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	<b><i>University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN</i></b> B.A. in Honors Neuroscience	2013-2017
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	<b>McMahon, E.</b> & Isik, L. (2023). Seeing social interactions. <i>Trends in Cognitive Science</i> . doi: 10.1016/j.tics.2023.09.001	
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<b>INVITED TALKS</b>	Johns Hopkins University, Lab of Christopher Krupenye Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lab of Nancy Kanwisher Johns Hopkins University, Lab of Marina Bedny	March 2023 July 2022 April 2022
<b>AWARDS</b>	National Eye Institute Early Career Travel Grant National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Student Travel Award National Institutes of Health Research Training Award University of Tennessee Neuroscience Outstanding Graduate University of Tennessee Chancellor’s Honors Scholarship	2023 2019-2022 2018 2017-2019 2017 2013-2017

**ORAL  
CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

**McMahon, E.**, Abel, T., Gonzalez-Martinez, J., Bonner, M.F., Ghuman, A., & Isik, L. The spatiotemporal dynamics of social scene perception in the human brain. *Vision Science Society*; May 19 - 24, 2023; St. Petersburg, FL.

**McMahon, E.**, Gonzalez, R., Nakayama, K., Ungerleider, L.G., & Vaziri-Pashkam, M. Understanding Action Prediction with Machine Learning and Psychophysics. *Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*; Sept. 5 – 8, 2018; Philadelphia, PA. [link](#)

**POSTER  
CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

**McMahon, E.**, Bonner, M. F., & Isik, L. Hierarchical representations of naturalistic social interactions in the lateral visual pathway. *Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*; August 25 - 28, 2022; San Francisco, CA.

**McMahon, E.**, Bonner, M. F., & Isik, L. Naturalistic two-person social perception in the brain. *Vision Science Society*; May 13 - 18, 2022; St. Petersburg, FL.

**McMahon, E.**, Bonner, M. F., & Isik, L. A large-scale, naturalistic dataset of two-person social actions. *Vision Science Society*; May 21 - 26, 2021; Virtual.

Vaziri-Pashkam, M., Woodward, K., **McMahon, E.**, & Ungerleider, L.G. Representations for Grasp Relevant Parts of Objects in the Human Intraparietal Sulcus. *Vision Science Society*; June 19 - 24, 2020; Virtual.

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**McMahon, E.**, Zheng, C. Y., Pereira, F., Gonzalez, R., Ungerleider, L.G., & Vaziri-Pashkam, M. Exploring Predictive Information in Action with Psychophysics and Machine Learning. *Society for Neuroscience*; Nov. 3 - 7, 2018; San Diego, CA.

**McMahon, E.**, Wiener, R., DiMercurio, A., Connell, J., & Corbetta, D. An Analysis of Prospective Reaching in 9-Month-Old Infants Using Eye-Tracking. *North American Society for Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity*; June 4 – 7, 2017; San Diego, CA.

**TEACHING**

Cognitive Science Fiction  
Broad intro to CogSci through sci-fi media

Jan 2023

**SERVICE**

Cognitive Science Diversity and Representation Committee  
JHU Graduate Representation Organization

2020-*current*  
2020-2022