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EMPLOYMENT

University of Pennsylvania

September 2018

MindCore postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Allyson Mackey

Advisory committee: Dr. Angela Duckworth, Dr. Martha Farah, Dr. Joe Kable

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

September 2013 – May 2018

PhD in Brain and Cognitive Sciences with Dr. John Gabrieli and Dr. Laura Schulz

Thesis: *Social Influences on Children's Learning*

Wesleyan University

May 2011

B.A. Neuroscience and Behavior, Phi Beta Kappa, High honors, GPA: 4.0

Advisor: Anna Shusterman

Honors Thesis: *The Effects of Touch on Compliance in Preschool-Age Children*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cognitive development, learning, motivation, neuroscience, plasticity, resilience

PUBLICATIONS

Leonard, J.A., Romeo, R.R., Park, A., Takada, M.E., Robinson, S.T., Grotzinger, H., Last, B.S., Finn, A.S., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Mackey, A.P. (2019). Associations between cortical thickness and reasoning vary by socioeconomic status in early childhood and adolescence. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 36(100641). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcn.2019.100641>

Romeo, R. R., Segaran, J., **Leonard, J. A.**, Robinson, S. T., West, M. R., Mackey, A. P., ... & Gabrieli, J. D. (2018). Language Exposure Relates to Structural Neural Connectivity in Childhood. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 0484-18. <https://doi.org/10.1093/scan/nsy017>

Park, A. T., **Leonard, J. A.**, Saxler, P. K., Cyr, A. B., Gabrieli, J. D., & Mackey, A. P. (2018). Amygdala–medial prefrontal cortex connectivity relates to stress and mental health in early childhood. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 13(4), 430-439. <https://doi.org/10.1093/scan/nsy017>

Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S.T., Rowe, M.L., Mackey, A.P., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2017). The neural correlates of the “30 million word gap”: Childhood conversational exposure is associated with language-related brain function. *Psychological Science*, 29(5), 700-710. doi:10.1177/0956797617742725

Leonard, J.A., Lee, Y., & Schulz, L.E. (2017). Infants make more attempts to achieve a goal when they see adults persist. *Science*, 357(6357), 1290-1294. doi:10.1126/science.aan2317

Shusterman, A., Cheung, P., Taggart, J., Bass, T., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Schwartz, A. (2017). Conceptual Correlates of Counting: Children's Spontaneous Matching and tracking of Large Sets Reflects their Knowledge of the Cardinal Principle. *The Journal of Numerical Cognition*, 3(1), 1-30. doi:10.5964/jnc.v3i1.65

Leonard, J.A., Flournoy, J., Lewis-de los Angeles, C., & Whitaker, K. (2017). How much motion is too much motion? Determining motion thresholds by sample size for reproducibility in developmental resting-state MRI. *Research Ideas and Outcomes*, 3: e12569. doi:10.3897/rio.3.e12569

Finn, A.S., Minas, J., **Leonard, J.A.**, Mackey, A.P., Salvatore, J., Goetz, C., West, M., Gabrieli C.F.O., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2016). Functional brain organization of working memory in adolescents varies in relation to family income and academic achievement. *Developmental Science*. doi:110.1111/desc.12450

Cain, M.S., **Leonard, J.A.**, Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Finn, A.S. (2016). Multi-media tasking in adolescents. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 1-10. doi:10.3758/s13423-016-1036-3

Finn, A.S., Kalra, P.B., Goetz, C., **Leonard, J.A.**, Sheridan, M.A., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2016). Developmental dissociation between the maturation of procedural memory and declarative memory. *Journal of experimental child psychology*, 142, 212-220. doi:10.1016/j.jecp.2015.09.027

Leonard, J.A., Mackey, A.P., Finn, A.S., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2015). Differential effects of socioeconomic status on declarative and procedural memory. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 9:554. doi:10.3389/fnhum.2015.00554

Mackey, A.P., Finn, A.S., **Leonard, J.A.**, Jacoby-Senghor, D.S., West, M.R., Gabrieli, C.F., & Gabrieli, J.D. (2015). Neuroanatomical correlates of the income-achievement gap. *Psychological science*, doi:0956797615572233

Chai, X.J., Hirshfeld-Becker, D., Biederman, J., Uchida, M., Doehrmann, O., **Leonard, J.A.**, ... & Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. (2015). Altered intrinsic functional brain architecture in children at familial risk of major depression. *Biological Psychiatry*. doi:10.1016/j.biopsych.2015.12.003

Chai, X. J., Hirshfeld-Becker, D., Biederman, J., Uchida, M., Doehrmann, O., **Leonard, J.A.**, ... & Gabrieli, J. D. (2015). Functional and structural brain correlates of risk for major depression in children with familial depression. *NeuroImage: Clinical*, 8, 398-407. doi:10.1016/j.nicl.2015.05.004

Leonard, J.A., Berkowitz, T., & Shusterman, A. (2014). The effect of friendly touch on delay-of-gratification in preschool children. *The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 1-11, doi:10.1080/17470218.2014.907325

Plummer, D.B., Galla, B.M., Finn, A.S., Patrick, S.D., Meketon, D., **Leonard, J.A.** ... Duckworth, A.L. (2014). A behind-the-scenes guide to school-based research. *Mind, Brain, and Education*, 8(1), 15-20. doi:10.1111/mbe.12040

Finn, A.S., Kraft, M., West, M., **Leonard, J.A.**, Bisk, C., Martin, R., Sheridan, M.A., Gabrieli, C.F.O., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2014). Cognitive skills, student achievement tests, and schools. *Psychological Science*, 25(3), 736-44. doi: 10.1177/0956797613516008

SUBMITTED/ UNDER REVISION/ IN PREPARATION

Leonard, J.A., Garcia, A., & Schulz, L.E. (Revise and Resubmit at Child Development). *Practice what you preach: Children integrate adult's actions with testimony to decide how hard to try.*

Leonard, J.A., Bennet-Pierre, G., & Gweon, H. (2019) *Who is better? Preschoolers infer relative competence based on efficiency of process and quality of outcome.* Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Leonard, J.A., Bennet-Pierre, G., & Gweon, H. (2019) *Who is better? Preschoolers infer relative competence based on efficiency of process and quality of outcome.* The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Montreal, CAN.

Leonard, J.A., Romeo, R.R., Park, A., Takada, M.E., Robinson, S.T., Grotzinger, H., Last, B.S., Finn, A.S., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Mackey, A.P. (2018). *The neural correlates of reasoning differ by socioeconomic status in development*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Baltimore, MD.

Leonard, J.A. Garcia, A., Chew, K., & Schulz, L.E. (2018). *Practice what you preach: Children integrate adults' outcomes, actions, and testimony to decide how hard to try*. The International Congress of Infant Studies, Philadelphia, PA.

Leonard, J.A. & Schulz, L.E. (2018). *Social influences on children's motivation*. Association for Psychological Sciences, San Francisco, CA.

Leonard, J.A., Romeo, R.R., Mackey, A.P., Takada, M., Robinson, S., Gabrieli, J.D.E. & Schulz, L. (2017). *Predicting and Intervening on cognitive outcomes in young children*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Austin, TX.

Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.,** Robinson, S.T., Rowe, M.L. Mackey, A.P., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2017). *Children's language exposure predicts neural structure and function during language processing, independent of SES*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Austin, TX.

Leonard, J.A., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Schulz, L.E. (2016). *Socioeconomic status and exploratory play in early childhood*. Active Learning Workshop at the Cognitive Science Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Leonard, J.A., & Schulz, L.E. (2015). *If at first you don't succeed: the role of evidence in children's persistence*. More On Development, Columbus, OH.

Leonard, J.A., Flyod, S., Schulz, L.E. (2015). *The development of implicit theories of effort*. The Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Philadelphia, PA.

Mackey, A.P., **Leonard, J.A.,** Finn, A.S., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2014) *Hippocampal structure and connectivity is linked to standardized test score improvement*. Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.

Finn, A.S., **Leonard J.A.,** Mackey, A.P., Goetz, C.A., Salvatore, J., De los Angeles, C., Sheridan, M.A., Gabrieli, C.F.O., & John Gabrieli, G.D.E. (November, 2013). *The neural substrates associated with improvement on standardized exams during middle school*. The Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

CONFERENCE POSTERS

Leonard, J.A., Sorcher, L., Forde, J., Fegler, S., Tooley, U.A., Park, A.T., Hart, Y., & Mackey, A.P. (2019). *Associations between play, brain development, and creativity in early childhood*. FLUX congress, New York, NY.

Valencia V., Romeo, R., **Leonard, J.A.,** Rowe, M., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2019). *Hablamos Ambos (We Speak Both): Relationship between primary language use and lexical diversity in bilingual families*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Baltimore, MD.

Leonard, J.A., Romeo, R.R., Park, A., Takada, M.E., Robinson, S.T., Grotzinger, H., Finn, A.S., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Mackey, A.P. (2018). *Associations between cortical thickness and reasoning vary by socioeconomic status in early childhood*. Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.

Leonard, J.A., Magid, R., Kleiman-Weiner, M., DePascale, M., Tenenbaum, J., & Schulz, L. (2017). *Preschoolers rationally deploy effort in social learning and collaborative contexts*. Cognitive Development Society, Portland, OR.

Leonard, J.A., Kleiman-Weiner, M., Lee, Y., Tenenbaum, J., & Schulz, L. (2017). *Preschoolers and infants calibrate persistence from adults models*. Cognitive Science Society, London, UK.

Takada, M.E., **Leonard, J.A.**, Romeo, R.R., Robinson, S.T., Mackey, A.P., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2017). *Cognitive and neural correlates of mathematical reasoning across math proficiency levels*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Austin, TX.

Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S.T., Segaran, J., Rowe, M.L. Mackey, A.P., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2016). *Children's language exposure predicts neural activation during language processing*. Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Leonard, J.A., Lee, Y., & Schulz, L.E. (2015). *If at first you don't succeed: the role of evidence in preschoolers' and infants' persistence*. Cognitive Development Society, Columbus, OH.

Leonard, J.A., Mackey, A.P., Finn, A.S., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2015). *Differential effects of socioeconomic status on declarative and procedural memory*. FLUX congress, Leiden, Netherlands.

Leonard, J.A., Lee, Y., & Schulz, L.E. (2015). *If at first you don't succeed: the role of evidence in preschoolers' and infants' persistence*. Cognitive Science Society, Pasadena, CA.

Mackey, A.P., Finn, A.S., **Leonard, J.A.**, Salvatore, J., Goetz, C.A., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2014). *Cortical thickness differences associated with family income in adolescents*. Human Brain Mapping, Hamburg, Germany.

Leonard, J.A., Finn, A.S., Mackey, A.P., Salvatore, J., De los Angeles, C., Goetz, C.A., Gabrieli, J.D.E., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. (2014). *Relation of functional connectivity to cognitive abilities in adolescents from socioeconomically diverse backgrounds*. The Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.

Leonard, J.A., Finn, A.S., Mackey, A.P., Salvatore, J., De los Angeles, C., Goetz, C.A., Gabrieli, J.D.E., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. (2013). *Resting-state MRI in adolescents: Relation of functional connectivity to cognitive abilities and educational outcomes*. The Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Mackey, A.P., Finn, A.S., **Leonard, J.A.**, Salvatore, J., Goetz, C.A., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2013). *Cognitive, academic, and brain difference associated with low income backgrounds in adolescents*. The Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Finn, A., Albert, N., **Leonard, J.A.**, Hudson Kam, C.L. (2013). *Effort in skill learning: more persistent benefits for children*. The Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.

Leonard, J.A., Berkowitz, T., Shusterman, A. (2013). *The effects of touch on compliance in pre-school age children*. The Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Seattle, WA.

Finn, A., Sheridan, M.A., Salvatore, J., **Leonard, J.A.**, Gabrieli, J.D.E (2012). *Individual differences in adolescents' ability to filter items for working memory predict neural structure and function*. The Society for Neuroscience, Louisiana.

Leonard, J.A., Berkowitz, T., Shusterman, A. (2011) *The effects of touch on compliance in pre-school age children*. The Cognitive Development Society, Philadelphia, PA.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Walle Nauta Award for Continued Dedication to Teaching
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2017, 2018

Neurohack Week Fellow

September 2016, 2017

University of Washington eScience Institute

UCLA-Semel Institute Neuroimaging Training Program Fellow *July 2016*
UCLA

Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellow *June 2015*
UCSB, Developmental, computational & methodological cognitive neuroscience topics

Graduate Student Summer Travel Award *June 2015*
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Latin America School for Education, Cognition, and Neural Sciences Fellow *2015, 2018*
LA school for Education, Cognition, and Neural Sciences

NSF Graduate Student Research Fellowship *April 2014*
National Science Foundation

Ida M. Green Graduate School Fellowship *September 2013*
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

High Honors in Neuroscience and Behavior *May 2011*
Wesleyan University

Connecticut Higher Education Community Service Award Nominee *April 2011*
State of Connecticut, Office of Higher Education

Dean's List *2008, 2009, 2010, 2011*
Wesleyan University

Phi Beta Kappa *November 2010*
Chapter of Wesleyan University

INVITED TALKS

Developmental Area Meeting, Temple University *2019*

Affective Neuroscience and Development Laboratory, Harvard University *2018*

Developmental Group Talk Series, University of Pennsylvania *2017*

Developmental Colloquium, Stanford University *2017*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, OUTREACH

Teaching Assistant – Infant & Childhood Cognition *2016*
Dr. Laura Schulz, Faculty-Of-Record, Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT

Teaching Assistant – Psychological Science *2016, 2017*
Dr. John Gabrieli, Faculty-Of-Record, Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT

Teaching Assistant – Cognitive Processes *2015*
Dr. Mary Potter, Faculty-Of-Record, Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT

Teaching Assistant - Research Methods in Cognitive Development and Education *2010*
Dr. Anna Shusterman, Faculty-Of-Record, Wesleyan University, Department of Psychology

Co-teacher – Science Pedagogy for Elementary School Students *2009 - 2011*
Dr. Westmoreland, Dr. Roberts, Wesleyan University, Department of Chemistry

Science Outreach Class and Club, Co-founder, leader, head teacher *2007 - 2011*
Wesleyan University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Cognitive Science Society *2015*

FLUX Congress *2015*

Cognitive Neuroscience Society *2014*

Society for Neuroscience *2013*

Cognitive Development Society *2011*

Society for Research on Cognitive Development *2011*

Psi Chi International Honors Society of Psychology *2009*

RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

Penn Undergraduate Mentor

- Dominique Martinez, 2019
- Ava Cruz, 2019
- Lily Stein, 2019

MIT Undergraduate Mentor

- Caitlin Tan, 2013, 2014
- Dayna Wilmot, 2014, 2015
- Yuna Lee, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Jakub Kaczmarzyk, Summer 2015
- Megumi Takada, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Daniel Mirney, 2016
- Yuriko Fukumura, 2017
- Emily McDermitt, summer 2016
- Katherine Chew, 2017
- Fatima Gunter-Rahman, 2017, 2018
- Andrea Garcia, 2018
- Stephanie Flores, 2018

High School Mentor

- Daniel Remondi, Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA, 2014, 2015
- James Onyeukwu, Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA, 2014, 2015
- Courtney Noll, Spackenkill High School, Poughkeepsie, NY, summer 2014, 2015

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