# Melisa Gumus, PhD

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#### **Research Interests**

The interplay of learning, memory, attention, and perception; multimodal neuroimaging techniques and computational models; aging & neurodegenerative diseases.

## **Education & Training**

#### Postdoctoral Researcher in Cognitive Neuroscience, UC Berkeley

Sep 2025 - Present

Supervisor: Dr. Mariam Aly

Project: How competition in memory-guided attention is resolved

with learning experience

### Visiting Research Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

Apr - June 2024

Supervisor: Dr. Anna Schapiro

Project: Integrating anatomy in computational models to investigate

individual differences in learning

#### PhD in Computational Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Toronto

2021 - 2025

Supervisor: Dr. Michael L. Mack

PhD Thesis: Unraveling the cognitive and neural mechanisms of learning:

the intricate interplay between learning, memory, and attention

#### **MSc in Medical Science, University of Toronto**

2018 - 2020

Supervisor: Dr. Carmela Tartaglia

MSc Thesis: Identifying clinical subtypes of patients with post-concussion

syndrome: evaluating brain behaviour relationship with a computational approach

#### Honours BSc with Distinction, University of Toronto

2014 - 2018

Majors: Neuroscience & Mathematics | Minor: Physiology

Supervisor: Dr. Frances Skinner

BSc Thesis: Analyzing microcircuit models to help explain theta rhythm

generation in the hippocampus

# Research in Industry

#### Research Analyst in R&D, Cambridge Cognition (Winterlight Labs)

2021 - 2024

Supervisors: Drs. Jessica Robin & Francesca Cormack

Led independent research projects and collaborations; worked towards

developing speech biomarkers for neurodegenerative and psychiatric diseases

# Research Coordinator in Clinical Research Team, Winterlight Labs 2021 Supervisors: Dr. Jessica Robin Managed research projects including documentation and ethics approvals; recruited participants; administered assessments; supported the research team Research in Academia **Research Trainee, University Health Network** 2022 - 2025Supervisor: Dr. Mary Pat McAndrews Led a MEG study on hippocampal hyperactivity in aging Pedagogical Research Assistant, Human Biology, University of Toronto Summer 2022 Supervisor: Dr. Franco Taverna Implemented innovative and educational technology to improve courses Research Analyst, Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases 2020 - 2021Supervisor: Dr. Carmela Tartaglia Led research projects in concussions and neurodegenerative diseases 2020 - 2021 Research Analyst & Coordinator, Krembil Research Institute Supervisor: Dr. Frances Skinner Coordinated in vivo and vitro experimental work to develop computational models of brain rhythms in brain injury Summer Research Student, Krembil Research Institute 2018 Supervisor: Dr. Frances Skinner Provided empirical evidence for how mathematical and biological microcircuit models of hippocampus CA1 are linked Research Analyst, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto 2020 - 2021Supervisor: Dr. Michael Mack Developing tools to characterize hippocampal pathways in humans Lab Manager, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto 2017 - 2018 Supervisor: Dr. Michael Mack Managed implementation of research projects; oversaw lab maintenance; trained personnel; recruited participants.

# Undergraduate Researcher, Research Experience in Complex Systems, UofT

2015 - 2018

Supervisor: Dr. Brad Bass

Developed agent-based simulation of amyloid beta deposition in Alzheimer's Disease; supervised dozens of undergraduate students in agent-based simulation research

## **Awards**

School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant \$610 funded by UofT to travel to CNS Annual Meeting in Boston	May 2025
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship \$150,000 funded by NSERC, the Government of Canada	2022 – 2025
The Best Talk Award at Krembil Research Day \$250 funded by Krembil Research Institute	Apr 2025
SfN Trainee Professional Development Award \$1,000 & free conference registration funded by the Society for Neuroscie	Oct 2024 nce
Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement \$6,000 funded on top of Vanier by NSERC, the Government of Canada Visit to Dr. Anna Schapiro's lab at UPenn	Apr-June 2024
University of Toronto Fellowship Top-Up Award \$3,000 funded by the University of Toronto for receiving Vanier	2022 – 2025
Departmental Top-Up Award \$500 funded by the Department of Psychology for receiving Vanier	2022 – 2025
Canada Graduate Scholarships - Doctoral program \$105,000 funded by NSERC, the Government of Canada Declined – Unable to hold with Vanier	May 2022
Ontario Graduate Scholarship \$15,000 funded by the Province of Ontario and University of Toronto	2019 – 2020
Top-up Award by Medical Science for Receiving OGS \$2,000 funded by the University of Toronto	2019 – 2020
Canadian Traumatic Brain Injury Research Consortium (CTRC) Training Grant \$8,750 + matching funding (Canada-wise competition)	2018 – 2019
Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award  Awarded for outstanding student leadership, service, and commitment to the university; mentored over 300 undergraduate and high school student in sciences and research during undergraduate.	2018 s

# **Publications**

- **Gumus, M**; Saghati, N.A; Mack, M.L. (In preparation). Distinct White Matter Networks Support Flexible Concept Formation.
- **Gumus, M**; Dominguez, L.G; Zhao, W.J; Wennberg, R; Mack, M.L; Zotovic, J; Lanctôt, K.L; Black, S.E; McAndrews, M.P. (In preparation). Age Influence on Repetition Suppression Revealed in the Hippocampus with MEG.

- **Gumus, M**; Sigh, D; Mack, M.L; Schapiro, A. (In preparation). Integrating Anatomy in Computational Models to Investigate Individual Differences in Learning.
- **Gumus, M;** Lee, Z. Z. Y.; Mack, M. L. (2025; Under Review). Concept Learning Builds Behaviourally Relevant Attentional Templates (p. 2025.09.29.679121). bioRxiv. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.09.29.679121">https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.09.29.679121</a>.
- **Gumus, M** & Mack, M. L. (2025; Under Review). Distinct contributions of hippocampal pathways in learning regularities and exceptions revealed by functional footprints (p. 2025.09.09.674568). bioRxiv. https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.09.09.674568.
- **Gumus, M**; Bourganos, A; Mack, M.L. (2025; Under review). In vivo Quantification of White Matter Pathways in the Human Hippocampus (p. 2025.01.13.632268). bioRxiv. https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.01.13.632268.
- **Gumus, M**; Koo, M; Bhan A; Robin, J; Black, S.E. (2024). Linguistic Changes in Neurodegenerative Diseases Relate to Clinical Symptoms. *Front. Neurol.* https://doi.org/10.3389/fneur.2024.1373341.
- **Gumus, M**; DeSouza, D.D; Xu, M; Fidalgo, C; Simpson, W; Robin, J. (2023) Evaluating the Utility of Daily Speech Assessments for Monitoring Depression Symptoms. *Digital Health*. Doi: https://doi.org/10.1177/20552076231180523.
- Salwierz, P., Sumra, V., **Gumus, M**., Lewin, W., Martinez, M., Patel, A., Salvo, C., Swinkin, E., Tartaglia, C., Tang-Wai, D. F., & Li, M. (2023). Improving Collaboration between Palliative care and Neurology: Focus on Patient, Family & Healthcare Provider Experience. Alzheimer's & Dementia, 19(S5), e060197. https://doi.org/10.1002/alz.060197.
- Sihag, S; Naze, S; Taghdiri, F; **Gumus, M**; Tator, C; Green, R; Colella, B; Blennow, K; Zetterberg, H; Dominguez, LG; Wennberg, R; Mikulis, D; Tartaglia M.C. (2022). Functional Brain Signals Constrained by Structural Brain Connectivity Reveal Cohort Specific Features for Serum Neurofilament Light Chain. *Nature Communications Medicine*, 2(1): 1-14. Doi: 10.1038/s43856-021-00065-5.
- **Gumus, M**; Mack, M.L; Green, R; Khodadadi, M; Wennberg, R; Crawley, A; Colella, B; Tarazi, A; Mikulis, D; Tator, C; Tartaglia, M.C. (2022). Brain Connectivity Changes in Post-Concussion Syndrome as the Neural Substrate of a Heterogeneous Syndrome. *Brain Connectivity*. Doi: 10.1089/brain.2021.0127.
- **Gumus, M**; Santos, A; Tartaglia, M.C. (2021). Diffusion and Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging Findings and Their Relationship to Behaviour in Post-Concussion Syndrome: A Scoping Review. *JNNP*, 92(12): 1259-1270. Doi: 10.1136/jnnp-2021-326604.
- DeSouza, D.D; Robin, J; **Gumus, M**; Yeung, A. (2021). Natural Language Processing as an Emerging Tool to Detect Late-Life Depression. *Frontiers in Psychiatry,* 12:719125. Doi: 10.3389/fpsyt.2021.719125.

- Schlichting, M.L; **Gumus, M**; Zhu, T; Mack, M.L. (2021). The structure of hippocampal circuitry relates to rapid category learning in humans. *Hippocampus*, 31(11): 1179-1190. Doi: 10.1002/hipo.23382.
- Chatzikalymniou, A.P; **Gumus, M**; Skinner, F.K. (2021). Linking minimal and detailed models of CA1 microcircuits reveals how theta rhythms emerge and how their frequencies are controlled. Hippocampus, 31(9): 982-1002. Doi: https://doi.org/10.1002/hipo.23364.
- Anastassiadis, C; Vasilevskaya, A; **Gumus, M**; Santos, A; Tartaglia, M.C. (2021). Fluid biomarkers of white matter hyperintensities in cerebrovascular disease and neurodegeneration: a systematic review protocol. *JBI Evidence Synthesis*, 19(9): 2464-2473. Doi: 10.11124/JBIES-20-00210.
- **Gumus, M**; Multani, N; Mack, M.L; Tartaglia, M.C. (2021). Progression of Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Young Versus Late Onset Alzheimer's Disease. *GeroScience*, 43(1): 213–223. Doi: 10.1007/s11357-020-00304-y.
- Taghdiri, F; **Gumus, M**; Algarni, M; Fasano, A; Tang-Wai, D; Tartaglia, M.C. (2020). Association Between Cerebrospinal Fluid Biomarkers and Age-related Brain Changes in Patients with Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus. *Scientific Reports*, 10(1), 9106. Doi: 10.1038/s41598-020-66154-y.
- **Gumus, M.** (2018). Switching Sides in Alzheimer's Disease: Amyloid Beta Proteins as a Protector of The Brain. Review. *Journal of Undergraduate Life Sciences*, 12(1), 34-39.
- **Gumus, M**; Ricci, A. L. (2017). Modelling Neurodevelopment, Neurodegeneration, and Amyloid Beta Aggregation in the Context of Alzheimer's Using COBWEB. *Journal of Student Science and Technology*, 10(2), 38-44.

### **Conference Talks**

- **Gumus, M**; Zhao, W.J; Lee, Z.Z.Y; Mack, M.L. Emergence of Attentional Templates in Concept Learning and the Underlying Neural Mechanisms. Bay Area Memory Meeting (BAMM!). UC Davis, Davis, California, United States. Sep 10, 2025.
- **Gumus, M**; Zhao, W.J; Lee, Z.Z.Y; Mack, M.L. Emergence of Attentional Templates in Concept Learning and the Underlying Neural Mechanisms. Toronto Area Memory Group (TAMeG). Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 27, 2025.
- **Gumus, M**; Dominguez, L.G; Zhao, W.J; Wennberg, R; Mack, M.L; Zotovic, J; Lanctôt, K.L; Black, S.E; McAndrews, M.P. Age influence on repetition suppression revealed in the hippocampus with MEG. Krembil Research Day. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. April 24, 2025. **Best Talk Award!**

- **Gumus, M**; Lee, Z.Z.Y; Mack, M.L. Category learning builds behaviourally relevant attentional templates. 2024 Annual Meeting for Society for Neuroscience (SfN). Chicago, Illinois, United States. October 5-9, 2024.
- **Gumus, M** & Mack, M.L. Learning regularities and exceptions are supported by distinct hippocampal pathways as revealed by diffusion-weighted functional footprints. Context and Episodic Memory Symposium (CEMS). Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States. May 30-31, 2024.
- **Gumus, M**; Koo, M; Bhan, A; Robin, J; Black, S.E. Speech changes in neurodegenerative diseases relate to clinical outcomes. Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Amsterdam, Netherlands. July 16-20, 2023.
- **Gumus, M**; Mack, M.L. Distinct hippocampal contributions to the rapid learning of category exceptions. 2022 Annual Meeting for Society for Neuroscience (SfN). San Diego, California, United States. November 12-16, 2022.
- **Gumus, M**; Mack, M.L; Green, R; Tartaglia, M.C. Precision-medicine in post-concussion syndrome using computational models. Canadian Traumatic Brain Injury Research Consortium (CTRC) Scientific Meeting. Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. January 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- **Gumus, M;** Precision-Medicine in Post-Concussion Syndrome Using Computational Models. Tanz- CRND Seminar Series. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- **Gumus, M;** Identifying Clinical Subtypes of Patients with Post-Concussion Syndrome Using Computational Models. Krembil Neuroimaging Rounds. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- **Gumus, M**; Mack, M.L; Green, R; Tartaglia, M.C. Clinical subtypes of post-concussion syndrome: evaluating the relationship between subject specific structural-functional connectomes and cognitive/neuropsychological measures. Canadian Traumatic Brain Injury Research Consortium (CTRC) Scientific Meeting. Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. June 12 14, 2019.
- **Gumus, M.** Evaluating the Relationship between Subject Specific Functional-Structural Connectomes and Cognitive Measures in Patients with Post-Concussion Syndrome. Krembil Research Day. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 15, 2019.
- **Gumus, M;** Mack, M.L; Green, R; Tartaglia, M.C. Evaluating Brain-Behaviour Relationship in Post-Concussion Syndrome with Computational Models. The Institute of Medical Science Research Day. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May14, 2019.
- **Gumus, M**; Mack, M.L; Green, R; Tartaglia, M.C. Evaluating the Relationship between Subject Specific Functional-Structural Connectomes and Cognitive Measures in Patients with Post-Concussion Syndrome. Neurosciences and Mental Health Symposia. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Gumus, M; Mack, M.L; Green, R; Tartaglia, M.C. Constructing Patient Specific Functional and Structural Connectomes of Former Professional Athletes with Multiple Concussions to Explain Brain-Behavior Relationship. Canadian Traumatic Brain Injury Research Consortium (CTRC) Scientific Meeting. Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **Poster Presentations**

- **Gumus, M**; Zhao, W.J; Lee, Z.Z.Y; Mack, M.L. Emergence of Attentional Templates in Concept Learning and the Underlying Neural Mechanisms. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts, United States. May 27, 2025.
- **Gumus, M**; Saghati, N.A; Mack, M.L. Learning exceptions to category rules is supported by distinct white matter networks. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. April 13-16, 2024.
- **Gumus, M**; Lee, Z.Z.Y; Mack, M.L. Category learning builds behaviourally relevant attentional templates. 2024 Annual Meeting for Society for Neuroscience (SfN). Chicago, Illinois, United States. October 5-9, 2024. **Trainee award session!**
- **Gumus, M** & Mack, M.L. Learning regularities and exceptions are supported by distinct hippocampal pathways as revealed by diffusion-weighted functional footprints. 2023 Annual Meeting for Society for Neuroscience (SfN). Washington, DC, United States. November 11-15, 2023.
- **Gumus, M**; Koo, M; Bhan, A; Robin, J; Black, S.E. Speech changes in neurodegenerative diseases relate to clinical outcomes. Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC). Amsterdam, Netherlands. July 16-20, 2023.
- **Gumus, M**; Bourganos, A; Mack, M.L. Human Hippocampal White Matter Pathways and Their Relation to Cognition. Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. July 22<sup>nd</sup>– 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- **Gumus, M**; Mack, M.L. Hippocampus Engagement Early in Learning Supports Concept Formation. Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci). Toronto, Ontario, Canada. July 27-30, 2022.
- **Gumus, M**; Bourganos, A; Mack, M.L. Quantifying Hippocampal Circuitry in Humans.

  Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) Annual Meeting. Glasgow, Scotland.

  June 19<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- DeSouza, D.D; **Gumus, M**; Fidalgo, C; Simpson, W; Robin, J. Characterizing depressive symptom fluctuations using automated speech assessments: a remote feasibility study. The International Society for CNS Clinical Trials and Methodology (ISCTM) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, United States. February 23rd 25th, 2022. \*Best poster award!

- **Gumus, M**; Zhu, T; Schlichting, M.L; Mack, M.L. Hippocampal white matter microstructure predicts rapid category learning. 2019 Annual Meeting for Society for Neuroscience (SfN). Chicago, Illinois, United States. October 19-23, 2019.
- Chatzikalymniou, A. P; **Gumus, M**; Skinner, F.K. Translating mechanisms of theta rhythm generation from simpler to more detailed network models. 2019 Annual Computational Neuroscience (CNS) Meeting. Barcelona, Spain. July 13-17, 2019.
- **Gumus, M**; Mack, M.L; Green, R; Tartaglia, M.C. Evaluating the Relationship between Subject Specific Functional-Structural Connectomes and Cognitive Measures in Patients with Post-Concussion Syndrome. Collaborator Program in Neuroscience (CPIN) Research Day. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. June 5, 2019.
- **Gumus, M**; Mack, M.L; Green, R; Tartaglia, M.C. Evaluating the Relationship between Subject Specific Functional-Structural Connectomes and Cognitive Measures in Patients with Post-Concussion Syndrome. Krembil Research Day. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. May 15, 2019.
- **Gumus, M.** (2017). The Role of Retinoic Acid and EGF in Cell Growth, Poster. HMB310 Neuroscience Lab Course, University of Toronto
- **Gumus, M\***; Ricci, A.L\*; El-Kurdi, M; Li, V; Agapova V. The Brain on COBWEB; A Hierarchy, Revisited. ROP299 Poster Fair, University of Toronto. March 2016. (\*equal contributions)

### **Invited Talks**

- **Gumus, M;** Mack, M.L. Unraveling the cognitive and neural mechanisms underlying the interplay of learning, memory, and attention. Cognition Colloquium, UC Berkley. Sep 30, 2025. Invited by Dr. Mariam Aly.
- **Gumus, M;** Mack, M.L. Comprehensive understanding of learning process. Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. June 11, 2024. Invited by Dr. Nora Newcombe.
- **Gumus, M;** Mack, M.L. Comprehensive understanding of learning process. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. May 30, 2024. Invited by Dr. Anna Schapiro.
- **Gumus, M.** Repetition suppression in older adults. University Health Network, University of Toronto, Toronto. April 5, 2024. Invited by Dr. Mary Pat McAndrews.
- **Gumus, M.** Complex dynamic interactions: synergies between ABM and QCA. Leiden, Netherlands. April 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2022. Team modelled opinion dynamics on long COVID.

## **Teaching Experience**

#### **Course Instructor**

PSY372 Fall 2024 – Human Memory, University of Toronto

2024

HMB440 Winter 2024 – Dementia, University of Toronto PSY372 Fall 2023 – Human Memory, University of Toronto	2024 2023
Guest Lecturer	
HMB490 Full Year – Health in Community, University of Toronto	2021 – 2023
HMB440 Winter – Dementia, University of Toronto 20	19, 2020, & 2021
Advanced Placement AP Neuroscience – Bloor Collegiate Institute	2018
Teaching Assistant – Undergraduate Level	
PSY424 Winter – Social Psychology of Interpersonal Relationships, UofT	2022 & 2023
HMB490Y Full Year – Health in Community, University of Toronto	2021 – 2023
PSY270 Winter – Cognitive Psychology, University of Toronto	2022 & 2023
HMB422 Summer – Seminar in Health & Disease, University of Toronto	2022
PSY210 Fall – Statistics I, University of Toronto	2021
HMB200 Summer – Introduction to Neuroscience, University of Toronto	2020
HMB440 Winter – Dementia, University of Toronto	2019 & 2020
Teaching Assistant – Graduate Level	
MSC1090 Fall – Introduction to Computational Biostatistics, UofT 20	19, 2021, & 2022
Research Supervision – High School Level	2016 – 2019
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Nahal Alizadeh Saghati 2021 - 2022Independent Research Program Project: Whole brain tractography for understanding individual differences in concept learning 2019 - 2020Alexandra Santos Full time research assistant Project: Scoping review of brain changes in post-concussion syndrome Teresa Zhu Summer 2018 NSERC - Undergraduate Student Research Awards Project: Developing a technique to measure hippocampal connectomes **Conference & Talk Organization** Bay Area Memory Meeting (BAMM!), UC Davis 2025 Organizer – conference planning Ebbinghaus Empire Talk Series, University of Toronto 2023 - 2024Co-Organizer of talk series at the Department of Psychology Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) Conference, Toronto 2024 Volunteer – facilitation of conference activities Cognitive Science Society (Cog Sci) Conference, Toronto 2022 Volunteer – facilitation of conference activities **Science Mentorship & Outreach Industry Career Mentor for Graduate Students** 2023 - 2024IMS Mentorship Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto Mentorship for High School Students with Indigenous and African ancestry 2019 Summer Mentorship Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto Co-Founder & Co-President of a club, advocating science and research on campus 2017 - 2019The Foundation for Student Science and Technology - U of T Chapter Research Opportunity Program Peer Research Advisor 2016 - 2017Research Opportunity Program, University of Toronto Trinity One Mentor, assisting students with scientific literacy, debates, research 2015 - 2017

Projects: Attention shift in learning with eye-tracking, web development for hippocampal circuit project, 2D vs 3D stimuli in learning and perception

Biomedical Health Stream, Trinity One Program, University of Toronto

Workshop Organizer in STEM, advocating science through agent-based simulations 2015 – 2018 University Research Experience in Complex Systems, University of Toronto

Mentor for incoming students to help with their transition to university 2015 – 2016
University College e-Mentorship Program, University of Toronto

Event Planner, advocating mental health awareness through social events

Campaign for Community, University of Toronto

### **Technical Skills**

Techniques: behavioural index, diffusion imaging, fMRI, MEG, eyetracking, computational models. Neuroimage processing: FSL, Freesurfer, ANTs, MRtrix, C-PAC, FMRIPrep, MRIQC. Programming: R, Matlab, Python, Bash, High Performance Computing, Git and version control.

# **Professional Membership**

Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS)	2024 – 2025
Society for Neuroscience (SfN)	2019 & 2022 – 2024
Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM)	2022 – 2023
Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI)	2017 – 2020
Collaborative Program in Neuroscience (CPIN), University of Toronto	2018 – 2020