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EDUCATION

University of Utah, Dept of Psychology

Ph.D. (2008)

Areas of Concentration: Cognitive Neuroscience, Autism
Dissertation: "Categorization in Autism"

M.S. (2004)

Thesis: "Effects of hippocampal lesions in pigeons on the serial reaction time task"

Honors B.A. (2001)

Honors Senior Thesis: "Local and global measures of attention and memory in an avian serial reaction time task"

TEACHING POSITIONS

University of Utah, Dept of Psychology

Assistant Professor Lecturer (Aug 2011 - present)

Independent Study Instructor (Spring 2006 - Spring 2009)

Graduate Instructor (Aug 2001 - May 2008)

Roles: design and teach face-to-face, fully online, and independent study courses

University of Utah, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence

Higher Education Instructional Consultant (Jul 2013 – present)

Roles: design and teach hybrid, fully online, and MOOC courses; lead workshops; conduct course observations and consultations; organize university-wide symposiums; mentor graduate fellows

University of Maryland University College, Dept of Psychology

Adjunct Assistant Professor (Mar 2016 – present)

Role: design and teach fully online courses

Study.com

Lesson Writer (Jan 2015 – present)

Role: write short text lessons on various psychology concepts

COURSES TAUGHT

Brain and Behavior/ Biological Basis of Behavior, **face-to-face & fully online formats**

Dept of Psychology, University of Utah

Dept of Psychology, University of Maryland University College

Cognition, **fully online, face-to-face, & independent study**

Dept of Psychology, University of Utah

Memory and Cognition, **fully online**

Dept of Psychology, University of Maryland University College

Research Methods, **fully online & face-to-face lab section**

Dept of Psychology, University of Utah

Dept of Psychology, University of Maryland University College

Sensation and Perception, **fully online & face-to-face**

Dept of Psychology, University of Utah

Teaching Flipped, **MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)**

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah

Canvas.net

Teaching in Higher Education, **hybrid & fully online**

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Longitudinal Neuroimaging of Brain Development in Autism

University of Utah / University of Wisconsin-Madison

P.I.: Janet Lainhart

Research Associate & Project Coordinator (2006 – 2014)

Roles: supervised lab of research assistants, graduate students, and a fellow research associate; coordinated participant participation; assisted with grant applications; managed Institutional Review Board applications; lead and assisted with publication writing and submissions; designed, conducted, analyzed, and published studies; administered the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, the Autism Diagnostic Interview Revised, the Wechsler Intelligence Scales, as well as other behavioral assessments; organized events

Autism Social Skills Groups

University of Utah, Behavioral Health Clinic

Greatest Gals Young Women's Autism Social Skills Group

Group Leader (2008 – 2014)

Role: organized and assisted with group meetings and social events, including dinner dance parties with the young men of the Adult Autism Social Skills Group

Adult Autism Social Skills Group

Group Leader (2005 – 2014)

Role: assisted with group meetings and social events

Adolescent Autism Social Skills Group

Group Leader (2006 – 2007)

Role: assisted with group meetings and social events

Comparative Cognition

University of Utah, Dept of Psychology

P.I.: Charlie Shimp

Graduate Student Researcher (1999 – 2006)

Roles: designed, conducted, analyzed, and published studies; managed research assistants

Neurobiology of Learning and Memory

University of Utah, Dept of Psychology

P.I.: Raymond Kesner

Research Assistant (1999 – 2001)

Role: engaged in data collection

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

TEACHING FOCUSED

Higher Education Teaching Specialist designation (2006)

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah

Description: “The Higher Education Specialist (HETS) Designation is designed to enhance the instructional abilities of Faculty and Graduate Students who are working, or desire to work, in an institution of higher education. Through participation in a variety of courses, workshops, and teaching assessments, candidates will learn to implement best practices for teaching in higher education.”

ctle.utah.edu/hets

Teaching and Learning Technologies Online Course Development grant (2013)

Teaching and Learning Technologies, University of Utah

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah

Description: This award provided funding and professional support to create a fully online Research Methods course to be offered through the Department of Psychology.

University TA Scholars Program (2005 – 2006)

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah

Description: “The TA Scholars Program consists of an interdisciplinary cohort of outstanding graduate students with at least one year of experience teaching undergraduates. Over the course of two semesters, the TA Scholars Program provides graduate student instructors the opportunity to explore various pedagogical issues. Each TA Scholar also develops an individual project that addresses a specific teaching or learning need of his or her department.”

ctle.utah.edu/tas

Project: Teaching Development Group. This group met regularly as a means of collaboration and support of Psychology Graduate Student Instructors.

Letters of Recognition for Teaching Excellence (2002, 2003, 2005, 2007)

Dept of Psychology, University of Utah

Description: These letters are awarded by the Graduate Committee as a means of recognizing instructors for exceptional student course evaluations.

OTHER HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

B. Jack White Memorial Award (2006)

Dept of Psychology, University of Utah

Description: “The award is given annually to an advanced psychology graduate student who has shown overall excellence in performance, taking into account coursework, research productivity, teaching, and departmental service.”

<http://www.psych.utah.edu/graduate/funding.php>

Clayton Graduate Research Award (2005)

Dept of Psychology, University of Utah

Description: “Represent efforts to support outstanding graduate student research and to further the professional development and degree progress of graduate students.”

<http://www.psych.utah.edu/graduate/funding.php>

Project: “Exemplar vs. Prototype Categorization Processes in Autism”

Nagoya International Scholars Program (2004)

University of Utah

Description / Project: This award partially supported my trip with two Psychology faculty and two other Psychology graduate students to study the Andean epistemology within the Sacred Valley of Peru. We traveled with a local paco and met with the native Q’ero people.

Honors Bachelor’s Degree (1997 - 2001)

Honors College, University of Utah

Description: “The Honors Bachelor’s Degree is the highest undergraduate degree conferred by the University of Utah.” “The liberal arts and sciences tradition of the Honors College is a curriculum and community in the truest sense of the word: *Liberal* has the same root as *liberate*. We encourage students to embrace challenge, explore multiple perspectives and venture out to find a place in the world.”

<http://honors.utah.edu/>

Project: “Local and global measures of attention and memory in an avian serial reaction time task”

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (2000 – 2001)

Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Utah

Description: The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) provides undergraduate students and faculty members the opportunity to work together on research or creative projects.

<http://our.utah.edu/for-students/urop/>

Project: “Cognitive and Neurobiological Approaches to Learning and Memory in Nonhuman Animals”

Dean’s List (Spring 1999, Fall 2000, Spring 2001)

University of Utah

Description: “To qualify for the Dean’s List undergraduate students must receive a term GPA of 3.5 or higher for 12.0 or more graded credit hours.”

PUBLICATIONS

FIRST AUTHORED

Froehlich, A. L., Anderson, J. S., Bigler, E. D., Miller, J. S., Lange, N. T., DuBray, M. B., Cooperrider, J. R., Cariello, A., Nielsen, J. A., & Lainhart, J. E. (2012). Intact prototype formation but impaired generalization in autism. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 6, 921 – 930. PMC3267426

Froehlich, A. L., Herbranson, W. T., Loper, J. D., Wood, D. M., & Shimp, C. P. (2004). Anticipating by pigeons depends on local statistical information in a serial response time task. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 133, 31-45.

COAUTHORED

Dean, D. C., Lange, N., Travers, B. G., Prigge, M. B., Matsunami, N., Kellett, K. A., Freeman, A., Kane, K. L., Adluru, N., Tromp, D. P., Destiche, D. J., Samsin, D., Zielinski, B. A., Fletcher, P. T., Anderson, J. S., Froehlich, A. L., Leppert, M. F., Bigler, E. D., Lainhart, J. E., & Alexander, A. L. (2017). Multivariate

characterization of white matter heterogeneity in autism spectrum disorder. *Neuroimage: Clinical*, 14, 54 - 66.

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- Dean, D. C., Travers, B. G., Adluru, N., Tromp, D. P. M., Destiche, D. J., Samsin, D., Prigge, M. B., Zielinski, B. A., Fletcher, P. T., Anderson, J. S., Froehlich, A. L., Bigler, E. D., Lange, N., Lainhart, J. E., & Alexander, A. L. (2016). Investigating the microstructural correlation of white matter in autism spectrum disorder. *Brain Connectivity*, 6(5), 415 – 33.
- Green, R. R., Bigler, E. D., Froehlich, A., Prigge, M. B., Travers, B. G., Cariello, A. N., Zielinski, B. A., Alexander, A., Lange, N., & Lainhart, J. E. (2016). Beery VMI performance in autism spectrum disorder. *Child Neuropsychology*, 22(7), 795 - 817. PMID26292997
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- Jantz, P. B., Bigler, E. D., Froehlich, A. L., Prigge, M. B., Cariello, A. N., Travers, B. G., Anderson, J., Zielinski, B. A., Alexander, A. L., Lange, N., & Lainhart, J. E. (2015). Wide Range Achievement Test in autism spectrum disorder: Test-retest stability. *Psychological Reports*, 116, 674 – 684.
- Travers, B. G., Tromp, do P. M., Adluru, N., Lange, N., Destiche, D., Ennis, C., Nielsen, J. A., Froehlich, A., Prigge, M. D., Fletcher, P. T., Anderson, J. S., Zielinski, B. A., Bigler, E. D., Lainhart, J. E., & Alexander, A. L. (2015). Atypical development of white matter microstructure of the corpus callosum in males with autism: A longitudinal investigation. *Molecular Autism*, 6(15). DOI: 10.1186/s13229-015-0001-8
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- Lange, N., Travers, B. G., Bigler, E. D., Prigge, M. B., Froehlich, A. L., Nielsen, J. A., Cariello, A. N., Zielinski, B. A., Anderson, J. S., Fletcher, P. T., Alexander, A. L., & Lainhart, J. E. (2015). Longitudinal volumetric brain changes in autism spectrum disorder ages 6-35 years. *Autism Research*, 8, 82 – 93.
- Travers, B. G., Bigler, E. D., Tromp, do P. M., Adluru, N., Froehlich, A. L., Ennis, C., Lange, N., Nielsen, J. A., Prigge, M. B., Alexander, A. L., & Lainhart, J. E. (2014). Longitudinal processing speed impariments in males with autism and the effects of white matter microstructure. *Neuropsychologia*, 53, 137 – 145.
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- Prigge, M. B., Bigler, E. D., Fletcher, P. T., Zielinski, B. A., Ravichandran, C., Anderson, J., Froehlich, A., Abildskov, T., Papadopolous, E., Maasberg, K., Nielsen, J. A., Alexander, A. L., Lange, N., Lainhart, J. (2013). Longitudinal Heschl's gyrus growth during childhood and adolescence in typical development and autism. *Autism Research*, *6*, 78 – 90.
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Experimental Explorations of Animal Intelligence, pp. 388-404. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press.

MEMBERSHIPS

International Society for Autism Research (2006 - 2014)
Society for Neuroscience (2002 - 2005)
Cognitive Neuroscience Society (2003)
Utah Students for a Free Tibet (2003)

SERVICE

Group Leader, Greatest Gals Young Women's Autism Social Skills Group
Behavioral Health Clinic, University of Utah (2008 - 2014)
Group Leader, Adult Autism Social Skills Group
Behavioral Health Clinic, University of Utah (2005 - 2014)
Group Leader, Adolescent Autism Social Skills Group
Behavioral Health Clinic, University of Utah (2006 - 2007)
Group Leader and Founder, Teaching Development Group for graduate students
University of Utah (2006 - 2007)
Cognitive Neuroscience Area Student Representative to the Graduate Committee
Dept of Psychology, University of Utah (2005 - 2006)
Member of the Executive Board for Utah Students for a Free Tibet
University of Utah (2003)
Student Representative to the Cognitive Neuroscience Area Committee
Dept of Psychology, University of Utah (2002 - 2003)