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Associate Dean of Science

John W Jarve (1978) Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience

Academic Positions

2021- present	MIT, School of Science	Associate Dean
2018 - 2021	MIT, Brain and Cognitive Sciences	Associate Department Head
2015 - present	MIT, Brain and Cognitive Sciences	Professor
2012 - present	McGovern Institute for Brain Research	Associate Investigator
2011 - 2015	MIT, Brain and Cognitive Sciences	Associate Professor (AWIT)
2006 - 2011	MIT, Brain and Cognitive Sciences	Assistant Professor
2003 - 2006	Harvard University, Society of Fellows	Junior Fellow

Degrees and Education

2003	MIT, Cambridge MA PhD in Cognitive Science, Outstanding Thesis Award
2000	Oriel College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK BA in Psychology and Philosophy, Congratulatory First

Awards (selected)

2022	Fellow, American Academy of Science.
2020	Guggenheim Fellow
2018	MIT Committed to Caring Award
2018	Fellow, American Psychological Association
2017	BCS Awards for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring & in Undergraduate Teaching
2015	Arthur C Smith Award for dedication to student life and learning, MIT
2014	Troland Award, National Academy of Sciences
2012	World Economic Forum Young Global Leader
2011	Doc Edgerton Junior Faculty Achievement award, MIT
2009	American Psychological Association Robert L. Fantz Award for Young Psychologists
2008	Cognitive Neuroscience Society Young Investigator Award
2008	Popular Science "Brilliant 10" scientists under 40.

Impact

2009	TED talk (> 3.5 million views, translated into 32 languages)
	Citations (Google Scholar): >42,100; h-index: 86, i10-index: 167; Funding: >\$8 million

Publications – Journal Articles

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3. Kunin, L., Saxe, R., & Liu, S., (In press) Meta-analytic evidence that perceptual and conceptual novelty independently guide infant looking behaviour. *Nature human behavior*.
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12. Schwartz, E., O’Neill, K., Saxe, R., & Anzellotti, S. (2023). Challenging the Classical View: Recognition of Identity and Expression as Integrated Processes. *Brain Sciences*, 13(2), 296.
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14. Ho, M. K., Saxe, R., & Cushman, F. (2022). Planning with theory of mind. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, 26(11), 959-971.
15. Cao, A., Raz, G., Saxe, R., & Frank, M. C. (2022). Habituation reflects optimal exploration over noisy perceptual samples. *Topics in Cognitive Science*. 15 (2), 290-302

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17. Kamps, F. S., Richardson, H., Murty, N. A. R., Kanwisher, N., & Saxe, R. (2022). Using child-friendly movie stimuli to study the development of face, place, and object regions from age 3 to 12 years. *Human Brain Mapping*. 43 (9), 2782-2800
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- 136.Saxe R, Wexler A (2005) Making sense of another mind: the role of the right temporoparietal junction *Neuropsychologia* 43(10):1391-9
- 137.Howard IP, Hu G, Saxe R, James EZ. (2005) Visual orientation in a mirror world tilted 90 degrees. *Perception* 34(1):7-15.
- 138.Saxe R, Xiao DK, Kovacs G, Perrett DI, Kanwisher N (2004) A region of right posterior superior temporal sulcus responds to observed intentional actions. *Neuropsychologia* 42(11):1435-46
- 139.Jiang Y, Saxe R, Kanwisher N (2004) Functional magnetic resonance imaging provides new constraints on theories of the psychological refractory period *Psychological Science* 15(6):390-6
- 140.Saxe R, Carey S, Kanwisher N (2004) Understanding other minds: linking developmental psychology and functional neuroimaging *Annual Review of Psychology* 55:87-124
- 141.Saxe R, Kanwisher N (2003) People thinking about thinking people: fMRI studies of Theory of Mind. *Neuroimage*. 19(4):1835-42; reprinted in (Ed J Cacioppo & G. Bernston) *Social Neuroscience*. New York: Psychology Press

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142. Chen, T., Houlihan, S. D., Chandra, K., Tenenbaum, J., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2024). Intervening on Emotions by Planning Over a Theory of Mind. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 46).
143. Wu, S., Schulz, L., & Saxe, R. (2024). How to Change a Mind: Adults and Children Use the Causal Structure of Theory of Mind to Intervene on Others' Behaviors. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 46).
144. Cao, A., Raz, G., Saxe, R., & Frank, M. C. (CogSci 2024). Predicting graded dishabituation in a rational learning model using perceptual stimulus embeddings. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 46).
145. Chen, A. M., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2024). How taking turns communicates desired equality in social relationships. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 46)
146. Hung, M. S., Thomas, A. J., Radkani, S., Tenenbaum, J., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2022). Modeling risky food sharing as rational communication about relationships. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 44, No. 44).
147. Houlihan, S. D., Ong, D., Cusimano, M., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2022). Reasoning about the antecedents of emotions: Bayesian causal inference over an intuitive theory of mind. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 44, No. 44).
148. Kosakowski, H. L., Kanwisher, N., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2022). Face-preferring regions in FFA, STS, and MPFC have different functions. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 44, No. 44).
149. Liu, S., Lydic, K., Piccolo, S. H. L., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2022). Using fMRI to study the neural basis of violation-of-expectation. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 44, No. 44).
150. Olson, H., Chen, E., Ro, H., Saba, S., Lydic, K., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2022). Validating child-friendly neuroimaging language localizer in adults. In Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Vol. 44, No. 44).
151. Cao, A., Raz, G., Saxe, R., & Frank, M. C. (CogSci 2022). Habituation reflects optimal exploration over noisy perceptual samples.
152. Anzellotti S, Houlihan SD, Saxe R (CCN 2017) Nonlinear Statistical Dependence Outperforms Linear Dependence in Bayesian Inferences about the Neural Networks Underlying Simulated fMRI Data
153. Campero A, Felbo B, Tenenbaum J, Saxe R (CCN 2017) First Step in Combining Cognitive Event Features and Natural Language Representations to Predict Emotions
154. Deen, B., Kanwisher, N., & Saxe, R. (VSS 2014). Exploring the functional organization of the superior temporal sulcus with a broad set of naturalistic stimuli.

155. Deen, B. & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2012). Neural correlates of social perception: The posterior superior temporal sulcus is modulated by action rationality, but not animacy.
156. Koster-Hale, J., Dungan, J., Saxe, R., & Young, L. (CogSci 2012). Thinking in Patterns: using multi-voxel pattern analyses to find neural correlates of moral judgment in neurotypical and ASD populations.
157. Dufour, N., Redcay, R., Young, L., Mavros, P., Moran, J., Triantafyllou, C., Gabrieli, J., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2012). What explains variability in brain regions associated with Theory of Mind in a large sample of neurotypical adults and adults with ASD?
158. Richardson, H., Baker, C., Tenenbaum, J., & Saxe, R. (Cog Sci 2012). The Development of Joint Belief-Desire Inferences.
159. Ichinco, D., Frank, M. C., & Saxe, R. (CogSci 2009). Cross-situational word learning respects mutual exclusivity.
160. Baker C., Tenenbaum J., & Saxe R. (CogSci 2007) Goal inference as inverse planning.
161. Baker C., Tenenbaum J., & Saxe R. (NIPS 2006) Bayesian models of perceiving intentional action

Publications — Chapters and Editorials

162. Liu, S., Raz, G., Kamps, F., Grossmann, T., & Saxe, R. (2023). No evidence for discontinuity between infants and adults. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*. 27 (8), 694-69
163. Houlihan, S. D., Tenenbaum, J. B., & Saxe, R. (2021). Linking Models of Theory of Mind and Measures of Human Brain Activity. In *The Neural Basis of Mentalizing* (pp. 209-235). Springer, Cham.
164. Richardson, H., & Saxe, R. (2020). Early signatures of and developmental change in brain regions for theory of mind. In *Neural Circuit and Cognitive Development* (pp. 467-484). Academic Press.
165. Kosakowski, H. L., & Saxe, R. (2018). "Affective Theory of Mind" and the Function of the Ventral Medial Prefrontal Cortex. *Cognitive And Behavioral Neurology*, 31(1), 36-50.
166. Saxe, R. (2018). Seeing Other Minds in 3D. *Trends in cognitive sciences*, 22(3), 193-195.
167. Richardson, H., & Saxe, R. (2016). Using MRI to study developmental change in theory of mind. in *Social Cognition: Development Across the Life Span*, 210.
168. Skerry, A. E., & Saxe, R. (2016). What neuroscience can reveal about cognition and its origins. in *Core Knowledge and Conceptual Change*, 321.
169. Saxe, R (2016) The moral status of accidents. *PNAS commentary*
170. Saxe R, Young L (2014) Theory of Mind: How brains think about thoughts. In the *Handbook of cognitive neuroscience*.
171. Koster-Hale J, Saxe R (2013) Functional Neuroimaging of Theory of Mind. In Baron-Cohen, Lombardo & Tager-Flusberg (Ed) *Understanding Other Minds*, 3rd Ed.
172. Saxe R (2013) The new puzzle of Theory of Mind development. In *Navigating the Social World: What Infants, Children, and Other Species Can Teach Us*. Ed: M Banaji & S Gelman.

173. Redcay E & Saxe R (2013) Do you see what I see? The neural bases of joint attention
Agency and Joint Attention. Ed: J Metcalfe & H Terrace. Oxford University Press.
174. Saxe R (2012) How should we manage peer review and why? Commentary on Nosek & Bar-Anan (2012) *Psychological Inquiry* 23(3):301-302
175. Gweon H & Saxe R (2012) Developmental cognitive neuroscience of ToM: when everything we thought we knew is wrong. In *Developmental Neuroscience* Ed: P Rakic & J Rubenstein, Academic Press
176. Saxe R (2009) The right temporo-parietal junction: a specific brain region for thinking about thoughts. *Handbook of Theory of Mind*. Ed: A Leslie & T German
177. Saxe R & Pelphrey K (2009) Introduction to a Special Section of Developmental Social Cognitive Neuroscience. *Child Development* 80(4):946-51.
178. Saxe R & Offen S (2009) Seeing ourselves: what vision can teach us about metacognition. In Ed (G Dimaggio, PH Lysaker). *Metacognition and Severe Adult Mental Disorders: From basic research to treatment*.
179. Saxe R (2009) The happiness of the fish: evidence for a common theory of one's own and others' actions. In Ed (K Markman, B Klein, J Suhr). *The Handbook of Imagination and Mental Simulation*.
180. Saxe R (2009) Theory of Mind (Neural Basis). *Encyclopedia of Consciousness*.
181. Saxe R (2007) What was I thinking? Developmental and neural connections between Theory of Mind, Memory and the Self. *Attention and Performance*. XXII. Ed. Y. Rossetti, P. Hagard, M. Kawato.
182. Saxe R (2005) Four brain regions for one theory of mind? In (Ed. J Cacioppo) *People thinking about People*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Publications – Public Essays and Book Reviews

183. Saxe R (2013) Learning from Students. *MIT Faculty Newsletter* XXV(5)
184. Young L, Saxe R (2010) It's not just what you do, but what's on your mind: a review of Kwame Anthony Appiah's 'Experiments in Ethics'. *Neuroethics*.
185. Saxe R (2009) The neural evidence for Simulation is weaker than I think you think it is. *Book Symposium on 'Simulating Minds' in Philosophical Studies*.
186. Saxe R (2008) If a brain breaks, can it be fixed? Review of Normal Doidge's *The brain that changes itself*. *Literary review of Canada*
187. Saxe R (2008) Commentary on 1985 paper on Theory of Mind. *Simons Foundation*
188. Saxe R, Haushofer J (2008) For love or Money: a common neural currency for Social and Monetary Reward. *Neuron*. 58, 164-5.
189. Saxe R (2007) Fantasies that Coincide with Reality. Review of C Frith's 'Making up the Mind.' *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*
190. Saxe R (2007) How to fill a jury box: race matters. *Mind Matters Scientific American blog*.
191. Saxe R, Schulz LE (2006) Why we read literary criticism: review of L Zunshine's 'Why we read fiction: Theory of Mind and the novel'. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*

- 192.Saxe R (2006) The Forbidden Experiment. *Boston Review*
- 193.Saxe R (2006) The Forbidden Experiment. *Literary Review of Canada*
- 194.Saxe R (2005) But we were feeling happy: review of K Oatley's 'Emotions: A Brief History". *Literary Review of Canada*
- 195.Saxe R (2005) Do the right thing. *Boston Review*
- 196.Saxe R (2004) Reading your mind. *Boston Review*.

Publications - Edited Book

Saxe R, Baron-Cohen S (2007) Theory of Mind. *Psychology Press*.

Major Research Support		(Direct funds only)	
2022-2025	co-PI	“Conversation – Targeted Project”	
		<i>Simons Center for the Social Brain</i>	\$375,000
2021-2026	PI	“How do Cortical regions selective for visual scenes develop in human infants?”	<i>NIH</i> \$1,075,000
2020-2023	PI	“Why we punish “	<i>Patrick J McGovern Foundation</i> \$850,000
2018-2019	PI	“Conserved neural mechanisms for social motivation in mice and humans “	<i>SFARI</i> \$80,000
2017-2019	PI	“Using fMRI in awake human infants to study functional development of cortex”	<i>NIH</i> \$300,000
2016-2019	PI	“Neural measures of social reward and information value in infants”	<i>NSF</i> \$600,000
2015-2017	co-PI	“Language Pragmatics – Targeted Project”	
		<i>Simons Center for the Social Brain</i>	\$222,011
2012-2017	PI	“Impairments of Theory of Mind disrupt patterns of brain activity”	<i>NIH RO1</i> \$629,160
2012-2014	PI	“Neurobiology of Narrative Influence in Inter-group Conflict”	<i>DARPA</i> \$831,191
2011-2012	PI	“Development of cross modal plasticity in occipital cortex of blind children”	<i>Harvard NeuroDiscovery Center</i> \$75,000
2010-2015	PI	“Typical and atypical development of brain regions for Theory of Mind”	<i>NSF CAREER</i> \$446,067
2009-2013	PI	“Neural measures of inter-group conflict”	<i>Office of Naval Research</i> \$666,807
2008-2013	PI	“Neural mechanisms of human social cognition”	<i>Packard Foundation</i> \$875,000
2008 -2011	PI	“Neural Basis of Social Cognition in ASD”	<i>Simons Foundation</i> \$684,505.
2008-2009	PI	“Neural mechanisms of de-radicalisation: pilot studies”	<i>Alliance of Civilizations Media Fund</i> \$100,000
2007-2012	Co-PI	“Autism and Dyslexia Project”	
		<i>Ellison Medical Foundation</i>	\$650,097
2007 - 2011	PI	“Neural Basis of Theory of Mind in Typical Development and Autism”	<i>John Merck Scholars Program</i> \$300,000.

Teaching

Average teaching rating across all courses: >6.9/7

- 9.401 Tools for Robust Science (Graduate Seminar, 2018,2021,2022,2023)
- 9.61 Laboratory in Higher Level Cognition (Undergraduate Lab; 2008- 2011, 2013)
- 9.46 Neuroscience of Morality (Undergraduate seminar, 2012, 2014- 2019)
- 9.A18 Life's Basic Dilemmas (Freshman seminar, 2018, 2019)
- 9.S916 Social Animals (Graduate Seminar; 2009)
- 9.S914 Explorations in Exploration (Graduate Seminar, with Laura Schulz; 2010).
- 9.S915 Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience (Graduate Seminar, with Marina Bedny 2008, with Susan Carey 2012, with Nancy Kanwisher 2016, 2020, with Ev Fedorenko 2022)
- 9.S914 fMRI for Cognitive Neuroscientists (Graduate Lecture Course, with Nancy Kanwisher 2011, 2014).
- 9.S913 Emotion (Graduate Seminar, with Laura Schulz, 2017)
- 9.S917 Legitimate Asymmetric Social Relationships (Graduate Seminar, 2023)

Undergraduate Theses Supervised -Harvard University

Lindsey Powell, 2006 Hoopes Prize

Roy Cohen, 2010 Hoopes Prize

Graduates Students:

Liane Young, Harvard University (with Marc Hauser), PhD 2008, Professor, Boston College.

Zeynep Saygin, MIT (with John Gabrieli), PhD 2012, Associate Professor, OSU

Jorie Koster-Hale, MIT, PhD 2014, data scientist

Ben Deen, MIT (with Nancy Kanwisher), PhD 2016, Assistant Professor, Tulane University

Hilary Richardson, MIT, PhD 2018, Assistant Professor, University of Edinburgh

Sean Dae Houlihan (with John Gabrieli), MIT, PhD 2022, post-doc, Dartmouth University

Heather Kosakowski (with Nancy Kanwisher), MIT, PhD 2022, post-doc, Harvard U

Halie Olson (with John Gabrieli), MIT, PhD 2023, post-doc, MIT

Setayesh Radkani (with Mehrdad Jazayeri), current graduate student

Gal Raz, current graduate student

Alicia Chen, current graduate student

Graduate Thesis Committees:

Harvard University: Jonathan Beier, Lindsey Powell, Adena Schachner, Amy Skerry, Lauren DiNicola, Arunima Sarin

MIT: Elizabeth Bonawitz, Mike Frank, Chris Baker, David Osher, Hyowon Gweon, Todd Thompson, Idan Blank, Julian Jara-Ettinger, Kim Scott, Leon Bergen, Max Kliemann-Weiner, Rachel Magid, Julia Leonard, Mahdi Rahman, Eli Pollock, Jennifer Hu, Michael

Happ, Eric Martinez, Isaac Treves, Thomas Clark, Nicole Coates, Tony Chen, Izabele Jonusaite, Shangyi Wu

External examiner

Warwick Business School: Artur Le Pargeneux
Sorbonne Université: Shruti Naik

Postdocs

Amrita Lamba, MIT, current postdoctoral scholar
Simon Columbus, MIT, current postdoctoral scholar
Young-eun Lee, MIT, current postdoctoral scholar
Halie Olson, MIT, current postdoctoral scholar
Mia Jovanoa, MIT, Scientific Director, CSS Health Lab, University of St. Gallen
Frederik Kamps, MIT, Assistant Professor, Edinburgh University
Shari Liu, MIT, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University
Ashley Thomas, MIT, Assistant professor, Harvard University
Livia Tomova, MIT, Assistant Professor, Cardiff University
Lindsey Powell, MIT, Assistant Professor, UC San Diego
Marika-Landau-Wells, MIT, Assistant Professor, UC Berkeley
Stefano Anzellotti, MIT, Associate Professor, Boston College
Dorit Kliemann, MIT, Assistant Professor, U Iowa
Emile Bruneau, MIT, research scientist, UPenn. (deceased)
Hyowon Gweon, MIT, Professor, Stanford University
Marina Bedny, MIT, Professor, Johns Hopkins University
Mina Cikara, MIT, Professor, Harvard University
Liane Young, MIT, Professor, Boston College.
Elizabeth Redcay, MIT, Professor, University of Maryland.

Service and committees

MIT President's Distinguished Fellowships Committee (2008-2018; Co-Chair 2014-2018); MIT BCS Department Head Search Committee (2008, 2011); Cognitive Science Search Committee (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016, Director 2012); MIT Tech Day lecture to Alumni, 'The Mind's Eye' (2009); MIT delegation to the World Economic Forum, Davos Switzerland (2010); MIT Committee on Academic Performance (2012- 2015); BCS Education Committee (2012-2018); BCS Council (2012-current); Chancellor's Committee on Student Life (2013); Dean of the School of Science, Search Advisory Committee (Chair 2014, Member 2020); Beyond 2016—MIT's Frontiers of the Future (Co chair, 2016); MIT committee on hospitalization and medical leave, Chair (2016); Committee on Discipline; MIT Prize for Open Data Committee, Co-Chair (2022).

NSF cognitive neuroscience review panel (2013); NSF development and learning sciences CAREER review panel (2014); Open Science Collaboration, Reproducibility of Psychological Science Project, participant and grants committee (2012-2015); Harvard Higher Education Leaders Forum (2016, 2017); APS Mentorship Award committee (2016, 2017); ManyBabies Participant (2017-), NIH panel, visiting member, Human complex mental function (2018, 2020).

Center for Open Science, board member at large (2019-2022); Vice Chair of the Board (2022-)

Editorial Roles

Psychological Review Associate Editor 2018 - 2019
Social Neuroscience Associate Editor 2005 –2009
Guest Editor, Special Issue on Theory of Mind, Fall 2006
Brain and Behavioral Sciences Associate Editor 2009 - 2012, Editorial board member until 2021.
Child Development
Guest Editor, Section on Social Cognitive Developmental Neuroscience, 2009
Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Associate Editor 2005 – 2007
Journal of Experimental Psychology: General Associate Editor 2010 - 2011
Ad hoc manuscript reviewer for *Science, Nature, Nature Neuroscience, Nature Neuroscience Reviews, Psychological Science, Cognition, Emotion, Trends in Cognitive Science, Neuropsychologia, Neuron, Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience, Child Development, Brain and Language, Perception and Psychophysics, Cognitive Affective and Behavioral Neuroscience, Social Neuroscience*. Ad Hoc grant reviewer for *Economic and Social Research Council (UK), NSF Social Psychology Program (USA)*

Professional Memberships

Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Executive Board Member, 2007-2010), Cognitive Science Society (2011- 2016); Cognitive Neuroscience Society (2007-); Cognitive Development Society (2010-); Society for Research in Child Development (2007-); American Psychological Association (2007-); Society for Neuroscience (2002-).

Psychology / Neuroscience Invited talks

Rutgers University, Jan 22, 2002
NMR imaging centre, MGH, Feb 5, 2003
Harvard University, Social Neuroscience series, June 9, 2003
McGovern Institute Retreat, Sep 8, 2003
Yale University, Sep 29, 2003
McGovern Institute Symposium, Oct 14, 2003
Cognitive Neuroscience Center, U.Penn, Nov 3, 2003
Lab for Developmental Studies, Harvard University, Feb 17, 2004
Princeton University, May 11, 2004
University of Chicago, Social Neuroscience conference, May 14, 2004
Harvard University, Cognition, Brain and Behaviour Seminar, October 21, 2004
CSHD Colloquium, Brown University, Nov 4, 2004
Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, Nov 10, 2004
Department of Psychology, University of Washington, Nov 16, 2004
I-LABS, University of Washington, Nov 17, 2004
Stanford University, Dec 8 2004

Department of Psychology, UC Berkeley, Dec 10, 2004
Department of Psychology, UC Berkeley, Feb 5 2005
Rutgers University, Feb 8, 2005
Harvard University Feb 16, 2005
Psychology Department, University of Toronto Feb 23, 2005
University College London, UK, March 4, 2005
Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Birmingham, Birmingham UK March 7, 2005
Developmental Psychology, University of Birmingham, Birmingham UK March 8, 2005
Social-Cognitive-Affective Neuroscience, Princeton, May 17 2006
Action Paris Conference, France, May 19 2005
Psychology Department, Queen's University, Canada, Oct 10 2005
Psychology Department, Wesleyan University, October 19, 2005
Psychology Department, UMass Boston, November 17 2005
Psychology Department, NYU, Dec 1, 2005
Simulation Conference, Paris, Dec 10 2005
Embodied Simulation conference, Germany, Feb 10 2006
Attention and Performance XXII Conference, Macon, France, July 7 2006
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Summer course on Social Neuroscience, July 17 2006
Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences Colloquium, MIT, Sep 8, 2006.
Psychology Department, Yale University, March 7, 2007.
BU Medical School, October 2007
Center for Human Growth & Development, University of Michigan, November 2007
Psychology Department, Stanford, January 2008
Psychology Department, Boston College, January 2008
Social Psychology Colloquium, Arizona State University, March 2008
Summer Institute on Social Cognition, UQAM, Montreal, Canada; July 2008
Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, Columbia University, November 2008
Psychology Department, UCSB, February 2009
Neural Decision Making group, Princeton University, March 2009
Psychology Department, St Andrews University, March 2009
Functional Imaging Lab, University College London, March 2009
Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar, Columbia University, October 2009
Cognition, Brain & Behaviour Seminar, Harvard University, October 2009
Psychology Department Colloquium, Brandeis University, January 2010
Allen Edwards Memorial Public Lecture, University of Washington, February 2010
Department of Psychology Colloquium, University of British Columbia, March 2010
Developmental Psychology Colloquium, Boston University, April 2010
Religion & Science Distinguished Lecture in Life Sciences, Penn State U, April 2010
McDonnell Meeting on Morality and Norms, University of Michigan, May 2010
ICBS colloquium, UC Berkeley, Sep 2010

Brain, Mind & Society seminar, CalTech, October 2010
Distinguished Speaker Series, Institute of Cognitive Science, February 2011
Psychological and Brain Sciences Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, March 2011
Center for Human Development, University of Maryland, March 2011
Cognitive Science Colloquium, University of Maryland, March 2011
Psychology department colloquium, University of California San Diego, April 2011
Implications of Research on the Neuroscience of Affect, Attachment, and Social Cognition,
Psychoanalysis Unit, UCL, London, May 2011
MIT 150, Brains Minds and Machines, Cambridge MA, May 2011
Social Cognitive Development Pre-conference, Child Development Society, October 2011
Children's Hospital Boston, October 2011
Psychiatric Genetics and Translational Research Seminar, Mass General Hospital,
November 2011
Social Brain Symposium, Royal Academy of Sciences, Brussels, Belgium, November 2011
Social Neuroscience Workshop, Ghent, Belgium, November 2011
Mind Perception pre-conference, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego
CA, January 2012
Symposium, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego CA, January 2012
Dean's Lectureship, LSU Medical School, New Orleans, LA, January 2012
Social Lunch, Yale University, October 2012
Cognitive Science colloquium, York University, January 2013
American Psychological Society annual meeting, May 2013
Social Lunch, Harvard University, February 2014
Department of Psychology, and Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture (CMBC), Emory University,
April 2014
School of Education, Johns Hopkins University, June 2014
Keynote Lecture, McKnight foundation for Neuroscience conference, June 2014
Mind and Brain Distinguished Lecture, Berlin School of Mind and Brain, July 2014
American Psychological Association, Symposium in honor of Susan Carey, August 2014
Zangwill Club Lecture, University of Cambridge, UK, September 2014
Cognition, Brain and Behaviour seminar, Harvard University, October 2014
Brain and Cognitive Sciences seminar, MIT, October 2014
Psychology department, UCSD, November 2014
Psychological and Brain Sciences department, JHU, December 2014
Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, UC Santa Barbara, June 2015
CBMM summer course, Woods Hole, August 2015
Neuroscience retreat, University of Chicago, September 2015
Psychology colloquium, Tufts University, September 2015
Social psychology colloquium, NYU, November 2015
Stanford psychology department, February 2016

University of Chicago Psychology department, February 2016
DIBS, Duke University, March 2016
American Psychological Society convention, Chicago, May 2016
Friday Lecture Series, Rockefeller University, October 2016
Simons Center for the Social Brain, MIT, Dec 2016
Center for Brains Minds and Machines, MIT Dec 2016
Colloquium, Psychology Department, Princeton University, Feb 2017
Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion, March 2017
Social and Affective Neuroscience Conference, March 2017
International Conference on Psychological Science, March 2017
Oxford University, March 2017
Social and Affective Science Conference, April 2017
American Psychological Society Conference, May 2017
Keynote address, Inaugural Conference for Computational Cognitive Neuroscience, Sep 2017
NIC, Mt Sinai Hospital NYC, October 2017
CIFAR, Infant consciousness workshop, December 2017
Columbia University January 2018
Tokyo University, July 2018
Japanese Society for Neuroscience, August 2018
CIFAR, Child Brain Development Group, October 2018
Invited Speaker, Society for Research on Child Development, Baltimore, March 2019
Psychology Department Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, April 2019
Psychology Department, Dartmouth College, April 2019
Sackler Colloquium, National Academy of Sciences, April 2019
Trinity College Dublin, May 2019
University of Newcastle, May 2019
NIH, March 2020
Western University, Perspectives in Neuroscience, April 2023
Harvey Society Lecture, November 2023
Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, February 2024
Columbia Neurosciences, April 2024
Dartmouth College Psychology Department, April 2024

Interdisciplinary Invited Talks

Harvard University Humanities Centre, March 2, 2005.
Georgetown Law School, March 13, 2006
NIL workshop on Theory of Mind and Education. Munich, Germany. October 18 2006.
Psychology, Morality and Other Minds, Philosophy & Linguistics, MIT. Nov 17, 2006.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, St Louis, June 4 2006
Centre for Humanities, Rutgers University Feb 27, 2006

AHRC Culture and the Mind workshop, Sheffield University, April 2007
Center for Humanities, Rutgers University, November 2007
Symposium on Neuroscience and the Law, Santa Barbara, May 2008.
Symposium on Epistemology, Philosophy Department, University of Toronto, May 2008.
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Philadelphia, June 2008
Evolution of Social Psychology Conference, Yale University, November 2008
Neural Information Processing Systems, Vancouver BC, Canada, December 2008.
Recursion: Structural Complexity in Language & Cognition, U.Mass, May 2009.
Pragmatics Working Group, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT, May 2009.
Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, May 2009.
United States Institute for Peace, September 2009
Dubai Film Festival, Cultural Bridges Panel, December 2009.
World Economic Forum, Davos, January 2010
Reasoning , Perception and Beliefs in Strategic Settings, Santa Fe Institute, June 2010.
Implications of Research on Social Neuroscience Conference, Research Department of
Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology, UCL, May 2011
The Coevolution of Behaviors and Institutions, Santa Fe Institute, January 2012
CoSyne, Salt Lake City, Feb 2012
Cognitive Theory and the Arts, Harvard University, March 2012
Latin American School on Education, Cognitive and Neural Science, El Calafate, Argentina,
March 2012
“Origins of Xenophobia” public panel, Tempe Arizona, March 2012
Sloan School of Business Executive Board meeting, June 2012
The science of virtual exchange, United States Institute for Peace, October 2012
Society for Language Development, Symposium speaker, November 2012
AAAS, February 2013
Harvard / MIT Joint Program in Neuroscience, February 2014
Cognition, Neuroscience and the Arts Conference, Brown University, March 2014
Congressman Fatah’s visit to MIT, April 2014
Packard Foundation meeting, Monterey CA, September 2014.
“Bridging Neural Mechanisms and Cognition” FENS Brain conference, Denmark, 2015
Nestlé International Nutrition Symposium, Lausanne, October 2015
Building An Inclusive Boston, Beyond Conflict & MIT, October 2016
The Center for Science and Society, Columbia University, October 2016
Baltimore Museum of Art, May 2017
Facebook Faculty Summit October 2017
Santa Fe Institute, March 2018
“New Perspectives on Mental State Attribution”, University of Toronto, December 2018
Global Female Leaders Economic Forum, Berlin, May 2019
NeurIPS morality workshop, December 2023

BU Neuroethics seminar, May 2024
CIFAR Minds Brains Consciousness, June 2024

Conferences Hosted:

“Neuroscience and Social Conflict: Defining a New Approach to Conflict in the 21st Century”, co-hosted with the Project for Justice in Times of Transition, at MIT, February 2012.

“Early development, conceptual change, and continuity: Insights from cognitive neuroscience”, pre-conference of CDS, with Hilary Richardson, October 2015.

“Deconstructing Punishment to Reconstruct Justice.” Harvard Radcliffe Institute exploratory seminar, with Fiery Cushman, January 2024

Public communication of science and outreach (selected)

McKnight Science Journalism Fellows, MIT, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2022, 2023

MSRP - MIT Summer Research Program for minority / disadvantaged students, 2007, 2015
Commonwealth High School, 2005

Canada/USA MathCamp, 2006, 2007, 2008

Charlie Rose Science Series, Part One: The human brain, 10/31/06

“Ape Genius”, PBS/NOVA, 19/02/08. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/apegenius/>

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