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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ReScience Journal – Associate Editor 2016–

Software Sustainability Institute, UK – Fellow 2016 2016–

Department of Experimental Psychology, University College London, UK
Postdoctoral Researcher 2016–

Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, UK
Postdoctoral Researcher 2014–2016

- Created models for category learning in infancy.
- Tutored on the Language and Cognition module.
- Ran and developed the Block Practical: **Connectionist Models and Cognitive Processes**.

Department of Psychological Sciences, Birkbeck, UK
Graduate Teaching Assistant 2010–2014

- Taught on a range of courses within psychological sciences.
- Was trained to evaluate, mark, invigilate, and support part-time, mature, and full-time students.
- Managed the SONA system.
- Organised and led the **Centre for Cognition, Computation and Modelling's** seminar.

PUBLICATIONS

Guest, O., Love, B. C. (2017). **What the Success of Brain Imaging Implies about the Neural Code.** *eLife*, 6:e21397.

Guest, O., Rougier, N. P. (2016). **What is computational reproducibility?** *IEEE CIS Newsletter on Cognitive and Developmental Systems*, 13 (1).

Guest, O. (2016). **Crisis in What Exactly?.** *The Winnower*.

Love, B. C., Kopeć, Ł., **Guest, O.** (2015). **Optimism Bias in Fans and Sports Reporters.** *PLoS ONE*, 10 (9).

Cooper, R. P., **Guest, O.** (2014). **Implementations are not specifications: specification, replication and experimentation in computational cognitive modeling.** *Cognitive Systems Research*, 27, 42–49.

Guest, O., Cooper, R. P., Davelaar, E. J. (2014). [High-Level Cognition]. **The Influence of Implementation on “Hub” Models of Semantic Cognition.** In J. Mayor, P. Gomez (Eds.), *Computational Models of Cognitive Processes* (pp. 155–169). World Scientific.

Guest, O., Cooper, R. P., Davelaar, E. J. (2012). **Semantic Cognition: A Re-examination of the Recurrent Network “Hub” Model.** In *Proceedings of the Ninth International Conference on Cognitive Modelling*. Berlin, Germany. April. (pp. 259–264). Berlin, Germany. April. Universitätsverlag der TU Berlin.

EDUCATION

Birkbeck, UK 2010–2014

Ph.D., Psychological Sciences, Sep 2014

- Thesis: *Towards a Unified Computational Account of Semantic Impairments*
- Primary Supervisor: Prof. Richard P. Cooper
- Secondary Supervisor: Dr. Eddy J. Davelaar

University College London, UK 2009–2010

M.Sc., **Cognitive and Decision Sciences** (Distinction), Sep 2010

- Thesis: *Modelling Semantic Memory & Its Impairments Following Neural Damage*
- Supervisor: Prof. Richard P. Cooper

The University of York, UK 2006–2009

B.Sc., **Computer Science**, Jun 2009

CONFERENCES

15th Annual Summer Interdisciplinary Conference (ASIC 2016)

Selva, Val Gardena, Italy

3–8 Jul 2016

- Talk: *What the Success of Brain Imaging Implies about the Neural Code.*

14th Annual Summer Interdisciplinary Conference (ASIC 2015)

Mammoth Lakes, California, USA

10–15 Jul 2015

- Talk: *Optimism Bias in Novice and Expert Sport Forecasting.*

13th Neural Computation and Psychology Workshop (NCPW 13)

BCBL, San Sebastian, Spain

12–14 Jul 2012

- Talk: *Exploring the influence of architecture and learning algorithm on the breakdown of the “hub” model of semantic cognition.*

11th International Conference on Cognitive Modeling (ICCM 2012)

Technische Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany

12–15 Apr 2012

- Poster: *Semantic Cognition: A Re-examination of the Recurrent Network “Hub” Model.*
- Won best student poster prize (€100).

INVITED TALKS

Centre for Language Studies

Radboud University, The Netherlands

8 Mar 2017

- Talk: *What the Success of Brain Imaging Implies about the Neural Code.*

London Judgement and Decision Making Seminars

University College London, UK

8 Feb 2017

- Talk: *What the Success of Brain Imaging Implies about the Neural Code.*

Summerfield Lab

University of Oxford, UK

23 Nov 2016

- Talk: *What the Success of Brain Imaging Implies about the Neural Code.*

WORKSHOPS

Research Data Visualisation Workshop (RDVW)

Software Sustainability Institute, University of Manchester

28 Jul 2016

- Organised 1-day workshop with **Raniere Silva** (main organiser) and **Vince Knight**.
- Member of **steering committee**.
- Obtained funding from **RStudio**.

Introduction to Computational Cognitive Modelling Workshop

CCCM, Birkbeck

23–25 Apr 2014

- Organised 3-day workshop with **Chris Brand** (co-organiser).
- Prepared slides, exercises, created website.

TEACHING

Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, UK

Postdoctoral Research Assistant

2014–

Block Practical: Connectionist Models and Cognitive Processes

- Module: *Third Year, B.Sc.*
- Designed course structure and materials (slides and exercises).
- Set final report wherein students replicated from scratch Tyler et al. (2000) in Python.
- Created course website: oliviaguest.com/connectionism.

Tutorial: Language and Cognition

- Module: *Second Year, B.Sc.*
- Set essays and marked exams.

Department of Psychological Sciences, Birkbeck, University of London, UK

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2010–2014

- Modules Taught: *General Foundations of Psychology, Psychobiology, Advanced Research Methods, Advanced Quantitative Methods, Memory and Cognition, Matlab Programming for Psychological Science,*

MEDIA OUTREACH

BBC Radio 4: Today Show

22 Feb 2016

- Interview: *What can we learn in 4 months?*

Optimism Bias in Fans and Sports Reporters

9 Sep 2015

- Press Releases: **University of Oxford, UCL**
- Media Coverage: **CS Monitor, Medical Daily, MinnPost, Newsweek, Pacific Standard, Phys.org.**

TECHNICAL SKILLS

General: **Website design** (HTML, CSS, CMS, Jekyll, Liquid, YAML); Graphic design (Adobe CS); GUI design (PyGTK, GTK+); Artificial neural networks (e.g., TensorFlow); Unix administration (e.g., command line, LAMP web server), Eye-tracking (data collection and analysis).

Programming: Ada, C, C++, C#, Java, JavaScript, \LaTeX , MATLAB, OpenGL, Pascal, PHP, Prolog, Python, R, Scheme, SQL, Visual Basic.