

Curriculum Vitae (.pdf)

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New York University; Ph.D., Neural Science (2003).

Brown University; B.S., Neuroscience (1999).

Previous experience

Assistant (2005-8) and Associate (2008-13) Professor, Department of Statistics, Columbia University.

Senior research fellow, Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit, University College London (2004-5).

Postdoctoral fellow, Center for Neural Science, HHMI, NYU (2003).

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