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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Educational Psychology, Learning Science

May 2018

Dissertation: **The incidental learning of feature distributions in supervised classification**

Advisor: Dr. Charles W. Kalish

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI

M.S. Educational Psychology, Learning Science

August 2010 – May 2013

Thesis: What do children learn from an unrepresentative sample?

Advisor: Dr. Charles W. Kalish

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI

B.S. Cognitive Science

December 2008

Capstone: A hazard model of premarital mate search in adolescents

Advisors: Dr. Peter M. Todd & Dr. Michael N. Jones

Indiana University–Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

CAREER HISTORY

Learning Designer, Consultant, Programmer, JTTH LLC

2017 – current

Designed **Word Transformer** based on materials in Caleb Gattegno's Words In Color curriculum for the Bronx Charter School for Better Learning. I also produced and maintain **iSpellBetter**, a game for learning spelling, and consulted on **iCountBetter**, helping kids learn and improve counting and their sense of number. Collaborated remotely with and helped guide programmers to realize designs in code.

IT Consultant, Department of Educational Psychology

2010 – 2015

Responsible for all information technology needs of the department. Ordered, installed, configured, documented, and trained people in the use of hardware, software. Worked with department administrators, chairs, School of Education, and university to ensure compliance with IT policy. Consulted on programming and statistical software for projects with professors and graduate students.

Project Assistant, Promoting Discriminative and Generative Learning

2012 – 2015

Project sought to understand some of the conditions that affect transfer in students' mathematical learning, studying how different ways of presenting mathematical problems encourage the development of different memory models, each affording different kinds of generalization. Helped design experiments, collected and analyzed data, and presented information at refereed conferences.

Research Assistant, Study of Children's Thinking Lab

2010 – 2015

Helped in design, participant recruitment, data collection, and analysis of experiments related to children's ability to reason scientifically.

Research Associate, Computational Language and Cognition Lab

June 2009 – November 2009

Created stimuli for two studies in psycholinguistics. Coded stimuli to develop a predictive model for diagnosing Alzheimer's through semantic network analysis. Translated BEAGLE, a semantic memory model, from FORTRAN 77 to 90 on Indiana University's Quarry supercomputer.

Research Assistant, Adaptive Behavior and Cognition Lab

January 2008 – September 2008

Developed a database parser for and a hazard model of premarital mate search in adolescents using SPSS, R, and Python. Helped develop and code experiments.

PUBLICATIONS

Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. & Kalish, C. W. (2016). Learning from non-representative instances: children's sample and population predictions. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 152, 335–342.

doi:[10.1016/j.jecp.2016.07.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jecp.2016.07.013)

Kalish, C. W. & Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. (2014). Descriptive and inferential problems of induction: toward common framework. In *Psychology of learning and motivation* (Vol. 61, pp. 1–39). Elsevier.

- Rothschild, M., Williams, C. C., & Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. (2013). Counting apples and coconuts: young children 'kinect-ing' sesame street and mathematics. In *Proceedings of the 9th annual Games+Learning+Society conference*. Madison: University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Rothschild, M., Williams, C. C., & Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. (2013, November). Performance assessments. In M. Martinez & A. Superfine (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 35th annual meeting of the north american chapter of the international group for the psychology of mathematics education* (p. 1207). Chicago, IL: University of Illinois at Chicago.

PRESENTATIONS

- Boncoddio, R., Young, A., Thevenow-Harrison, J. T., Murphy, A., Yunker, M., Kalish, C. W., . . . Rogers, T. T. (2015, October). Linking symbols to underlying quantities supports transfer in mathematics. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Columbus, OH.
- Thevenow-Harrison, J. T., Kalish, C. W., & Rhodes, M. (2015, March). How qualities of data and instruction affect children's learning. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Rothschild, M., Williams, C. C., & Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. (2014). Counting apples and coconuts: young children 'kinect-ing' sesame street and mathematics. Poster submitted to the 2014 Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Discovery Challenge. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Boncoddio, R. A., Thevenow-Harrison, J. T., Rogers, T., Alibali, M., & Kalish, C. W. (2013, May). The implications of varied training on creating and retrieving mathematics mental models. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.
- Boncoddio, R., Thevenow-Harrison, J. T., Alibali, M. W., Rogers, T. T., & Kalish, C. W. (2013, October). Practice with quantities promotes transfer in arithmetic problems. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Memphis, TN.
- Ramarajan, D., Thevenow-Harrison, J. T., Rhodes, M., & Kalish, C. W. (2013, April). How effective is preschoolers' sampling at supporting their learning? Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.
- Thevenow-Harrison, J. T., Boncoddio, R. A., Rogers, T., Alibali, M., & Kalish, C. W. (2013, April). Promoting transfer in arithmetic learning through the use of discriminative memory models. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.
- Thevenow-Harrison, J., Kalish, C. W., & Young, A. (2013, October). Do children learn what they are taught or what they see? Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Memphis, TN.
- Boncoddio, R. A., Thevenow-Harrison, J. T., Rogers, T., Alibali, M., & Kalish, C. W. (2012, November). Learning general and more specific relations from practice solving arithmetic problems. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. & Kalish, C. W. (2012, May). Young children don't generalize from unrepresentative samples. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. & Kalish, C. W. (2011a, April). What can you learn from a deceptive teacher? Sample but not population statistics. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, QC.
- Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. & Kalish, C. W. (2011b, July). What do children learn through constrained sampling? Sample but not population statistics. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Boston, MA.
- Young, A., Kalish, C. W., & Thevenow-Harrison, J. T. (2011, October). Young children's response to variations in category sampling processes. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Philadelphia, PA.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Academic committee , Educational Psychology Student Association, UW-Madison	2012 – 2015
Technology committee , Educational Psychology Student Association, UW-Madison	2010 – 2015
Reviewer , Games+Learning+Society Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2013

Co-founder, Co-chair, Midwest Undergraduate Cognitive Science Conference, Indiana University 2008 – 2009
Co-president, Treasurer, Student Organization for Cognitive Science, Indiana University 2007 – 2008
Reviewer, Indiana Undergraduate Journal of Cognitive Science, Indiana University 2007 – 2008

AWARDS & HONORS

Cognitive Science Program Outstanding Contribution Award winner, Indiana University 2009
Cognitive Science Undergraduate Research Grant, Indiana University 2008

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Volunteer, Games+Learning+Society Conference, Madison, WI. 2010 – 2015
Volunteer, Meeting of the Society for Philosophy & Psychology, Bloomington, IN. 2009
Volunteer, Meeting of the National Association for Computing and Philosophy, Bloomington, IN. 2009

REFERENCES

Theodore Swartz, co-founder, Bronx Charter School for Better Learning tswartz@bronxbetterlearning.org
Charles W. Kalish, primary academic advisor, University of Wisconsin–Madison cwkalish@wisc.edu
Heidi Udelhoven, department administrator, University of Wisconsin–Madison hudelhoven@wisc.edu
Timothy T. Rogers, D&G project co-PI, University of Wisconsin–Madison ttrogers@wisc.edu
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