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Bio

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Instructor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences - Interdisciplinary Brain Sciences
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Review Editor, *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, *Brain Imaging Methods*, (2021- present)
- Review Editor, *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, *Social Cognition*, (2021- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- NIH Career Development Award (K01), National Institute on Aging (2023-2028)
- Young Investigator Award, National Fragile X Foundation (2018)
- CNI Seed-grant Award, Stanford Center for Cognitive and Neurobiological Imaging (2016)
- National Institute of Mental Health T32 postdoctoral training funding, Stanford University (2012)
- Helena Anna Henzl Gabor Young Women in Science Fellowship, Stanford University (2009)
- Morkovin Graduate School Fellowship, University of Southern California (2007-2008)
- Dissertation Award, University of Southern California (2007)
- Fellowship for advanced graduate study, Developmental Area, Psychology Department, University of Southern California (2006-2007)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University , Cognitive Neuroscience (2014)
- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Southern California , Developmental Psychology (2008)

- M.A., University of Southern California , Developmental Psychology (2005)
- B.A., Temple University , Psychology (minor Biology) (2002)

LINKS

- "Brain scans in kids with fragile X syndrome" Scope article: <http://scopeblog.stanford.edu/2017/09/21/brain-scans-may-predict-future-abilities-of-kids-with-fragile-x-syndrome/>
- "Brain scans reveal subtypes of fragile X syndrome in boys" Spectrum article: <https://spectrumnews.org/news/brain-scans-reveal-subtypes-fragile-x-syndrome-boys/>
- "Hardwiring the Brain" SPIE News: <https://spie.org/news/spie-professional-magazine/2019-january/hardwiring-the-brain?SSO=1>
- "Pesticide exposure linked to brain activity differences in adolescents" SCOPE article: <https://scopeblog.stanford.edu/2019/08/27/pesticide-exposure-linked-to-brain-activity-differences-in-adolescents-study-finds/>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Developing Topics.** *Alzheimer's & dementia : the journal of the Alzheimer's Association*
Kiesewetter, A., Bruno, J.
2025; 21 Suppl 7 (Suppl 7): e108368
- **Transdiagnostic similarities and distinctions in brain networks associated with autistic social impairments: a prospective cohort study.** *Molecular autism*
Bruno, J. L., Plank, J. R., Leder, S., Lake, E. M., Finn, E. S., Green, T.
2025; 16 (1): 56
- **Quantitative T1 mapping indicates elevated white matter myelin in children with RASopathies.** *Biological psychiatry*
Plank, J. R., Gozdas, E., Bruno, J., McGhee, C. A., Wu, H., Raman, M. M., Saggar, M., Green, T.
2025
- **A familial modeling framework for advancing precision medicine for children with neuropsychiatric disorders.** *Developmental medicine and child neurology*
Bruno, J. L., Merrin, J. J., Hosseini, S. M., Green, T.
2025
- **Clinical Manifestations.** *Alzheimer's & dementia : the journal of the Alzheimer's Association*
Bruno, J., Shaw, J., Henderson, V. W., Hosseini, H.
2024; 20 Suppl 3: e092711
- **Developing Topics.** *Alzheimer's & dementia : the journal of the Alzheimer's Association*
Bisgaard, S. T., Bruno, J.
2024; 20 Suppl 8: e095368
- **RASopathies influences on neuroanatomical variation in children.** *Biological psychiatry. Cognitive neuroscience and neuroimaging*
McGhee, C. A., Honari, H., Siqueiros-Sanchez, M., Serur, Y., van Staaldunen, E. K., Stevenson, D., Bruno, J. L., Raman, M. M., Green, T.

2024

- **Toward Personalized Cognitive Training in Older Adults: A Pilot Investigation of the Effects of Baseline Performance and Age on Cognitive Training Outcomes.** *Journal of Alzheimer's disease : JAD*

Bruno, J. L., Shaw, J. S., Hosseini, S. M.

2023

- **Neural responses to gender-based microaggressions in academic medicine.** *Journal of neuroscience research*

Balters, S., Foland-Ross, L. C., Bruno, J., Periyakoil, V. S., Valantine, H., Reiss, A. L.

2023

- **Neuropsychiatric phenotypes in children with Noonan syndrome.** *Developmental medicine and child neurology*

Naylor, P. E., Bruno, J. L., Shrestha, S. B., Friedman, M., Jo, B., Reiss, A. L., Green, T.

2023

- **Social gaze behavior and hyperarousal in young females with fragile X syndrome: A within-person approach** *DEVELOPMENT AND PSYCHOPATHOLOGY*

Miller, J. G., Sharifi, R., Piccirilli, A., Li, R., Lee, C. H., Bartholomay, K. L., Jordan, T. L., Marzelli, M. J., Bruno, J. L., Lightbody, A. A., Reiss, A. L.

2023

- **Multidimensional Neuropsychiatric Phenotypes in Children With Noonan Syndrome**

Bruno, J., Naylor, P., Green, T.

SPRINGER NATURE.2022: 147-148

- **Brief intensive social gaze training reorganizes functional brain connectivity in boys with fragile X syndrome.** *Cerebral cortex (New York, N.Y. : 1991)*

Saggar, M., Bruno, J. L., Hall, S. S.

2022

- **Neural resources shift under Methylphenidate: a computational approach to examine anxiety-cognition interplay.** *NeuroImage*

Saggar, M., Bruno, J., Gaillard, C., Claudino, L., Ernst, M.

2022: 119686

- **Can Translational Social Neuroscience Research offer Insights to Mitigate Structural Racism in America?** *Biological psychiatry. Cognitive neuroscience and neuroimaging*

Singh, M. K., Nimarko, A., Bruno, J., Anand, K. J., Singh, S. P.

2022

- **Aberrant brain network and eye gaze patterns during natural social interaction predict multi-domain social-cognitive behaviors in girls with fragile X syndrome.** *Molecular psychiatry*

Li, R., Bruno, J. L., Lee, C. H., Bartholomay, K. L., Sundstrom, J., Piccirilli, A., Jordan, T., Miller, J. G., Lightbody, A. A., Reiss, A. L.

2022

- **Exposure to DDT and DDE and functional neuroimaging in adolescents from the CHAMACOS cohort.** *Environmental research*

Binter, A., Mora, A. M., Baker, J. M., Bruno, J. L., Kogut, K., Rauch, S., Reiss, A. L., Eskenazi, B., Sagiv, S. K.

2022: 113461

- **Brief, Intense Social Gaze Training Normalizes Functional Brain Connectivity in Boys With Fragile X Syndrome**

Bruno, J., Saggar, M., Hall, S.

ELSEVIER SCIENCE INC.2022: S152

- **Altered canonical and striatal-frontal resting state functional connectivity in children with pathogenic variants in the Ras/mitogen-activated protein kinase pathway.** *Molecular psychiatry*

Bruno, J. L., Shrestha, S. B., Reiss, A. L., Saggar, M., Green, T.

2022

- **Parent Cognition and Behavior Predict Variable Outcomes in Children With Ras/mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase (RMK) Pathway Pathogenic Mutations**

Bruno, J., Green, T.

SPRINGER NATURE.2021: 123-124

- **Thalamic Structure and Function in Youth With and At Familial Risk for Bipolar Disorder**
Singh, M., Gorelik, A., Carta, K., Gorelik, M., Chang, K., Bruno, J., Nimarko, A.
SPRINGER NATURE.2021: 285-286
- **Neuroanatomical Profile of Young Females with Fragile X Syndrome: A Voxel-Based Morphometry Analysis.** *Cerebral cortex (New York, N.Y. : 1991)*
Lee, C. H., Bartholomay, K. L., Marzelli, M. J., Miller, J. G., Bruno, J. L., Lightbody, A. A., Reiss, A. L.
2021
- **Neurite Imaging Reveals Widespread Alterations in Gray and White Matter Neurite Morphology in Healthy Aging and Amnesic Mild Cognitive Impairment.** *Cerebral cortex (New York, N.Y. : 1991)*
Gozdas, E., Fingerhut, H., Dacorro, L., Bruno, J. L., Hosseini, S. M.
2021
- **Empathy and Anxiety in Young Girls with Fragile X Syndrome.** *Journal of autism and developmental disorders*
Miller, J. G., Bartholomay, K. L., Lee, C. H., Bruno, J. L., Lightbody, A. A., Reiss, A. L.
2021
- **Empathic Accuracy in Adolescent Girls with Turner Syndrome** *JOURNAL OF AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS*
Klabunde, M., Piccirilli, A., Bruno, J., Gendron, M., Reiss, A. L.
2021
- **Quantitative Measurement of Macromolecular Tissue Properties in White and Gray Matter in Healthy Aging and Amnesic MCI.** *NeuroImage*
Gozdas, E., Fingerhut, H., Wu, H., Bruno, J. L., Dacorro, L., Jo, B., O'Hara, R., Reiss, A. L., Hosseini, S. M.
2021: 118161
- **Evaluation of smartphone interactions on drivers' brain function and vehicle control in an immersive simulated environment.** *Scientific reports*
Baker, J. M., Bruno, J. L., Piccirilli, A., Gundran, A., Harbott, L. K., Sirkin, D. M., Marzelli, M., Hosseini, S. M., Reiss, A. L.
2021; 11 (1): 1998
- **Aberrant Neural Response During Face Processing in Girls with Fragile X Syndrome: Defining Potential Brain Biomarkers for Treatment Studies.** *Biological psychiatry. Cognitive neuroscience and neuroimaging*
Li, R., Bruno, J. L., Jordan, T., Miller, J. G., Lee, C. H., Bartholomay, K. L., Marzelli, M. J., Piccirilli, A., Lightbody, A. A., Reiss, A. L.
2021
- **Examining the Neurocognitive Basis of Applied Creativity in Entrepreneurs and Managers** *Design Thinking Research. Understanding Innovation.*
Auernhammer, J., Sonalkar, N., Xie, H., Monlux, K., Bruno, J., Saggari, M.
Springer, Cham.2021
- **Activation Mutation in the Ras/MAPK Pathway Alters the Functional Resting-State Architecture Underlying Executive Function and Attention**
Bruno, J., Shrestha, S., Reiss, A., Saggari, M., Green, T.
SPRINGER NATURE.2020: 177-78
- **Glucocorticoid regulation and neuroanatomy in fragile x syndrome** *Journal of Psychiatric Research*
Bruno, J. L., Hong, D. S., Lightbody, A. A., Hosseini, S., Hallmayer, J., Reiss, A. L.
2020
- **Functional neuroanatomy of interoceptive processing in children and adolescents: a pilot study.** *Scientific reports*
Klabunde, M., Juszczak, H., Jordan, T., Baker, J. M., Bruno, J., Carrion, V., Reiss, A. L.
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- **Prenatal exposure to organophosphate pesticides and functional neuroimaging in adolescents living in proximity to pesticide application.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*
Sagiv, S. K., Bruno, J. L., Baker, J. M., Palzes, V., Kogut, K., Rauch, S., Gunier, R., Mora, A. M., Reiss, A. L., Eskenazi, B.
2019
- **Closing the Gender Gap in Fragile X Syndrome: Review on Females with FXS and Preliminary Research Findings.** *Brain sciences*
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- **Brain circuitry, behavior, and cognition: A randomized placebo-controlled trial of donepezil in fragile X syndrome.** *Journal of psychopharmacology (Oxford, England)*
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- **Mind over motor mapping: Driver response to changing vehicle dynamics.** *Human brain mapping*
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2018
- **fNIRS measurement of cortical activation and functional connectivity during a visuospatial working memory task.** *PloS one*
Baker, J. M., Bruno, J. L., Gundran, A., Hosseini, S. M., Reiss, A. L.
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- **Multivariate Investigation of Brain and Behavioral Outcomes in Individuals with FMR1 Full Mutation**
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- **Altered Brain Network Segregation in Fragile X Syndrome Revealed by Structural Connectomics** *CEREBRAL CORTEX*
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- **Altered Brain Network Segregation in Fragile X Syndrome Revealed by Structural Connectomics** *Cerebral Cortex*
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- **Aberrant Face and Gaze Habituation in Fragile X Syndrome** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY*
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