

# BENJAMIN PITT

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Chicago, Chicago, IL</b>	9.13 – present
PhD student in Psychology: Cognitive Science.	
M.A. Psychology	9.15
<b>The New School for Social Research, New York, NY</b>	8.12 – 8.13
Psychology graduate student	
<b>Brown University, Providence, RI</b>	2002 – 06
BS in Cognitive Neuroscience	

## AWARDS & HONORS

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<b>Graduate Accommodation Award, Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society</b>	2017
<b>Graduate Council Travel Award, University of Chicago</b>	2017
<b>GRAD Global Impact Award, University of Chicago</b>	2016
<b>Student Travel Award, Robert J. Glushko and Pamela Samuelson Foundation</b>	2016
<b>Graduate Accommodation Award, International Meeting of the Psychonomic Society</b>	2016
<b>Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program</b>	2014
<b>Student Travel and Conference Award, New School for Social Research</b>	2013
<b>Dean's Fellowship, New School for Social Research</b>	2012
<b>Rosenberger Prize</b> for excellence in honors research and coursework, <i>Brown University</i>	2006

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Pitt, B., & Casasanto, D. (2017).** *Spatializing emotion: No evidence for a domain-general magnitude system.* Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Pitt, B., & Casasanto, D. (2016).** Reading experience shapes the mental timeline but not the mental number line. In A. Papafragou, D. Grodner, D. Mirman, & J. Trueswell (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 2753-2758). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
- Pitt, B., & Casasanto, D. (2016).** Spatializing emotion: A mapping of valence or magnitude? In A. Papafragou, D. Grodner, D. Mirman, & J. Trueswell (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1056-1061). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
- Pitt, B., & Casasanto, D. (2014).** Experiential Origins of the Mental Number Line. In P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, & B. Scassellati (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 1174-1179). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Pitt, B. & Casasanto, D. (2017).** *Spatializing time and number: How culture shapes cognitive universals.* Talk to be presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomics Society, Vancouver, BC.
- Pitt, B. & Casasanto, D. (2017).** *Experiential origins of the mental time line and the mental number line.* Talk presented at the 89th Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Pitt, B. (2016, May).** Experiential origins of the mental time line and the mental number line. In D. Casasanto (Chair), *Spatial mappings of time and number: commonalities and distinctions.* Symposium conducted at the International Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Granada, Spain.
- Pitt, B., & Casasanto, D. (2016, May).** *Experiential origins of the mental time line and the mental number line.* Poster session presented at the 2nd International Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Granada, Spain.
- Pitt, B., & Casasanto, D. (2014, July).** *Experiential Origins of the Mental Number Line.* Poster session presented at the Sixth Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies, San Diego, CA.

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## INVITED TALKS

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<b>Indiana University</b> , Bloomington	Spatializing time and number: How culture shapes cognitive universals	9.17
<b>Jigsaw</b> , Google NY	Embodied Cognition: How experience shapes the mind	7.17
<b>D. Gentner Lab</b> , Northwestern	Spatializing time and number: How culture shapes cognitive universals	6.17
<b>B. Tversky Lab</b> , Columbia TC	Space for Thinking: The Structure and Origin of Mental Metaphors	2.16
<b>ITP</b> , NYU	Embodied Cognition and Design: How Experience Shapes the Mind	6.14
<b>Fjord Design Clinic</b> , New York	Embodied Cognition: How Experience Shapes the Mind	9.13

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Chicago</b>		9.13 – present
PhD student with Daniel Casasanto		
<b>New School for Social Research</b>		8.12 – 8.13
Graduate student with Daniel Casasanto		
<b>Brown University</b>		
Independent honors thesis		2006
Research assistant for Julie Sedivy		Summer 2004
Research assistant for Steven Sloman		2003 – 2005

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Mind</b> , Intern, <i>University of Chicago</i>		Spring 2017
<b>Psychology of Decision Making</b> , TA, <i>University of Chicago</i>		Autumn 2016
<b>Cognitive Psychology</b> , TA, <i>University of Chicago</i>		Spring 2016
<b>The Body in the Mind</b> , TA, <i>University of Chicago</i>		Spring 2015
<b>Relativity of Mind</b> , TA, <i>New School for Social Research</i>		Spring 2013
<b>Experiential Relativity</b> , TA, <i>New School for Social Research</i>		Autumn 2012

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>Research Fellow</b> , Google, <i>New York, NY</i>		7.17 – 8.17
Designed and conducted experiments using virtual reality		
<b>User Experience Consultant</b> , Cognescent, <i>New York, NY</i>		6.16 – 8.16
Summer internship at technology startup building novel brain-machine interface (cognescent.com)		
Supported by GRAD Global Impact Award from UChicago		
<b>Interaction Designer</b> , Fjord, <i>Berlin, Paris, &amp; Madrid</i>		5.10 – 7.12
Designed user interfaces for products and services at international design firm		
<b>Interaction Designer</b> , Ziba Design, <i>Portland, OR</i>		6.08 – 11.09
Specialized in information architecture, user experience strategy		
<b>Design Researcher</b> , Ziba Design, <i>Portland, OR</i>		11.07 – 6.08
Designed and conducted ethnographic user research and usability tests		