

Stanford



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Associate Professor of Psychology

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Psychology
- Member, Bio-X
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- co-Director, Neurosciences Interdisciplinary Graduate Program, (2021- present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Symbolic Systems Program

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, University of California, Berkeley and UCSF , Bioengineering (2002)
- BS, Yale University , Computer Science (1993)

LINKS

- Lab website: <https://gru.stanford.edu>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

How does neural activity in the human cortex create our sense of visual perception? We use a combination of functional magnetic resonance imaging, computational modeling and analysis, and psychophysical measurements to link human perception to cortical brain activity.

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Brain decoding: PSYCH 164 (Spr)
- Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience: PSYCH 50 (Win)
- Neuroscience of Visual Intelligence: PSYCH 163, PSYCH 263 (Spr)

- Neurosciences Cognitive Core: NEPR 207 (Spr)
- Practicum in Teaching: Intro to Cognitive Neuroscience: PSYCH 50A (Win)

2024-25

- Brain decoding: PSYCH 164 (Win)
- Computational Cognitive Neuroscience: Vision: PSYCH 263 (Win)
- Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience: PSYCH 50 (Aut)
- Neurosciences Cognitive Core: NEPR 207 (Spr)
- Practicum in Teaching: Intro to Cognitive Neuroscience: PSYCH 50A (Aut)

2023-24

- Brain decoding: PSYCH 164 (Spr)
- Cognitive Neuroscience: Vision: PSYCH 263 (Spr)
- Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience: PSYCH 50 (Win)
- Neuroscience research: PSYCH 196A (Spr)
- Neurosciences Cognitive Core: NEPR 207 (Spr)
- Practicum in Teaching: Intro to Cognitive Neuroscience: PSYCH 50A (Win)

2022-23

- Cognitive Neuroscience: Vision: PSYCH 263 (Aut)
- Neuroscience research: PSYCH 196A (Spr)
- Neurosciences Cognitive Core: NEPR 207 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Minseung Choi, Tucker Fisher, Javier Weddington, Anna Xu

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Qiyuan Feng, Hyunwoo Gu, Joshua Ryu

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Alex Durango, Seojin Lee

Doctoral (Program)

Hyunwoo Gu, Josh Wilson

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Texture-like representation of objects in human visual cortex.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*
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2021

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Laquitaine, S., Gardner, J. L.
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Kuo, A., Gardner, J. L., Merriam, E. P.
2025
- **Plaudits for logits in sensory neuroscience.** *Neuron*
Ryu, J. J., Gardner, J. L.
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- **Limitations of 2-dimensional line-scan MRI for directly measuring neural activity.** *Imaging neuroscience (Cambridge, Mass.)*
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- **Voxel-Wise Linearity Analysis of Increments and Decrements in BOLD Responses in Human Visual Cortex Using a Contrast Adaptation Paradigm.** *Frontiers in human neuroscience*
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- **Context effects on probability estimation** *PLOS BIOLOGY*
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2020; 18 (3)
- **Humans perceive binocular rivalry and fusion in a tristable dynamic state.** *The Journal of neuroscience : the official journal of the Society for Neuroscience*
Riesen, G., Norcia, A. M., Gardner, J. L.

2019

- **Computing Social Value Conversion in the Human Brain.** *The Journal of neuroscience : the official journal of the Society for Neuroscience*
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Gardner, J. L.
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Hara, Y., Pestilli, F., Gardner, J. L.
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Vintch, B., Gardner, J. L.
2014; 34 (7): 2592-2604
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