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Education

Yale University — August 2020 – Present
PhD Candidate, Neuroscience — Department of Psychology
Master of Philosophy, Master of Science — June 2023
Advisor: Nicholas Turk-Browne
Thesis topic: Manifold learning and real-time neurofeedback

Dartmouth College — September 2016 – March 2020
BA in Cognitive Science, Computer Science — High Honors
Advisors: James Haxby, Caroline Robertson
Thesis topic: A deep learning approach to scene perception in autism

Centro Tinku Academic Center — August – November 2017
Dartmouth Department of Spanish and Portuguese — Cusco, Peru

Awards and fellowships

ReproNim/INCF Fellowship	2024
Google PhD Fellowship Finalist	2024
Society for Neuroscience Meeting Travel Award, *Wu Tsai Institute*	2023
Data Competition 1st Prize, *Social and Affective Neuroscience Society*	2022
Graduate Research Fellowship Program, *National Science Foundation*	2021-2024
Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award 2nd Prize, *Neukom Institute*	2020
Made at Dartmouth Research Competition Grand Prize	2020
Academic Achievement Prize in Cognitive Science	2020
Fulbright Fellowship Finalist (Withdrew due to COVID-19)	2020
High Honors in Cognitive Science	2020
William H. Neukom Scholarship Award, *Neukom Institute for Computational Science*	2020
Citation for Academic Excellence in Machine Learning	2019
Research Experience for Undergraduates Grant, *National Science Foundation*	2019
Citation for Academic Excellence in Cognitive Neuroscience	2019
William H. Neukom Scholarship Award, *Neukom Institute for Computational Science*	2019
David C. Hodgson Endowment Award in Cognitive Neuroscience	2019
James O. Freedman Presidential Scholar Award	2018
Sophomore Research Scholar Award	2018
Citation for Academic Excellence in Intro to Programming	2017
Dartmouth College Honors List	2017-2020
National Merit Scholarship Finalist	2015

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles and conference proceedings

Afrasiyabi, A., Bhaskar, D., **Busch, E.L.,** Caplette, L., Singh, R., Lajoie, G., Turk-Browne, N.B., & Krishnaswamy, S. (2025). Latent representation learning for multimodal brain activity translation. (Accepted) *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing [ICASSP2025].* doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2409.18462

Roskies, A., **Busch, E.L.**, & Walton, A. Agency as a framework for thinking about neuropsychiatric disease: A prelude to asking causal questions. *Causal Concepts in Psychopathology: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, Cambridge University Press.

Busch, E.L.*, Conley, M.I.*, & Baskin-Somers, A. (2024). Manifold learning uncovers nonlinear interactions between the adolescent brain and social environment that predict psychopathology. (In Press) *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging*). doi.org/10.1016/j.bpsc.2024.07.001

- Analysis repository: github.com/ericabusch/manifold_abcd_psychopathology_bpcnni
- PIP package: pypi.org/project/EPHATE/

Busch, E.L., Fincke, E.C., Lajoie, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2024). Learning along the manifold of human brain activity via real-time neurofeedback. *Proceedings of the 7th Annual Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.*

Busch, E.L., Rapuano, K.M., Anderson, K.M., Rosenberg, M.D., Watts, R., Casey, BJ, Haxby, J.V., & Feilong, M. (2024). Dissociation of reliability, predictability, and heritability in fine- and coarse-scale functional connectomes during development. *Journal of Neuroscience.* 44(6), doi:10.1523/JNEUROSCI.0735-23.2023.

- Analysis repository: github.com/ericabusch/ABCD_hyperalignment_JNeurosci

Skalaban, L.J., Chan, I., Lin, Q., Rapuano, K.M., Conley, M.I., **Busch, E.L.**, Watts, R., Murty, V., & Casey, B.J. (2024). Representational dissimilarity of faces and places during a working memory task is associated with subsequent recognition memory during development. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience.* 36(3) 415-434, doi:10.1162/jocn_a_02094.

Afrasiyabi, A., **Busch, E.L.,** Singh, R., Bhaskar, D., Capette, L., Turk-Browne, N.B., Krishnaswamy, S. (2024). Looking through the mind's eye via multimodal encoder-decoder networks. (*Machine as Medium: Proceedings of the Center for Collaborative Arts and Media*, Fall 2024 Volume).

Busch, E.L., Yates, T.S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2023). Tasks constrain the intrinsic dimensionality of activity in non-selective cortex. *Proceedings of the 6th Annual Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.*

Busch, E.L., Huang, J., Benz, A., Wallenstein, T., Lajoie, G., Wolf, G., Krishnaswamy, S.*, & Turk-Browne, N.B.* (2023). Multi-view manifold learning of human brain-state trajectories. *Nature Computational Science.* 3(3), 240-253, doi:10.1038/s43588-023-00419-0

- Analysis repository: github.com/ericabusch/tphate_analysis_capsule
- PIP package: pypi.org/project/TPHATE/

Busch, E.L. & Krishnaswamy, S. (2023). Revealing trajectories of the mind via non-linear manifolds of brain activity. *Nature Computational Science.* 3(3), 192-193, doi: 10.1038/s43588-023-00423-4. *Invited research briefing.*

Huang, J.*, **Busch, E.L.***, Wallenstein, T.*, Gerasimiuk, M., Benz, A., Lajoie, G., Wolf, G., Turk-Browne, N.B., & Krishnaswamy, S. (2022). Learning shared neural manifolds from multi-subject FMRI data. *Proceedings of the 32nd IEEE Machine Learning for Signal Processing.* doi:10.1109/MLSP55214.2022.9943383.

Busch, E.L.*, Slipski, L.*, Feilong, M., Guntupalli, J., Visconti di Oleggio Castello, M., Huckins, J., Nastase, S., Gobbini, M.I., Wager, T., & Haxby, J. (2021). Hybrid hyperalignment: A single high-dimensional model of shared information embedded in cortical patterns of response and functional connectivity. *NeuroImage.* 233, doi:10.1016/j.neuroimage.2021.117975.

• Software package: github.com/ericabusch/hybrid_hyperalignment_neuroimage

Manuscripts

Busch, E.L., Fincke, E.C., Lajoie, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. Accelerated learning of a noninvasive human brain-computer interface via manifold geometry. (Under review), doi:10.1101/2025.03.29.646109

Busch, E.L., Turk-Browne, N.B., & Baskin-Sommers, A.R. Breaking the mold: Rethinking neuroimaging assumptions to unlock predictive insights into youth mental health. (Under review)

Afrasiyabi, A., **Busch, E.L.,** Singh, R., Bhaskar, D., Capette, L., Turk-Browne, N.B., Krishnaswamy, S. Looking through the mind's eye via multimodal encoder-decoder networks. (Under review) arXiv:2410.00047v1 .

Busch, E.L., & Turk-Browne, N.B. Developmental differences in the dimensionality of task-related brain activity. (In prep)

Busch, E.L., & Turk-Browne, N.B. Diverse tasks constrain the intrinsic dimensionality of activity in non-selective cortex. (In prep)

* Denotes equal contribution.

Invited Talks

DecNef Symposium, ATR Institute, Kyoto, Japan	*upcoming:* July 2025
Center for Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar, Dartmouth College	*upcoming:* May 2025
CompCog Joint Lab Meeting, Yale University	Apr. 2025
Schoenbaum and Kant Labs Meeting, National Institute on Drug Abuse	Apr. 2025
Cognitive Science Group Meeting, Johns Hopkins University	Apr. 2025
Guest Lecture, CPSC 663: Deep Learning, Yale	Apr. 2025
Guest Lecture, PSYC 220: Images of Mind, UIUC	Mar. 2025
Magnetic Resonance Research Center fMRI Series, Yale University	Dec. 2024
Kavli at Yale 20th Anniversary Symposium, New Haven, CT	Sept. 2024
ABCD Insights & Innovations Meeting, National Institute of Health	Mar. 2024
Projects in Progress, Wu Tsai Institute	Nov. 2023
Shine Lab Meeting, University of Sydney	Apr. 2023
Yale Brain Imaging Center Users Meeting	Oct. 2022
ABCD Imaging Analytics Working Group	Sept. 2022
Current Works in Behavior, Genetics, and Neuroscience	Apr. 2022
Guest lecture, NSCI 270: Cog. Neuro. Research Methods, Yale University	Nov. 2021
FINN Lab Meeting, Dartmouth College	Apr. 2021

Conference presentations

Busch, E.L., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2024) Developmental differences in the intrinsic dimensionality of regional brain activity. *Poster, Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting.* Boston, M.A., USA.

Busch, E.L., Fincke, E.C., Lajoie, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2024)

Learning along the manifold of human brain activity via real-time neurofeedback. *Oral Presentation, Real-time Functional Imaging and Neurofeedback Meeting.* Heidelberg, Germany.

Busch, E.L., Fincke, E.C., Lajoie, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2024) Learning along the manifold of human brain activity via real-time neurofeedback. *Contributed Talk and Poster at 7th Annual Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.* Cambridge, M.A., USA.

Busch, E.L., Conley, M.I., & Baskin-Sommers, A. (2024). Using manifold learning to uncover the embedded brain and implications for mental health in youth. *Poster, Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting.* Seoul, South Korea.

Busch, E.L., Fincke, E.C., Lajoie, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2024). Learning on the manifold of human brain activity through real-time neurofeedback. *Poster, Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting.* Seoul, South Korea.

Busch, E.L., Fincke, E.C., Lajoie, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2023). Learning on the manifold of human brain activity through real-time neurofeedback. *Talk at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting Nanosymposium on Neural Decoding and Neuroprosthetics.* Washington, D.C., USA.

Busch, E.L., Yates, T.S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2023). Tasks constrain the intrinsic dimensionality of activity in non-selective cortex. *Poster, 7th Annual Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.*, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Busch, E.L., Bhaskar, D., Letrou, A., Zhang, X., Noah, J.A., Lajoie, G., Hirsch, J., Turk-Browne, N.B., Krishnaswamy, S. (2022). An encoder-decoder framework for cross-modal translation of brain imaging data. *Poster and selected lightning talk, Montreal AI-Neuroscience Meeting.* Montreal, QC, Canada.

Busch, E.L., Letrou, A., Huang, J., Lajoie, G., Wolf, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2022). A neural manifold learning framework for real-time fMRI neurofeedback. *Poster, Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.* San Diego, CA, USA.

Busch, E.L., Letrou, A., Huang, J., Lajoie, G., Wolf, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2022). A neural manifold learning framework for real-time fMRI neurofeedback. *Poster, Real-time Functional Imaging and Neurofeedback Meeting.* New Haven, CT, USA.

Busch, E.L., Rapuano, K.M., Anderson, K.M., Rosenberg, M.D., Watts, R., Casey, BJ, Haxby, J.V., & Feilong, M. (2022). Heritable template underlies reliable idiosyncrasies in the developing fine-scale connectome. *Poster, Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting.* Glasgow, Scotland.

Letrou, A., **Busch, E.L.,** & Turk-Browne, N.B., (2022). Relating neural dynamics and emotion dynamics with nonlinear manifold learning. *Poster and talk, Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting.*

Roskies, A., Walton, A., Roth, R.M., **Busch, E.L.,** Holtzheimer, P.E., (2022). Measuring the dimensions of agency: A data-driven approach. *Poster, Philosophy of Science Association.* Pittsburgh, PA.

Busch, E.L., Huang, J., Benz, A., Wallenstein, T., Lajoie, G., Wolf, G., Krishnaswamy, S., & Turk-Browne, N.B. (2021). Manifold learning to capture brain-state trajectories in fMRI. *Poster, Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.*

Walton, A.E., Nizzi, M.C., West, B., Mofe, E., Roth, R.M., **Busch, E.L.,** Holtzheimer, P.E., & Roskies A.L. (2021). The impact of anxiety and depression on dimensions of agency. *Poster, 7th Annual NIH BRAIN Initiative Annual Meeting.*

Sivitilli, D.M., Weertman, W.L., **Busch, E.L.**, Ullmann, J.F., Smith, J.R., Gire, D.H. (2021). Strategies of single arm foraging in Octopus rubescens in the absence of visual feedback. *Poster, Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology.*

Busch, E.L., Haskins, A.J., Isik, L., & Robertson, C.E. (2020) A deep learning approach to understanding real-world scene perception in autism. *Presidential Undergraduate Research Symposium, Dartmouth College.*

Walton, A.E., **Busch, E.L.**, Ratoff, W., Smith, W., Holtzheimer, P.E., & Roskies, A.L. (2020). Developing an agency assessment tool for understanding changes in agency with neurointerventions: Preliminary results. *6th Annual NIH BRAIN Initiative Annual Meeting.*

Botch, T.L., **Busch, E.L.**, & Robertson, C.E. (2020). Application of deep neural networks to model omnidirectional gaze behavior in VR. *Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting.*

Busch, E.L., Sivitilli, D.M., & Gire, D.H. (2019). Using deep learning to model octopus arm motion. *Center for Neurotechnology Research Symposium.* Seattle, WA, USA.

Busch, E.L., Ma, F., Nastase, S.A., & Haxby, J.V. (2019). Individual differences in fine-grained neural correlates of mental states. *Wetterhahn Science Symposium.* Hanover, NH, USA.

Teaching experience

Instructor, Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program Yale University — August 2024
fMRI Tutorial, INP First-Year Student Bootcamp.

Teaching Fellow, Department of Psychology Yale University — Spring 2022 & 2023
PSYC 258/558/NCSI 258: Computational methods in human neuroscience.

Teaching Fellow, Department of Psychology Yale University — Fall 2022
NSCI 160/PSYC 160: The human brain.

Teaching Fellow, Department of Psychology Yale University — Fall 2021
PSYC 270 /NCSI 270: Research methods in cognitive neuroscience.

TA, Department of Computer Science Dartmouth College — Spring 2020
COSC 74: Machine learning and statistical data analysis

TA, Department of PBS Dartmouth College — Winter 2019
PSYC 6: Introduction to neuroscience

Peer Tutor, Tutor Clearinghouse Dartmouth College — 2017 - 2020
SPAN 1-3 (Intro Spanish), SPAN 9 (Culture and Conversation: Advanced), SPAN 20 (Writing and Reading), COSC 1 (Intro to Programming and Computation), COSC 10 (Object-Oriented Programming), COSC 50 (Software Design), COSC 74 (Machine Learning), PSYC 6 (Intro to Neuroscience), PSYC 10 (Statistics), COGS 1 (Intro to Cognitive Science)

Sonia Kovalevsky Math Day Cryptography Instructor — Spring 2018

College Access Coach, Let's Get Ready — Summer 2017

Private tutor — 2012–Present
K-12: NY State Regents math and sciences, English, Spanish; AP: Calculus AB and BC, Statistics, Physics, Computer Science; SAT / ACT; UG: Algebra, graph theory, Spanish.

Service and outreach

Trainee Committee, Cognitive Computational Neuroscience — 2024

Innovators in Cognitive Neuroscience Organizer (Founding member) — 2020–present

Wu Tsai Institute Student-Postdoc Committee Fellow — 2022–present

Yale Psychology Colloquium Committee — 2021–2023

Yale Psychology Diversity Committee Sneak Peek Mentor — 2021–2023

DLAB Program Facilitator (Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy) — 2018–2019

SIBS Mentoring Program Director (Dartmouth Center for Social Impact) 2016–2020
Directed and mentored for a one-on-one youth mentorship program for Dartmouth undergrads and Upper Valley youth. Coordinated parents and social workers and trained mentors.

Mentorship

Dominic Gearing (Yale undergraduate) 2024–Present
David Lee (Yale undergraduate) 2024–Present
E. Chandra Fincke (Yale undergraduate and honors thesis student) 2022–2024
Now: Space Operations Officer, United States Space Force
Ariadne Letrou (Lab manager and postgraduate researcher) 2021–2023
Now: PhD student, Princeton Psychology (PI: Ken Norman)
Kyle Andruczk (Yale undergraduate) 2022–2023

Reviewing

Nature Methods, Nature Human Behavior, Nature Computational Science, Journal of Neuroscience, PNAS, Imaging Neuroscience, ICLR, NeurIPS, Proceedings on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN).

Other skills

Neuroimaging: rt-cloud (Real-time fMRI with cloud computing), MRI operator certified, MEG/EEG experienced. BrainIAK & PyMVPA Contributor, FSL, FreeSurfer, AFNI.
Programming: Python, BASH, C, C++, C# for Unity, Java, MATLAB, R, HTML, Unity, PsychoPy, PsychToolbox, PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow.
Languages: Spanish (fluent), Italian and Portuguese (intermediate)
Miscellaneous: Competitive equestrian, pet enthusiast, runner, freelance data scientist.