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Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Instructor, Neurosurgery
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- PRARP Convergence Science Research Award, Department of Defense (2021-2025)
- Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation (2008-2011)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, Harvard University , Neuroscience (2013)
- BA, Columbia University , Biochemistry (2005)

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Dr. Choi is broadly interested in mapping the brain's connectivity and characterizing its functional dynamics using advanced neuroimaging and clinical neurophysiological methods, as well as translating this information to identify individual-specific neurosurgical targets and treatment strategies using neuromodulation (e.g., deep brain stimulation). Her prior work has mapped the functional and connectional organization of the cortex, striatum, and thalamus using neuroimaging and NHP neuroanatomical tract-tracing. She is currently focused on the use of thalamic deep brain stimulation to improve memory and attention in traumatic brain injury and Alzheimer's disease, and the development of precise, individual-specific adult and pediatric brain atlases and network maps.

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Deep Brain Stimulation for the Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury, Not Recruiting

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Fast, fully automated segmentation of thalamic nuclei from structural MRI.** *NeuroImage*
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