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EDUCATION	University of California, Irvine Ph.D., Cognitive Sciences Concentration: Cognitive Neuroscience Advisor: Dr. Aaron Bornstein	2019-2024
	University of California, Berkeley B.A., Cognitive Science (with High Honors) Concentration: Cognitive Neuroscience Advisor: Dr. Anne Collins	2014-2018
EXPERIENCE	Hartley Lab, Dr. Catherine Hartley <i>Postdoctoral Researcher</i>	2024-present
	Neuroplasticity & Development Lab, Dr. Marina Bedny <i>Lab Manager</i>	2018-2019
AWARDS	F31 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, NIMH	2023-2025
	Memory, Space, & Time Workshop Travel Award	2022
	Sloan-Nomis Cognitive Foundations of Economic Behavior Summer School	2022
	Reinforcement Learning & Decision-making Conference Travel Award	2022
	National Defense Science & Engineering Graduate Fellowship	2020-2023
	Robert J. Glushko Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research	2018
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship	2017	

PUBLICATIONS

(*Equal contribution)

Journal Articles

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Interval timing as a computational pathway from early life adversity to affective disorders. *Topics in Cognitive Science* (2024).

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Overharvesting in human patch foraging reflects rational structure learning and adaptive planning. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2023).

Arcos, K.*, **Harhen, N.***, Loiotile, R., Bedny, M. Superior verbal but not nonverbal memory in congenital blindness. *Exp Brain Res* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00221-021-06304-4>

Loiotile, R., Kanjlia, S., **Harhen, N.**, Bedny, M. "Visual" cortices of congenitally blind adults are sensitive to response selection demands in a go/no-go task. *Neuroimage* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroimage.2021.118023>.

Refereed Conference Proceedings

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Learning to expect change: Volatility during early experience alters reward expectations in a model of interval timing. *Proceedings of the 20th International Conference on Cognitive Modeling* (2022). Selected as one of the best papers of *ICCM*.

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Humans adapt their foraging strategies and computations to environment complexity. *Proceedings of the 5th Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making* (2022).

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Structure learning as a mechanism of overharvesting. *Proceedings of the 19th International Conference on Cognitive Modeling* (2021).

Harhen, N.C., Hartley, C.A, Bornstein, A.M. Model-based foraging using latent-cause inference. *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (2021).

CONFERENCE POSTERS & TALKS

Harhen, N.C., Hartley C.A., Bornstein A.M. Development of structure inference contributes to age-related differences in exploration. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Conference, Boston, MA (August 2024).

Harhen, N.C., Goldway, N., Martinez-Ortiz, M.A., Ma, Y., Hartley C.A. Do early-life environments shape clinically relevant learning computations? Computational Psychiatry Conference, Minneapolis, MN (July 2024).

Harhen, N.C., Hartley C.A., Bornstein A.M. Developmental differences in exploration reveal differences in structure inference. The Fifth International Convention on the Mathematics Of Neuroscience and AI, Rome, Italy (May 2024). Selected for a spotlight talk.

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Temporal representation optimization as a computational link between early life experience and affective disorders. Computational Psychiatry Conference, Dublin, Ireland (July 2023).

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Temporal representation optimization as a computational link between early life experience and affective disorders. International Conference on Learning and Memory, Huntington Beach, CA (April 2023). Selected for a symposium talk.

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M.*, Hartley, C.A.* Changes in memory-guided decision-making underlie increased model-based planning across development. Society for Neuroeconomics Annual Meeting, Crystal City, VA (October 2022).

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M.*, Hartley, C.A.* Memory-guided decision-making develops alongside model-based planning. Flux Society Congress, Paris, France (September 2022).

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Learning to expect change: Volatility during early experience alters reward expectations in a model of interval timing. International Conference on Cognitive Modeling, Toronto, Canada (July 2022). Selected for a talk.

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Temporal representation adaptation as a computa-

tional link between early life unpredictability and anhedonia. Computational Psychiatry Course, New York, NY (July 2022).

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein A.M. Humans adapt their foraging strategies and computations to environment complexity. 5th Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making, Providence, RI (June 2022).

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein, A.M. Representation learning and adaptation in human foraging. Data Blitz, UCI Center for Learning and Memory Spring Conference, Irvine, CA (March 2022). Selected for a talk.

Harhen, N.C., Bornstein, A.M. Unpredictability during the development of interval timing produces asymmetric responses to positive and negative outcomes. Conte Center @ UCI, 9th Annual Symposium, Irvine, CA, (March 2022).

Harhen, N.C., Baram, T.Z., Yassa, M.A., Bornstein, A.M. Formalizing the Relationship Between Early Life Adversity and Addiction Vulnerability: The Role of Memory Sampling. Society for Biological Psychiatry Annual Meeting, Virtual (April 2021).

Harhen, N.C., Baram, T.Z., Yassa, M.A., Bornstein, A.M. Formalizing the Relationship Between Early Life Adversity and Addiction Vulnerability: The Role of Memory Sampling. Data Blitz, Conte Center @ UCI, 8th Annual Symposium, Virtual (March 2021). Selected for a talk.

Harhen, N.C., Hartley, C.A., Bornstein, A.M. Foraging behavior adjusts to multiple scales of context. Society for Neuroeconomics Annual Meeting, Virtual (October 2020). Selected for a talk.

Kanjlia, S., Loiotile, R., **Harhen, N.**, Bedny, M. Sub-specialization of "visual" cortices for multiple higher-cognitive functions in congenital blindness. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (March 2019).

Harhen, N.C., Collins, A.G.E. Goal-directed behavior leverages reinforcement learning mechanisms. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (March 2017).

INVITED TALKS

2024 Emory University, Research Seminar Series
2024 Janelia, Mechanistic Basis of Foraging Conference
2023 University of Birmingham, Lockwood & Apps Labs
2023 MIT & UCL, Affective Brain Lab
2022 NYU, Concepts & Categories (ConCats) Seminar

TEACHING

Psych 111/112 A,B,C: Honors Experimental Psych
Teaching Assistant September 2019 - June 2020

Letters & Science 22: Sense, Sensibility, & Science
Teaching Assistant January 2016 - May 2016

MENTORING

Julia Yin, NYU Training Program in Computational Neuro January 2024 - present
Yvette Ma, Research Assistant September 2023 - present
Brianna Sarcos, Research Assistant June 2020 - June 2021
Romeo Ignacio, Research Assistant March 2021 - June 2021

SERVICE	Application Statement Feedback Program <i>Editor</i>	2021-
	UCI Cognitive Sciences Colloquium Organizing Committee <i>Student Organizer</i>	2021-2022
	Competitive Edge <i>Peer Mentor</i>	2020
SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General programming in Python, MATLAB, and Julia • Web-based programming in HTML, CSS, and Javascript • Data analysis in Python and R • Experimental design • EEG data analysis using EEGLab • fMRI data analysis using FSL/FreeSurfer 	
OTHER TRAINING	Model-based cognitive electrophysiology workshop <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>	2020