

# Sharif Ismail Kronemer

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## Education

### **Yale University**

Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program

Ph.D. Candidate in *Neuroscience*, May 2021

Master of Philosophy in *Neuroscience*, May 2019

### **University College London (UCL)**

Master of Science in *Cognitive Neuroscience*, August 2013

Mark: Distinction (highest mark)

### **Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU)**

Bachelor of Arts, May 2012

Major: *Neuroscience*; Minor: *Philosophy*

GPA: 3.82

## Research Experience

### **2015-2020    Ph.D. Candidate – Yale University**

**Research aims:** Examining the spatial and temporal dynamics underlying the neural mechanism of visual perception utilizing neuroimaging (fMRI), electrophysiological (scalp/depth EEG and intracranial EEG), pupillometry, and machine learning.

**PI:** Hal Blumenfeld, M.D. Ph.D., Department of Neurology, Yale University

### **2013-2015    Research Assistant – Johns Hopkins University**

**Research aims:** (1) Investigate the impact of chronic HIV on cognitive and motor function. (2) Cognitive and emotional regulation aberrance in cerebellar ataxia.

**PI:** Cherie Marvel, Ph.D., Department of Neurology, Division of Cognitive Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University

## Peer-Reviewed Original Research

**Kronemer, S. I.**, Slapik, M. B., Pietrowski, J. R., Margron, M. J., Morgan, O. P., Bakker, C., ... Marvel, C. L. (in-review). Neuropsychiatric symptoms as a reliable phenomenology of cerebellar ataxia

Li, J., **Kronemer, S. I.**, Herman, W. X., Kwon, H., Ryu, J. R., Micek, C., ... Blumenfeld, H., (2019). Default mode and visual network activity in an attention task: Direct measurement with intracranial EEG. *NeuroImage*, 201. doi: 10.1016/j.neuroimage.2019.07.016

Marvel, C. L., Morgan, O. P., & **Kronemer, S. I.** (2019). How the motor system integrates with working memory. *Neuro Biobeh Rev*, 102, 184-194. doi: 10.1016/j.neubiorev.2019.04.017

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Slapik, M., **Kronemer, S. I.**, Morgan, O., Bloes, R., Lieberman, S., Mandel, J., ... Marvel, C. (2019). Visuospatial organization and recall in cerebellar ataxia. *Cerebellum*, 18(1), 33-46. doi: 10.1007/s12311-018-0948-z

**Kronemer, S. I.**, Mandel, J. A., Sacktor, N. C., & Marvel, C. L. (2017). Impairments of motor function while multitasking in HIV. *Front Hum Neurosci*, 11, 212. doi:10.3389/fnhum.2017.00212

Anderson, B.A., **Kronemer, S.I.**, Rilee, J.J., Sacktor, N., & Marvel, C.L. (2015). Reward, attention, and HIV-related risk in HIV+ individuals. *Neurobiology of Dis.* doi: 10.1016/j.nbd.2015.10.018

Liao, D., **Kronemer, S.I.**, Yau, J., Desmond, J., & Marvel, C. (2014). Motor system contributions to verbal and non-verbal working memory. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 8(753). doi: 10.3389/fnhum.2014.00753

**Kronemer, S.I.** & Yates, J. (2012). An undergraduate taught course on consciousness and mind. *The Journal of Undergraduate Neuroscience Education*, 11(1), A17-A21.

**Kronemer, S.I.** (2012). The Death of Expressed Personhood: A neuroscientific model to solve our greatest bioethical dilemmas. *Dialogue: Journal of International Honor Society for Philosophy*, 55(1), 1-9.

**Kronemer, S.I.** (2012). The Death of Personhood and the Rise of the Expressed-Self: What neuroscience tells us about self and death. *Sapere Aude: The Wooster Journal of Philosophical Inquiry*, Volume V, 1-9.

**Kronemer, S.I.** (2011). Schopenhauer's and Nietzsche's Quest in a Godless World and the Will to Think That Drove Them. *Dialogue: Journal of International Honor Society for Philosophy*, 53(2-3), 121-125.

## **Academic Honors and Scholarships**

**Yale University Annie Le Fellowship:** Awarded for leadership in research and community engagement, exemplifying the qualities emulated in the life and career of Annie Le. (2020)

**NIH Training Grant:** Awarded to top Yale Ph.D. candidates studying cortical systems for thesis dissertation – T32 NS007224. (2018-2019)

**Yale University Conference Travel Award:** Competitively awarded for conference travel to present thesis research. (2018, 2019)

**Yale University Gruber Fellowship:** Awarded to the most highly ranked Yale University neuroscience PhD applicants for academic merit and research potential. (2015-2017)

**NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship:** Awarded to 29 male student-athletes across all NCAA Divisions to cover graduate school tuition and fees. (2012-2013)

**Best Paper of *Dialogue* October 2012 Issue:** Awarded to the most outstanding paper published in each issue of *Dialogue*, the journal of the international honor society for philosophy. (2013)

**Academic All-American:** Competitively awarded to top student-athletes nationwide (NCAA Division III) for excellence in athletics and academic achievement. (2012)

**NCAC Don Hunsinger Award:** North Coast Athletic Conference's top male athlete, based on athletic ability, academic record, and leadership potential. (2012)

**Daniel E. Anderson Award:** Awarded to one senior philosophy major or minor who exemplifies strong philosophic research. (2012)

**Dale J. Bruce Presidential Scholar Athlete of the Year:** OWU's top student athlete, based on athletic achievement and ability, academic excellence, character, and leadership philosophic

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research. (2012, 2011)

**OWU Theory-to-Practice Grant Program:** Funded travel and research costs to study water shortage and pollution in nine Chinese cities. (2010)

**Clinton R. Stevenson Leadership Award:** Awarded to one incoming OWU freshman and covers first year room and board costs. (2009)

**Trustee Honors Scholarship:** 2/3 of undergraduate tuition at OWU. (2008-2012)

## Abstracts

Gusso, M.M., Christison-Lagay, K.L., Zuckerman, D., Chandrasekaran, G., Kronemer, S.I., Rapuano, A., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2020). *A novel tactile threshold perception study using single-unit recordings, bδEEG, and pupillometry*. Gordon Research Conference Thalamocortical Interactions  
Blumenfeld, H., Christison-Lagay, K.L., Kronemer, S.I., Hunki, K., Khalaf, A., Li, R., Aksen, ... Spencer, D.S. (2020). *Neuroimaging and electrophysiology in large data set reveal neural sequence of human conscious perception: Detect, pulse, switch, and wave*. ABIM

Kronemer, S.I., Aksen, M., Ryu, J.R., Kwon, H., Forman, S. Khosla, M., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2019). *Subcortical and cortical electrophysiology and fMRI in visual conscious perception: Detect, pulse, switch, and wave model*. ASSC 23

Aksen, M., Kronemer, S.I., Prince, J.S., Ding, Z., Agarwal, A., Wolf, G., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2018). *Pupil dynamics as a covert measure of conscious perception in a visual no report paradigm*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 789.12

Forman, S., Christison-Lagay, K.L., Micek, C., Kronemer, S.I., Aksen, M., Chun, M.M., & Blumenfeld, H. (2018). *Potential novel mechanism for the attentional blink in a conscious perception task*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 789.11

Kronemer, S.I., Aksen, M., Kwon, H., Micek, C., Christison-Lagay, K.L., Forman, S., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2018). *Early and late electrophysiological changes to visual conscious perception*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 789.10

Micek, C., Christison-Lagay, K.L., Williams, M., Kronemer, S.I., Herman, X.R., Li, J., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2018). *Relationship between stimulus opacity and intracranial broadband gamma power in a conscious visual perception task*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 789.09

Li, J., Kronemer, S.I., Kwon, H., Ryu, J. Aksen, M., Herman, W.R., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2018). *Intracranial EEG topography of neural networks with transient and sustained shifts in attention*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 789.08

Christison-Lagay, K.L., Micek, C., Kronemer, S.I., Forman, S., Aksen, M., Abdel-Aty, A., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2018). *Investigating auditory conscious perception with a threshold task and intracranial EEG*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 789.07

Kronemer, S.I., Aksen, M., Kwon, H., Micek, C., Christison-Lagay, K.L., Forman, S., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2018). *The temporal sequence of physiological changes for visual conscious perception*. ASSC 22

Ding, Z., Prince, J.S., Forman, S., Morgan, O., Zhao, C.W., Wafa, S., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2017). *Machine learning to predict conscious visual perception using pupillary dynamics*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 804.13

Kronemer, S.I., Forman, S., Ryu, J.H., Khosla, M., Sarberski, E., Xiao, W.R., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2017). *The cortical and subcortical neural mechanisms of visual perception*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 804.12.

Xiao, W.R., Kronemer, S.I., Gerrard, J.L., Spencer, D.D., & Blumenfeld, H. (2017). *Effect of peri-stimulus alpha activity phase and power on detection of threshold visual perceptual stimuli*. Society for

Neuroscience. Abstract No. 804.11

Forman, S., Kronemer, S.I., Saberski, E., Ryu, J.H., Khosla, M., Xiao, W.R., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2017). *Subjective conscious perception shortens reaction time independently of objective task performance*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 804.1

Bloes, R., Kronemer, S.I., Otero-Millan, J., Peterburs, J., & Marvel, C.L. (2017) *Selective working memory deficits in cerebellar ataxia*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 213.22

Slapik, M., Kronemer, S.I., Mandel, J.A., Bloes, R.D., Creighton, J.A., Lieberman, S.D., ... Marvel, C.L. (2017). *Visuospatial processing and strategy formation in cerebellar ataxia*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 213.21

Marvel, C.L., Kronemer, S.I., Pietrowski, J.R., Rosenthal, L.I., & Onyike, C.U. (2017). *Emotion dysfunction and its correlates in cerebellar ataxia*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 213.2

Kronemer, S.I., Forman, S., Ryu, J.H., Khosla, M., Saberski, E., Xiao, W.R., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2017). *The subcortical neural mechanisms of network switching for visual conscious perception*. ASSC 21  
Xiao, W.R., Kronemer, S.I., Gober, L.M., Smith, R.E., Wafa, S.M.A., Raja, A., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2016). *Broadband gamma activity in the formation of a conscious visual experience in humans*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 646.12

Kronemer, S.I., Xiao, W.R., Gober, L., Smith, R.E., Wafa, S.M.A, Raja, A., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2016). *Intracranial cortical event-related potentials and alpha wave gating of visual consciousness*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 646.04

Kronemer, S.I., Xiao, W.R., Gober, L., Smith, R.E., Wafa, S.M.A., Raja, A., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2016). *The cortical event-related potential and alpha wave signatures for visual consciousness*. ASSC 20

Xiao, W.R., Kronemer, S.I., Gober, L., Smith, R.E., Wafa, S.M.A, Raja, A., ... Blumenfeld, H. (2016). *An organized wave of intracranial broadband gamma activity during the first second of conscious visual perception*. ASSC 20

Kronemer, S.I., & Marvel, C.L. (2015). *The interaction between working memory and motor performance in cerebellar ataxia*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 653.08

Marvel, C.L., Kronemer, S.I., & Rilee, J.J. (2014). *Verbal and non-verbal working memory in spinocerebellar ataxia*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 173.23

Rilee, J.J., Faulkner, M.L., Liao, D.A., Kronemer, S.I., & Marvel, C.L. (2014). *Cerebro-cerebellar contributions to verbal and non-verbal working memory*. Society Neuroscience. Abstract No. 173.17

Kronemer, S.I., Anderson, B.A., Rilee, J.J., Sacktor, N., & Marvel, C.L. (2014). *The role of impulsivity and working memory on reward-based attentional capture in HIV and addiction*. Society for Neuroscience. Abstract No. 173.13

## Invited Presentations

**Yale Clinical Neuroimaging Symposium** – *Transient increases in subcortical arousal and salience networks associated with conscious visual perception* (February 20, 2018)

**Johns Hopkins University, Neurology HEAD Seminar Series** – *Uncovering the Neural Mechanisms of Consciousness: Outstanding questions and obstacles* (May 14, 2018)

## Conference Workshops

**Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Conference 24** (*Workshop organizer*) – *The neural timeline of consciousness: Detect, pulse, switch, and wave*. (2020)

**Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Conference 22** (*Workshop organizer*) – *Investigating cortical and subcortical mechanisms of conscious perception*. (2018)

## **Teaching**

**Yale University Teaching Fellow – Neurobiology**, Prof. Haig Keshishian, Ph.D. (2020)

**Yale University Certificate of College Teaching Preparation**: Comprehensive teaching program for development of advanced and effective college teaching (2020)

**Yale University Pathways to Science – *Consciousness: Science, Self, and Society***: Designed and taught 12-hour course on the philosophy and neuroscience of consciousness (2016-2020)

**Yale University Teaching Fellow – Neuroanatomy**, Prof. Michael Schwartz, Ph.D. (2018)

**Yale University Teaching Fellow – Bioethics**, Prof. Charlie Greer, Ph.D. (2016-2017)

**OWU Consciousness and Mind (*Psychology 499*)** – Designed and taught 15-week course on the philosophy and neuroscience of consciousness to OWU undergraduates. Supervised by Prof. Jennifer Yates, Ph.D. (2011)

## **Public and Student Science Outreach (2013-2020)**

### **University programming – Keynote speaker**

Yale Science Diplomats - Science in the News, Yale Science Diplomats - Flipped Science Fair, Yale EXPLO, Yale Young Global Scholars, Yale Synapse, Yale Pathways to Science, Yale Open Labs - Science Café, Yale Science at BAR, UCL Year 10 Debating Summer School, UCL Transition Program - Uni-Link

### **Public seminar series – Keynote speaker**

Institute for Learning in Retirement (New Haven, CT), North Haven Public Library (New Haven, CT), Guilford Public Library (New Haven, CT), Branford Public Library (New Haven, CT), Barbican Centre - Brain Waves (London, UK)

### **Classroom visits**

MBA High School (New Haven, CT), Co-op High School (New Haven, CT), Springbrook High School (Silver Spring, MD), Discovery High School (Lake Alfred, FL)

## **Leadership**

### **Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness – Committee Member, Chair:**

Competitively awarded a three-year position on the four-person ASSC student committee tasked with organizing elements of the ASSC annual conference and academic events for members of the ASSC. (2016-2018; Chair 2018-2019)

**Graduate Student Assembly Representative – Neuroscience**: Elected to represent graduate students in the neuroscience program at Yale University. (2017-2018)

**Open Labs at Yale – Director**: Elected co-director of Open Labs, an outreach organization at Yale University ([theopenlabs.org](http://theopenlabs.org)). (2015-2018)

**OWU Student Body President**: Elected to represent the Student Body and led the student government at OWU. (2011-2012)

## **Ad Hoc Manuscript Review**

Consciousness and Cognition

Yale Undergraduate Research Journal

**Professional Memberships**

2012 -       Phi Beta Kappa  
2014 -       Society for Neuroscience  
2015 -       Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness  
2016 -       American Association for the Advancement of Science

*References are available upon request.*