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**Languages:** English (native), French (proficient), Spanish (intermediate)

## Areas of Specialization

Cognitive & Computational Neuroscience - Electrophysiology - Periodic & Aperiodic Activity

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## Professional Positions

- 8/2025 - **Lecturer in Cognitive Neuroscience**  
*present* *University of Manchester, Division of Communications, Psychology, and Human Neuroscience*  
Junior faculty position, including independent research, teaching, and service.
- 3/2021 - **Postdoctoral Research Scientist - Advisor: Prof. Joshua Jacobs**  
8/2025 *Columbia University, Department of Biomedical Engineering*  
Investigations of human electrophysiology, with intracranial recordings and single units.
- 10/2020 - **Postdoctoral Scholar - Advisor: Prof. Bradley Voytek**  
2/2021 *UC San Diego, Department of Cognitive Science, Cognitive & Neural Dynamics Lab*  
Developing software tools for the analysis of electrophysiological recordings.
- 9/2014 - **Graduate Student Researcher - Advisor: Prof. Bradley Voytek**  
9/2020 *UC San Diego, Department of Cognitive Science, Cognitive & Neural Dynamics Lab*  
Mechanisms of neural communication using human electrophysiological recordings.
- 5/2013 - **Research Assistant - Advisor: Prof. Sylvain Baillet**  
6/2014 *Montreal Neurological Institute, Department of Neurology & Neurosurgery*  
Functional connectivity during sleep, using magnetoencephalography and polysomnography.
- 9/2012 - **Research Assistant - Advisor: Prof. Kris Onishi**  
9/2014 *McGill University, Department of Psychology - McGill Infant Development Cluster (MIDC)*  
Psycholinguistics & Developmental Psychology: language perception & statistical learning.

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## Education

- 2014 - **PhD, Cognitive Science - Advisor: Prof. Bradley Voytek**  
2020 *University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California, USA*  
Thesis: Measuring and Investigating Periodic and Aperiodic Neural Activity
- 2011 - **Bachelors of Arts and Sciences (BA&Sc) Honors Cognitive Science**  
2014 *McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada*  
Major: Cognitive Science. Minor: Philosophy. Graduated First Class Honors with Distinction

## Preprints & Articles Currently Under Review

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*Underlined are students or research assistants under my direct supervision.*

- preprint **Donoghue T.** A historical overview of the study of aperiodic neural activity. *PsyArXiv*. DOI: 10.31234/osf.io/zrvxa. [LINK](#)
- preprint **Donoghue T**, Hammonds R, Eric Lybrand, Waschke L, Gao R, & Voytek B. Evaluating and Comparing Measures of Aperiodic Neural Activity. *bioRxiv*. DOI: 10.1101/2024.09.15.613114. [LINK](#)  
Project Website: <https://aperiodicmethods.github.io>
- preprint Park SE, **Donoghue T**, Jacobs J, Lee SA. Aperiodic neural excitation of the prefrontal cortex offsets age-related decrease in hippocampal theta activity for spatial memory maintenance. DOI: 10.1101/2024.10.03.616418. [LINK](#)
- preprint He W, **Donoghue T**, Sowman PF, Seymour RA, Brock J, Crain S, Voytek B, & Hillebrand A. Co-Increasing Neuronal Noise and Beta Power in the Developing Brain. *bioRxiv*. DOI: 10.1101/839258. [LINK](#)

## Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

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*Underlined are students or research assistants under my direct supervision.*

- 2026 Zhang W, **Donoghue T**, Qasim SE, Jacobs J. Evaluating Place Cell Detection Methods in Rats and Humans – Implications for Cross-Species Spatial Coding. *PLoS Computational Biology*, 22(5), e1013488. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1013488. [LINK](#)
- 2026 **Donoghue T**, Zhang W, Han CZ, Maesta-Pereira S, Jacobs J. HSNPipeline: A processing pipeline for human single-neuron studies. *Aperture Neuro*, 6(SI 1). DOI: 10.52294/001c.160356. [LINK](#)
- 2026 van Engen Q, Chau G, Smith A, Adam KCS, **Donoghue T**, & Voytek B. Dissociating contributions of theta and alpha from aperiodic neural activity in human visual working memory. *Journal of Neuroscience*. 46(7). DOI: 10.1523/JNEUROSCI.2340-24.2025. [LINK](#)
- 2025 Ameen MS, Jacobs J, Schabus M, Hoedlmoser K, **Donoghue T**. The Temporal Dynamics of Aperiodic Activity Track Changes in Sleep Architecture. *Communications Psychology*, 3(160). DOI: 10.1038/s44271-025-00334-2. [LINK](#)
- 2025 **Donoghue T**. A systematic review of aperiodic neural activity in clinical investigations. *European Journal of Neuroscience*, 62(7), e70255. DOI: 10.1111/ejn.70255. [LINK](#)
- 2024 Kopčanová M, Tait L, **Donoghue T**, Stothart G, Smith L, Flores Sandoval AA, Buss S, Shafi M, Pascual-Leone A, Fried PJ, Benwell CSY. Resting-state EEG signatures of Alzheimer's disease are driven by periodic but not aperiodic changes. *Neurobiology of Disease*, 190, 106380. DOI: 10.1016/j.nbd.2023.106380. [LINK](#)
- 2023 **Donoghue T**, Maesta-Pereira S, Han CZ, Qasim SE, Jacobs J. spiketools: a Python package for analyzing single unit neural activity. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 8(91), 5268. DOI: 10.21105/joss.05268. [LINK](#)
- 2023 **Donoghue T**, Cao R, Han CZ, Holman CM, Brandmeir NJ, Wang S, Jacobs J. Single neurons in the human medial temporal lobe flexibly shift representations across spatial and memory tasks. *Hippocampus*, 33(5), 600-615. DOI: 10.1002/hipo.23539. [LINK](#)

- 2023 [Han CZ](#), **Donoghue T**, Cao R, Kunz L, Wang S, Jacobs J. Using multi-task experiments to test principles of hippocampal function. *Hippocampus*, 33(5), 646-657. DOI: 10.1002/hip.23540. [LINK](#)
- 2022 **Donoghue T**, Schaworonkow N & Voytek B. Methodological considerations for studying neural oscillations. *European Journal of Neuroscience*, 55(11-12), 3502-3527. DOI: 10.1111/ejn.15361. [LINK](#)  
Project website: [oscillationmethods.github.io](https://oscillationmethods.github.io)
- 2022 **Donoghue T**, Voytek B, & Ellis S. Course Materials for Data Science in Practice. *Journal of Open Source Education*, 5(51), 121. DOI: 10.21105/jose.00121. [LINK](#)  
Project website: <https://datascienceinpractice.github.io/>
- 2022 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Automated meta-analysis of the event-related potential (ERP) literature. *Scientific Reports*, 12(1). DOI: 10.1038/s41598-022-05939-9. [LINK](#)  
Project website: [erpscanr.github.io](https://erpscanr.github.io)
- 2022 Ostlund BD, **Donoghue T**, Anaya B, Gunther KE, Karalunas SL, Voytek B, Pérez-Edgar KE Spectral parameterization for studying neurodevelopment: How and why. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 54,101073. DOI: 10.1016/j.dcn.2022.101073. [LINK](#)
- 2021 Waschke L, **Donoghue T**, Fiedler L, Smith S, Garrett DD, Voytek B & Oblesser J. Modality-specific tracking of attention and sensory statistics in the human electrophysiological spectral exponent. *eLife*. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.70068. [LINK](#)
- 2021 **Donoghue T**, Voytek B, & Ellis S. Teaching Creative and Practical Data Science at Scale. *Journal of Statistics and Data Science Education*, 29(sup1), S27-S39. DOI: 10.1080/10691898.2020.1860725. [LINK](#)
- 2020 **Donoghue T**, Haller M, Peterson EJ, Varma P, [Sebastian P](#), Gao R, Noto T, Lara AH, Wallis JD, Knight RT, Shestyuk A & Voytek B. Parameterizing Neural Power Spectra into Periodic and Aperiodic Components. *Nature Neuroscience*, 23. DOI: 10.1038/s41593-020-00744-x. [LINK](#)  
Project website: [specparam-tools.github.io](https://specparam-tools.github.io); Media coverage: [Quanta Magazine](#); reprinted in [Wired](#)  
This paper was recognized as the 2nd most cited neuroscience paper of 2020 by [The Transmitter](#)
- 2020 **Donoghue T**, [Dominguez J](#) & Voytek B. Electrophysiological Band Ratio Measures Conflate Periodic and Aperiodic Activity. *eNeuro*, 7(6). DOI: 10.1523/eneuro.0192-20.2020. [LINK](#)
- 2019 Robertson MM, Furlong S, Voytek B, **Donoghue T**, Boettiger CA, & Sheridan MA. EEG Power Spectral Slope Differs by ADHD Status and Stimulant Medication Exposure in Early Childhood. *Journal of Neurophysiology*, 122(6). DOI: 10.1152/jn.00388.2019. [LINK](#)
- 2019 **Donoghue T**. LISC: A Python Package for Scientific Literature Collection and Analysis. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 4(41), 1674. DOI: 10.21105/joss.01674. [LINK](#)  
Project website: <https://lisc-tools.github.io/>
- 2019 Cole S, **Donoghue T**, Gao R & Voytek B. NeuroDSP: A Package for Neural Digital Signal Processing. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 4(36), 1272. DOI: 10.21105/joss.01272. [LINK](#)  
Project website: <https://neurodsp-tools.github.io/>

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## Book Chapters

- 2023 **Donoghue T** & Watrous A. How can we differentiate narrow-band oscillations from aperiodic activity? In *Intracranial EEG: A Guide for Cognitive Neuroscientists*. (p. 351-364) Springer, Cham. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-031-20910-9\_22. [LINK](#) [Open Access Preprint: [LINK](#)]

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## Conference Proceedings (Peer Reviewed Papers - Selected)

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- 2019 **Donoghue T**, Gao R, Waschke L & Voytek B. A Simulation-Based Comparison of Methods for Analyzing Aperiodic Neural Activity. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*. [LINK](#)
- 2018 Fox W, **Donoghue T**. Confidence Levels in Scientific Writing: Automated Mining of Primary Literature and Press Releases. *Proceedings of the Cognitive Science Society*. [LINK](#)
- 2017 Gao R, **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Automated Generation of Cognitive Ontology via Web Text-Mining. *Proceedings of the Cognitive Science Society*. [LINK](#)

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## Conference Presentations

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- 12/2022 **Investigators Workshop Presenter:** Extracting neural signals from noise. *American Epilepsy Society Meeting*, Nashville, TN, USA.  
Award: funding provided to attend the conference. Website: <https://aesignalworkshop.github.io/>
- 11/2022 **Short Talk:** Single neurons in the human medial temporal lobe engage in distinct aspects of different tasks. *Human Single Neuron Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
- 11/2018 **NanoSymposium Presentation:** Parameterizing Neural Power Spectra *Society for Neuroscience Conference*, San Diego, CA, USA.
- 1/2016 **Research Talk:** The Effect of Oscillatory Phase on Perception and Cognition *Temporal Dynamics of Learning Centre - All Hands Meeting*, San Diego, CA, USA.

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## Interactive Workshops

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- 10/2025 **specparam2.0: spectral parameterization with time-resolved estimates & update models** *Cutting EEG: Practical M/EEG (3rd Ed.)*, Aix-Marseille University; [Toolbox Bouquet](#) [Presented Virtually]  
Developed and presented a guided demonstration of the updated spectral parameterization toolbox.
- 6/2023 **A practical guide to EEG analysis tools used in neuroscience of consciousness & cognition** *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, New York, NY, USA.  
Co-developed & presented as part of an interactive workshop on software tools for neural data analysis.
- 6/2023 **Advanced topics in the analysis of neural electrophysiology data:  
Decomposing rhythmic & broadband components** *The 36th New England Statistics Symposium*, Boston, ME, USA.  
Co-developed & presented as part of an interactive workshop on software tools for neural data analysis.
- 3/2019 **New Methods for Analyzing Periodic Oscillations and Aperiodic 1/f in Electrophysiology** *Cognitive Neuroscience Society Conference*, San Francisco, CA, USA.  
Developed & lead an interactive workshop covering software tools for neural data analysis.
- 2013 - **Brainstorm Software for M/EEG Analyses**  
2015 Assisted with interactive workshops for the [Brainstorm](#) toolbox [3 workshops].

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## Research Presentations (Academic - Invited Seminars)

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- 3/2022 - **Separating periodic and aperiodic activity to investigate physiology, cognition, & disease**  
BrainWorks Seminars, Wu Tsai Institute, Yale University [in person - 10/2024]  
Cognitive Brown Bag, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, Dartmouth University [in person - 3/2022]  
Psychology Seminar Series, Psychology Department, University of Salzburg [virtual - 3/2022]

## Research Presentations (Industry - Invited Seminars)

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- 2018 - **Investigating Periodic & Aperiodic Neural Activity**  
Friday Talk Series, Beacon Biosignals (virtual) [10/2021]  
Invited Seminar, Interaxon, Toronto, Canada (in person) [8/2018]

## Research Presentations (Guest Talks)

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- 2020- **Investigating Periodic & Aperiodic Neural Activity**  
University: invited talks to group meetings & journal clubs (virtual) [9 talks]

## Conference Abstracts & Posters (Selected)

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- 2026 Zhang W, Maesta Pereira S, **Donoghue T**, Carranza OA, Lega B, Saez I, Geerts JP, Stachenfeld KL, Jacobs J. Distinct representational updating during reward and transition relearning in human MTL neurons and predictive models. *Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE)*, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2025 Han CZ, **Donoghue T**, Tsitsiklis M, Kunz L, Jacobs J. Human single-neuron correlates of spatial episodic memory encoding & retrieval. *Human Single Neuron Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA, USA.  
Also presented at: *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA, USA.
- 2025 Zhang W, Maesta Pereira S, **Donoghue T**, Geerts JP, Stachenfeld K, Saez I, Lega BC, Jacobs J. Linking transformer architectures to human hippocampal function in a two-armed bandit task. *Human Single Neuron Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA, USA.  
Also presented at: *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA, USA.
- 2025 Zhang W, Maesta Pereira S, **Donoghue T**, Carranza OA, Lega B, Saez I, Jacobs J. Human hippocampal neurons encoding of space and reward consistent with successor representation. *Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE)*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2024 Han CZ, **Donoghue T**, Tsitsiklis M, Jacobs J. Human single neuron correlates of spatial navigation and memory performance across encoding and recall. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, IL, USA.
- 2024 Zhang W, Maesta Pereira S, **Donoghue T**, Carranza OA, Lega B, Saez I, Jacobs J. Representations of spatial and reward structure in human hippocampal neurons. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, IL, USA.
- 2024 Topalovic U, Azab H, Stangl M, Seeber M, Vallejo M, Batista D, Jenkins-Drake M, Hiller S, El-Gaby M, Shah S, Mathura R, Bartoli E, Watrous A, Anand A, Adkinson J, **Donoghue T**, Maesta Pereira S, Sakon J, Kurth-Nelson Z, Smith E, Inman C, Fried I, Jacobs J, Botvinick M, Behrens T, Sheth S, Suthana N. Theta representations of sequential task structure in the human medial temporal lobe during free walking. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, USA.
- 2024 **Donoghue T**, Voytek B, & Jacobs J. specparam 2.0: spectral parameterization with time-resolved estimates and updated model forms. *FENS Forum*, Vienna, Austria. [LINK](#)  
Also presented at: *Society for Neuroscience 2024*, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2024 **Donoghue T**, Maesta Pereira S, Qasim SE, Patel A, Azab H, Smith EH, Mathura R, Myers J, Anand A, Adkinson J, Davis TS, Kurth-Nelson Z, Rey HG, Rolston JD, Behrens TEJ, Botvinick M, Sheth SA, Jacobs J. Conjunctive Encoding in Human Place and Time Cells and Their Relation to Spatial Memory. *Interdisciplinary Navigation Symposium*, Merano, Italy. [LINK](#)

Also presented at: *Society for Neuroscience 2024*, Chicago, IL, USA

- 2024 Park SE, **Donoghue T**, Jacobs J, Lee SA. Can decreased hippocampal theta in older adults be restored by spatial training? *Interdisciplinary Navigation Symposium*, Merano, Italy.
- 2023 Ameen MS, Jacobs J, Hoedlmoser K, **Donoghue T**. The temporal dynamics of aperiodic activity track changes in sleep structure. *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington DC, USA. [LINK](#)  
Also presented at: *World Sleep 2023*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Also presented at: *Psychology and Brain (PUG23)*, Tübingen, Germany
- 2023 **Donoghue T**, Maesta Pereira S, Qasim SE, Patel A, Azab H, Smith EH, Mathura R, Myers J, Anand A, Adkinson J, Davis TS, Kurth-Nelson Z, Rey HG, Rolston JD, Behrens TEJ, Botvinick M, Sheth SA, Jacobs J. Conjunctive encoding in human place and time cells and their relation to spatial memory. *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington DC, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2023 Azab H, El-Gaby M, Shah S, Mathura R, Bartoli E, Watrous A, Anand A, Atkinson J, **Donoghue T**, Maesta Perreira M, Topalovic U, Sakon J, Kurth-Nelson Z, Smith E, Suthana N, Fried I, Jacobs, J, Botvinick M, Behrens T, Sheth SA. Single neuron representations of sequential task structure emerge rapidly in human anterior cingulate and entorhinal cortex. *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington DC, USA.
- 2023 Park S, **Donoghue T**, Jacobs J, Lee SA. Aperiodic and periodic intracranial EEG correlates of aging & age-related spatial memory decline. *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington DC, USA.
- 2023 Han CZ, **Donoghue T**, Kunz L, Jacobs J. Human single neuron correlates of spatial navigation and memory performance. *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington DC, USA.
- 2023 Zhang W, **Donoghue T**, Qasim SE, Jacobs J. Variability across methods in the identification & characterization of place cells in humans data. *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington DC, USA.
- 2022 **Donoghue T**, Kleen JK, Voytek B, Jacobs J. Methodological considerations for examining spectral features in epilepsy. *American Epilepsy Society Meeting*, Nashville, TN, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2022 Maesta Pereira S, **Donoghue T**, Qasim SE, Patel A, Azab H, Smith EH, Mathura R, Myers J, Anand A, Adkinson J, Davis TS, Shofty B, Kurth-Nelson Z, Rey HG, Rolston JD, Behrens TEJ, Botvinick M, Sheth SA, Jacobs J. Conjunctive encoding in human place and time cells. *Human Single Neuron Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA, USA. [LINK](#)  
Also presented at: *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA, USA.
- 2022 **Donoghue T**, Cao R, Han CZ, Holman CM, Brandmeir NJ, Wang S, Jacobs J. Single neurons in the human medial temporal lobe engage in distinct aspects of different tasks. *Human Single Neuron Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA, USA. [LINK](#)  
Also presented at: *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA, USA.
- 2021 **Donoghue T**, Qasim SE, Patel A, Azab H, Smith EH, Mathura R, Myers J, Anand A, Atkinson J, Rey HG, Rolston JD, Behrens TEJ, Botvinich M, Sheth SA, Jacobs J. Human single neuron activity encodes future trajectories. *Society for Neuroscience*, Virtual.
- 2020 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Considerations for Detecting & Measuring Neural Oscillations. *LiveM/EEG (Cutting EEG)*, Virtual Conference. [LINK](#)
- 2019 Farnan T, **Donoghue T**, Voytek B. Evaluating Spectral Estimation Methods for Time-Resolved Measurement of Aperiodic Activity. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, IL, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2019 Zhang F, **Donoghue T**, Voytek B. Comparing the Effects of Pre-Stimulus Periodic and Aperiodic Activity on Post-Stimulus Event Related Potentials. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, IL, USA. [LINK](#)

- 2019 Waschke L, **Donoghue T**, Smith S, Voytek B, & Obleser J. Tracking of 1/f Stimulus Characteristics in the Human EEG. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, IL, USA.
- 2019 **Donoghue T**, Gao R, Waschke L, Voytek B. A Simulation-Based Comparison of Methods for Analyzing Aperiodic Neural Activity. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*, Berlin, Germany. [LINK](#)
- 2019 Dominguez J, **Donoghue T**, Voytek B. Electrophysiological Frequency Band-Ratio Measures Conflate Changes in Periodic and Aperiodic Features. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, CA, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2018 Mdanda L, **Donoghue T**, Voytek B. Parameterization of Periodic and Aperiodic Human Electrophysiology Reveals Greater Between- Than Within-Subject Variability. *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2018 **Donoghue T**, Sebastian P, Voytek B. Topographical Analysis of Electrophysiological 1/f and Oscillations Reveals Patterns of Spatial Variation. *Biomag*, Philadelphia, PA , USA. [LINK](#)
- 2018 **Donoghue T**, Sebastian P, Noto T, Haxby S, Voytek B. Integrating Human Electrophysiology, Gene Expression and Functional Data. *Neuroinformatics*, Montreal, QC, Canada. [LINK](#)
- 2018 Fox W, **Donoghue T**. Confidence Levels in Scientific Writing: Automated Mining of Primary Literature and Press Releases. *Cognitive Science*, Madison, WI, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2018 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Alpha Power and 1/f Slope Provide Independent Decoding of Visual Spatial Attention. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, Boston, MA, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2018 Gao R, **Donoghue T**, Voytek B. Defining Cognition: Automated Generation of Cognitive Ontology by Text-Mining Literature. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, Boston, MA, USA.
- 2017 Waschke L, **Donoghue T**, Obleser J, Voytek B. Attention-Modulated Tracking of 1/f Stimulus Characteristics in Human EEG. *Signals & Noise in the Auditory Pathway*, Lübeck, Germany.
- 2017 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Assessing approaches for estimating the electrophysiological 1/f background spectrum. *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington DC, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2017 **Donoghue T** & Voytek B. Automated meta-analysis of event-related potentials and their correlates by text-mining. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, CA, USA. [LINK](#)  
Award: graduate student award winning poster including a 500\$ travel award
- 2016 **Donoghue T**, Fox W, Kim A, Voytek B. The relation of oscillatory-phase to visual perception depends on attention & location of stimuli. *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA. [LINK](#)
- 2016 Sebastian P, **Donoghue T**, Noto T, Haxby S, Voytek B. Data mining to generate novel hypotheses for the genetic underpinnings and functional roles of cortical oscillations. *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA, USA. [LINK](#)
- 2016 **Donoghue T**, Sebastian P, Voytek B. Automated Analysis of Resting State Cortical Oscillatory Characteristics using Magnetoencephalography. *Biomag*, Seoul, South Korea. [LINK](#)
- 2015 Gougelet R, **Donoghue T**, Piper M, Althoff A, Urbach TP, Voytek B. Influencing Visual Target Detection with Oscillatory Phase-Specific Stimulus Presentation. *Society for Neuroscience*, Chicago, IL, USA. [LINK](#)

## Honors & Awards

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- 2024 **Travel Award, FENS Forum**  
Merit based, competitive application, award for FENS forum 2024 travel support (\$750 Euros).
- 2023 **The Neuro Irv & Helga Cooper Foundation Open Science Prizes, Trainee Prize (Runner Up)**  
Award for work on Open Science practices & tools with an impact in neuroscience (\$1000 CDN).
- 2022 **Trainee Professional Development Award, Society for Neuroscience (SfN)**  
Merit based award for SfN 2022 conference registration and travel funds (\$1000 USD).
- 2017 - **Travel Awards, UC San Diego, Graduate Student Association (GSA)**  
2019 Travel awards for conferences, from the GSA (2X) and from departmental funds.
- 1/2016 **Small Grants Award, Temporal Dynamics of Learning Centre (TDLc)**  
Funding for an EEG project on the temporal dynamics of perceptual learning (\$2200 USD).
- 3/2014 **Owens Scholar Award, Johns Hopkins University (*declined*)**  
Additional funding over 3 years offered with admission to Johns Hopkins (\$18 000 USD).
- 11/2013 **Samuel de Champlain Quebec Program for International Collaboration**  
Funds provided by my research supervisor (Dr. Baillet) for travel to NeuroSpin in France.

## Academic Activities: Reviewing

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*\*Includes article co-reviewed with a research supervisor. #Includes code review.*

### Journal Articles (Ad-Hoc Reviewer)

Alzheimer's Research & Therapy (1X); The American Journal of Psychiatry (1X); Behavior Research Methods (1X); Biological Psychology (3X); Brain and Behavior (1X); Cerebral Cortex (2X); Clinical Neurophysiology (1X); Cognitive Neurodynamics (1X); Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience (3X); Developmental Psychology (1X); eLife (3X); eNeuro (2X); European Archives of Psychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience (1X); European Journal of Neuroscience (3X); F1000 Research (1X); GeroScience (1X); Human Brain Mapping (\*2X); iScience (1X); Imaging Neuroscience (6X); Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology (1X); Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience (1X); Journal of Neurophysiology (\*2X); Journal of Neural Engineering (1X); Journal of Neuroscience (10X); Journal of Neuroscience Methods (1X); Journal of Open Source Education (#4X); Journal of Open Source Software (#4X); Journal of Physiology (1X); Mindfulness (1X); Molecular Autism (1X); Nature Communications (1X); Neurobiology of Aging (\*2X); Neurobiology of Disease (1X); NeuroImage (5X); Open Journal of Signal Processing (1X); PCI Neuro (1X); PLoS Computational Biology (3X); PLoS Biology (1X); Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS; 1X); Psychophysiology (3X); Psychonomic Bulletin & Review (1X); ReScienceC (#1X); SoftwareX (1X); Social, Cognitive, and Affective Neuroscience (2X);

### Conference Proceedings

Affective Computing & Intelligent Interaction (ACII 2019: 1 paper); Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN 2019: 6 papers);

### Books

Columbia Press (1X);

## Research Supervision & Mentorship

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Students under my supervision (official) and/or for whom I serve as a research mentor (unofficial).  
Awards listed are those for which I supervised the application and project.

### PhD Student Supervision [University of Manchester]:

Clíodhna Hall	<i>incoming</i>	MRC studentship
Owen Page	<i>incoming</i>	Bicentennial studentship

### Masters Student Supervisor [University of Manchester]:

Chloe Hooper	10/2025 - <i>current</i>
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### PhD Student Mentorship [Columbia University]:

Mohamed Ameen	11/2022 - 10/2025
Weijia Zhang	09/2022 - <i>current</i>
Zhixian (Claire) Han	09/2021 - <i>current</i>
Sandra Maesta Pereira	09/2021 - 3/2026

### Masters Student Research Assistant Mentorship [UC San Diego]:

Tyler Farnan	01/2019 - 03/2021
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### Undergraduate Research Assistants Mentorship [UC San Diego]:

Fenglin (Allen) Zhang	01/2019 - 03/2021	
Julio Dominguez	06/2018 - 01/2020	TRELS Scholarship
Luyanda Mdanda	10/2016 - 01/2020	HDSI Undergrad Fellowship
Meyhaa Buvanesh	04/2019 - 06/2019	
Lakshmi Menon	04/2019 - 09/2019	
Fiona Cisternas	01/2019 - 06/2019	HDSI Undergrad Fellowship
Priyadarshini Sebastian	10/2015 - 06/2018	FISP Trainee Award
Aeri Kim	10/2015 - 12/2016	
Will Fox	06/2015 - 06/2018	

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## Computational Skills & Contributions

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Languages Fluent in **Python**, **shell** scripting (bash) & **git**, intermediate in **Matlab** and **R**.

Github Code & open-source contributions are available on my [Github profile](#) and indexed [here](#).  
Example contributed projects: [spikeinterface](#), [pynwb](#), [nwbwidgets](#).

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## Open-Source Package Development & Contributions

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*The following are open source Python packages which I (co-) develop and maintain.*

**specparam** (formerly 'foof'): Spectral Parameterization ([Github](#) - [PYPI](#) - [Documentation](#))  
*Lead Developer* - Python package for parameterizing neural power spectra.

**neurodsp**: Neuro Digital Signal Processing ([Github](#) - [PYPI](#) - [Documentation](#))  
*Co-Developer* - Python package for analyze neural electrophysiological recordings.

**lisc**: Literature Scanner ([Github](#) - [PYPI](#) - [Documentation](#))  
*Lead Developer* - Python package for collecting and analyzing the scientific literature.

**spiketools**: Analysis of spiking data ([Github](#) - [PYPI](#) - [Documentation](#))  
*Lead Developer* - Python package for analyzing single-unit neural data.

**ByCycle**: Cycle-by-cycle analysis of neural oscillations ([Github](#) - [PYPI](#) - [Documentation](#))  
*Maintainer* - A package for analyzing cycle properties of neural oscillations.

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## Pipelines & Template Contributions

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*The following are openly available pipelines and templates I have created and/or work on.*

**HSNPipeline**: Human Single-Neuron Pipeline ([Github](#) - [Documentation](#))  
*Lead Developer* - Pipeline with templates & resources for processing human single-neuron data.

**StructuredScience** ([Github](#) - [Website](#))  
*Lead Developer* - Curated templates and resources for creating organized scientific projects.  
This resource curates templates for creating organized and standardized project structures.

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## Resource Contributions

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*The following are open source / open access resources that I have created and made public.*

**SigViz**: animated signal visualizers for exploring signal processing ([Github](#) - [Website](#))  
This resources includes novel animations to explain signals and topics such as filtering.

**OpenLists**: open lists of open resources ([Github](#) - [Website](#))  
This collection curates open resources, including open-access data & open-source tools.

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## Additional Training in Computational Skills

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*The following are additional short courses I have completed related to developing computational skills.*

- 2018 **Methods In Neuroscience at Dartmouth (MIND)**, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA  
Short course. Topic: Narratives & Natural Contexts. Competitive application (~20% acceptance).
- 2017 **Neurohackweek**, eScience Institute, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA  
Project-based course on neuro- & data science. Competitive application (~25% acceptance).
- 2016 **Advanced Scientific Programming in Python, G-Node & CINN**, Reading, England, UK  
Short course on scientific programming. Competitive application (9.9% acceptance).

## Training in Teaching

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*Formal training in teaching and related topics.*

- 2018 **Introduction to College Teaching**, Teaching & Learning Commons, UC San Diego  
Semester long course on evidence-based teaching in university contexts.
- 2017 **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Postsecondary Education**, UC San Diego Extension  
Course on best practices for inclusive & equitable teaching in university contexts (10 hrs).

## Teaching Experience

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- 2018 **Instructor-of-Record**, Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego  
COGS 18: *Introduction to Python* (30 hours lecture + coding labs; 200 undergrad students)  
Developed & taught a course teaching introductory Python programming. Materials: [LINK](#)
- 2017 - 2020 **Instructor (3X)**, Clubes de Ciencia Mexico  
[Clubes de Ciencia](#) is a non-profit organization promoting science education across Mexico.  
1 week, hands-on research focused courses (25 hours of instruction; 12-18 students / year)  
- *CdeCMx Challenge: Soluciones cientificas a problemas emergentes* (online, Aug. 2020)  
- *Inteligencia Biologica & Artificial: Amigos o Enemigos?* (Ensenada, Mexico, Aug. 2019 )  
- *Bots on the Brain: Cognitive Science & Bio-Inspired Robotics* (Monterrey, Mexico, Aug. 2017)
- 2015 - 2017 **Instructor (3X)**, Academic Connections, UC San Diego  
[Academic Connections](#) offers university-level courses to advanced high school students.  
Co-developed & taught a course introducing cognitive science. Materials: [LINK](#)  
*Introduction to Cognitive Science* (75 hours of instruction; 16-24 students / year)  
Ratings: Course {4.71, 4.80, 4.59}/5; Instructor: {4.86, 4.92, 4.92}/5; Years: {2015, 2016, 2017}.
- 2015 - 2018 **Teaching Assistant (7X)**, Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego  
COGS 108: *Data Science in Practice* (Winter '18, Prof. Bradley Voytek, TA Evals: 4.31/5)  
COGS 108: *Data Science in Practice* (Spring '17, Prof. Bradley Voytek, TA Evals: 4.32/5)  
COGS 107B: *Systems Neuroscience* (Winter '17, Prof. Douglas Nitz, TA Evals: 4.60/5)  
COGS 17: *Neurobiology of Cognition* (Winter '16, Dr. Christine Johnson, TA Evals: 4.58/5)  
COGS 9: *Introduction to Data Science* (Fall '15, Prof. Bradley Voytek, TA Evals: 4.34/5)  
COGS 3: *Introduction to Computing* (Spring '15, Prof. Bradley Voytek, TA Evals: 4.54/5)  
Awarded *Excellence in Teaching Award* from the UCSD Cognitive Science Dept.  
COGS 107B: *Systems Neuroscience* (Winter '15: Prof. Douglas Nitz, TA Evals: 4.69/5)  
Awarded *Outstanding Teaching Award* from the UCSD Cognitive Science Dept.

## Educational Materials

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*Openly available educational materials that I have created and/or contributed to.*

**Introductory Python**, openly available online course

Materials for learning introductory programming in Python ([Website](#) - [Source](#)).

**Data Science in Practice**, openly available online course

Materials for learning introductory data science in Python ([Website](#) - [Source](#)).

**Tutorials**, openly available tutorial materials online course

**Python Boot Camp**: Open materials for a graduate student bootcamp. [LINK](#)

**Electrophysiology Tutorials**: Materials for getting started with M/EEG analyses. [LINK](#)

## Science Outreach

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- 1/2022 - **Mentoring: Student Mentor for High-School Summer Internship**  
9/2023 Mentor for the [Brainyac](#) program, offering intensive summer internships to young students.
- 2020 - **Mentoring: Project Guidance & Assistance with Grad School Applications**  
Organizations include: [Cientifico Latino](#), [neuromatch](#)
- 2018 **Public Workshops & Presentations**  
10/2018: *Data Wrangling & Web Scraping*: 2 hr workshop with [SCALE-SD](#). [Materials](#) - [Media](#)
- 2013 - **Volunteer Tutoring & School Presenter**  
2020 Tutoring, presentations, science fair judging, and miscellaneous volunteering.  
Organizations include: [Brain Awareness](#), [San Diego Science Fair](#), [San Diego Refugee Tutoring](#)
- 1/2014 - **Science Writer / Editor / Podcast Host, Useful Science Organization ([usefulscience.org](http://usefulscience.org))**  
1/2017 Writing clear, concise and useful summaries of scientific research for a general audience.