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<b>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</b>	<b>New York University</b> <b>Sep. 2023 to Present</b> Assistant Professor, Computer Science & Engineering  <b>Columbia University</b> , New York, NY <b>Sep. 2018 to Sep. 2023</b> Postdoctoral Research Scientist Zuckerman Institute Center for Theoretical Neuroscience Departments of Statistics and Neuroscience Mentor: Liam Paninski  <b>University of Pennsylvania</b> , Philadelphia, PA <b>Sep. 2011 to May. 2018</b> Graduate Research Assistant Electrical and Systems Engineering Advisor: Christos Davatzikos  <b>University of Rochester</b> , Rochester, NY <b>Jan. 2011 to Aug. 2011</b> Undergraduate Research Assistant Computational Biomedical Imaging Group Advisor: Mathews Jacob  <b>Laboratory for Laser Energetics</b> , Rochester, NY <b>Jan. 2007 to Aug. 2008</b> Research Assistant Experimental Fiber Optics Group Advisor: John Marciante
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Ph.D. in Electrical and Systems Engineering</b> <b>Sep. 2012 to May 2018</b> University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA Thesis: Advancing statistical inference for population studies in neuroimaging using machine learning Academic Advisor: Christos Davatzikos  <b>A.M. in Statistics</b> <b>Sep. 2012 to May 2018</b> Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA Thesis: Generative discriminative models for multivariate inference and statistical mapping Academic Advisor: Edward George  <b>B.S. in Mathematics &amp; Biomedical Engineering</b> <b>Sep. 2006 to May 2011</b> University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
<b>FUNDING</b>	<b>NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award</b> <b>Aug. 2022 to Aug. 2027</b> <b>Code:</b> <a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/381128772/">1K99MH128772</a> <b>Title:</b> Transcriptional basis of stereotyped neural architectures <b>Amount:</b> \$997,884.00

## PUBLICATIONS Summary

Google scholar citation count: 1658, h-index: 18, i10-index: 28

Number of book chapters (invited): 2

Number of journal papers (peer-reviewed): 21

Number of conference papers (peer-reviewed): 20

Top five papers indicated below in **red**.

### Book Chapters

2. Wen, J., Varol, E., Yang, Z., Hwang, G., Dwyer, D., Kazerooni, A. F., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2023). Subtyping brain diseases from imaging data. In *Machine Learning for Brain Disorders* (pp. 491-510). New York, NY: Springer US.
1. Sotiras, A., Gaonkar, B., Eavani, H., Honnorat, N., Varol, E., Dong, A., & Davatzikos, C. (2016). Machine learning as a means toward precision diagnostics and prognostics. In *Machine learning and medical imaging* (pp. 299-334). Academic Press.

### Peer Reviewed and Published Manuscripts

41. Coughlin, B., Munoz, W., Kfir, Y., Young, M. J., Meszna, D., Jamali, M., ... & Paulk, A. C. (2023). Modified Neuropixels probes for recording human neurophysiology in the operating room. *Nature Protocols*, 1-27.
40. Nejatbakhsh, A., Dey, N., Venkatachalam, V., Yemini, E., Paninski, L., & Varol, E. (2023, June). Learning Probabilistic Piecewise Rigid Atlases of Model Organisms via Generative Deep Networks. In *International Conference on Information Processing in Medical Imaging* (pp. 332-343). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
39. Chen, S., Rao, B. Y., Herrlinger, S., Losonczy, A., Paninski, L., & Varol, E. (2023, June). Multimodal Microscopy Image Alignment Using Spatial and Shape Information and a Branch-and-Bound Algorithm. In *ICASSP 2023-2023 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)* (pp. 1-5). IEEE.
38. Windolf, C., Paulk, A. C., Kfir, Y., Trautmann, E., Meszna, D., Munoz, W., ... & Varol, E. (2023, June). Robust online multiband drift estimation in electrophysiology data. In *ICASSP 2023-2023 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)* (pp. 1-5). IEEE.
37. Dwyer, D. B., Chand, G. B., Pignoni, A., Khuntia, A., Wen, J., Antoniadou, M., ... & Dazzan, P. (2023). Psychosis brain subtypes validated in first-episode cohorts and related to illness remission: results from the PHENOM consortium. *Molecular Psychiatry*, 1-10.
36. Hwang, G., Wen, J., Sotardi, S., Brodtkin, E. S., Chand, G. B., Dwyer, D. B., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2023). Assessment of neuroanatomical endophenotypes of autism spectrum disorder and association with characteristics of individuals with schizophrenia and the general population. *JAMA psychiatry*, 80(5), 498-507.
35. Chand, G. B., Singhal, P., Dwyer, D. B., Wen, J., Erus, G., Doshi, J., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2022). Schizophrenia imaging signatures and their associations with cognition, psychopathology, and genetics in the general population. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 179(9), 650-660.
34. Wen, J., Fu, C. H., Tosun, D., Veturi, Y., Yang, Z., Abdulkadir, A., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2022). Characterizing heterogeneity in neuroimaging, cognition, clinical symptoms, and genetics among patients with late-life depression. *JAMA psychiatry*, 79(5), 464-474.

33. Wen, J., Varol, E., Sotiras, A., Yang, Z., Chand, G. B., Erus, G., ... & Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative. (2022). Multi-scale semi-supervised clustering of brain images: deriving disease subtypes. *Medical image analysis*, 75, 102304.
32. Boussard, J., Varol, E., Lee, H. D., Dethe, N., & Paninski, L. (2021). Three-dimensional spike localization and improved motion correction for Neuropixels recordings. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 34, 22095-22105.
31. Tekieli, T., Yemini, E., Nejatbakhsh, A., Wang, C., Varol, E., Fernandez, R. W., ... & Hobert, O. (2021). Visualizing the organization and differentiation of the male-specific nervous system of *C. elegans*. *Development*, 148(18), dev199687.
30. Taylor, S. R., Santpere, G., Weinreb, A., Barrett, A., Reilly, M. B., Xu, C., Varol, E., ... & Miller, D. M. (2021). Molecular topography of an entire nervous system. *Cell*, 184(16), 4329-4347. **#1 paper: 280 citations.**
29. Berghoff, E. G., Glenwinkel, L., Bhattacharya, A., Sun, H., Varol, E., Mohammadi, N., ... & Hobert, O. (2021). The Prop1-like homeobox gene *unc-42* specifies the identity of synaptically connected neurons. *Elife*, 10, e64903.
28. Varol, E., Boussard, J., Dethe, N., Winter, O., Urai, A., Laboratory, T. I. B., ... & Paninski, L. (2021, June). Decentralized motion inference and registration of neuropixel data. In *ICASSP 2021-2021 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)* (pp. 1085-1089). IEEE.
27. Mena, G., Nejatbakhsh, A., Varol, E., Niles-Weed, J. (2021). Sinkhorn EM: An Expectation-Maximization algorithm based on entropic optimal transport. *OTML '21.NeurIPS Workshop on Optimal Transport in Machine Learning*.
26. Baller, E. B., Kaczkurkin, A. N., Sotiras, A., Adebimpe, A., Bassett, D. S., Calkins, M. E., ... & Satterthwaite, T. D. (2021). Neurocognitive and functional heterogeneity in depressed youth. *Neuropsychopharmacology*, 46(4), 783-790.
25. Gross, P., Johnson, J., Romero, C. M., Eaton, D. M., Poulet, C., Sanchez-Alonso, J., ... & Houser, S. R. (2021). Interaction of the joining region in junctophilin-2 with the L-type Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel is pivotal for cardiac dyad assembly and intracellular Ca<sup>2+</sup> dynamics. *Circulation research*, 128(1), 92-114.
24. Yemini, E., Lin, A., Nejatbakhsh, A., Varol, E., Sun, R., Mena, G. E., ... & Hobert, O. (2021). NeuroPAL: a multicolor atlas for whole-brain neuronal identification in *C. elegans*. *Cell*, 184(1), 272-288. **#5 paper: 123 citations.**
23. Rao, B. Y., Peterson, A. M., Kandror, E. K., Herrlinger, S., Losonczy, A., Paninski, L., ... & Varol, E. (2021). Non-parametric vignetting correction for sparse spatial transcriptomics images. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention MICCAI 2021: 24th International Conference, Strasbourg, France, September 27-October 1, 2021, Proceedings, Part VIII 24* (pp. 466-475). Springer International Publishing.
22. Nejatbakhsh, A., & Varol, E. (2021). Neuron matching in *c. elegans* with robust approximate linear regression without correspondence. In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision* (pp. 2837-2846).
21. Reilly, M. B., Cros, C., Varol, E., Yemini, E., & Hobert, O. (2020). Unique homeobox codes delineate all the neuron classes of *C. elegans*. *Nature*, 584(7822), 595-601.
20. Chand, G. B., Dwyer, D. B., Erus, G., Sotiras, A., Varol, E., Srinivasan, D., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2020). Two distinct neuroanatomical subtypes of schizophrenia revealed using machine learning. *Brain*, 143(3), 1027-1038. **#2 paper: 160 citations..**
19. Kaczkurkin, A. N., Sotiras, A., Baller, E. B., Barzilay, R., Calkins, M. E., Chand, G. B., ... & Satterthwaite, T. D. (2020). Neurostructural heterogeneity in youths with internalizing symptoms. *Biological psychiatry*, 87(5), 473-482.

18. Truelove-Hill, M., Erus, G., Bashyam, V., Varol, E., Sako, C., Gur, R. C., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2020). A multidimensional neural maturation index reveals reproducible developmental patterns in children and adolescents. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 40(6), 1265-1275.
17. Mena, G., Varol, E., Nejatbakhsh, A., Yemini, E., & Paninski, L. (2020, February). Sinkhorn permutation variational marginal inference. In *Symposium on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference* (pp. 1-9). PMLR.
16. Varol, E., Nejatbakhsh, A., Sun, R., Mena, G., Yemini, E., Hobert, O., & Paninski, L. (2020). Statistical atlas of *C. elegans* neurons. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention MICCAI 2020: 23rd International Conference, Lima, Peru, October 48, 2020, Proceedings, Part V 23* (pp. 119-129). Springer International Publishing.
15. Nejatbakhsh, A., Varol, E., Yemini, E., Venkatachalam, V., Lin, A., Samuel, A. D., ... & Paninski, L. (2020). Demixing calcium imaging data in *C. elegans* via deformable non-negative matrix factorization. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention MICCAI 2020: 23rd International Conference, Lima, Peru, October 48, 2020, Proceedings, Part V 23* (pp. 14-24). Springer International Publishing.
14. Nejatbakhsh, A., Varol, E., Yemini, E., Hobert, O., & Paninski, L. (2020). Probabilistic joint segmentation and labeling of *C. elegans* neurons. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention MICCAI 2020: 23rd International Conference, Lima, Peru, October 48, 2020, Proceedings, Part V 23* (pp. 130-140). Springer International Publishing.
13. Wen, J., Varol, E., Chand, G., Sotiras, A., & Davatzikos, C. (2020). MAGIC: Multi-scale heterogeneity analysis and clustering for brain diseases. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention MICCAI 2020: 23rd International Conference, Lima, Peru, October 48, 2020, Proceedings, Part VII 23* (pp. 678-687). Springer International Publishing.
12. Varol, E., Sotiras, A., & Davatzikos, C. (2018). MIDAS: Regionally linear multivariate discriminative statistical mapping. *NeuroImage*, 174, 111-126.
11. Varol, E., Sotiras, A., & Davatzikos, C. (2018, April). Regionally discriminative multivariate statistical mapping. In *2018 IEEE 15th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI 2018)* (pp. 1560-1563). IEEE.
10. Varol, E., Sotiras, A., Zeng, K., & Davatzikos, C. (2018). Generative discriminative models for multivariate inference and statistical mapping in medical imaging. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention MICCAI 2018: 21st International Conference, Granada, Spain, September 16-20, 2018, Proceedings, Part III 11* (pp. 540-548). Springer International Publishing.
9. Dong, A., Toledo, J. B., Honnorat, N., Doshi, J., Varol, E., Sotiras, A., ... & Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative. (2017). Heterogeneity of neuroanatomical patterns in prodromal Alzheimer's disease: links to cognition, progression and biomarkers. *Brain*, 140(3), 735-747. **#3 paper: 155 citations.**
8. Varol, E., Sotiras, A., Davatzikos, C., & Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative. (2017). HYDRA: Revealing heterogeneity of imaging and genetic patterns through a multiple max-margin discriminative analysis framework. *NeuroImage*, 145, 346-364. **#4 paper: 137 citations.**
7. Allen, G. I., Amoroso, N., Anghel, C., Balagurusamy, V., Bare, C. J., Beaton, D., ... & Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative. (2016). Crowdsourced estimation of cognitive decline and resilience in Alzheimer's disease. *Alzheimer's & Dementia*, 12(6), 645-653.
6. Gross, P., Honnorat, N., Varol, E., Wallner, M., Trapanese, D. M., Sharp, T. E., ... & Houser, S. R. (2016). Nuquantus: Machine learning software for the characterization and quantification of cell nuclei in complex immunofluorescent tissue images. *Scientific reports*, 6(1), 23431.

5. Varol, E., Sotiras, A., & Davatzikos, C. (2016). Structured outlier detection in neuroimaging studies with minimal convex polytopes. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention—MICCAI 2016: 19th International Conference, Athens, Greece, October 17-21, 2016, Proceedings, Part I* 19 (pp. 300-307). Springer International Publishing.
4. Varol, E., Sotiras, A., & Davatzikos, C. (2015). Disentangling disease heterogeneity with max-margin multiple hyperplane classifier. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention—MICCAI 2015: 18th International Conference, Munich, Germany, October 5-9, 2015, Proceedings, Part I* 18 (pp. 702-709). Springer International Publishing.
3. Varol, E., & Davatzikos, C. (2014). Supervised block sparse dictionary learning for simultaneous clustering and classification in computational anatomy. In *Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention—MICCAI 2014: 17th International Conference, Boston, MA, USA, September 14-18, 2014, Proceedings, Part II* 17 (pp. 446-453). Springer International Publishing.
2. Varol, E., Gaonkar, B., & Davatzikos, C. (2013, April). Classifying medical images using morphological appearance manifolds. In *2013 IEEE 10th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging* (pp. 744-747). IEEE.
1. Varol, E., Gaonkar, B., Erus, G., Schultz, R., & Davatzikos, C. (2012, May). Feature ranking based nested support vector machine ensemble for medical image classification. In *2012 9th IEEE international symposium on biomedical imaging (ISBI)* (pp. 146-149). IEEE.

#### Pre-prints & Working papers

10. Wen, J., Skampardon, I., Tian, Y. E., Yang, Z., Cui, Y., Erus, G., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2023). Neuroimaging-AI Endophenotypes of Brain Diseases in the General Population: Towards a Dimensional System of Vulnerability. *medRxiv*, 2023-08.
9. Wen, J., Yang, Z., Nasrallah, I. M., Cui, Y., Erus, G., Srinivasan, D., ... & ADNI studies. (2022). Genetic, clinical underpinnings of subtle early brain change along Alzheimers dimensions. *bioRxiv*, 2022-09.
8. Hwang, G., Wen, J., Sotardi, S., Brodtkin, E. S., Chand, G. B., Dwyer, D. B., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2022). Three Imaging Endophenotypes Characterize Neuroanatomical Heterogeneity of Autism Spectrum Disorder. *medRxiv*, 2022-06.
7. Barrett, A., Varol, E., Weinreb, A., Taylor, S. R., McWhirter, R. M., Cros, C., ... & Hammarlund, M. (2022). Integrating bulk and single cell RNA-seq refines transcriptomic profiles of specific *C. elegans* neurons. *BioRxiv*, 2022-04.
6. Chand, G. B., Singhal, P., Dwyer, D. B., Wen, J., Erus, G., Doshi, J., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2022). Two schizophrenia imaging signatures and their associations with cognition, psychopathology, and genetics in the general population. *medRxiv*, 2022-01.
5. Nejatbakhsh, A., Varol, E., Yemini, E., Venkatachalam, V., Lin, A., Samuel, A. D., & Paninski, L. (2020). Extracting neural signals from semi-immobilized animals with deformable non-negative matrix factorization. *bioRxiv*, 2020-07.
4. Mena, G., Nejatbakhsh, A., Varol, E., & Niles-Weed, J. (2020). Sinkhorn em: an expectation-maximization algorithm based on entropic optimal transport. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.16548*.
3. Yemini, E., Lin, A., Nejatbakhsh, A., Varol, E., Sun, R., Mena, G. E., ... & Hobert, O. (2019). NeuroPAL: a neuronal polychromatic atlas of landmarks for whole-brain imaging in *C. elegans*. *BioRxiv*, 676312.
2. Varol, E., Nejatbakhsh, A., & McGrory, C. (2019). Temporal Wasserstein non-negative matrix factorization for non-rigid motion segmentation and spatiotemporal deconvolution. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1912.03463*.

1. Varol, E., & Nejatbakhsh, A. (2019). Wasserstein total variation filtering. arXiv preprint arXiv:1910.10822.

### Selected Conference Abstracts

14. Windolf, C., ...,Varol, E. (2023) Robust registration of high-density electrophysiology data with DREDge. In Society for Neuroscience (SFN 2023), November, 2023.
13. Shuonan, C., Rao, B., Herrlinger, S., Tuttman, A., Losonczy, A., Paninski, L., Varol, E. (2022) Automatic registration of cellular functional activity in vivo with post-hoc immunohistochemical characterization of cell types. In Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB 2022), May, 2022.
12. Kfir, Y., Paulk, A., Windolf, C., Varol, E., Cash, S. (2022). Motion correction using local field potential in Neuropixels recordings from the human cortex. In Research in Encoding And Decoding of Neural Ensembles (AREADNE 2022), June, 2022.
11. Varol, E., Taylor, S.R., Litwin-Kumar, A., Miller, D.M., Hobert, O., Paninski, L. (2021). A computational approach linking single neuron gene expression with connectivity. In 23rd International C. elegans Conference, June, 2021.
10. Varol, E., Boussard, J., Dethlefsen, N., Paninski, L. (2020). Decentralized motion inference and registration of Neuropixel data. In Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE), February, 2021.
9. Hwang, G., Brodtkin, E.S., Chand, G.B., Dwyer, D.B., Wen, J., Erus, G., Doshi, J., Srinivasan, D., Varol, E., Sotiras, A. and Dazzan, P., 2021. Three Distinct Neuroanatomical Subtypes of Autism Spectrum Disorder, Revealed via Machine Learning, and Their Similarities With Schizophrenia Subtypes. *Biological Psychiatry*, 89(9), pp.S374-S375.
8. Wen, J., Chand, G., Abdulkadir, A., Pomponio, R., Varol, E., Davatzikos, C. (2020) Multi-scale feature reduction and semi-supervised learning to reveal neuroanatomical heterogeneity. In Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM), June 2020.
7. McGrory, C., Varol, E.. Non-linear matrix factorization methods for extracting calcium traces in moving C. elegans videos. In Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE), February, 2020.
6. Nejatbakhsh, A., Varol, E.. Joint segmentation and labeling of C. elegans neurons. In Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE), February, 2020.
5. Varol, E., G. Mena, A. Nejatbakhsh, E. Yemini, L. Paninski. Probabilistic Atlases of C.elegans Neurons in NeuroPAL. In Learning Meaningful Representations of Life Workshop at the 33rd Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), December 2019.
4. Varol, E., A.Sotiras, C. Davatzikos. (2018) Generative discriminative regression for neuroimaging analysis. In Statistical Methods in Imaging (SMI), June 2018.
3. Varol, E., A.Sotiras, C. Davatzikos. (2017) Brain mapping through regional multivariate pattern analysis and discriminative adaptive smoothing. In Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM), June 2017.
2. Serpa, M. H., Zanetti, M. V., Varol, E., Chaim, T. M., Gaonkar, B., Doshi, J., ... & Davatzikos, C. (2012). Neuroanatomical Pattern Classification in Unmedicated First-Episode Psychosis: Influence of Different Imaging Feature Selection. In *Biological Psychiatry*.
1. Chaim, T. M., Silva, M. A., Varol, E., Doshi, J., Zanetti, M. V., Gaonkar, B., ... & Busatto, G. F. (2012). High-Dimensional Pattern Classification of Brain Morphometric and DTI Data of Adult ADHD. In *Biological Psychiatry*.

## INVITED AND CONTRIBUTED TALKS

Three-dimensional spike localization and improved motion correction for Neuropixels recordings.

NeurIPS '21 (Recorded presentation)

Talk recording: <https://youtu.be/gg6LhGs-54c>

**December 2021**

A computational approach linking neuron-specific gene expression with connectivity. 23rd International C. elegans Conference (Oral presentation)

Talk recording: <https://youtu.be/1K1f8TJf8ic>

**June 2021**

The genetic basis of neural circuits - CeNGEN Workshop 23rd International C. elegans Conference (Oral presentation)

**June 2021**

Motion inference and registration of Neuropixel data ICASSP'21 (Recorded presentation)

Talk recording: <https://youtu.be/crzG6sAk-qM>

**June 2021**

Motion inference and registration of Neuropixel data Zuckerman Institute (ZIPS), New York, NY (Nominated Talk)

**November 2020**

Genetic basis of connectivity and graph hypothesis testing Center for Theoretical Neuroscience Seminar, Columbia University

**November 2020**

Decentralized motion inference and registration of Neuropixel data Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, Columbia University (Post-doctoral seminar)

**October 2020**

Genetic basis of connectivity in C. elegans 3rd Annual CenGEN Meeting, New York, NY (Invited Talk)

**February 2020**

Optimal transport theory for motion modelling in c. elegans and beyond Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, Columbia University

**January 2020**

Generative discriminative models for multivariate inference and statistical mapping MICCAI 2018, Granada, Spain (Conference Oral Presentation)

**September 2018**

Adaptive statistical inference in neuroimaging analysis using machine learning Columbia University, New York, NY (Invited Talk)

**June 2018**

Adaptive statistical inference in neuroimaging analysis using machine learning Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, MA (Invited Talk)

**June 2018**

Adaptive statistical inference in neuroimaging analysis using machine learning Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (Invited Talk)

**June 2018**

Regionally discriminative multivariate statistical mapping IEEE ISBI 2018, Washington, DC (Conference Oral Presentation)

**April 2018**

Classifying medical images using morphological appearance manifolds. IEEE ISBI 2013, San Francisco, CA (Conference Oral Presentation)

**April 2013**

## MENTORING

Alex Ratzan **September 2023 — Present**  
Ph.D. student—Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, NYU

Jizheng Dong **September 2023 — Present**  
Ph.D. student—Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, NYU

Michael Middleton **September 2023 — Present**  
Ph.D. student—Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, NYU

Tianxiao He **September 2023 — Present**  
Ph.D. student—Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, NYU

Margaret Conde Paredes (with Attila Losonczy) **September 2023 — Present**  
Ph.D. student—Dept. of Neurobiology and Behavior, Columbia University

Daniela Shoham **June 2023 — Present**  
Undergraduate—Dept. of Computer Science, Barnard College

Shuonan Chen (with Liam Paninski) **June 2021 — September 2023**  
Ph.D. student—Dept. of Systems Biology, Columbia University

Charlie Windolf (with Liam Paninski) **October 2020 — September 2023**  
Ph.D student — Dept. of Statistics, Columbia University

Julien Boussard (with Liam Paninski) **May 2020 — September 2023**  
Ph.D. Student — Dept. of Statistics, Columbia University

Bovey Rao (with Attila Losonczy) **August 2020 — September 2023**  
Ph.D. Student — Dept. of Neurobiology and Behavior, Columbia University

Amin Nejatbakhsh (with Liam Paninski) **September 2018 — September 2022**  
Ph.D. Student — Dept. of Neurobiology and Behavior, Columbia University

## TEACHING

**New York University** **Spring 2024**  
Lecturer

- Selected Topics in CS: Neuroinformatics (CS-GY 9223 E)

**Columbia University** **Fall 2021**  
Guest lecturer

- Statistical analysis of neural data (GR8201) (under Liam Paninski)
  - Taught “Intro to Spike Sorting” lecture (in person) (9/24/21 - 1.5 hrs)
  - Taught “Bleeding edge Spike Sorting” lecture (in person) (10/1/21 - 1.5 hrs)
  - Google slides: <https://bit.ly/3nU4lGZ>

**University of Florida** **Fall 2021**  
Guest lecturer

- Neuro-AI: Neuroscience meets Artificial Intelligence (EEL 6935) (under Shreya Saxena)
  - Taught “Intro to Spike Sorting” lecture (over ZOOM) (8/29/21 - 50 mins)
  - Google slides: <https://bit.ly/33FcnfX>

**University of Pennsylvania** **Fall 2013, Spring 2014**  
Teaching Assistant

- Convex Optimization (ESE 605) (under Alejandro Ribeiro)
- Machine Learning (CIS 520) (under Lyle Ungar)

**University of Rochester** **Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010**  
Teaching Assistant

- Linear Algebra and Differential Equations (MTH 265) (under Michael Gage & Jonathan Pakianathan)
- Applied Fourier Series and Boundary Value Problems (MTH 281) (under Alfred Clark)



**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**    **Area Chair**

- MICCAI 2023

**Reviewer / Program Chair**

- eLife (2023 – Present)
- Cell Reports (2023 – Present)
- Elsevier-Neuroimage (2012 – Present)
- Elsevier-Medical Image Analysis (2012 – Present)
- IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (2012 – Present)
- MICCAI (2015 – Present)
- Elsevier-Neurobiology of Aging (2019 – Present)
- NeurIPS (2019 – Present)
- AISTATS (2019 – Present)
- IJCAI (2019 – Present)
- ICML (2020 – Present)
- MICCAI-MLCN Workshop (2019 – Present)
- CeNGEN Workshop at the International C. Elegans Conference 2021 (Organizing committee)

**DIVERSITY,  
EQUITY,  
INCLUSION &  
OUTREACH**

Zuckerman Institute Postdoctoral Seminars (ZIPS)    **June 2019 — August 2023**  
Board Member — Columbia University

- Organized postdoctoral seminars - with focus on promoting exposure to under-served communities in STEM: (women, minorities, LGBT-Q)
- Organized post-seminar banquets for promoting community building across different labs in Zuckerman Institute

Zuckerman Institute Athletic Club (ZIAC)    **August 2021 — August 2023**  
Founder and President — Columbia University

- Organized ZI sponsored athletic events to promote inter-lab communication, collaboration, and team-building.
- Generated faculty, post-doc, student and staff involvement. 50/50 Female/Male participation. 70/30 Minority vs. Non-minority participation.
- Secured \$10,000 annual budget for sponsorships, social events and merchandise.

Zuckerman Institute DEI Board    **August 2019 — August 2023**  
Participant — Columbia University

- Training in promoting practices and structures that contribute to a more inclusive and diverse place of scientific discovery.
- Help guide the ZI in directly addressing its goals of diversity and inclusion by both investing in people across the scientific enterprise (including pre- and postdoctoral scientists, staff and faculty) and by creating structures that promote equity.

KIPP STAR Harlem Elementary & Middle School    **January 2021—March 2021**  
Mentor

- Gave after-school neuroscience tutorials to 4th graders.
- Provided math homework help.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Mentee (Windolf) Best student paper finalist, ICASSP 2023	<b>June 2023</b>
Mentee (Rao) Student Travel Award, MICCAI 2021	<b>October 2021</b>
Mentee (Nejatbaksh) Student Travel Award, MICCAI 2020	<b>October 2020</b>
Student Travel Award, MICCAI 2018	<b>October 2018</b>
Student Travel Award, MICCAI 2016	<b>October 2016</b>
Student Travel Award, MICCAI 2015	<b>October 2015</b>
1st place, Alzheimer's Disease Big Data DREAM Challenge #1	<b>April 2015</b>
Dean's List, University of Rochester	<b>2006 – 2011</b>

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