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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Tong Lab   *August 2024 -*
Advisor: Frank Tong, Ph.D.   *Current*
Vanderbilt University

Lab manager, Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience Lab   *February 2024 -*
Advisor: Jiahui Guo, Ph.D.   *July 2024*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Research assistant, The Face Perception Research Lab   *October 2020 -*
Advisor: Alice O'Toole, Ph.D.   *December 2023*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Research Assistant/Lab manager, The Infant Learning Project   *January 2020 -*
Advisor: Melanie Spence, Ph.D.   *December 2022*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Lab manager from Spring 2021-Fall 2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience   *August 2024 -*
Vanderbilt University   *Current*

M.S. Applied Cognition and Neuroscience   *June 2022 -*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences.   *December 2023*
Specialization: Computational Modeling/Intelligent Systems

B.S. Psychology   *August 2019 -*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences   *May 2022*
Honors thesis: Deeper levels of processing improve recognition accuracy for inverted faces.

HONORS AND AWARDS

University Graduate Fellowship ($5000/year for 3 years)   *August 2024*
Vanderbilt University, Graduate School

Student Leadership Award   *May 2022*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Major Honors in Psychology   *May 2022*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

Latin Honors (*magna cum laude)*   *May 2022*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

UTD Institutional Review Board HIVE Award (link)   *Spring 2022*
The University of Texas at Dallas, Office of Research and Innovation

Undergraduate Research Scholarship Award ($800)   *Fall 2021*
The University of Texas at Dallas, Office of Undergraduate Education

University of Buffalo exploreCSR Research Grant ($1,000)   *Spring 2021*

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

Strehle, V.E., Bendiksen, N.K., & O'Toole, A.J. (2023). Deep convolutional neural networks are sensitive to configural properties of faces. *(Under revision).* https://psyarxiv.com/xu4sm/

Parde, C. J**., Strehle, V.E.**, Banerjee, V., Hu, Y., Cavazos, J., Castillo, C. D., & O'Toole, A. J. (2023). Twin identification over viewpoint change: A deep convolutional neural network surpasses human. *ACM Transactions on Applied Perception*, *20*(3), 1-15. https://doi.org/10.1145/3609224

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Strehle, V.E., Bendiksen, N.K., & O'Toole, A.J. (May 2023). Deep convolutional neural networks are sensitive to configural properties of faces. *Journal of Vision*, *23*(9), 5560-5560. https://doi.org/10.1167/jov.23.9.5560

Strehle, V.E. & Spence, M.J. (March 2023). Deeper levels of processing improve recognition accuracy for inverted faces. *Presented at the annual conference of the Southwestern Psychological Association,* Frisco, TX, 2023.

Razvi, S., Hale, M., **Strehle, V.E**., Hernandez, I.B., Davis, H.W., & Spence, M.J. (March 2023). Infants' Perception of Faces and Speech: A Web-Based Study. *Presented at the annual conference of the Southwestern Psychological Association,* Frisco, TX, 2023

Parde, C. J., **Strehle, G.**, Banerjee, V., Hu, Y., Cavazos, J. G., Castillo, C. D., & O'Toole, A. J. (May 2022). Comparing human and deep convolutional neural network performance on

twin identification. *Journal of Vision*, *22*(14), 3357-3357. https://doi.org/10.1167/jov.22.14.3357

Roberts, A., Razvi, S., Rehman, S., Hale, M., Mickelsen, M., **Strehle, G.**, ... & Spence, M. J. (April 2021) Exploring the Relationship Between Mental-State Language and Children's Early Vocabulary Development. *Presented at the virtual Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting,* 2021.

INVITED TALKS

Strehle, V.E., Bendiksen, N.K., & O'Toole, A.J. (12 April, 2023). Deep convolutional neural networks (DCNNs) are sensitive to face configuration. *Different Minds Collaborative 2023 Trainee Conference*. Hosted remotely by University of Victoria, organized by Jim Tanaka.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate TA, Cognitive Science   *Fall 2023*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Professor: Alice O'Toole, Ph.D.

Graduate TA, Molecular Neuroscience   *Fall 2022*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Professor: Rukhsana Sultana, Ph.D.

Undergraduate TA, Honors Cognitive Science   *Spring 2022*
The University of Texas at Dallas, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Professor: Alice O'Toole, Ph.D.

TECHNICAL SKILLS
- Python
- R
- PsychoPy
- SPSS