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Talks

2025 Aug Lecturer, Minds Brains and Machine, Woods Hole, MA.

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2025 June Frontiers in NeuroAI, Harvard, Cambridge, MA.

2025 May Conference on Scientific Foundation Models, Ann Arbor, MI.

2025 May Workshop on Stochastic Thermodynamics, (remote).

2025 May Physics Colloquium, MIT, Cambridge, MA.

2025 Apr Keynote, CodeX Future of Law Conference, Stanford, CA.

2025 Mar, Invited talk, American Physical Society, Anaheim, CA

2025 Mar Keynote, Conference on Parsimony and Learning, Stanford, CA.

2024 Dec Keynote, NeurIPS workshop: Scientific understanding of neural networks, Vancouver.

2024 Aug Lecturer, Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.

2024 Apr Neuroscience Inspired Machine Learning Seminar, Microsoft Research, WA.

2024 Mar Physical Mathematics Seminar, MIT, Cambridge, MA.

2024 Mar Physics Colloquium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

2024 Feb Texas Academy of Medicine, Engineering, Science, and Technology, Austin, TA.

2023 Dec Statphys Conference, Kolkata, India.
2023 Sep Center for Physics and Biology Seminar, Rockefeller University, New York, NY.
2023 Aug Simons Workshop on Large Language Models and Transformers, Berkeley, CA.
2023 Aug Lecturer, Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2023 Aug International Conference on Statistical Physics, Tokyo, Japan.
2023 Jul International Conference on Machine Learning, Workshop, Honolulu, HI
2023 Jul Cajal Course in Machine Learning for Neuroscience, Lisbon, Portugal.
2023 Mar Machine Learning and Foundation Models, Microsoft Research, Beijing, China.
2022 Oct NIH Systems Neuroscience Seminar Series, Bethesda, MD.
2022 Oct Berkeley Physics Colloquium, Berkeley, CA.
2022 Oct Coherent Network Computing Conference, Stanford, CA.
2022 Oct Center for Intelligent Systems Colloquium, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.
2022 Sep Center for Mathematical Sciences and Applications, Harvard, Cambridge, MA.
2022 Sep Simons Workshop on New Horizons in Artificial Intelligence, Schloss Elmau, Germany.
2022 Aug Lecturer, Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2022 Jul Sparsity in neural networks workshop, ICML.
2022 Mar NSF Frontiers in Emerging Technologies workshop on Ising Machines.
2022 Mar Neural Circuits Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor Labs, NY.
2022 Mar Physics of Learning, March APS Meeting, Chicago, IL.
2022 Feb Loss Landscapes of Neural Networks, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.
2022 Feb AI and the Brain Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.
2021 Dec Neurips Workshop, Machine learning and the physical science, Vancouver, Canada.
2021 Nov Montreal AI and Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Montreal, CA.
2021 Oct NIMH Fellows Invited Lecture Series, National Institutes of Health, MD.
2021 Oct Stanford Physics Colloquium, Stanford, CA.
2021 Sep Neuroscience Seminar, University of Chicago, IL.
2021 Sep NTT Research Summit, Sunnyvale, CA.
2021 Sep NSF Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Interactions Colloquium, MIT, MA.
2021 Aug Distinguished Speaker, NIH Brain Initiative Annual Neuroscience Virtual Conference.
2021 Aug Neuromatch Deep Learning Summer School (Virtual)
2021 Aug Lecturer, Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2021 Jun Beg Rou Summer School of Statistical Physics and Condensed Matter, France.
2021 Jun Neurocolloquium, Tuebingen, Germany.
2021 May AI Seminar, University of Southern California, CA.
2021 Apr Machine Learning Seminar, Vector Institute, Toronto, Canada.
2021 Mar Neuroscience Graduate Program Seminar, Brown University, RI.
2021 Mar Machine Learning Theory Seminar, Harvard University, MA.
2021 Mar AAAI Symposium, Combining AI with the Physical Sciences, Stanford, CA.
2021 Jan Mathematical Institute for Data Science Seminar, Johns Hopkins, MD.
2021 Jan Distinguished Seminar Series, Allen Institute, Seattle, WA.
2020 Dec Language Learning Networks Symposium, CUNY Center for Theoretical Sciences, NY.
2020 Nov Department of Psychiatry Seminar, Yale University, CT.
2020 Nov Colloquium, Center of Mathematical Sciences and Applications, Harvard, MA.
2020 Nov From neuroscience to artificially intelligent systems, Cold Spring Harbor, NY.
2020 Apr Allen Institute Workshop, Seattle, WA.
2020 Apr Princeton Center for Theoretical Physics, Princeton, NJ.
2020 Apr Weinberg Symposium on Cognitive Science of Concepts, University of Michigan, MI.
2020 Mar APS symposium: Statistical physics meets machine learning, Denver, CO.
2020 Mar Cosyne Workshop, 15 years of grid cells, Denver, CO.
2020 Feb Information Theory and its Applications Workshop, San Diego, CA.
2020 Jan Simons Center for Geometry and Physics, Stony Brook, NY.

2019 Dec NeurIPS Workshop, Science meets engineering in deep learning, Vancouver, Canada.
2019 Dec NeurIPS Workshop Real neurons and hidden units, Vancouver, Canada.
2019 Nov Computational Neuroscience Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, PA.
2019 Oct Conference on Mathematical Theory of Deep Neural Networks, Princeton Club, NY.
2019 Oct Theory of Deep Neural Networks, Institute for Advanced Study, NJ.
2019 Sep Workshop on 40 years of replica symmetry breaking, Rome, Italy.
2019 Aug Lecturer, Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2019 Jul Mind matters: Intelligence and agency in the physical world, Tuscany, Italy.
2019 Jul EPFL Symposium, Neuroscience meets deep learning, Lausanne, Switzerland.
2019 May Neuroscience Department Seminar, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
2019 May Inaugural Symposium of the Zuckerman Institute, Columbia University, NY.
2019 Apr Joint Seminar in Neuroscience, UCLA, CA.
2019 Apr Biomedical engineering seminar, Northwestern University, IL.
2019 Mar Mechanisms of Learning Forum, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
2019 Mar Emory and Georgia Tech Joint Kavli Brain Forum, Atlanta, GA.
2019 Mar Neuro-inspired Computing Course, Toyko University, Japan.
2019 Feb Neurobiology Seminar, Duke University, NC.
2019 Feb Annual Gulf Coast Theoretical and Computational Neuroscience Symposium, Houston.
2019 Jan Deep Learning and the Brain Symposium, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.
2019 Jan Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, Santa Barbara, CA.
2018 Nov Colloquium, Center for the Neural Basis for Cognition, Carnegie Mellon, PA.
2018 Nov Colloquium, Renaissance Technologies, NY.
2018 Nov Computational and Systems Neuroscience Seminar, Caltech, CA.
2018 Oct Research Symposium, Champalimaud Center for the Unknown, Lisbon, Portugal.
2018 Oct Stanford Neuroscience Institute Symposium, Stanford, CA.
2018 Oct NIH Brain Initiative Workshop, Houston, TX.
2018 Sep Parallel Distributed Processing and the Emergence of Mind, Princeton, NJ.
2018 Sep Bernstein Conference, Berlin, Germany.
2018 Aug Statistical physics and machine learning back together, Cargese, France.
2018 Aug Lecturer, Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2018 Jul International Congress of Mathematical Physics, Montreal, Canada.
2018 Jul Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.
2018 Jul Center for Quantitative Biology, Peking University, Beijing, China.
2018 Jun Keynote Speaker, CRCNS PI Meeting, Berkeley, CA.
2018 Jun McKnight Neuroscience Conference, Aspen, CO.
2018 Jun Bridging Scales in Neuroscience, Max Planck Society Conference, Bonn, Germany.
2018 May Computer Systems Colloquium, Stanford University, CA.
2018 Apr MIT AI Conference, San Francisco, CA.
2018 Apr Workshop on Computational Theories of the Brain, Berkeley, CA.
2018 Apr Simons Foundation Theory in Biology Workshop, New York, NY.
2018 Mar Distributed Computation in Biological and Artificial Systems, Janelia Farm.
2018 Jan Re-Work Deep Learning Summit, San Francisco, CA.
2018 Jan Physics informed machine learning workshop, Santa Fe, NM.
2018 Jan Keystone Symposium on the State of the Brain, Keystone, CO.
2018 Jan 10th Year Symposium, Tata Institute for Fundamental Research, Bangalore, India.
2017 Dec International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, Workshop, Bangalore, India.
2017 Dec CIFAR Learning in Brains and Machines program meeting, Long Beach, CA.
2017 Nov Neuroscience Colloquium, Columbia University, New York, NY.
2017 Nov Neuroscience Colloquium, Princeton Neuroscience Institute, Princeton, NJ.
2017 Oct Symposium, Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience, Berlin, Germany.
2017 Sep Workshop: From Synaptic Plasticity to Motor Control, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland.

2017 Aug Principled Approaches to Deep Learning, ICML Workshop, Sydney, Australia.
2017 Aug Lecturer, Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2017 Jul Condensed Matter School on Frustrated and Disordered Systems, Boulder, Colorado.
2017 Jul Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience Summer School, Shanghai, China.
2017 Jun CIFAR Deep Learning Summer School, Montreal.
2017 May Neural Control of Movement Conference, Dublin, Ireland.
2017 Mar The Future of Artificial Intelligence, MIT Tech Conference.
2017 Mar Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Symposium.
2017 Mar Applied Mathematics Seminar, Harvard.
2017 Feb Les-Houches School on Statistical physics, learning, inference and networks, France.
2017 Feb Invited Speaker, Computational and Systems Neuroscience Conference, Salt Lake City.
2017 Jan IBRO-Simons Computational Neuroscience Imbizo, Cape Town, South Africa.
2017 Jan Statistical mechanics meeting, Berkeley.
2017 Jan Exploring the interface of statistical mechanics and machine learning, Berkeley.
2017 Jan Google Brain Research Seminar, Mountain View, CA.
2016 Dec Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference, NIPS Workshop, Barcelona.
2016 Dec Workshop on Non-convex Optimization for Machine Learning, NIPS Workshop, Barcelona.
2016 Dec Statistical Neural Data Analysis, NIPS Workshop, Barcelona.
2016 Dec CIFAR Deep Learning Workshop, Barcelona.
2016 Nov Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics, Colloquium, Stanford.
2016 Nov Theory of Computation, Associated Meeting, Stanford.
2016 Oct Computational Neuroscience Talk, UCSD.
2016 Oct Neuroscience Colloquium, UCSD.
2016 Oct CodeNeuro Conference on Neuroscience and Data Science, San Francisco, CA.
2016 Sep NSF/Kavli Meeting: Coordinating Global Brain Projects, Rockefeller, NY.
2016 Sep Group for Neural Theory, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris.
2016 Aug Lecturer, Methods for Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2016 Aug CIFAR Deep Learning Summer School, Montreal.
2016 Aug Swartz Meeting in Computational Neuroscience, Caltech
2016 Jul School on Mining and Modeling of Neuroscience Data, Berkeley.
2016 Jun Algorithms for modern massive datasets (MMDS), workshop, Berkeley.
2016 Jun Office of Naval Research, Computation Neuroscience Workshop, Amherst.
2016 Jun Deep learning: theory algorithms, and applications, workshop, MIT.
2016 May McGovern Institute Annual Symposium, MIT.
2016 Mar Theoretical physics and networks of real neurons, March APS Meeting, Baltimore.
2016 Mar Neuro-Inspired Computational Elements, Workshop, Berkeley.
2016 Mar Center for Mind Brain and Computation Symposium, Stanford.
2016 Feb Coding correlations and the dimensionality of neural activity, Cosyne workshop.
2016 Feb Information theory and its applications, Workshop, La Jolla, CA.
2016 Jan Physics informed machine learning workshop, Santa Fe, NM.
2015 Dec Neural circuits, from structure to computation, Workshop, Jerusalem.
2015 Dec Statistical methods for understanding neural systems, NIPS Workshop, Montreal.
2015 Dec Minds Brains and Machines, NIPS Symposium, Montreal.
2015 Nov Physics Colloquium, Sonoma State University, CA.
2015 Nov Machine Learning Seminar, UCI, Irvine, CA.
2015 Oct Condensed Matter Seminar, UC Santa Cruz.
2015 Oct Theory of Neural Computation, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley.
2015 Oct Physics Colloquium, UC Berkeley.
2015 Sep Plenary Talk, Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience, Seattle, WA.
2015 Sep Simons Global Collaboration on the Brain Workshop, New York, NY.
2015 Aug Lecturer, Minds Brains and Machines, Woods Hole, MA.

2015 Aug Lecturer, Methods for Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2015 Jul Sensing, information and decision at the cellular level, ICTP Workshop, Trieste, Italy
2015 Jul Workshop on Sensing and Analysis of High-Dimensional Data, Duke University.
2015 May Computation and Neural Systems Seminar, Caltech.
2015 May NSF Symposium on Physics, Mathematics and Neuroscience of Cortical Function.
2015 Apr IBM Brain Inspired Computing Workshop, New York.
2015 Apr Austin Conference on Learning and Memory, UT Austin.
2015 Apr Simons Foundation Conference on Theory and Biology, New York.
2015 Apr Institute for Neural Computation Seminar, UCSD.
2015 Mar SIAM Computational Science and Engineering Conference.
2015 Mar Physics Colloquium, MIT.
2015 Feb Theoretical Neuroscience Seminar, Columbia University.
2015 Feb Center for Neural Science, New York University.
2014 Dec NIPS Workshop, Large scale optical physiology.
2014 Dec NIPS Workshop, Deep Learning and Representation Learning.
2014 Dec CIFAR, Neural Computation and Adaptive Perception Workshop, Montreal.
2014 Nov Learning Lunch, Baidu.
2014 Oct Center for Physics and Biology, Rockefeller University.
2014 Oct Biophysics Theory Seminar, Princeton University.
2014 Sep Brain Criticality and Networks Workshop, Hughes Research Lab.
2014 Aug Lecturer, Methods for Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2014 Jul Workshop on Deep Learning and the Brain, Cognitive Science Society, Quebec City.
2014 Jul Bernstein Lecture, Center for Computational Neuroscience, Tuebingen.
2014 Jul Group for Neural Theory, Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris.
2014 Jul Bernstein workshop, Population Codes: From Data Analysis to Mechanisms, Munich.
2014 Jun Areadne Workshop on Neural Encoding and Decoding of Ensembles, Santorini.
2014 Jun Neural Population Dynamics Underlying Sensorimotor Integration, Janelia Farm.
2014 May NII-Shonan Meeting, Deep Learning: Theory, Algorithms and Applications, Tokyo.
2014 May Quantitative Theories of Learning, Memory and Prediction Workshop, Arlington, VA.
2014 Apr Physics Colloquium, Stanford University.
2014 Mar Scalable Models for High Dimensional Neural Data, Cosyne Workshop.
2014 Feb Electrical and Computer Engineering Colloquium, Carnegie Mellon University.
2014 Jan Computer Science Department, University of Montreal.
2014 Jan Information Theory Forum, Stanford University.
2013 Dec NIPS Workshop: High dimensional statistical inference in the brain.
2013 Dec Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) Main Meeting.
2013 Nov Swiss Computational Neuroscience Colloquium Series, Zurich.
2013 Nov Neuroscience Center Seminar, University of Geneva.
2013 Nov Statistics Colloquium, University of Chicago.
2013 Oct Computational Neuroscience Colloquium Series, University of Waterloo.
2013 Oct Stanford Bio-X 10th Anniversary.
2013 Oct Stanford Neuroscience Retreat.
2013 Aug Lecturer, Methods for Computational Neuroscience, Woods Hole, MA.
2013 Jul Brain Initiative Advisory Committee Meeting, Boston, MA.
2013 Jun Dynamics of cortical and cortical-subcortical circuits, Janelia Farm.
2013 May Temporal Dynamics of Learning, Janelia Farm.
2013 May Sensory Systems and Sensory Coding Workshop, Mathematical Biosciences Institute.
2013 Mar Networking, Communication, and DSP Seminar, Berkeley.
2013 Feb Interface of Brain and Machine Symposium, Biophysical Society Meeting, Philadelphia.
2012 Oct Challenges in Mathematical Neuroscience Workshop, MBI, Ohio.
2012 Sep Lecturer, Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience School, Goettingen.

2012 Jul Colloquium, Hughes Research Lab, Malibu, CA.
2012 Apr Lecturer, Random Matrix Theory for Complex Systems Course, Okinawa, Japan.
2012 Mar Neuroscience of Music Workshop, Ascona, Switzerland.
2012 Mar Neuroscience Seminar, University of Washington.
2012 Mar Center for Mind Brain and Computation Seminar, Stanford University.
2012 Mar Electrical Engineering Colloquium, Rice University.
2012 Feb Computational Neuroscience Seminar, Janelia Farm.
2012 Jan Quantitative Biology Seminar, Stanford University.
2011 Dec NSF Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation Workshop.
2011 Sep Brains, Minds and Models Workshop, CUNY Institute for Graduate Studies.
2011 Sep Physics Colloquium, UC Merced.
2011 Sep Dept. of Electrical Engineering Seminar, Georgia Tech.
2011 Sep Physics Colloquium, Emory University.
2011 Jul International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics.
2011 Jul Telluride Neuromorphic Cognition and Engineering Workshop.
2011 Jun Collective Behavior in Biological Systems, Aspen Center for Theoretical Physics.
2011 May Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience Seminar, Goettingen.
2011 May Department of Mathematics Seminar, Univ. of Arizona.
2011 Apr Salk Institute for Biological Sciences.
2011 Apr Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Seminar, MIT.
2011 Mar Swissnex Public Lecture, San Francisco.
2011 Mar Cosyne Workshop: The role of dimensionality and sparsity in neuronal processing.
2011 Feb Computational and Systems Neuroscience Conference, Main Meeting, Salt Lake City.
2011 Feb Department of Applied Physics Seminar, Stanford University.
2011 Feb Center for Brain Science Seminar, Harvard University.
2011 Feb Center for Mind, Brain and Computation Seminar, Stanford University.
2011 Jan Institute for Neuroinformatics Seminar, ETH Zurich.
2010 Nov Biological Modeling Seminar, Stanford University.
2010 Nov Statistics Seminar, Columbia University.
2010 Oct Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, UCSB.
2010 May Neurotheory and Neuroengineering Seminar, Janelia Farm.
2010 Apr Networks Seminar, Dept. of Mathematics, University of Houston.
2010 Apr Neurobiology and Anatomy Department Seminar, UT Houston.
2010 Mar Applied Mathematics Seminar, Harvard University.
2010 Mar Cosyne Workshop, Persistent activity: mechanisms and functional roles.
2009 Nov Interdisciplinary Center for Neural Computation Seminar, Hebrew University.
2009 Apr Banbury Conference: Working Memory.
2009 Mar Cosyne Workshop: Dimensionality reduction for multi-channel neural recordings.
2009 Feb Computational Neurobiology Lab, Salk Institute.
2009 Jan Redwood Center for Theoretical Neuroscience Seminar, UC Berkeley.
2008 Nov Applied Mathematics Colloquium, Columbia University.
2008 Sep European Conference on Complex Systems: Working Memory in Jerusalem.
2008 Apr Banbury Conference: Theoretical/Experimental Approaches to Attention.
2007 Sep Neural Coding, Computation and Dynamics, Hossegor, France.
2007 Jul Sloan-Swartz Conference, UCSD.
2007 Jun Center for Neural Science Seminar, NYU.
2007 Jun Department of Neurobiology, Yale University.
2007 Apr Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit, (2 seminars).
2007 Mar Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit, (2 seminars),
2007 Mar Department of Physiology, UCSF.
2007 Feb Cosyne Workshop, Hippocampal/entorhinal plasticity, coding and computation.

2007 Feb Condensed Matter Theory Seminar, Brandeis University.
2007 Jan Volen Center for Complex Systems, Brandeis University.
2007 Jul Sloan-Swartz Conference, Columbia University.
2007 Apr Department of Physiology, Columbia University.
2006 Mar Computational and Systems Neuroscience Conference, Main Meeting, Salt Lake City.
2005 Oct Computational Biology Seminar, UC Berkeley.

Teaching

Stanford Department of Applied Physics and Computer Science

AP229 *Statistical Mechanics of Learning and Computation*, Spring 2025 (41 students)
AP293 *Theoretical Neuroscience*, Fall 2024 (35 students)
AP229 *Statistical Mechanics of Learning and Computation*, Spring 2024 (41 students)
AP293 *Theoretical Neuroscience*, Fall 2023 (39 students)
AP205 *Introduction to Biophysics*, Winter 2020 (52 students)
CS28 *Artificial Intelligence, Entrepreneurship and Society*, Fall 2019 (95 students)
AP293 *Theoretical Neuroscience*, Spring 2018 (109 students)
AP205 *Introduction to Biophysics*, Winter 2018 (37 students)
CS28 *Artificial Intelligence, Entrepreneurship and Society*, Fall 2017 (60 students)
AP205 *Introduction to Biophysics*, Winter 2016 (18 students)
AP293 *Theoretical Neuroscience*, Spring 2016 (87 students)
AP205 *Introduction to Biophysics*, Winter 2016 (18 students)
AP293 *Theoretical Neuroscience*, Spring 2015, (39 students)
AP205 *Introduction to Biophysics*, Winter 2015, (14 students)
AP293 *Theoretical Neuroscience*, Spring 2014, (51 students)
AP205 *Introduction to Biophysics*, Winter 2014, (19 students)
AP293 *Theoretical Neuroscience*, Spring 2013, (24 students)
AP205 *Introduction to Biophysics*, Winter 2013, (10 students)
AP293 *Theoretical Neuroscience*, Spring 2012, (26 students)

Woodshole Marine Biological Laboratory, 2014-present

Lecturer Methods in Computational Neuroscience Summer School

UCSF Neuroscience Graduate Program, 2010.

Taught a section *Information Theory in Neuroscience* in Loren Frank's *Neural and Behavioral Data Analysis* course.

Columbia Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, 2008.

Co-taught *Advanced Theoretical Neuroscience* with Larry Abbott, Stefano Fusi, and Ken Miller.

Berkeley Department of Physics, 1998-2002.

Graduate student instructor for the following courses:

Introduction to Electricity and Magnetism (for premedical students).

Analytical Mechanics.

Electromagnetism and Optics.

Introduction to Statistical and Thermal Physics.

Special Relativity and General Relativity.

Quantum Mechanics.

MIT Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, 1997-1998.

Teaching assistant for *Probabilistic systems analysis*.