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**Education****Duke University, Durham, NC**

Ph.D., Psychology, 2007

*Dissertation: The Cognitive and Neural Roots of Mathematical Knowledge*

*Committee: Elizabeth Brannon (chair), Kevin Pelphrey, Amy Needham, Roberto Cabeza*

**Columbia University, New York, NY**

*Continuing Studies 2001-2003*

**Indiana University, Bloomington, IN**

*B.A. Anthropology, 1999*

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**Academic Employment**

July 2024	--	present	Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, Department of Psychology
July 2018	--	July 2024	Associate Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, Department of Psychology
July 2017	--	July 2018	Associate Professor, University of Rochester, Brain & Cognitive Sciences Department
July 2009	--	July 2017	Assistant Professor, University of Rochester, Brain & Cognitive Sciences Department
Oct 2007	--	Aug 2009	Postdoctoral Researcher, Carnegie Mellon University (Kevin Pelphrey) and INSERM, Paris (Stanislas Dehaene)
Aug 2003	--	Oct 2007	Graduate Student, Psychological & Brain Sciences, Duke University (Liz Brannon)
May 2001	--	Aug 2003	Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, Columbia University (Herb Terrace)
July 1999	--	Sep 2000	Field Researcher, Karisoke Research Center, Rwanda

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**Grants, Honors, & Awards**

2024	Society for Experimental Psychologists, Young Investigator Award
2023-2027	Office of Naval Research, PI, Neural Basis of Learning from Spatial Intervention, \$1,249,000 (total)
2022-2026	NIH R01, PI, Gender, Early Spatial Cognition, and the Neural Basis of Mathematics in Children \$1,260,268 (total)
2022	James Cattell Sabbatical Award
2022-2026	NSF, PI, Does Gender Impact the Neural Basis of Mathematical Cognition in Early Childhood? \$934,036 (total)
2020	American Psychological Society Fellow
2018	Chair in Developmental Neuroscience, Zdrojkowski Chair, Carnegie Mellon University
2017	TIME Person of the Year (among The Silence Breakers)
2016	Science News, 10 Scientists to Watch, Society for Science & the Public
2017-2022	NIH, PI, NICHD R01, Development of Number Words in the Human Brain, \$1,800,000 (total)
2016-2021	NIH, MPI, NICHD R01, The Origins and Logic of Counting Algorithms, \$1,800,000 (total)
2015-2019	NSF, PI, ECR, The Origins of Numerical Concepts from Nonverbal Perception, \$1,200,000 (total)
2013	Cowan Young Investigator, Carnegie Mellon University
2013	Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow, \$50,000 (total)
2012	James P. Wilmot Assistant Professor, University of Rochester, \$10,000 (total)
2011-2016	James S. McDonnell Scholar, Understanding Human Cognition, \$600,000 (total)

2011-2014	NSF, Co-PI, REESE, Bayesian Approach to Number Reasoning, \$750,000 (total)
2010-2015	NIH, PI, NICHD R01, The Neural Origins of Quantitative Concepts, \$1,200,000 (total)
2007-2009	National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual postdoctoral fellowship, NICHD
2007-2008	Elizabeth Munsterberg Koppitz Child Psychology Fellowship, American Psychological Foundation
2008	Biology of Cognition Conference, Cell Press, Travel award
2007	Duke International Travel Dissertation Research Award
2006-2007	Duke Vertical Integration Mentorship Fellow
2006	Sigma Xi, Sally Hughes-Schrader Award
2005	Dartmouth Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellowship
2004-2007	National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship
1997-1999	McNair Scholarship for Underprivileged Groups (US Department of Education)
1994-1996	Indiana Business and Professional Women's Undergraduate Scholarship

### **Publications (peer-reviewed)**

- Cantlon, J.F.**, Becker, K.T., & DeLong, C.M. (2024). Computational thinking during a short, authentic, interdisciplinary STEM experience for elementary school students. *Journal for STEM Education Research*.
- Piantadosi, S., & **Cantlon, J. F.** (2024). Uniquely human intelligence arose from expanded information capacity. *Nature Reviews Psychology*.
- Dedhe, A., Piantadosi, S. T., & **Cantlon, J. F.** (2023). Cognitive mechanisms underlying recursive pattern processing in human adults. *Cognitive Science*, 47(4), e13273.
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- Ferrigno, S., Huang, Y., & **Cantlon, J.F.** (2021). Disjunctive syllogism in non-humans. *Psychological Science*.
- Ferrigno, S., Cheyette, S., Dedhe, A., Piantadosi, S., & **Cantlon, J. F.** (2020). Simple models of sequential processing cannot explain center-embedded generalizations. *Science Advances*, 6(26).
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- Gruber et al. (2020). The Future of Women in Psychological Science. *Perspectives in Psychological Science*, 16(3), 483-516.
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- Cantlon, J. F.** (2018). How evolution constrains human numerical concepts. *Child Development Perspectives*, 12(1), 65-71.
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- Alonso-Díaz, S., Piantadosi, S. T., Hayden, B. Y., & **Cantlon, J. F.** (2018). Intrinsic whole number bias in humans. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 44(9), 1472.
- Alonso-Díaz, S., & **Cantlon, J. F.** (2018). Confidence judgments during ratio comparisons reveal a Bayesian bias. *Cognition*, 177, 98-106.
- Alonso-Díaz, S., **Cantlon, J. F.**, & Piantadosi, S. T. (2018). A threshold-free model of numerosity comparisons. *PloS One*, 13(4), e0195188.
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- Bonn, C. & **Cantlon, J. F.** (2017). Spontaneous, modality-general abstraction of a ratio scale. *Cognition*, 169, 36-45.
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- Piantadosi, S., & **Cantlon, J. F.** (2017). True numerical cognition in the wild. *Psychological Science* 28(4), 462-469.
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### Publications (currently under peer-review)

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Kersey, A., Aulet, L., & **Cantlon, J. F.** (in review). Emergence of counting in the brains of 3-year-old children.

**Cantlon, J. F.**, Piantadosi, S., Conti, J., Boni, I., Ozaydin, T., & Bonn, C. (in review). Universal foundation and plasticity of abstract reasoning across culture, age, and species.

Aulet, L., Kaicher, C., & **Cantlon, J. F.** (in review). Intersection of spatial and numerical cognition in the developing brain.

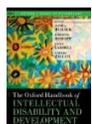
**Cantlon, J.F.**, Brownell, L.R, Li, Jialin, & DeLong, C.M. (in review). Evolutionary link between spatial and numerical cognition.

### Book Chapters

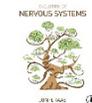
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### Talks

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NHPgh Colloquium, Pittsburgh, December 2024

University of Minnesota, Child Development Symposium, Festschrift for Dick Aslin, October 2024

University of Iceland, Gender Equality Symposium, September 2024

University of Coimbra, Portugal, Gender Colloquium Keynote, March 2024

University of California, Berkeley, November 2023

Arizona State University, The Beyond Center, November 2023

Human Brain Project, Paris, March 2023

Mathematical Cognition and Learning Society, London, June 2023

Ohio State University, Cognitive Neuroscience Colloquium, April 2023

University of Wisconsin, Psychology Colloquium, December 2022

University of Minnesota, Cognitive Neuroscience Colloquium, September 2022  
Johns Hopkins University, Psychology Colloquium, March 2022  
Georgetown University, Neural Plasticity Seminar, November 2021  
University of Coimbra, Portugal, Animal Neuroscience and Cognition, October 2021  
Brown University, Developmental Colloquium, September 2021  
University of Coimbra, Portugal, Gender Equity Colloquium, September 2021  
Princeton University, Neuroscience Colloquium, February 2021  
National Science Foundation, Washington D.C., November 2020  
Cognitive Science Society, August 2020  
Psi Chi Society, Carnegie Mellon University, October 2020  
University of Tennessee, Psychology Colloquium, April 2020  
Princeton University, Psychology Colloquium, December 2019  
Queen's University, Psychology Colloquium, September 2019  
Cognitive Development Society Symposium, Louisville October 2019  
Cognitive Science Society Symposium, Montreal, August 2019  
Vanderbilt University, Educational Neuroscience Colloquium, April 2019  
ICPS Paris, Crosscultural Comparisons of Mathematics Education, March 2019  
University of Pittsburgh, Developmental Brownbag, March 2019  
#MeToo San Francisco Panel, We Said Enough and Christine Pelosi, February 2019  
Santa Fe Institute, The arrow of time, June 2018  
The Ohio State University, Workshop on Mathematical Cognition, June 2018  
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Psychology, April 2018  
Rochester Institute of Technology, May 2017  
Carnegie Mellon University, April 2017  
NIMH Director's Innovation Speaker Series, January 2017  
Duke University, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience, February 2017  
University of Toronto, Department of Psychology, March 2017  
Gordon Research Conference, Neurobiology of Cognition, Maine, July 2016  
University of North Carolina, Carolina Consortium on Human Development, March 2016  
University of Chicago, NSF Spatial Intelligence and Learning Center (SILC), November 2015  
Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Preconference, Columbus, OH October 2015  
Georgetown University, Linguistics Symposium, March 2015  
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Symposium, Philadelphia, March 2015  
Yale University, Developmental Psychology Lunch, March 2015  
AAAS Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA February 2015  
Houghton College, Psychology Symposium, January 2015  
Society for Language Development, Boston University, November 2014  
McDonnell Foundation Symposium, Cambridge, UK 2013  
NIH Math Consortium, Bethesda, MD 2013  
SUNY Buffalo, Psychology Colloquium, 2013  
Carnegie Mellon University, Cowan Young Investigator Lecture, March 2013  
NAS Sackler Colloquium, National Academy of Sciences, Irvine, CA January 2011  
Columbia University, University Seminar: Psychology, New York, December 2011  
UCSB, Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, Santa Barbara, CA July 2011  
Utah State University, Psychology Colloquium, Logan, UT March 2011  
RIT, Psychology Colloquium, Rochester, New York, March, 2010  
Neurocog Collective, Bocas del Toro, Panama, January 2010  
Cognitive Development Society (CDS), San Antonio, October 2009  
UCSB, Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, Santa Barbara, CA June 2009  
Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS), San Francisco, March 2009.  
AAAS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2009  
The LOVE Conference, Niagara Falls, CA, February 2009  
Society for Neuroscience (SFN), Washington D.C, November 2008  
University of Iowa, Psychology Colloquium, April 2008  
University of Wisconsin, Psychology Colloquium, April 2008  
Harvard University, Psychology Colloquium, March 2008  
University of Rochester, Brain & Cognitive Science Colloquium, March 2008  
Stanford University, Psychology Colloquium, January 2008  
University of Wisconsin, Psychology Colloquium, December 2007  
Carnegie Mellon University, Developmental Brownbag Series, November 2007  
APA, San Francisco, August 2007

Yale University, Developmental Brownbag Series, November 2006

Duke University, Cognitive Neuroscience Series, August 2006

Duke University, Developmental Series, November 2004

## Teaching & Mentoring

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Spring 2025	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Changing Your Brain</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 30 students
Spring 2025	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 69 students
Spring 2024	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 75 students
Spring 2024	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Changing Your Brain</i> , Undergraduate Seminar, 27 students
Spring 2022	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Origins of Intelligence</i> , Undergraduate Seminar, 20 students
Spring 2022	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 40 students
Spring 2021	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Origins of Intelligence</i> , Undergraduate Seminar, 12 students
Spring 2021	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 40 students
Fall 2020	<b>Mentor</b> , FLUX Society, 3 students
Spring 2020	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 22 students
Spring 2020	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Origins of Intelligence</i> , Undergraduate Seminar, 10 students
Fall 2018	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 12 students
Spring 2018	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Cognitive Neuroscience of Parenting</i> , Undergraduate Seminar, 14 students
Fall 2017	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 60 students
Spring 2017	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Gabrielle Bueno, Yiyun Huang, Abigail Haslinger, Kelsey Csumitta)
Fall 2016	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Yiyun Huang, Giovanna Braganza, Abigail Haslinger, Kelsey Csumitta)
Fall 2016	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 80 students
Fall 2016	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Cognition</i> , Graduate Seminar, 19 students
Summer 2016	<b>Mentor</b> , Summer Research, (Abigail Haslinger)
Spring 2016	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Kelvin Adulley, Abigail Haslinger, Kelsey Csumitta, Gabrielle Bueno, Yiyun Huang, Alexandra Dwulit)
Fall 2015	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Kelvin Adulley, Abigail Haslinger, Kelsey Csumitta, Gabrielle Bueno, Alexandra Dwulit)
Fall 2015	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Research Methods</i> , Undergraduate Lab, 12 students
Fall 2015	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 60 students
Summer 2015	<b>Mentor</b> , Summer Research, (Kelvin Adulley, Abigail Haslinger, Kelsey Csumitta)
Spring 2015	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Alyssa Arre, Yinghui Qiu, Julia Yurkovic, Gabrielle Bueno, Matthew Mullen)
Fall 2014	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Alyssa Arre, Yinghui Qiu, Julia Yurkovic, Matthew Mullen, Gabrielle Bueno)
Fall 2014	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Cognition</i> , Graduate Seminar, 13 students
Fall 2014	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 40 students
Summer 2014	<b>Mentor</b> , Summer Research, (Yinghui Qiu, Julia Yurkovic, Daniel Chess)
Spring 2014	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Alyssa Arre, Yinghui Qiu, Matthew Mullen)
Fall 2013	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Alyssa Arre, Varsha Nair, Matthew Mullen, Danika Teverovsky, Meghan Gray, Yinghui Qiu)
Summer 2013	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Matthew Mullen, Meghan Gray, Yinghui Qiu)
Spring 2013	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Laura Ackerman, Matthew Mullen, Danika Teverovsky)
Fall 2012	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Laura Ackerman)
Fall 2012	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Cognition</i> , Graduate Seminar, 15 students
Fall 2012	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 70 students
Summer 2012	<b>Mentor</b> , Summer Research, (Laura Ackerman, Ben Bade, Elizabeth Brown, Sheridan Finnie, Sabina Knoll)
Spring 2012	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Theresa Kurtz, Tyia Clark, Celia Litovsky, Emily Kasman, Sheridan Finnie)
Fall 2011	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study, (Theresa Kurtz, Tyia Clark, Celia Litovsky)
Fall 2011	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Animal Minds</i> , Undergraduate Lecture, 70 students
Summer 2011	<b>Co-Instructor</b> , fMRI workshop, UCSB Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, 50 students
Summer 2011	<b>Mentor</b> , Research Assistantship (Celia Litovsky, Regina Gerhardt)
Fall 2010	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Cognition</i> , Graduate Seminar, 25 students
Summer 2010	<b>Mentor</b> , Research Assistantship (Theresa Kurtz, Regina Gerhardt, Kathryn Nixon)
Spring 2010	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Brain &amp; Cognitive Science</i> , Senior Seminar, University of Rochester, 30 students
Spring 2010	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study (Theresa Kurtz, Regina Gerhardt, Eshin Jolly)
Fall 2009	<b>Mentor</b> , Independent Study (Theresa Kurtz, Eshin Jolly)
Fall 2008	<b>Mentor</b> , Intel Science Talent Search Program (Washington, D. C.)
Summer 2007	<b>Mentor</b> , Duke Vertical Integration Program Advisor for honors student (Andrew Pelehach)
Summer 2007	<b>Instructor</b> , <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , Duke University
Fall 2006	<b>Instructor</b> , Teaching & Research Ethics, Duke University
Summer 2006	<b>Mentor</b> , Duke Vertical Integration Program Advisor for honors student (Jill Kahane)

Spring 2006 Teaching Assistant, *Cognitive Psychology*, Roberto Cabeza  
Fall 2005 Teaching Assistant, *Developmental Psychology*, Amy Needham  
Spring 2005 **Instructor**, Teaching & Research Ethics, Duke University  
Fall 2004 Teaching Assistant, *Developmental Psychology*, Elizabeth Brannon

## **University Leadership**

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### **Associate Director of the Rochester Center for Brain Imaging 2010-2018**

Built community, collaborations, and a user-base for the MRI center. Organized and reviewed internal research grant competitions to recruit new MRI users. Lobbied the Provost and Deans for resources, managed staff, wrote center grants to NSF and NIH, worked with the director (Dick Aslin) to manage finances as a cost center, and presented center outcomes at meetings with the Dean of Research.

### **Chair of Diversity Committee, Carnegie Mellon Psychology 2018-2023**

Organized new graduate student, postdoc, and faculty recruitment practices that target underrepresented minorities by establishing outreach connections with McNair Scholars programs, HBCUs, and professional societies for under-represented minorities. Mediated concerns about bias and discrimination between faculty and students. Engaged in college-level meetings about climate and diversity and strategic diversity planning at Carnegie Mellon.

## **Professional Service**

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Chair, Glushko Dissertation Prize, Cognitive Science Society

2024-2027

Prize Committee

2022-2025 Glushko Dissertation Prize

Editorial

Associate & Action Editor

2019-2021: *Science Advances* AAAS

Associate & Action Editor

2014-2018: *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*

Associate Editor

2010-present: *Cognitive Neuropsychology*

Guest Editor

2016: Special Issue of *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*

2011: Special Issue of *Cognitive Neuropsychology*

NIH Member

2018-2022 NIH HCMF Study Section Member

NSF Panel Reviewer

Developmental Science 2010, 2012, 2018; Cognitive Neuroscience 2023

Conference Organizer

2024: NIH Workshop on Transdiagnostic Reasoning

2021-2022: CDS Program Planning Committee

2015: AAAS San Jose, Symposium Organizer, Psychology Section

2012: SRCD 2013 Reviewer; Representations, Concepts, & Problem-solving Panel

## **Graduate Students & Postdocs**

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2024-present Eloise Garcetta, Jialin Li, Wenjie Li

2023-present Marissa Laws

2020-2023 Margaret Bryer

2021-2025 Lauren Aulet (President's Postdoctoral Fellow)

2019-2025 Abhishek Dedhe

2021-2024 Julia Conti

2019-2022 Shipra Kanjlia

2017-2020 Marie Amalric (Marie Curie Fellowship)

2014-2018 Stephen Ferrigno (C03 Early Career Award, Glushko Prize)

2013-2018 Alyssa Kersey (NSF Fellowship, UR Bernard Award for Outreach)

2013-2019 Sarah Koopman (NSF Fellowship, UR Curtis Award for Teaching)

2012-2017 Santiago Alonso-Diaz

2010-2015 Cory Bonn (NSF Fellowship)

2010-2014 Bobby Emerson

## **Museum Exhibit**

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2020-present *The Primate Portal*, a public exhibit at the Seneca Park Zoo that encourages kids to do research, study animals, and write computer code. Funded by the National Science Foundation.

## **Media**

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### **Why Some Animals Can Tell More from Less**

[WIRED Magazine](#)

### **Scientists to Watch, Science News 2021**

[Science News](#)

### **Gender in the Brain**

[NPR](#), [CNN](#), [Daily Mail UK](#)

### **TIME Person of the Year 2017**

[TIME Magazine](#)

### **Ten Scientists to Watch – the SN10**

[Science News](#)

### **Monkeys May Share a Grammar with Humans**

[Science News](#)

### **When do Kids Understand Numbers?**

[National Geographic](#)

### **Primate Maths: Precocious baby baboons**

[Psychonomic Society](#), [Brain Decoder](#)

### **Even Kindergartners Rate Their Own Confidence**

[Discover Magazine](#)

### **Children's Brains on Sesame Street**

[Time Magazine](#), [NBC News](#), [CNN](#), [US News & World Report](#), [Fox News](#), [Huffington Post](#), [The Scientist](#), [National Geographic](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Global News](#), [Fox News](#), [India News](#), [Business Insider](#), [Science Daily](#), [PsychCentral](#), [NPR](#), [Innovation Trail](#), [10WHEC-TV](#), [13WHAM-TV](#), [WROC-TV](#), [YNN](#)

### **Baboons show brain's ability to understand numbers**

[Democrat & Chronicle](#), [Science News](#), [Science Daily](#)

### **Monkeys Rival College Students' Ability to Estimate**

[NPR](#), [National Geographic](#), [NBC News](#), [Science News](#), [Nature News](#)

### **Humanity's Other Basic Instinct: Math**

[Discover Magazine](#), [Scientific American](#)

### **Wired for Math**

[Science News](#)

### **Monkey Math**

[American Psychological Association](#)