

Nelson Cowan Graduate and Postdoctoral Mentoring Activity

Doctoral Students and Their Positions

J. Scott Saults, Ph.D., 1992 (Graduate Student Excellence Award)
Emeritus, Research Associate, University of Missouri

Timothy A. Keller, Ph.D., 1994
Senior Research Associate, Carnegie Mellon University

Linda S. Day, Ph.D., 1995
Research Associate Professor Emerita, Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Missouri

Noelle Wood, Ph.D., 1996 (Graduate Student Excellence Award)
Project Manager, Rhode Island Department of Mental Health

Emily M. Elliott, Ph.D., 2001 (Several MU Awards and Alumnus Lecture)
Professor, Louisiana State University

Anna Hismjatullina, Ph.D., 2006
Chair, Department of Applied Behavior Analysis, Moscow Institute of Psychoanalysis

Candice C. Morey, Ph.D., 2007.
Currently Senior Lecturer, University of Cardiff, UK
(Predoctoral NRSA, NIH, Cowan sponsor; In 2008, one of 2 winners of the Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award at the University of Missouri. 2017 winner of Psychonomic Society Early Career Award.)

Zhijian (David) Chen, Ph.D., 2009
Lab Manager, Laboratory of Cognitive and Brain Development, Wayne State University

Amanda L. Gilchrist, Ph.D., 2011
Associate Professor, Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri
(Graduate Student Excellence Awards from the Department of Psychological Sciences and from Life Sciences. In 2011, winner of award for best dissertation on campus.)

Angela M. AuBuchon, Ph.D., 2012
Director, Working Memory and Language Laboratory, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska

Timothy J. Ricker, Ph.D., 2013
Assistant Professor, University of South Dakota
(2012 Departmental Graduate Student Excellence Award; Predoctoral NRSA, NIMH, 2011-2013, Cowan sponsor).

Dawei Li, Ph.D., 2013
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Duke University

Gerly Kukk (now Tamm), Ph.D.
2013-2015, visiting student from University of Tartu, Estonia

Kyle Hardman, Ph.D. 2017

(Life Sciences Fellowship; 2013 Department of Psychological Sciences Outstanding Master's Thesis Award)

Christopher L. Blume, Ph.D., 2018
Trains tutors for a private tutoring company in California.

Eryn Adams, Ph.D., 2021
Health Science Policy Analyst, NICHD
Formerly Postdoctoral Scientist, Baby's First Years project and University of New Orleans
(Ridgel Fellowship; Diversity Award, Cognitive Development Society, 2019;
Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, 2020)

Present Students:

Chenye Bao, M.S. 2025 Psychonomic Society J. Frank Yates Student Travel Award
Kellen Hendrix 2025 Object Perception, Attention, and Memory (OPAM) Professional Development Award
Hamid Nourbakhshi

Postdoctoral Fellows and Their Subsequent Positions

Emily Elliott, Ph.D. (Postdoc 2001-2002 in Cowan lab following MU Ph.D. in Cowan lab)
(Several MU Awards and Alumnus Lecture) Professor, Louisiana State University

Michael Bunting, Ph.D. (Postdoc 2003-2005)
Assistant Dean for Research, College of Engineering and Computing and Director of Research Development for National Security, George Mason University (Winner of *APA's 2006 Young Investigator Award* for the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*)

Tina Miyake, Ph.D. (Postdoc 2007-2009)
Supervision shared with Jeff Rouder and Moshe Naveh-Benjamin
Visiting Assistant Professor, Idaho State University

Amanda L. Gilchrist, Ph.D. (Postdoc 2011)
Professor, Cottey College, Nevada, MO

Evie Vergauwe, Ph.D. (Postdoc 2012-2015)
Associate Professor and SNSF Eccellenza fellow at the University of Geneva, Switzerland
Postdoc funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation
(Select Speaker Award, Psychonomic Society, 2014
Rising Star Award, Association for Psychological Science, 2015)

Steven Rhodes, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow supported by ESRC grant from U.K. (Postdoc 2016-2018). Former Postdoctoral Associate, Rotman Research Institute, Toronto, CA. Currently Statistician, Urology Institute, Cleveland.

Qiang Jiang, Ph.D. (Postdoc 2016-2018)
Psychological Scientist and Educator, Hui Xiu Education and Technology Co., Ltd
Shang Hai, China

Alicia Forsberg, Ph.D. (Postdoc 2019-2021) Currently Lecturer, University of Sheffield, U.K.
Equivalent of Assistant Professor in U.S.)(Women in Cognitive Science Networking Award for

Junior Scientists, 2020; University of Missouri Postdoctoral Research Award, and Department of Psychological Sciences Postdoctoral Research Excellence Award, 2021; Developmental Science Early Career Researcher Prize, 2021; Journal of Intelligence Young Investigator Award, 2022.

Dominic Guitard, Ph.D., 2021, Université de Moncton, Canada (Postdoc at University of Missouri 2021-2022). Currently Lecturer, Cardiff University, U.K. (equivalent of Assistant Professor in U.S.) Dominic was a visiting student from Moncton University, Canada, Fall 2019. Postdoctoral fellow (Cowan, sponsor: Postdoctoral Fellowships from Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, 2021-2022). Awards: 2021 Governor General's Gold Medal from Université de Moncton for best dissertation; Academic excellence certificate from the Canadian Psychology Association. Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology best article award of 2020. 2020 President's award from Université de Moncton for best student publication. Award for best doctoral dissertation, 2022. Editor's Choice Award for Guitard & Cowan (2023, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*). APS Rising Star Award, 2024.

Luísa Superbia-Guimarães, Ph.D. (2022, University of Fribourg, Switzerland; postdoc in Cowan lab at the University of Missouri 2022 until March, 2024). Beginning March, 2024, Lecturer (Assistant Professor), School of Psychology, University of Leeds, U.K.

Samsad Himi, Ph.D. Professor, Jagannath University. 2024-2025, Fulbright Scholar at the University of Missouri under the direction of Nelson Cowan. (2025: Editorial Fellow, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*)

Extramural Committee Member (+several others as reader)

Opponent, Doctoral Defense of István Winkler, University of Helsinki, Finland, June 2, 1993.

Reader, Doctoral Defense of Patrick Wilken, University of Melbourne, Australia, 2001

Committee Member, Habilitation of Valérie Camos, University of Bourgogne, Dijon, France, December 19, 2003

Doctoral Committee Member, Evie Vergauwe, University of Geneva, Switzerland, June 2010

Doctoral Committee Member, Gerly Tamm, University of Tartu, Estonia, May, 2021

Doctoral Committee Member, Luisa S. Guimaraes, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, Sept., 2022

Doctoral Committee, Béatrice Valentini, University of Geneva.

Doctoral Committee, Areej Alhamdan, LaTrobe University, Australia.