

BENJAMIN PITT

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EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Visiting PhD student	8.17 – present
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL PhD student in Psychology: Cognitive Science M.A. Psychology	9.13 – present 9.15
The New School for Social Research, New York, NY Psychology graduate student	8.12 – 8.13
Brown University, Providence, RI BS in Cognitive Neuroscience	2002 – 06

AWARDS & HONORS

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

PUBLICATIONS

- Pitt, B., & Casasanto, D.** (2017). Spatializing emotion: No evidence for a domain-general magnitude system. *Cognitive Science*. DOI: 10.1111/cogs.12568
- 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.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Pitt, B. & Casasanto, D.** (2017). *Spatializing time and number: How culture shapes cognitive universals*. Poster presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomics Society, Vancouver, BC.
- Pitt, B. & Casasanto, D.** (2017). *Distinct Experiential Origins of the Mental Timeline & Mental Number Line*. Poster presented at the 29th Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- 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.

TALKS

2017	Brown Bag talk	Cornell University, <i>Ithaca</i>
	Invited talk	Indiana University, <i>Bloomington, IN</i>
	Presentation	Jigsaw, <i>Google NY</i>
	Invited talk	D. Gentner Lab, <i>Northwestern University</i>
	Conference talk	Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, <i>Chicago, IL</i>
2016	Conference talk	International Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, <i>Granada, Spain</i>
	Conference talk	Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>
	Invited talk	Barbara Tversky Lab, <i>Columbia Teachers College</i>
2014	Conference talk	Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, <i>Quebec city, Canada.</i>
	Presentation	ITP, <i>NYU</i>
2013	Presentation	Fjord Design Clinic, <i>NY</i>

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Teaching Assistance

2017	Mind, <i>University of Chicago</i>
2016	Psychology of Decision Making, <i>University of Chicago</i> Cognitive Psychology, <i>University of Chicago</i>
2015	The Body in the Mind, <i>University of Chicago</i>
2013	Relativity of Mind, <i>New School for Social Research (Graduate level)</i>
2012	Experiential Relativity, <i>New School for Social Research</i>

Undergraduate student supervision: Amanda Dobbyn, Amritpal Singh, Benny Koleck, Courtney Gardner, Kamilah Scales, Melissa Grossbarth, Michelle Kim, Nikolai Maximay, Sumer Vaid, Vayram Nyadroh

Masters student supervision: Shrishti Goel

SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

Ad hoc reviewer: Cognition; Cognitive Processing; Cognitive Science Society; Journal of Experimental Psychology: General; Language and Cognition; Psychological Research

Member: Association for Psychological Science; Midwestern Psychological Association; Psychonomic Society

Volunteer: The Think Tank, a mobile neuroscience outreach lab (2015-16); The Future of the Mind, part of “7 Days of Genius” lecture series (2015)

Committee member: Psychology Graduate Student Professional Development Committee (2015-16)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Cornell University	8.17 – present
Visiting PhD student with Daniel Casasanto	
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

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow , Google, <i>New York, NY</i> Designed and conducted experiments using virtual reality	7.17 – 10.17
User Experience Consultant , CTRL-labs (formerly Cognescent), <i>New York, NY</i> Summer internship at technology startup building novel brain-machine interface (ctrl-labs.com) Supported by GRAD Global Impact Award from UChicago	6.16 – 8.16
Interaction Designer , Fjord, <i>Berlin, Paris, & Madrid</i> Designed user interfaces for products and services at international design firm	5.10 – 7.12
Interaction Designer , Ziba Design, <i>Portland, OR</i> Specialized in information architecture, user experience strategy	6.08 – 11.09
Design Researcher , Ziba Design, <i>Portland, OR</i> Designed and conducted ethnographic user research and usability tests	11.07 – 6.08