalistic Social Stimuli

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P2-F-62 - Neural Similarity in Early Visual Processing and Its Connectivity With Higher Networks Predicts Friendship

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P2-F-63 Reverse Inter-Subject Functional Connectivity to Reveal Cerebellar-Sensitive Social Cognitive Processes

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P2-F-64 Greater Depression Symptoms Relate to Altered Medial Prefrontal Cortex Functional Connectivity During Self-Related Processing

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P2-G-65 Do Impressions of Characters and Individual Differences in Viewers Influence Memory of a Narrative?

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P2-G-66 Idiosyncratic Neural Responses to Ambiguous Social Situations in Individuals With High Trait Aggression

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P2-G-67 Unpacking the Association of Mental Representations of Friendship and Well-Being Through the Anna Karenina Principle

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P2-G-69 Shared Impressions Track Shared Neural Responses During Narrative Comprehension

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P2-G-70 Resting-State Functional Connectivity of the Default Mode Network as a Predictor of Empathy and Altruistic Giving in Pre-Adolescent Girls

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P2-G-71 Structural Neural Correlates of Extraordinary Altruists

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P2-G-72 Tracking the Influence of Emotional Uncertainty on Memory for Complex Social Events

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P2-G-73 Lonely Individuals Idiosyncratically Interpret Social Information from Novel Narratives

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P2-G-74 Conversations With Friends Reduce the Neural Expression of Loneliness

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P2-G-75 Default Mode Subnetworks Carry Information About Characters and Their Relationships in an Extended Narrative

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P2-G-76 Mentalizing Predicts Loneliness Despite Age-Related Decline in the Brain's Mentalizing Network

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P2-G-77 Investigating the Automaticity of Face Learning From Exposure to Multiple Images Using Fast Periodic Visual Stimulation (FPVS)

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P2-G-78 The Cognitive Mechanisms of Social Perception: A Predictive Processing Approach

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P2-G-79 The Impact of Age-Related Changes in Working Memory and Cognitive Theory of Mind on Lie Detection

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P2-G-80 Neural Entrainment to Cardiorespiratory Rhythms as a Possible Driver of Interpersonal Neural Synchrony

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Poster Session 3

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P3-A-1 Neural Mechanisms of Mindful Emotion Regulation Across an Emotional Stroop Task

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P3-A-2 Emotion Biases on Explore-Exploit Decision-Making Diminish from Adolescence to Adulthood

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P3-A-3 Emotion Regulation Strategies Moderate the Association Between Anterior Insula Responses to Fairness and Relative Deprivation

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P3-A-4 Affective Social Episodic Memory Guides Approach Avoidance Decisions About Social Targets

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P3-A-5 Unraveling the Dynamic Changes of Mind: The Critical Role of the Dorsal Anterior Cingulate Cortex in Predicting Attitude Changes

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P3-A-6 Temporal Contexts of Effort and Arousal: Decision Speed and Pupillometry Illuminate the Experience of Choice Difficulty During a Novel Risky Monetary Decision-Making Paradigm

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P3-A-7 The Role of Moral Anger in Misinformation Sharing: An Affective Harm Account Perspective

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P3-A-8 A Comparison of the Reward Positivity in the Doors and Stopwatch Tasks: A Source Localization Study

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P3-A-9 Identification of Social Computational Phenotypes Associated with Hitop Transdiagnostic Dimensions and Spectra

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P3-A-10 Prospective Estimates of the Cognitive Cost of Self-Control Preferentially Engages Anterior Prefrontal Cortex

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P3-A-12 Neurobiological Trajectories of Gaming Disorder in Adolescents: A Longitudinal ABCD Study Analysis

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P3-A-13 Differences in Adolescent Male and Female Resting-State Functional Connectivity of Problematic Media Use

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P3-A-14 Predicting Internalizing Symptoms in Early Adolescence from Computational Cognitive Profiles of Risk, Reward, and Social Processing

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P3-B-15 Interplay of Working Memory Capacity and Cognitive Control in Emotion Regulation: An EEG Analysis of Frontal Midline Theta Contributions

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P3-B-16 Multivariate Brain Prediction of Inflammatory Responses to Social Evaluative Threat

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P3-B-17 The Impact of Inflammation on Emotion Regulation Networks in Youth Exposed to Early Life Adversity

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