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Education and Work Experience

The Ohio State University Associate Professor, Department of Psychology	2023-present
The Ohio State University Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology	2017-2023
The Ohio State University Faculty Member, Neuroscience Graduate Studies Program	2017-present
The Ohio State University Faculty Member, Chronic Brain Injury Program	2017-present
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Postdoctoral Fellow, Advised by Nancy Kanwisher	2012-2017
Massachusetts General Hospital Postdoctoral Fellow, Advised by Bruce Fischl	2012-2017
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. in Systems Neuroscience, Advised by John D.E. Gabrieli & Rebecca R. Saxe Thesis: <i>"Structure-Function Relationships in Human Brain Development."</i>	2007-2012
Children's Hospital Boston Technical Assistant, Advised by Michael Rivkin	2005-2007
Brown University B.Sc. in Neuroscience, Advised by David Sheinberg	2001-2005

Grants & Research Support

Active

5. Center for Cognitive & Brain Sciences at OSU Grant (2024-2026, \$100,000). "Prenatal neural architecture of the linguistic mind." PI Z. Saygin
4. Clinical Translational Science Pilot Program Grant via NCATS UL1 mechanism (2024-2025, \$50,000). "Perinatal neurobiological markers of cognitive outcome in normotensive and preeclampsia pregnancies." PI Z. Saygin
3. R01 HD110401 (2023-2028; \$3.6M). "Understanding the neurodevelopmental effects of youth tackle football participation." MPI J. Caccese, Z. Saygin
2. Women in Philanthropy Award, OSU (2023-2025; \$35,000). "Neurobiology of pre-literacy development." PI Z. Saygin

1. ASC Inspire Innovation Grant, OSU (2024-2025; \$10,000). "Neurodiversity & Virtual Reality." Co-I. MPI S. Drake, S. Addy, Co-I Z. Saygin

Pending

12. Soter Summit Award (05/01/2026-05/01/2027), \$50,000. "Sex-specific neuroprotective factors in fetuses exposed to adverse intrauterine environments." PI Z. Saygin, co-I M. Costantine.
11. March of Dimes Foundation (02/01/2026 - 01/31/2028), \$199,998. "Fetal programming of cognitive outcome in hypertensive disorders of pregnancy." Pending. PI Z. Saygin, Co-I M. Costantine.
10. R01 NIMH (07/01/2026 - 06/30/2031), \$3,793,430. "A rat model of cognitive rehabilitation to study circuit remodeling after brain injury." PI C. Vonder Haar, Co-I Z. Saygin, Co-I A. Fischer.
9. R01 NIMH (07/01/2026 - 06/30/2031), \$1,772,411. "Prefrontal regulation of social motivation during postnatal development." PI L. Coutellier, Co-I Z. Saygin
8. R01 NICHD (07/01/2026 - 06/30/2031), subaward \$800,687. "A National Study of Continuous Maternal Biosensing and Fetal Brain Mapping." Site PI Z. Saygin
7. Burroughs Wellcome Fund (10/01/2026 - 09/30/2030; \$499,383). "Neuroprotective factors in fetuses exposed to hypertensive disorders of pregnancy." PI Z. Saygin, Co-I M. Costantine
6. Chronic Brain Injury Pilot Award (2026-2027; \$32,544). "Causal Contributions of the Visual Word Form Area to Reading." MPI Z. Saygin, M. Kulp.
5. Chronic Brain Injury Pilot Award (2026-2027; \$50,000). "Circuit Reorganization in TBI from Cognitive Rehabilitation." MPI C. Vonder Haar, Z. Saygin
4. Chronic Brain Injury Pilot Award (2026-2027; \$50,000). "Evaluating Brain Strain as an Improved Predictor of Neurological Outcomes in Youth Tackle Football Players." MPI Z. Saygin, J. Caccese
3. R01 NIDCD (04/01/2026 - 03/31/2031; subaward \$1,954,553. "Predictors of Speech Perception Outcomes in Adults with Cochlear Impacts." Site PI H. Shuman, Co-I Z. Saygin.
2. NIMH T32 Interdisciplinary neurotrauma research predoctoral training program. PIs C. Yarar-Fisher, P. Popovich, Z. Saygin secondary mentor among other NGP faculty.
1. CBI Research Hubs. Brain MRI Data Processing Core. "Optimizing Vitality And Longevity (OVAL)". PI S. Hayes, Co-Is J. Hayes, K. Wright, Z. Saygin, J. Wing, A. Kloos, D. Kegelmeyer, J. Voltek, T. Bedell, M. Kackley, M. Happ

Completed

11. President's Research Excellence Catalyst award (2022-2024; \$199,990). "Brain Infrared Modulation of Pathways for Aging, Cognition, and movement (Brain IMPACT)." MPI Z. Saygin, L. Phan, K. Sanjay
10. Chronic Brain Injury Pilot Award (2021; \$25,000). "Understanding the neurodevelopmental effects of football-related neurotrauma across first year of tackle football participation." MPI Z. Saygin, J. Caccese
9. Chronic Brain Injury Pilot Award (2019; \$25,000). "Effectiveness of a psychological intervention for children with post-concussion syndrome." MPI Z. Saygin, S. Rose

8. Chronic Brain Injury Pilot Award (2018; \$24,750). "Longitudinal Assessment of Cognitive and Eye-related Symptoms in Youth Hockey Players - the LACES Youth Hockey Study." MPI Z. Saygin, A. Hartwick
7. OSU Equipment Grant for SCR (2018; \$6295). MPI Z. Saygin, A. Leber
6. R01 NS109298 (2019-2024; subcontract budget \$180,210/ year). "Human Networks for Behaviors related to the Expectation of Pain". Site PI Z. Saygin
5. FG-2018-10994. Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Neuroscience (09/15/2018 - 08/30/2020; \$65,000 annual research support). PI Z. Saygin
4. F32HD079169. NIH Postdoctoral National Research Award (01/01/2014-12/31/2016 \$49,214 (Y1); \$52,190 (Y2); \$53,942 (Y3). PI Z. Saygin
3. MIT MINT Program Grant (2012-2013). "Mapping the anatomical connectivity of functionally-defined regions in the human brain using the new MGH Connectom scanner." PI Z. Saygin
2. MIT Health Science and Technology Catalyst Fund (2010-2011). "Diffusion spectrum imaging in infants less than 1 year of age: a developmental network analysis of amygdala connectivity." PI Z. Saygin
1. MGH/MIT/Harvard Advanced Multimodal Neuroimaging Training Program, Predoctoral Fellow: (2009-2010). "Parcellating the human amygdala based on structural and functional connectivity." PI Z. Saygin

Not awarded

Tiny Blue Dot Foundation. Exploring Psilocybin for Adolescent Neural Development and Cognitive Flexibility (EXPAND) 09/2026-09/2029. \$900,000. PI S. Armstrong, Co-I Z. Saygin, A. Davis.

Preeclampsia Foundation / Peter Joseph Pappas Research Foundation. 08/01/2026-07/29/2027. \$99,989. "Perinatal neurobiological markers of cognitive outcomes in normotensive and hypertensive pregnancies." PI Z. Saygin, Co-I M. Costantine

R01 NICHD (07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030), subaward \$ 775,249. "Nature, Nurture, and Neurophysiology: Revolutionizing Perinatal Medicine and Fetal Brain Health Via Wearables and intrauterine MRI." Site PI Z. Saygin.

R01 NICHD (07/01/2025 - 06/30/2030), subaward \$760,852. "Digital health fingerprints in pregnancy: A window into maternal and fetal brain health." Site PI Z. Saygin.

Brain Research Foundation 2024 "Perinatal neurobiological markers of cognitive outcome in typical and preeclampsia pregnancies." PI Z. Saygin, Co-Is M. Costantine, R. Holt, G. Taylor, J. Hamilton

R01 NIH. (09/01/2023 - 08/31/2028), \$88,144. "Detailed mapping of the cortical visual-language hierarchy in individuals." Site PI Z. Saygin.

R01 NICHD (07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028). \$3,867,899. "Building diverse and inclusive neural models of early reading beginning at infancy." PI, Z. Saygin, with Co-Is M. Costantine, Drake, S., Petrill, S.

R01 NICHD (02/01/2022 - 01/31/2027). \$2,601,679. "Unravel MTBI: Understanding vestibular alterations using virtual environments following mild traumatic brain injury." PI J. Caccese, co-Is Z. Saygin, D. Merfield.

NSF (02/01/2023 - 01/31/2028). \$2,997,511. "Urol:EN dynamics of multi-layer networks in infant development." MPI R. Garabed, V. Hale, J. Lee, G. Mirzaei, P. Naghizadeh, Z. Saygin, J. Winston.

NICHD (04/01/2022 - 03/31/2023). \$3,885,548. "Development of Memory." PI V. Sloutsky, Co-I Z. Saygin, B. Turner.

NICHD (09/01/2021 - 08/31/2023). \$40,008. "The effects of childhood epilepsy and surgical intervention on brain development." Site PI Z. Saygin

NICHD (04/01/2021 - 03/31/2026). \$208,928. "Social development in adolescents with Epilepsy: a study of brain and behavior." Site PI Z. Saygin

NICHD (07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025). \$3,591,916. "Predicting longitudinal neurodevelopment of individual reading ability." PI Z. Saygin, Co-Is D. Osher, S. Petrill, B. Turner.

NICHD (07/01/2019 - 06/30/2024). \$3,245,811. "The Neuroimaging fingerprints of individual reading ability." PI Z. Saygin, S. Petrill.

Trainee external grants

NSF GRF, Nii-Ayi Aryeetey (current graduate student). "Investigating the relationship between brain elasticity and neurocognitive deficits from repetitive head impacts in preadolescents." Pending.

President's Postdoctoral Scholars Fellowship, James Harrison (current postdoctoral mentee). "Cognitive outcomes of contact sports participation in children." Pending.

F30, Braydon Lazzara (current graduate student). "Mechanisms of Head Impact Exposure in Youth Football: A Biopsychosocial Framework." Pending.

NSF GRF, Sophia Bibb (current graduate student). "Understanding the development and neural basis of inhibitory control in youth." 2025, Honorable mention.

NSF GRF to Kelly Hiersche (current graduate student). "Understanding the selectivity, development, and plasticity of the Visual Word Form Area." 2023-present.

NRSA- F31HD107961 to Fiona Molloy (former graduate student). "Brain basis and neural circuitry of habit-like attention in infants and adults." 2022-2024.

NSF GRF, Nii-Ayi Aryeetey (current graduate student, former RA). "Impact of screentime on longitudinal neurodevelopment." 2025. Not awarded.

NRSA, Postdoctoral F32 fellowship to Adam Culiver (former postdoctoral mentee). National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. \$217,902 "Investigating the Developmental Consequences of Neurotrauma Exposure and Musculoskeletal Injury on Sensorimotor Network Connectivity in First-Year Youth Tackle Football Players." 2024. Not awarded.

K23, Adam Culiver (postdoctoral mentee). National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. (04/01/2025 - 03/31/2030). \$860,085. "The Effects of Attentional Focus and Cross-Education on Brain Behavior following Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction." Not awarded.

NRSA, Postdoctoral fellowship to N. Blanco (former postdoctoral co-mentee with V. Sloutsky) (09/01/2020 - 08/31/2025). \$949,056. "The development and neurobiology of decision-making." Not awarded.

Awards and Honors (selected)

Women in Philanthropy Award (2023-present)
Center for Cognitive & Brain Sciences Pilot Award (2024-present)
Clinical Translational Science Institute Pilot Award (2024-2025)
President's Research Excellence Catalyst Award (2022-2024)
Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Neuroscience (2018)
NIH Postdoctoral National Research Award (2014-2017)
Koch Institute Awards (2014)
Wellcome Trust Awards (2014)
MIT Postdoctoral Association Travel Award (2013)
McGovern Institute Neurotechnology Program (2012-2013)
Sheldon Razin Graduate Student Fellowship (2010-2011)
Human Brain Mapping Trainee Abstract Travel Award (2010)
Angus McDonald Award for Undergraduate Teaching (2010)
MIT Health Science and Technology Catalyst Fund (2010-2011)
MGH Advanced Multimodal Neuroimaging Training Program, Predoctoral Fellow (2009-2010)
Gordon Research Conference: Amygdala in Health & Disease Travel Award (2009)
Presidential Graduate Fellowship (2007-2008)

Peer-reviewed Publications

+Mentee; *Equal author contribution

43. "A Tripartite Map of the Ventromedial Prefrontal Cortex." Wang, Y., Song, D., Chen, G., Fu, M., Li, S., Cui, Z., Xia, M., He, Y., Xu, T., Yu, X., Zang, Y., Zhou, J., Popal, H., Saygin, Z.M., Osher, D.E., Olson, I.R., Rushworth, M. (in review).
42. "Task-derived Functional Connectivity is Sufficient to Capture Individual Differences in Functional Selectivity Across the Brain." Liao, I., Ginell, K., Kay, K.N., Saygin, Z.M., Osher, D.E. (in review [Imaging Neuroscience](#)).
41. "The ventral visual stream for reading converges on the transmodal language network." Salvo, J., Lakshman, M., Holubecki, A., Saygin, Z.M., Mesulam, M., Braga, R.M. (in revision, [Nature Communications Biology](#)).
40. "Neural correlates of the development of word laterality in the visual word form area (VWFA) during early childhood." +DiRubio, L., +Li, J., +Hiersche, K., +Aryeetey, N., +Quatrala, A., Caccese, J., Saygin, Z.M. (in revision, [Behavioral Neuroscience](#)).
39. "Effects of working memory and reward reactivity on externalizing behaviors in the ABCD study." +Schettini, E., Cheavens, J., Saygin, Z.M. (in revision, [Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience](#)).
38. "Functional Dissociation in the Developing Superior Temporal Lobe: Language and Theory of Mind." +Hiersche, K., +Bradley, L., Osher, D.E., Saygin, Z.M. (in press [Nature Communications Biology](#)).

37. "Comparison of Six Data Cleaning Methods for Determining Repetitive Head Impact Exposure in Youth Tackle Football." DeAngelo, S., ⁺Culiver, A., Le Flao, E., Shoaf, N., Doshi, D., Tracy, R., ⁺Aryeetey, N., ⁺Quatrala, A., Smith, C., Ma, J., Pan, J., Yang, J., Rose, S., Onate, J., Edwards, N., Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J. (in revision, Annals of Biomedical Engineering).
36. "Infant Brain Structure and Function Following Hypertensive Pregnancy: A Review of Emerging Evidence." ⁺Quatrala, A., Costantine, M., Saygin, Z.M. (in prep for special issue in Frontiers in Neuroscience).
35. "Leveraging Ventral Temporal Cortex's primary role in object recognition." ⁺Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M. Cognitive Neuroscience (2025)
34. "Connectivity and function are coupled across cognitive domains throughout the brain." ⁺Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M., Osher, D.E. Network Neuroscience (2025) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1162/NETN.a.504>
33. "Pilot study comparing effects of infrared neuromodulation & transcranial magnetic stimulation using magnetic resonance imaging." ⁺Bibb, S.A., ⁺Yu, E.J., ⁺Molloy, M.F., LaRocco J., ⁺Resnick, P., Reeves, K., Phan, K. L., Krishna, S., Saygin, Z.M. Frontiers in Human Neuroscience (2025)
32. "The Effect of Usage on Instrumented Mouthguard Data Quality Indicators: A Preliminary Analysis." E. Le Flao, S. DeAngelo, ⁺A. Culiver, N. Shoaf, D. Doshi, R. Tracy, J. Lickovitch, C. Smith, J. Pan, J. Yang, S. Rose, J. Onate, Z.M. Saygin, J. Caccese. International Research Council on Biomechanics of Injury. (2024).
31. "Demystifying the Visual Word Form Area: Precision fMRI of Visual, Linguistic, and Attentional Properties of Ventral Temporal Cortex." ⁺Li, J., ⁺Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M. iScience (2024).
30. "Predicting High-level Visual Areas in the Absence of Task fMRI." ⁺Molloy, F., Saygin, Z.M., Osher, D.E. Nature Scientific Reports (2024).
29. "Functional dissociation of the language network and other cognition in early childhood." ⁺Hiersche, K., ⁺Schettini, E., ⁺Li, J., Saygin, Z.M. Human Brain Mapping (2024).
28. "The effect of misophonia on cognitive and social judgments." ⁺Hansen, H., Leber, A., Saygin, Z.M. (2024). PlosOne.
27. "Effect of Premature Birth on Adolescent Brain Network Organization." ⁺Molloy, F., ⁺Yu, E., Mattson, W., Hoskinson, K., Taylor, G., Nelson, E., Saygin Z.M. (2023). Brain Connectivity.
26. "The Art, Science, and Secrets of Scanning Young Children." Spann MN, Wisnowski JL, Smyser CD, et al. (2023) Biol Psychiatry.
25. "Individual variability in performance reflects selectivity of the multiple demand network among children and adults." ⁺Schettini, E., ⁺Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M. (2023). Journal of Neuroscience.
24. "Intact reading ability despite lacking a canonical visual word form area in an individual born without the left superior temporal lobe." ⁺Li J., Kean H., Fedorenko E., Saygin Z. (2023). Cognitive Neuropsychology.

23. "Neural Evidence for Non-Orfacial Triggers in Mild Misophonia." +Hansen H.A., +Stefancin P., Leber A.B., Saygin Z.M. (2022). Frontiers in Neuroscience.
22. "Individual Variability in Functional Organization of the Neonatal Brain" +Molloy, F., Saygin Z. (2022). NeuroImage.
21. "What sound sources trigger misophonia? Not just chewing and breathing." +Hansen, H., Leber, A., Saygin, Z.M. (2021). Journal of Clinical Psychology.
20. "Atypical age-related changes in the structure of the mentalizing network in children with refractory focal epilepsy." Hung A., Morningstar M., Mattson W.I., Saygin Z.M., Nelson, E. (2021). Epilepsy Research.
19. "The intrinsic neonatal hippocampal network: rsfMRI findings". +Howell, A., Osher, D., +Li, J., Saygin Z.M. (2020). Journal of Neurophysiology.
18. "Innate connectivity patterns drive the development of the visual word form area". +Li J., Osher D., +Hansen H., Saygin Z. M. (2020). Nature Scientific Reports. 10, 18039.
17. "Adults vs. neonates: Differentiation of functional connectivity between the basolateral amygdala and occipitotemporal cortex." +Hansen H., +Li, J., Saygin Z. M. (2020) PLoS One. 15(10): e0237204.
16. "Amygdala nuclei volume and shape in military veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder." Morey RA, Clarke EC, Haswell CC, Phillips RD, Clausen AN, Mufford MS, Saygin Z, Wagner HR, LaBar KS. (2019). Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging.
15. "Facephenes and rainbows: Causal evidence for functional and anatomical specificity of face and color processing in the human brain." Schalk G., Kapeller C., Guger C., Ogawa H., Hiroshima S., Lafer-Sousa R., Saygin Z., Kamada K., and Kanwisher N. (2017). PNAS
14. "Integration and Segregation of Default Mode Network Resting- state Functional Connectivity in Transition-age Males with High- functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Proof of Concept Study." Joshi G., Anteraper S., Patil K., Semwal M., Goldin R., Furtak S., Chai X., Saygin Z., Gabrieli J., Biederman J., and Whitfield-Gabrieli S. (2017). Brain Connectivity
13. "Impaired frontal-limbic white matter maturation in children at high risk for major depression." +Hung Y., Saygin Z., Biederman J., Hirshfeld-Becker D., Uchida M., Doehrmann O., Han M., Chai J., Kenworthy T., Yarmak P., Gaillard S., Whitfield-Gabrieli S., & Gabrieli J.D.E. (2017) Cerebral Cortex
12. "High-resolution magnetic resonance imaging reveals nuclei of the human amygdala: manual segmentation to automatic atlas." Saygin Z. M., Kliemann D., Iglesias E., van der Kouwe, A.J.W., Boyd E., Reuter M., Stevens A., Van Leemput K., McKee A., Frosch M.P, Fischl B., Augustinack J. (2017) NeuroImage
11. "Connectivity precedes function in the development of the visual word form area." Saygin, Z.M., Osher D.E., Norton E. S., Youssoufian D.A., Beach S., Feather J., Gaab, N., Gabrieli, J., Kanwisher N. (2016) Nature Neuroscience, doi:10.1038/nn.4354.
10. "Brain Connectomics Predict Response to Treatment in Social Anxiety Disorder." Whitfield-Gabrieli S., Ghosh S., Nieto-Castanon A., Saygin Z., Doehrmann O., Chai J., Reynolds G., Hofmann S., Pollack M., Gabrieli J. (2015). Molecular Psychiatry, doi:10.1038/mp.2015.109.

9. "Structural connectivity fingerprints predict cortical selectivity for visual categories." Osher D., Saxe R., Koldewyn K., Gabrieli J., Kanwisher N., Saygin Z. (2015). *Cerebral Cortex*, doi: 10.1093/cercor/bhu303.
8. "Structural connectivity of the developing human amygdala". Saygin Z., Osher D., Koldewyn K., Martin R., Finn A., Saxe R., Gabrieli J., Sheridan M. (2015). *PloS ONE*, 10(4): e0125170. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0125170.
7. "Altered Resting-State Functional Connectivity of the Frontal-Striatal Reward System in Social Anxiety Disorder." Manning J., Reynolds G., Saygin Z., Hofmann S., Pollack M., Gabrieli J., Whitfield-Gabrieli S. (2015) *PLoS ONE*, 10(4): e0125286. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0125286.
6. "Tracking the Roots of Reading Ability: White Matter Volume and Integrity Correlate with Phonological Awareness in Prereading and Early-Reading Kindergarten Children." Saygin Z., Norton E., Osher D., Beach S., Cyr A., Ozranov-Palchik O., Yendiki A., Fischl B., Gaab N., Gabrieli J.D.E. (2013). *Journal of Neuroscience*, 33(33), 13251–13258.
5. "Anatomical connectivity patterns predict face-selectivity in the fusiform gyrus." *Saygin Z., *Osher D., Koldewyn K., Reynolds G., Gabrieli J., & Saxe R. (2012). *Nature Neuroscience*, 15(2), 321-327.
4. "Predicting treatment response in social anxiety disorder from functional magnetic resonance imaging." Doehrmann O., Ghosh S., Polli F., Reynolds G., Horn, F., Keshavan A., Triantafyllou C., Saygin Z., Whitfield-Gabrieli S., Hofmann S., Pollack M., Gabrieli J. (2012). *JAMA Psychiatry*, 70(1), 87-97.
3. "Connectivity-based segmentation of human amygdala nuclei using probabilistic tractography." *Saygin Z., *Osher D., Augustinack J., Fischl B., & Gabrieli J. (2011). *NeuroImage*, 56(3), 1353-1361.
2. "Neuroimaging predictors of treatment response in social phobia." Pollack, M., Doehrmann, O., Ghosh, S., Polli, F., Reynolds, G., Horn, F., Keshavan, A., Triantafyllou, C., Saygin, Z., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S., Hofmann, S., Gabrieli, J. (2013). *European Neuropsychopharmacology*, 24 (S-142-S143).
1. "Use of fMRI to identify regional activation of cerebral cortex involved in successful performance of an incidental verbal memory task by children". Maril, A., Davis, P. E., Saygin, Z. M., Koo, J., Mulhern, R., V., Waber, D. P., Rivkin, M. J. (2006). *Annals of Neurology*, 60, S141.

Manuscripts in Preparation

"Application of Bayesian modeling to extract single trials from blockwise fMRI data in developmental neuroimaging: Neural signal reflects trial-by-trial working memory performance." *Bibb, S., *Schettini, E., *Molloy, F., Saygin, Z.M.

"Neural networks that predispose or result from pediatric contact sport participation." *Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, Ginger Yang, Jaclyn Caccese, Saygin, Z.M.

"Changes in brain structure and function in children who play contact sports: a review." *Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, Ginger Yang, Jaclyn Caccese, Saygin, Z.M.

"Unraveling developmental variability in functional selectivity and spatial localization of high-level visual regions." *Hiersche, K., *Quatrala, A., Saygin, Z.M.

"Language cortex in the prenatal brain." ⁺Hiersche, K., ⁺Wang, X., ⁺Quatralo, A., Holt, R., M. Costantine, Saygin, Z.M.

"Imaging the fetal brain: considerations for ideal preprocessing." ⁺Wang, X., ⁺Hiersche, K., ⁺Quatralo, A., Holt, R., M. Costantine, Saygin, Z.M.

"Asymmetries in structure and connectivity precede functional specialization for language in the infant brain." ⁺Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M.

"The role of longitudinal changes in connectivity and function in the development of word selectivity." ⁺Li, J., Saygin, Z.M.

"Investigating Visual and Auditory Language Responses in the Ventral Temporal Cortex of Pre-Reading Children: a Multivariate Analysis." ⁺Rydel, L., ⁺Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M.

"Sulcal depth asymmetries and functional consequences across infancy and early childhood." ⁺Bradley, L., ⁺Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M.

Conference Presentations

"Functional connectivity changes in youth football athletes." Aryeetey, N., Quatralo, A., DeAngelo, S., Le Flao, E., Onate J., Pan J., Rose, S., Yang, J. Caccese, J., Saygin, Z.M. CBI Research Day 2026

"Head Impact Exposure in Youth Tackle Football Players During Practices and Games." Lara, M., DeAngelo, S., Comella, D., Le Flao, E., Ward, E., Lazzara, B., Shoaf, N., Gormley, H., Entsua, L., Ma, J., Pan, J., Yang, J., Rose, S., Onate, J., Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J.B. CBI Research Day 2026

"Impact of data cleaning methods on head acceleration event quantification in youth football." Ward, E., DeAngelo, S., Comella, D., Le Flao, E., Shoaf, N., Entsua, L., Gormley, H., Ma, J., Pan, J., Yang, J., Rose, S., Onate, J., Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J.B. CBI Research Day 2026

"Resting state functional connectivity, cortical thickness, and self-report impulsivity predict onset of alcohol use in youth." Bibb, S., Schettini, E., Gorke, S., Saygin, Z.M. Research Society on Alcohol 2026

"The effect of soft-shell covers on head impact magnitude in youth tackle football athletes." S. DeAngelo, A. Culiver, E. Le Flao, N. Shoaf, D. Doshi, B. Lazzara, E. Ward, L. Entsua, H. Gormley, C., J. Ma, J. Pan, J. Yang, S. Rose, J. Onate, Z.M. Saygin, J. B. Caccese. American College of Sports Medicine. (2026).

"Relationship between Athletic Performance and Repetitive Head Impact Exposure in Youth American Football Players." B. Lazzara, S. DeAngelo, D. Comella, E. Le Flao, J. Ma, J. Pan, S. Rose, Z. M. Saygin, J. Yang, J. Onate, J. B. Caccese. American College of Sports Medicine. (2026).

"The relationships between peak linear and peak rotational acceleration with player position in youth football." N. Shoaf, S. DeAngelo, A. Culiver, D. Doshi, Pan, J., S. Rose, J. Yang, J. Onate, Z.M. Saygin, J. B. Caccese. American College of Sports Medicine. (2025).

"Changes in kinematic data quality along instrumented mouthguards' lifespan." E. Le Flao, S. DeAngelo, A. Culiver, N. Shoaf, D. Doshi, R. Tracy, J. Lickovitch, C. Smith, J. Pan, J. Yang, S. Rose, J. Onate, Z.M. Saygin, J. Caccese. American College of Sports Medicine. (2025).

"Instrumented mouth guard (iMG) fit and comfort based on youth football survey responses." S. DeAngelo, A. Culiver, E. Le Flao, N. Shoaf, B. Lazzara, N. Edwards, J. Pan, G. Yang, S. Rose, J. Onate, Z.M. Saygin, J. Caccese. American College of Sports Medicine. (2025).

"Repetitive head impacts in youth tackle football athletes by experience level." D. Doshi, A. Culiver, S. DeAngelo, N. Shoaf, E. Le Flao, J. Onate, S. Rose, G. Yang, J. Pan, Z.M. Saygin, J. Caccese. American College of Sports Medicine. (2025).

"The VWFA as a Neurochemical and Functional Bridge Between Language and Visual Cortex" Laura Bradley & Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2025)

"Indicating pediatric contact sport participation using ABCD functional connectivity data" Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, Ginger Yang, Jaelyn Caccese, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2025)

"A Multivariate Analysis of Visual and Auditory Language Responses in the Proto-VWFA of Pre-Reading Children" Lauren Rydel, Kelly J. Hiersche, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2025)

"Connectivity-based prediction of putative language regions in the fetal and infant brain" Kelly Hiersche, Xinnan Wang, Anna Quatrala, Journie Dickerson, Rachael F. Holt, Zeynep Saygin. CCBBI Research Day (December 2025)

*Best Poster Presentation Award

"Perinatal neurobiological markers of cognitive outcome in normotensive and preeclampsia pregnancies. K. Hiersche, J. Hamilton, G. Taylor, R.F. Holt, M. Costantine, Z.M. Saygin. CTSI Retreat. (Sept. 2025)

"Connectivity-based prediction of putative language regions in the fetal brain" Kelly Hiersche, Xinnan Wang, Anna Quatrala, Journie Dickerson, Gerry H. Taylor, Jameaka Hamilton, Maged Costantine, Rachael F. Holt, Zeynep Saygin. Planned analysis conference abstract submitted for FLUX Congress. (Sept. 2025)

"Predicting onset of pediatric TBI using functional connectivity: An exploration of machine learning techniques to model ABCD data" N. AYTEETAY, S. Bibb, J. Yang, J. Caccese, Z.M. Saygin FLUX Congress (Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience conference) (Sept. 2025)

*CBI Travel award

"Predicting language activation in the fetal and infant brain." K. Hiersche, X. Wang, A. Quatrala, J. Dickerson, R.F. Holt, Z.M. Saygin. CCBS Research Retreat. (Sept. 2025).

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"Early neurocognitive development and family environment in infancy." J. Dickerson, A. Quatrala, K. Hiersche, Z.M. Saygin, R.F. Holt. CCBS Research Retreat. (Sept. 2025)

"Associations Between Fetal Functional Connectivity and Future Developmental Outcomes in infancy." X. Wang, K. Hiersche, A. Quatrala, J. Dickerson, L. Bradley, I. Beck, E. Sponseller, R.F. Holt, Z.M. Saygin. CCBS Research Retreat. (Sept. 2025)

"Intrahemispheric differences in structure and function across development" Laura Bradley, Kelly Hiersche, Anna Quatrala, & Saygin, Z. M. Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting. (June 2025)

“Predicting substance use initiation in youth using resting-state functional connectivity” Sophia Bibb, Elana Schettini, Saygin, Z.M. Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting. (June 2025)

“Developmental Variability in Location and Function of High-Level Visual Areas” Kelly Hiersche, Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. (May 2025)

“Investigating Visual and Auditory Language Responses in the Ventral Temporal Cortex of Pre-Reading Children: A Multivariate Analysis.” Lauren Rydel, Kelly Hiersche, Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. (May 2025)

“Fetal structural and functional MRI scanning: experiences, challenges, and future development” Xinnan Wang, Kelly Hiersche, Anna Quatrone, Elizabeth Sponseller, Rachael Holt, Saygin, Z.M. CTSI Research Day (February 2025)

“Examining Developmental Variability in Functional Selectivity and Spatial Location of High-Level Visual Regions.” Kelly J. Hiersche, Anna L. Quatrone, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2024)

*Best Oral Presentation Award

“Investigating Visual and Auditory Language Responses in the Ventral Temporal Cortex of Pre-Reading Children: A Multivariate Analysis.” Lauren Rydel, Kelly Hiersche, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2024)

*Best Poster Presentation Award

“Examining structural and functional changes within the multiple demand network following a season of youth tackle football.” Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, Kelly Hiersche, Jin Li, Jeff Pan, Ginger Yang, Sean Rose, James Onate, Jaelyn Caccese, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2024)

“Resting state functional connectivity predicts individual differences in negative urgency in youth.” Sophia A. Bibb, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2024)

“Interhemispheric Differences in Sulcal Depth Across Development.” Laura Bradley, Kelly Hiersche, Anna Quatrone, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2024)

“Development of Visual Word Form Area (VWFA) Functional Laterality During Early Childhood and Relevance for Reading Behavior.” Leah DiRubio, Jin Li, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2024)

“White Matter and Cognitive Changes due to an Initial Season of Tackle Football.” Mei Jira, Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, Jeff Pan, James Onate, Ginger Yang, Sean Rose, Jaelyn Caccese, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2024)

“Fetal structural and functional MRI scanning: experiences, challenges, and future development” Xinnan Wang, Kelly Hiersche, Anna Quatrone, Elizabeth Sponseller, Rachael Holt, Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI Research Day (December 2024)

“Examining the Functional Organization, Specificity, and Laterality of Language and Theory of Mind.” Kelly Hiersche, Saygin, Z.M. Flux Congress (September 2024)

*Graduate Student Conference Presentation Award

“Unraveling Developmental Variability in Functional Selectivity and Spatial Localization of High-Level Visual Regions of the Ventral Temporal Cortex.” Anna Quatrala, Kelly Hiersche, Saygin, Z.M. Flux Congress (September 2024)

“Studying Gray Matter Selectivity and White Matter Integrity Changes in Reading and Working Memory Networks Due to Repetitive Head Impact in Children.” Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, Kelly Hiersche, Jeff Pan, James Onate, Ginger Yang, Sean Rose, Jaclyn Caccese, Saygin, Z.M. Flux Congress (September 2024)

*CBI Travel Award

“Neural Factors that Contribute to the Development of Visual Word Form Area (VWFA) Laterality During Early Childhood and Relevance for Reading Behavior.” Leah DiRubio, Jin Li, Saygin, Z.M. Flux Congress (September 2024)

“Neural development of language and speech in infants and toddlers.” Hiersche, K.J., & Saygin, Z.M. Organization for Human Brain Mapping. (June 2024)

“Inter-rater reliability between two raters for repetitive head impact counts in youth tackle football.” Doshi, D., Culiver, A., DeAngelo, S., Shoaf, N., Tracy, R., Lickovitch, J., Le Flao, E., Smith, C., Pan, J., Yang G., Rose, S., Onate, J., Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J. American College of Sports Medicine conference (May 2024)

“Repetitive head impact exposure differences based on four data cleaning methods.” DeAngelo, S., Culiver, A., Shoaf, N., Doshi, D., Tracy, R., Lickovitch, J., Le Flao, E., Smith, C., Pan, J., Yang G., Rose, S., Onate, J., Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J. American College of Sports Medicine conference (May 2024)

“Does Neck Strength Predict Repetitive Head Impacts in Youth Football Players?” Culiver, A., Smith, C., DeAngelo, S., Tracy, R., Shoaf, N., Onate, J., Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J. American College of Sports Medicine conference (May 2024)

“Examining the role of the arcuate fasciculus on reading development by studying repetitive head impact.” Aryeetey, N., Hiersche, K., Pan, J., Onate, J., Yang, G., Rose, S., Caccese, J., Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. (May 2024)

“The emergence of VWFA laterality: examining the role of white matter connectivity in early childhood.” Li, J., DiRubio, L., Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. (May 2024)

“Examining Variability of High-Level Visual Categories Across Development.” Hiersche, K.J., Quatrala, A., Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. (May 2024)

“Sex Differences in the Relationship Between Internalizing Symptoms and Feelings of Belongingness.” Razan Mirghani, Elana Schettini, Saygin, Z. M. Spring Undergraduate Research Festival. (April 2024)

“The asymmetrical brain: the development and behavioral contributions of laterality of the Visual Word Form Area.” DiRubio, L. G., Li, J., Saygin, Z. M. Spring Undergraduate Research Festival. (April 2024)

“ADHD Symptom Severity and Neural Reward Processing in Children.” Divya Gopal, Elana Schettini, Saygin, Z.M. Spring Undergraduate Research Festival. (April 2024)

"Not just disgust: Network-based and seed-to-voxel insular connectivity with the insula distinguishes misophonia from disgust sensitivity and related clinical measures." Hansen H.A., Ferris C.R., Saygin, Z.M. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (April 2024)

"Infrared Modulation of Motor Cortex and Related Pathways." Yu, E., Molloy, F., LaRocco, J., Stefancin, T., Reeves, K., Phan, K.L, Krishna, S., Saygin, Z.M. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum (March 2024).

"ADHD Symptom Severity and Neural Reward Processing in Children." Gopal, D., Schettini, E., Saygin, Z.M. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum (March 2024)
*2nd Place Award

"Examining the role of the arcuate fasciculus on reading development by studying repetitive head impact." Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, Helly Hiersche, Jin Li, Jeff Pan, Ginger Yang, Sean Rose, James Onate, Jaclyn Caccese, Saygin, Z.M. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day (March 2024)

"The relationship among neck strength, development and head impacts sustained in youth tackle football players." Adam Culiver, Carly Smith, Sam deAngelo, Ryan Tracy, James Onate, Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day (March 2024)

"Examining Variability of High-Level Visual Categories Across Development." Anna Quatrone, Kelly Hiersche, Jaclyn Caccese, Saygin, Z.M. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day (March 2024)

"Infrared Modulation of Motor Cortex and Related Pathways." Yu, E., Molloy, F., LaRocco, J., Stefancin, T., Reeves, K., Phan, K.L, Krishna, S., Saygin, Z.M. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day (March 2024).

"Relationship between broad-scale functional connectivity and cognitive domains across individuals." Mwesigye, A., Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M., Osher, D.E., Poster at CCBBI Research Day (Dec. 2023)
*First prize poster award

"Neural development of language and speech in infants and toddlers." Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M. Talk at CCBBI Research Day (Dec. 2023)

"Feelings of Belongingness moderate the relationship between neural selectivity to cognitive demand and internalizing behaviors." Mirghani, R., Schettini, E., Saygin, Z.M. Poster at CCBBI Research Day (Dec. 2023)

"White Matter Connectivity of FFA and VWFA to Higher-Level Cortex Involved in Language and Theory of Mind." DiRubio, L., Li, J., Saygin, Z.M. Poster at CCBBI Research Day (Dec. 2023)

"ADHD Symptom Severity and Neural Reward Processing in Children." Gopal, D., Schettini, E., Saygin, Z.M. Poster at CCBBI Research Day (Dec. 2023)

"How reading acquisition changes the landscape of the function within the visual word form area". Li, J., Resnick, P.S., Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. (May 2023).

"The functional profile of the ventrotemporal cortex to high-level vision, language, and attention". Hiersche, K.J., Li, J., Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. (May 2023).
*VSS Travel award

"Neural evidence for non-orofacial triggers in mild misophonia". Hansen, H., Saygin, Z.M. OHBM. (July 2023).

"The transmodal language network includes a basal temporal region with visual word-form selectivity". Salvo, J.J., Lakshman, M., Holubecki, A.M., Saygin, Z.M., Mesulam, M.M., Braga, R.M. Talk at OHBM. (July 2023).

"Predicting category-selective regions of interest using functional connectivity". Molloy, F.M., Saygin, Z.M., Osher, D.E. OBHM. (July 2023).

"Examining modularity in the superior temporal sulcus in young children". Hiersche, K.J., Saygin, Z.M. OHBM. (July 2023).

"The visual word form area is indeed visual: precision fMRI with 4 tasks to characterize specificity. Li, J., Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M. OHBM. (July 2023)

"Bayesian modeling to extract single trials from blockwise fMRI data in developmental neuroimaging". Schettini, E. Saygin, Z.M. Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM). (July 2023).

"Curation of FOAMS: a Free Open-Access Misophonia Stimuli Database". Orloff, D., Benesch, D., Hansen, H. Cognitive and Brain Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster Session. (2023).

"The effect of repetitive neurotrauma on development". Dalton, B.K., Hiersche, K.J., Schettini, E., Caccese, J.B., Saygin, Z.M. Chronic Brain Injury research day (2023).

"The effect of repetitive neurotrauma on development". Dalton, B.K., Hiersche, K.J., Schettini, E., Caccese, J.B., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster Session (2023).

"Relationship between brain response to language tasks and performance on behavioral metrics in children". Mwesigye, A., Hiersche, K.J., Saygin, Z.M.

*2nd place winner at Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences CogFest. (2023)

"The transmodal distributed language network includes an inferior temporal region that shows selectivity for visual word-forms". Salvo, J.J., Lakshman, M., Holubecki, A.M., Saygin, Z.M., Braga, R.M. Poster at Cognitive Neuroscience Society. (2023).

"Repetitive Head Impacts in Youth Tackle Football: First Year Athletes Compared to Experienced Athletes". McPherson, C., Smith, C.R., Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J.B. American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting. (2023).

"Identifying visual brain regions in the absence of task fMRI". Molloy, F.M., Saygin, Z.M., Osher, D.E. Talk at Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (Dec. 2022).

*1st place oral presentation award

"Neural Evidence for Non-orofacial Triggers in Mild Misophonia." Hansen, H., Stefancin, P., Leber, A.B., Saygin, Z.M. Talk at Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (Dec. 2022).

"Modulating the Activation of Motor and Reward Centers with Light." Yu, E.J., Molloy, M.F., Sanjay, K., Phan, L., Reeves, K., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (Dec. 2022).

"Episodic Memory Differences Following a Single Season of Youth Tackle Football." Stefancin, P., Caccese, J.B., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (Dec. 2022).

"The Effect of Repetitive Neurotrauma on Development." Dalton, B.K., Hiersche, K., Schettini, E., Caccese, J.B., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (Dec. 2022).

"The Development of Language and Social Cognition in Young Children." Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (Dec. 2022).

"Demystifying the myth of the visual word form area." Li, J., Hiersche, K., Stefancin, T., Saygin, Z.M. Talk at Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Retreat (Oct. 2022).

"Neural evidence for non-orofacial triggers in mild misophonia." Hansen, H., Stefancin, P., Leber, A.B., Saygin, Z.M. Talk at Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Retreat (Oct. 2022).

"Examining functional brain changes and emergent literacy gains of low-income preschoolers after a soccer-based literacy intervention." Hiersche, K., Thomas, L., Dynia J., Saygin, Z.M. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Conference. From Reckoning to Racial Justice: Centering Underserved Communities in Research on Educational Effectiveness (2022).

"Head Impact Magnitude and Sensorimotor Processing in Youth Tackle Football Participants." Smith, C., Edwards, G.C., Saygin, Z.M., Caccese, J.B. American Physical Therapy Association Conference. (2022).

"Identifying visual brain regions in the absence task fMRI." Osher, D.E., Saygin, Z. M. Vision Science Society Annual meeting. (2022).

"The selectivity and development of the visual word form area and frontotemporal language network in pre-readers and beginning readers." Hiersche KJ., Li J., Saygin, ZM. Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting. (2022).

*Chronic Brain Injury travel award

"Development and functional relevance of visual word-selectivity and laterality." Li, J., Stefancin, P., Saygin, Z. M. Vision Science Society Annual meeting. (2022).

"Comparison of selectivity of Multiple Demand network between children and adults." Schettini, E., Hiersche, K.J., Saygin, Z.M. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting. (2022).

*CNS travel award

"The selectivity and development of the visual word form area and longitudinal development of the frontotemporal language network in pre-readers and beginning readers." Hiersche KJ., Li J., Saygin, ZM. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day. (2022).

"Neural implications of the first season of tackle football." Stefancin P., Caccese JB. Saygin, ZM. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day. (2022).

"Location of Impacts Affects Head Impact Magnitude In Youth Football." Smith C., Edwards G., Saygin, ZM, Caccese JB. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day. (2022).

"Sensorimotor Processing Following Participation in Youth Tackle Football." Edwards G., Smith C., Saygin, ZM, Caccese JB. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day. (2022).

"The selectivity and development of the frontotemporal language network in early childhood" Hiersche, K., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (2021).

"Development and functional relevance of word-selectivity and laterality" Li, J., Stefancin, P., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (2021).

"Selectivity of the Multiple Demand network" Schettini, E., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (2021).

"Exploring neural origins of misophonia using resting-state connectivity." Hansen, H. A., Leber, A. B., Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI research day. (2021).

"Characterizing the Effect of Premature Birth on Adolescent Brain Network Organization" Yu, E., Molloy, F., Mattson, W., Taylor, G., Nelson, E., & Saygin, Z.M. CCBBI research day. (2021).

"Development of Phonemic Articulation" Gokcen, Y., Stefancin, P., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging (CCBBI) research day. (2021).

"Innate organization of the human brain." Molloy, M.F. and Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society. (2021).
*VSS travel award

"Functional reorganization of the Visual Word Form Area in an individual born without the left superior temporal lobe." Li, J., Fedorenko, E., Saygin, Z. M. Organization for Human Brain Mapping (2021).

"Innate organization of the human brain." Molloy, M.F. and Saygin, Z.M. Chronic Brain Injury (CBI) Research Day. (2021) [poster and blitz talk]

"Functional reorganization of the Visual Word Form Area in an individual born without the left superior temporal lobe." Li, J., Fedorenko, E., Saygin, Z. M. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day (2021).

"Adults vs. neonates: Differentiation of functional connectivity between the basolateral amygdala and occipitotemporal cortex." Hansen, H. A., Li, J., Saygin, Z. M. 35th Annual Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum (2021)
*2nd place poster award

"Cortical selectivity driven by connectivity: innate connectivity patterns of the visual word form area." Z.M. Saygin. Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Symposium (2020).

"Adults vs. neonates: Differentiation of functional connectivity between amygdala subnuclei and occipitotemporal cortex." H. Hansen, J. Li, Z.M. Saygin. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (2020).
*CNS Travel award

"The developmental trajectory of the domain-general cortex." A. Howell, D. Osher, J. Li, Z.M. Saygin. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (2020).

"Innate connectivity patterns of the visual word form area." J. Li, D. E. Osher, H. A. Hansen, A. L. Howell, Z. M. Saygin. Society for Neuroscience, Nanosymposium (2019).

"Predicting pain regions in the cingulate cortex using functional connectivity." Flanagan, J., Z. M. Saygin, Lenz, F., D. E. Osher. Center for Cognitive Behavioral and Brain Sciences (CCBBI) Research Day (2019).

"The Developmental Trajectory of the Domain-General Cortex." Howell, A.L., Osher, D.E., Li, J, Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive Behavioral and Brain Sciences (CCBBI) Research Day (2019).

"Cortical selectivity driven by connectivity: Innate connectivity patterns of the visual word form area." Li, J., Osher, D. E., Hansen, H. A., Saygin, Z. M. Center for Cognitive Behavioral and Brain Imaging Research Day. (2019). Oral Presentation.

*1st place award for oral presentations.

"Adults vs. neonates: Differentiation of functional connectivity between the amygdala subnuclei and occipitotemporal cortex." Hansen, H., Li, J., Saygin, Z. M. Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Research Day. Poster Presentation. (2019).

"The intrinsic neonatal hippocampal network: rsfMRI findings." A. L. Howell, D. E. Osher, J. Li, Z. M. Saygin. Society for Neuroscience (2019).

"The connectivity fingerprinting toolbox." D. E. Osher, Z.M. Saygin. Society for Neuroscience, Nanosymposium (2019).

"Innate connectivity patterns of the visual word form area." Li, J., Osher, D. E., Hansen, H. A., Saygin, Z. M. Vision Sciences Society (2019).

"Connectivity Fingerprints for the Visual Brain and Behavior." Osher, D.E., Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society. (2019).

"Developmental changes in connectivity between the amygdala subnuclei and visual regions." Hansen, H., Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society. (2019).

"Predicting individual reading ability based on anatomical and functional neural connectivity." Nabb, C., Hansen, H., Petrill, S., Saygin, Z.M. Vision Sciences Society. (2019).

" Longitudinal MRI in Youth Hockey Players: The LACES Youth Hockey Study". Rhodes, Hartwick, Saygin Z.M. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day, OSU (2019).

"Developmental changes in connectivity between the amygdala subnuclei and ventral visual cortex." Hansen H., Saygin Z.M., Talk and Poster at the Cognitive Brain Injury Research Day, OSU (2019).

"Innate connectivity patterns of the visual and non-visual brain." Li, J., Osher, D. E., Howell, A. L. Saygin, Z. M. Chronic Brain Injury Research Day, OSU (2019).

"Predicting individual reading ability based on anatomical and functional neural connectivity." Nabb, C., Hansen, H., Petrill, S., Saygin Z.M. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum, OSU (2019).

*Denman award winner

"Connectivity between visual and language systems in neonatal and adults brain." Li J., Rhodes, M.R., Saygin Z.M. Statewide Users Group Conference, Ohio Supercomputer Center. (2018).

"Adults vs. kids: Changes in connectivity between the amygdala subnuclei and occipitotemporal cortex." Hansen, H.A., Saygin, Z.M. Society for Neuroscience. (2018).

*Chronic Brain Injury travel award

"Using the Ohio Supercomputer cluster to measure developmental changes in connectivity between the amygdala subnuclei and occipitotemporal cortex." Hansen, H.A., Saygin, Z.M. Ohio Supercomputer Center Statewide Users Group conference. (2018).

*2nd place poster award

"Functional Connectivity of the Infant Hippocampus." Howell, A.L., Saygin, Z.M. Ohio Supercomputer Center Statewide Users Group conference. (2018).

"Exploring the development of high-level visual connectivity in infants". Rhodes M.R. & Saygin Z.M. Poster presentation at the Ohio Supercomputer Center Statewide Users Group (SUG) conference, Columbus, OH. (2018).

"Predicting individual reading ability based on anatomical and functional neural connectivity." Nabb, C., Hansen, H., Petrill, S., Saygin Z.M. Ohio Supercomputer Center Statewide Users Group Conference. (2018).

"Adults vs. kids: Changes in connectivity between the amygdala subnuclei and occipitotemporal cortex." Hansen, H.A., Saygin, Z.M. Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences retreat. (2018).

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"Neonatal brain organization and connectivity". Rhodes M.R. & Saygin Z.M.. Poster presentation at the Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Fall Retreat, Mt. Sterling, OH. (2018).

"The Utility of EEG and MRI Brain Measures for Predicting Future Reading Difficulties. Society for the Scientific Study of Reading" Norton E.S., Saygin Z.M., Beach S., Ozernov-Palchik O., Gaab N., Gabrieli J.D.E. (2017).

"Brain measures identify which kindergartners at risk for reading difficulties go on to develop dyslexia." Norton, E. S., Beach, S. D., Saygin, Z. M., Ozranov-Palchik, O., Park, A., Robinson, S., Gaab, N., & Gabrieli, J. D. E. Society for the Scientific Study of Reading. (2016).

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"Function and connectivity of the VWFA and FFA." Saygin Z.M., Scott T., Feather J., Fedorenko E., Kanwisher, N. Organization for Human Brain Mapping (2015).

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"Words and Faces: The relation of the Visual Word Form Area and Fusiform Face Area." Youssoufian, D.A., Scott, T., Kanwisher, N., Saygin, Z.M. MIT (2014).

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“Abnormal amygdala response to face and object novelty in Social Anxiety Disorder” Saygin ZM, Sabhlok SR, Reynolds GO, Richey JA, Song SS, Shah AM, Hofmann SG, Pollack MT, Schwartz CE, Gabrieli JDE, Polli FE. Human Brain Mapping (2009).

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Invited Presentations

Department of Psychology, OSU (09/22/2025)

CCTS, OSU (09/15/2025)

STEAMM Rising, OSU (06/02/2025)

FLUX Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, Baltimore, MD, invited symposium (09/28/2024)

Johns Hopkins, Dept. of Cognitive Sciences Colloquium, Baltimore, MD (09/26/2024)

Translational Data Analytics Institute, Data Science Summer Camp (07/10/2024)

Centre for Vision Research, York University, Toronto, Canada (12/4/2023)

Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Marseilles, France (10/26/2023)

Women in Philanthropy, OSU (11/17/2022)

Crane Research Forum, OSU (11/09/2022)

Department of Psychology, OSU (10/18/2022)

Neurotrauma Research in Progress Seminar, OSU (08/29/2022)

Neurotrauma Research in Progress Seminar, OSU (04/22/2022)

Trends in Psychology Summit, Harvard University (11/12/2021)

Department of Psychology, OSU (10/27/2021)

Translational Data Analytics Institute, Data Science for Women (07/14/2021)

NIMH Neonatal & Infant Imaging (6/23/2021)

Carnegie Mellon University, Dept. of Psychology (5/3/2021)

Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging, OSU (2/9/2021)
Department of Psychology, OSU (9/30/2020)
Salon Series, Dept. of Psychology, OSU (9/28/2020)
Neuro Trauma-Research In Progress Seminars, Columbus, Ohio (9/11/2020)
Data Science for Women Summer Camp, Columbus, Ohio (07/13/2020)
Development and Plasticity of High-level Vision and Cognition, Cognitive Neuroscience Symposium (5/3/2020)
Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio (03/06/2020)
Emory University (12/9/2019)
CCBBI Research Day, Columbus, Ohio (12/6/2019)
Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio (6/25/2019)
TEDx OSU, Columbus, Ohio (2/23/2019)
Temple University (10/24/2018)
Developmental Seminar Series, Department of Psychology, OSU (09/21/2018)
The Ohio State Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Fall Retreat, OSU (09/15/2018)
Mathematical Biological Institute & Chronic Brain Injury Minisymposium on Quantitative Neuroscience, OSU (Sept. 13 2018)
The Ohio State Center for Cognitive & Brain Sciences Undergraduate Summer Institute (07/16/2018).
Emory University (April 21 2018)
Cognitive Seminar series, Department of Psychology, OSU (10/25/2017)
Ohio State University (Apr. 11 2016)
Ohio State University (Feb. 12 2016)
Boston University (Jan. 28 2016)
Johns Hopkins (Apr. 16 2015)
The Social Brain Minisymposium, Cognitive Neuroscience Society, (Mar. 31 2015)
Wiring the Brain, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (Mar. 25 2015)
Tulane University (Jan. 22 2015)
Fetal-Neonatal Neuroimag. & Dev. Science Center, Harvard Medical School (Sept. 30 2014)
The Social Neuroscience of Autism Minisymposium, Freie Universitat Berlin (July 1 2014)
Vision Sciences Society (May 18 2014)
Harvard University (Feb. 25 2014)
Johns Hopkins (Dec. 9 2013)
Society for Neuroscience (Nov. 12 2013)
CLPS/Neuroscience Seminar, Brown University (Aug. 16 2013)
Rockefeller University (Aug. 13 2013)
University of Maryland (Aug. 9 2013)
Laboratory for Brain and Cognition, NIMH (Aug. 8 2013)
Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Pennsylvania (Aug. 7 2013)
Computational Radiology Laboratory, Children's Hospital Boston (Mar. 7 2012)
Society for Neuroscience (Nov. 2011)
Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience, Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School (Nov. 2011)
Development and Affective Neuroscience/ Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program, NIMH (Oct. 18 2011)
Society for Neuroscience (Nov. 2010)
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention (Nov. 17 2010)
Human Brain Mapping Conference (Jun. 2010)
Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience, Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard Medical School (2010)
McGovern Institute Retreat, MIT (Jun. 2 2010)
McGovern Institute 10th Anniversary, MIT (Oct. 14 2010)

The Alan and Lorraine Bressler Clinical and Research, Program for Autism Spectrum Disorders.
MGH/Harvard Medical School (Feb. 23 2009)

Service

Editor

Nature Scientific Reports (2023-present)
Journal of Vision Guest Editor (2025-present)

Society Committees

Flux Governance Task Force committee member (2024-2026)
Flux Mentorship (2025-present)
FIT'NG (Fetal Infant Toddler Neuroimaging Group) Mentorship (2024-present)
Sports-related concussion ENIGMA working group, member (2024-present)

Reviewer (selected)

General science, psychology, clinical, neuroscience journals:

Science
PNAS
Nature Neuroscience
Nature Communications
Neuron
Journal of Neuroscience
NeuroImage
NeuroImage Clinical
Cortex
Human Brain Mapping
Brain, Brain Imaging and Behavior
Brain Structure and Function
Brain Imaging and Behavior
Neuropsychologia
Neuroscience
Pediatrics
Biological Psychiatry
Clinical Psychology
eLife
Open Mind; Discoveries in Cognitive Science

Conferences:

Vision Sciences Society
Society for the Neurobiology of Language
Organization for Human Brain Mapping
Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience (Flux)

Grant and award-making organizations:

National Science Foundation (ad-hoc)
National Institute of Health Early Career Reviewer Program (2022-present)
NIH HCMF study section (June 2024)
NIH Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group (Nov. 2024)
NIH Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group (Jan. 2025)
NIH Fellowship Review Panel (Aug. 2025)

School and University Service

OSU, Chair of Developmental Psychology area (2025-present)

OSU, Member, Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Scientific Programming Committee (2025-present)
OSU, Member, Gala organization committee, CBI (2025-present)
OSU, Member, Ethics Committee Psychology Dept. (2025-present)
OSU, Chair, Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Technical Committee (2023-2025)
OSU, Member, Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Steering Committee (2023-2025)
OSU, Chair, Speakers Committee (2023-2025)
OSU, Member, Admissions Committee (2023-2025)
OSU, Reviewer, Chronic Brain Injury Program Lannutti Innovation Award (2025)
OSU, Judge, Chronic Brain Injury Program Research Day (2024)
OSU, Judge, Chronic Brain Injury Program Best Paper (2024)
OSU, Judge, Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Research Day (2024)
OSU, Member, Search Committee Decision Psychology (2023-2024)
OSU, Member, Neuroscience Graduate Program Admissions reviewer (2022-present)
OSU, Chair, Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Outreach & Talk Series Committee (2019-2023)
OSU, Judge, Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Research Day (2022)
OSU, Talk Moderator, Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Research Day (2022)
OSU, Reviewer, Chronic Brain Injury Program Pilot award (2022)
OSU, Reviewer, Chronic Brain Injury Program Paper of the Year award (2022)
OSU, Judge, Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging Research Day (2021)
OSU, Member, Outreach Committee (2020-2023)
OSU, Member, Speakers Committee (2020-2023)
OSU, Reviewer, Chronic Brain Injury Program Pilot award (2019)
OSU, Cognitive Neuroscience Area Planning Committee (2019-2020)
OSU, Member, CCBBI Users Planning Committee (2018-2019)
OSU, Member, Neuroscience Graduate Admissions Committee (2018-2022)
OSU, Member, Diversity, Recruitment, & Retention Committee (2018-2020)
OSU, Member, Research Experiments Committee (2018-2019)
MIT, Interview Weekend Panel Member (2009-2011)
MIT, Cambridge Science Festival (2010)
Chalk on the Walk Harvard Square, Artist (2010)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chair of Cognitive Lunch Talks (2008-2009)
Brown University, Brown Alumni Schools Committees (BASC) interviewer (2007-2010)

Professional Memberships

Vision Sciences Society (2012-present)
Fetal Infant & Toddler Neuroimaging Group (2022-present)
Flux Society for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience (2022-present)
American Association for the Advancement of Science (2008-present)
Cognitive Neuroscience Society (2008-present)
Organization for Human Brain Mapping (2008-present)
Society for Neuroscience (2008-present)
Society for the Neurobiology of Language (2023-present)

Teaching

Developmental Proseminar, OSU (2025-present)
Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience, Psych 3513, OSU (2019-present)
Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, Psych 5628, OSU (2018-present)
Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience & Cognitive Neuroscience of Language in Techniques and Topics in Cognitive Neuroscience, Psych 6880, OSU (2023-present)
Techniques and Topics in Cognitive Neuroscience, Psych 6880, OSU (2022)

Cognitive Neuroscience Proseminar, Psych 8860, OSU (2020-2021)
Cognitive Proseminar, Psych 7894, OSU (2018-2020)
Neuroimaging Bootcamp, OSU (2019)
Introduction to Psychology, MIT (2010)
Introduction to Psychology, MIT (2010)
Introduction to Psychology, MIT, Professor John Gabrieli (2009)
Principles of Neurobiology, Brown University (2005)

Mentoring

Postdoctoral scholars

Adam Culiver (2023-2025), now Faculty at Indiana University Indianapolis
James Harrison (2025-present)

Graduate students

Advisor/ co-advisor:

Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, OSU (2025-present)
CBI Travel award (2023, 2024, 2025)

Bonnie (Huiyu) Yang, OSU (2025-present)

Xinnan Wang, OSU (2024-present)
CCBS CUSI Summer Funding

Laura Bradley, OSU (2024-present),
Distinguished University Fellowship (2025)
Graduate Access Fellowship (2024)
CCBBI Research Forum 2nd place poster presentation (2025)

Sophia Bibb, OSU (2023-present)
Dean's Distinguished Graduate Enrichment Fellowship (2023-2027)
NSF GRFP honorable mention (2025)

Kelly Hiersche, OSU (2021-present)
NSF GRFP fellow 2023-present
University Fellowship (2021)
Chronic Brain Injury Travel award (2022)
Psychology Research Forum 1st place (2023)
NEI Early Career Scientist Travel Grant Vision Science Society (2023)
H. Dean and Susan Regis Gibson Research Award (2023)
Edward J. Ray Travel award (2025)
CCBBI Research Forum 1st place oral presentation & Travel award (2024)
Service Award for travel to Flux (2024)
FoVea Vision Science Society Travel & Networking grant (2025)
Herbert A. Toops Research Award for outstanding paper (2025)
Center for Cognitive & Brain Sciences talk award (2025)
CCBBI Research Forum 1st place poster presentation (2025)
Ray Travel Award (2026)

Elana Schettini, OSU (2021-2025), now Clinical Postdoctoral Fellow at VA Healthcare System/ Yale University
Dean's Distinguished Graduate Enrichment Fellowship (2019-2024)
Graduate Student Conference Presentation Award (2022, 2023, 2024)
Edward J. Ray Travel Award (2022)
Pre-Doctoral Clinical Psychology Intern Greater Hartford Clinical Psychology Internship Consortium (2024)

Jin Li, OSU (2018- 2024), now Postdoctoral Fellow at Georgia Institute of Technology
University Fellowship (2018)
H. Dean and Susan Regis Gibson Research Award (2019)
CCBBI Research Day Best Oral Presentation award (2019)
Hayes Forum 2nd place oral presentation award (2023)
Presidential Fellowship (2023)

Fiona Molloy, OSU (2020- 2023), now Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Michigan
F31 NRSA recipient (2021-2023)
University Fellowship (2018)
H. Dean and Susan Regis Gibson Research Award (2021)
NEI Early Career Scientist Travel Grant Vision Science Society Vision Sciences Society (2021)
College of Social and Behavioral Science Fellowship (2020)
Summer Research Excellence Award (2021)
CCBBI Best Oral Presentation Award (2022)

Heather Hansen, OSU (2017- 2023), now Faculty at William and Mary University
University Fellowship (2017)
NSF GRFP honorable mention (2018)
Chronic Brain Injury Travel award (2018)
Ohio Supercomputer Center Statewide Conference award (2018)
College of Social and Behavioral Science Fellowship (2019)
Cognitive Neuroscience Society Graduate Student award (2020)
Edward F. Hayes Research Forum 2nd place awardee (2021)
Graduate Student Teaching Excellence award (2021)
Presidential Fellowship (2022)

Dissertation, Candidacy, Masters Examination Committee Member:

Braydon Lazzara, Mentoring Committee Member, OSU (2025-present)
Sophia Bibb, Candidacy Examination Chair, OSU (2025)
Yuxuan Zeng, Candidacy Examination Member, OSU (Aug. 2025)
Elana Schettini, Dissertation Examination Chair, OSU (2025)
Kelly Hiersche, Candidacy Examination Chair, OSU (2024)
Jin Li, Dissertation Examination Chair, OSU (June 2024)
Dan Zhu, Masters Examination Member, OSU (Apr 2024)
Jennifer Cloud, Masters Examination Member, OSU (2024)
Kate Nolan, Dissertation Examination Member, OSU (Aug. 2024)
Nicole Saltiel, Masters Examination Member, OSU (Aug. 2024)
Tianyu Zhang, Candidacy Examination Member, OSU (Aug. 2024)
Kelly Hiersche, Masters Examination Chair, OSU (2024)
Heather Hansen, Dissertation Examination Chair, OSU (2023)
Elana Schettini, Candidacy Examination Chair, OSU (2023)
Yong Min Choi, Candidacy Examination Member, OSU (Oct. 2023)
Zitong Lu, Candidacy Examination Member, OSU (Dec. 2023)

Chiara Caldinelli, Dissertation Examination Member, Trinity College, Dublin Ireland (Apr 2023)
Yuxuan Zeng, Masters Examination Member, OSU (2023)
Kate Nolan, Candidacy Examination Member, OSU (2023)
Athena Howell, Candidacy Examination Chair, OSU (2021)
Lisa Heisterberg, Dissertation and Candidacy Examination Member, OSU (2021)
Hannah Shatzer, Dissertation Examination Member, OSU (2020)
Xiaoli Zhang, Dissertation Examination Member, OSU (2020)
Jena Moody, Candidacy Examination Member, OSU (2022)
Matthew Heard, Candidacy Written Examination, OSU (2020)
Anita Shankar, Masters Examination Member, OSU (2021)

Undergraduate Students

Advisor/ co-advisor:

Elif Ucar (2025-present)
Tito Leong (2025-present)
Piya Gupta (2025-present)
Isabel Beck (2025-present)
Lauren Rydel (2024-present)
 CCBBI research forum 1st place poster & travel award (2024)
 Undergraduate Research Scholarship 2024
 CCBS CUSI award (2025)
 VSS Conference Travel award (2025)
 Cognitive & Brain Sciences Undergraduate Poster Session 1st place (2025)
Leah DiRubio (2022-2025), now PhD student Univ of Florida
 URAP Summer Research award (2023)
 H. Dean and Susan Regis Gibson Research Award (2024)
 Honors Thesis (2025)
Mei Jira (2024-2025), now Accelerated Master's in Nursing Program at University of Cincinnati
 CCBS CUSI Summer Research Award (2024)
 Honors Thesis (2025),
Razan Mirghani (2022-2025), applying to graduate programs
Ajuna Mwesigye (2022-2024), now UC Health
 CCBBI ADNIR Fellowship 2 year research funding (2023)
 Summer Undergraduate Research Scholarship (2023)
 CCBS Research Forum Best Poster award (2024)
 CCBS CogFest Research Forum 2nd place poster award (2024)
 CCBBI Research Forum Best Poster award (2024)
Emily Yu (2020-2024)
 Undergraduate Research Scholarship 2023
 NIH Biomedical Engineering Summer Internship Program Awardee (2023)
 Denman Research Forum (2024)
 Honors Thesis (2024)
Dean Orloff, OSU (2023)
 Career Accelerator Fund (2023)
Divya Gopal, OSU (2021-2024)
 Denman Undergraduate Research Forum Award 2nd place (2024)
Alexander Olegnowicz (2023-2024) now at OSU in prestigious Biomedical Science Pre-Med program and
 awarded Morrill Distinction Scholarship & Stamps Eminence Fellowship
 Explorations in Neuroscience Research Internship Program (2023)
Yasemin Gokcen, OSU (2019-2022), now PhD student UC Irvine
 CCBBI ADNIR Fellowship 2 year research funding (2020)
Brenden Dalton, OSU (2021-2023)

Nyeka Sangster, OSU (2022)
Andrew Sarmir, OSU (2022)
Luke Wisniewski (2020-2022)
Kyle Moon, U. Notre Dame (2020-2021)
Amanie Rasul, OSU (2019-2021)
Lilly Lin, OSU (2019-2021)
Carver Nabb, OSU (2018-2020), now Senior Researcher at JP Morgan
Denman Research Forum 3rd place awardee (2019)
Undergraduate Research Award (2019)
Justin Flanagan, OSU (2017-2020), now PhD student at Vanderbilt Psychology
CCBS CUSI award (2020)
Eshwar Madishetti, OSU (2017-2019)
Deanna Arpi Youssoufian, MIT (2013-2017)
Osheiza Otori, MIT (2013)
Jean Yu, MIT (2013)
Heather Acuff, MIT (2012)
Amber Li, MIT (2011)
Elisha Gray, MIT (2011)
Nathan Arce, MIT (2011)
May Chen, MIT (2010)
Breanna Berry, MIT (2009-2010)
Michelle Garber, MIT (2009)
Lauren Kazmierski, MIT (2009)
William Morejon, MIT (2009)
Geena Márquez, MIT (2009)
Ray Gonzalez, MIT (2009)
Shirin Kasturia, MIT (2008)

Thesis & Honors committees:

Lauren Rydel, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Chair (2026)
Leah DiRubio, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Chair (2025)
Mei Jira, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Chair (2025)
Emily Yu, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Co-Chair (2024)
Anisha Babu, Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member (2020)

Research Assistants

Anna Quatrone, OSU (2023-present)
Nii-Ayi Aryeetey, OSU (2023-2025), now graduate student at OSU
Patricia Stefancin, OSU (2020-2023), now graduate student at Georgia State University
Maggie Beard, OSU (2019-2022)
Arman Bordbar, OSU (2019-2021)
Carver Nabb, OSU (2019-2020), now Senior Researcher at JP Morgan
Micah Rhodes, OSU (2017-2019), now graduate student at Indiana University
David Beeler, MIT (2016-2017)
Harris Hoke, MIT (2015-2017)
Jenelle Feather, MIT (2014-2016)
Terri Scott, MIT (2014-2016)
Gretchen Reynolds, MIT (2008-2011)
Sandeep Sabhlok, MIT (2008-2010)

Public Media

Science Daily: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2025/11/251105050714.htm>

AAAS EurekAlert. <https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/1103342>

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OSU <https://news.osu.edu/children-use-the-same-brain-network-as-adults-for-tough-problems/>

PBS radio: All Sides with Ann Fisher - Nov. 2 2022 <https://news.wosu.org/show/all-sides-with-ann-fisher/2022-11-02/wellness-wednesday-preparing-for-the-flu-covid-19-and-rsv-this-season>

PBS QED with Dr. B: <https://video.wosu.org/show/qed-dr-b/>
https://youtu.be/Xze-vUglt_w

TEDx OSU <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcWMH20INUw>

OSU <https://news.osu.edu/human--brains-pre-wired-for-words-is-coolest-science-story-of-2020/>

USA Today <https://www.usatoday.com/videos/tech/2020/10/23/newborns-see-words-birth-according-new-study/3740898001/>

MSN <https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/new-study-reveals-newborns-see-words-from-birth/vp-BB1akvyT>

Current Science Daily: <https://currentsciencedaily.com/stories/563509915-infant-brains-are-prewired-for-reading-study-finds>

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DE24 News <https://www.de24.news/2020/10/according-to-one-study-childrens-brains-are-pre-wired-to-see-words.html>

OSU News <https://news.osu.edu/humans-are-born-with-brains-prewired-to-see-words>

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OSU News <https://news.osu.edu/newborn-brains-lack-maturity-to-process-emotions-as-adults-do/>

Nature Reviews Neuroscience Highlights
<http://www.nature.com/nrn/journal/v17/n10/full/nrn.2016.123.html>

MIT <http://news.mit.edu/2016/brain-connections-key-reading-0808>

Dana Foundation http://www.dana.org/News/Targeting_Dyslexia/

BYU Radio <http://www.byuradio.org/episode/50b30dec-bb77-4efa-acd3-8e6bd60afe9c/top-of-mind-with-julie-rose-sexual-assault-long-term-effects-of-bullying-aging-facebook?playhead=3597&autoplay=true>

MIT <http://newsoffice.mit.edu/2015/toward-smarter-selection-therapy-psychiatric-disorders-0811>

WBUR Boston <http://www.wbur.org/2014/06/12/brain-images>

Koch Institute <http://ki-galleries.mit.edu/2014/saygin>

Wellcome Trust <http://www.wellcomeimageawards.org/2014/wiring-of-the-human-brain>

The Guardian <http://www.theguardian.com/science/gallery/2014/mar/09/wellcome-image-awards-2014-life-in-extreme-close-up-in-pictures>

Independent <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/pictures/wellcome-image-awards-2014-shortlist-announcement-9182439.html>

Telegraph <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/picture-galleries/10689850/The-winning-entries-in-the-Wellcome-Image-Awards-2014.html#?frame=2848384>

Cell Picture Show (http://www.cell.com/cell_picture_show-koch2014winners)

MIT Technology Review <http://www.technologyreview.com/article/524216/the-art-of-science/>

Boston Magazine 09/16/13 <http://www.bostonmagazine.com/health/blog/2013/09/16/dyslexia-brain-scans-mit-boston/>

NPR news WBUR 08/14/13. <http://commonhealth.wbur.org/2013/08/tracking-dyslexia-in-the-preschool-brain>

CBS news 08/14/13. http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-204_162-57598512/brain-scans-may-diagnose-dyslexia-before-kids-can-even-read

FOX news 08/14/13. <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2013/08/14/can-mri-brain-scans-identify-children-with-dyslexia/>

MIT News 08/13/13 <http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2013/brain-scans-may-help-diagnose-dyslexia-0813.html>

US News and World Report 08/13/13 <http://health.usnews.com/health-news/news/articles/2013/08/13/mri-might-allow-earlier-diagnosis-of-dyslexia-study>

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