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EDUCATION

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

AWARDS & HONORS

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

PUBLICATIONS

- Pitt, B., & Casasanto, D.** (in press). Spatializing emotion: No evidence for a domain-general magnitude system. *Cognitive Science*.
- 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

- 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.

INVITED TALKS

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow , Google, <i>New York, NY</i>		7.17 – 10.17
Designed and conducted experiments using virtual reality		
User Experience Consultant , 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		
Interaction Designer , Fjord, <i>Berlin, Paris, & Madrid</i>		5.10 – 7.12
Designed user interfaces for products and services at international design firm		
Interaction Designer , Ziba Design, <i>Portland, OR</i>		6.08 – 11.09
Specialized in information architecture, user experience strategy		
Design Researcher , Ziba Design, <i>Portland, OR</i>		11.07 – 6.08
Designed and conducted ethnographic user research and usability tests		