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Academic Positions

GATSBY COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE UNIT, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON	
Reader in Theoretical Neuroscience and Machine Learning	10/09 –
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DEPT. OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, STANFORD, CALIFORNIA	
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Postdoctoral Fellow	8/02 – 4/04
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Senior Research Fellow	6/99 – 8/02

Education

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	
Ph.D. Computation and Neural Systems	5/99
Dissertation: Latent Variable Models for Neural Data Analysis. Advisors: R. A. Andersen and J. J. Hopfield.	
B.S. Physics	6/93

Professional Activities

General Chair, Computational and Systems Neuroscience Conference (COSYNE).	10
Programme Chair, COSYNE.	09
Workshops Chair, Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS).	08
Co-organizer, Neural Coding Computation and Dynamics meeting.	07
Programme Committee, COSYNE.	07
Programme Committee, NIPS.	04, 06
Member, Board of Directors of the Computational Neuroscience Organization.	03 – 06
Workshops organizer, Computational Neuroscience Meeting.	99 – 03
Co-organizer, Workshop on Neural Dynamics, Gatsby Unit, University College London.	00
Member, Association for Research in Otolaryngology.	05 –
Member, Society for Neuroscience.	95 –

Fellowships and Awards

NIPS2007 Best Student Paper, honourable mention (to Misha Ahrens)	07
Neural Information Processing Systems Conference	
CCN07 Best Presentation (to Misha Ahrens)	07
Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Meeting	
ICA2007 Best Student Paper (to Richard Turner)	07
7th International Conference on Independent Component Analysis and Signal Separation	
Predoctoral Fellow, Sloan Center for Theoretical Neuroscience	95 – 99
Predoctoral Fellow, Center for Neuromorphic Systems Engineering	95 – 99
Frederic W. Hinrichs, Jr., Memorial Award, Caltech	92

Publications

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