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Employment

2023– **Vassar College**
Associate Professor, Department of Cognitive Science, 2026-
Assistant Professor, Department of Cognitive Science, 2023-2026
Participating Faculty, Neuroscience & Behavior Program, 2025-

2012–2023 **Purchase College, State University of New York**
Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, 2018-2023 [Dept. Chair, 2020–2023]
Faculty Director of Pedagogy Development, 2018-2023
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, 2012-2018

2010–2012 **Stanford University**
Consultant, Center for Teaching and Learning

Education

2006–2012 **Stanford University**
Ph.D. Cognitive Psychology
M.A. Psychology [2009]

2000–2004 **Northwestern University**
B.A. Psychology (with honors) & Religion
Summa Cum Laude

Honors & Awards

2022 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Purchase College, SUNY
2021 Clark Robertson Incentive Award, Purchase College, SUNY
2016–2020 Emily & Eugene Grant Incentive Research Award, Purchase College, SUNY
2015–2018 Peter & Bette Fishbein Junior Faculty Research Award, Purchase College, SUNY
2012–2022 Faculty Support Award (received each academic year), Purchase College, SUNY
2013 Dee & Robert Topol Faculty Development Award, Purchase College, SUNY
2010 Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University
2009 NSF Travel Award, Cognitive Science Society Meeting
2003 Phi Beta Kappa, Northwestern University

Grants

2026–2029 Discursive framings of insects and their effects on urban public perceptions
The Leverhulme Trust, United Kingdom
Role: International Steering Committee (PI: Olivia Knapton) — £370,000

2024–2026 Advancing Health Risk Literacy about Antimicrobial Resistance Through the Use of Metaphors (ALARM)
United Kingdom's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
Role: International Steering Committee + researcher (PI: Eva Krockow) — £260,000

2019–2023 Purchase College Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program
NIH - NIGMS #2R25GM062012-19
Role: Pedagogy Workshop Organizer/Leader (PI: Joseph Scrivanek) — $1,447,437

2016–2020 Collaborative Research: From Knowledge Consumers to Knowledge Providers: A Scalable Experiential Learning Approach for Psychology and Related Disciplines
NSF Program in Improving Undergraduate STEM Education #1625130
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Ken Nakayama) — $1,769,133

2015–2018 Assessing the Effects of Systems Thinking on Decision-Making
NSF Program in Decision, Risk, & Management Science #1534479
Role: Consultant (PIs: Franz, Thibodeau, Shammin, & Peterson) — $329,325

Publications

* equal author contributions
[+] undergraduate co-author

Journal Articles

Flusberg, S. J., [+]Donnelly, A., [+]Jarolimek, J. D., [+]Nix, E., [+]Davis, L., [+]Yin, B., [+]Anderson, L., [+]Ciolfi, D., & Holmes, K. J. (2026). Victim framing generalizes to diverse situations. *PLoS ONE, 21*(6): e0351416 [DOI] [OSF]

Krockow, E. M., Jones, M., Mkumbuzi, S., Mendelson, M., Tarrant, C., Froud, R., Koch, A., **Flusberg, S. J.** & Pitchfork, E. (2026). Developing public health risk messages about antibiotic resistance using metaphors: An international co-design and e-Delphi consensus study. *Scientific Reports, 16*:9788 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Holmes, K. J., [+]Wu, S. H., [+]Elpers, N. [+]Doherty, E. M. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2026). How syntax promotes stereotypes: Assessing the role of pragmatic inference. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review, 33*(38) [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Krockow, E. M., Jenkins, D. R., Mkumbuzi, S., Mendelson, M., **Flusberg, S. J.** & Tarrant, C. (2025). Why antimicrobial resistance messaging fails: Qualitative insights using the elaboration likelihood model. *JAC-Antimicrobial Resistance, 7*(4) [DOI] [PDF]

Grisham, E. L., Wong, M., **Flusberg, S. J.,** & Hard, B. M. (2025). The gardener and the coach: How metaphor use shapes impression formation. *Journal of Language & Social Psychology, 44*(5), 800-822 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Krockow, E. M., Jones, M., Tarrant, C., Mendelson, M., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2025). Risk communication about antimicrobial resistance: A content analysis of metaphor use in global public discourse. *Journal of Risk Research*, *27*(12), 1605-1622 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Flusberg, S. J., Holmes, K. J., Thibodeau, P. H., Nabi, R. L., & Matlock, T. (2024). The psychology of framing: How everyday language shapes the way we think, feel, and act. *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*, *25*(3), 105-161 [DOI] [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., Mackey, A.., Semino, E. (2024). Seatbelts and Raincoats, or Banks and Castles: Investigating the impact of vaccine metaphors. *PLoS ONE*, *19*(1): e0294739 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Flusberg, S. J., [+]DellaValle, M., & Thibodeau, P. H. (2023). How metaphor and political ideology shape lay theories of mental disorders. *Journal of Social & Clinical Psychology, 42*(4), 293-322 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Flusberg, S. J. & Thibodeau, P. H. (2023). Why is mother earth on life support? Metaphors in environmental discourse. *TopiCS in Cognitive Science, 15*(3), 522-545 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Flusberg, S. J., [+]Shapiro, D., [+]Collister, K., & Thibodeau, P. H. (2023). Things are looking up: Vertical eye gaze in the environment affects perceptions of emotional valence in sad faces. *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology, 76*(7), 1641-1657 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Wong, M., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Hard, B. M. (2022). Uncovering the structure of metaphorical lay theories of teaching II: What do different teaching metaphors imply about students? *Metaphor and the Social World, 12*(2), 292-317 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Flusberg, S. J., [+]van der Vord, J., [+]Husney, S. Q., & Holmes, K. J. (2022). Who's the "real" victim? How victim framing shapes attitudes towards sexual assault. *Psychological Science, 33*(4), 524-537 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

*Perkins, K., *Toskos Dils, A., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2022). The perceived threat of demographic shifts depends on how you think the economy works. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations, 25(1),* 227-246 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Hard, B. M., [+]Liang, N., Wong, M., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2021). Metaphors we teach by: Uncovering the structure of metaphorical lay theories of teaching. *Metaphor and the Social World, 11(1),* 46-70 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Holmes, K. J., [+]Doherty, E., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2021). How and when does syntax perpetuate stereotypes? Probing the framing effects of subject-complement statements of equality. *Thinking & Reasoning, 28*(2), 226-260 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Flusberg, S. J., [+]Lauria, M., [+]Balko, S. & Thibodeau, P. H. (2020). Effects of communication modality and speaker identity on metaphor framing. *Metaphor & Symbol. 35(2),* 136-152 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Blonder, A., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2020). A connectionist account of the relational shift and context sensitivity in the development of generalisation. *Connection Science, 32:4,* 384-397 [DOI] [PDF]

*Thibodeau, P. H., *Matlock, T., & ***Flusberg, S. J.** (2019). The role of metaphor in communication and thought. *Language & Linguistics Compass, 13*(5) [DOI] [PDF]

Holmes, K. J., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Thibodeau, P. H. (2018). Compound words reflect cross-culturally shared bodily metaphors. *Cognitive Science, 42*(8), 3071-3082 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

***Flusberg, S. J.**, *Matlock, T., & *Thibodeau, P. H. (2018). War metaphors in public discourse. *Metaphor & Symbol, 33*(1), 1-18 [DOI] [PDF]

***Flusberg, S. J.**, *Matlock, T., & *Thibodeau, P. H. (2017). Metaphors for the war (or race) against climate change. *Environmental Communication*, *11*(6), 769-783 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Thibodeau, P. H. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2017). Metaphorical accounting: How framing the federal budget like a household's affects voting intentions. *Cognitive Science*, *41*(S5), 1168-1182 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Uri, R., [+]Thompson, B., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2017). Narratives for obesity: Effects of weight loss and attribution on empathy and policy support. *Health Education & Behavior, 44*(4), 638-647 [DOI] [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Crow, L. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2017). The metaphor police: A case study of the role of metaphor in explanation. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review, 24*(5)*,* 1375-1386 [DOI] [PDF] [OSF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Winneg, A. W., Frantz, C. M., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2016). The mind is an ecosystem: Systemic metaphors promote systems thinking. *Metaphor and the Social World, 6*(2), 224-241 [DOI] [PDF]

Thibodeau, P.H., [+]Fein, M. J., [+]Goodbody, E. S., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2015). The depression schema: How labels, features, and causal explanations affect lay conceptions of depression. *Frontiers in Cognitive Science* [DOI] [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Perko, V. L., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2015). The relationship between narrative classification of obesity and support for public policy interventions. *Social Science & Medicine, 141*, 27-35 [DOI] [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Glick, J. J., & Sternberg, D. A. (2013). An emergent approach to analogical inference. *Connection Science, 25*(1), 27-53 [DOI] [PDF]

Davidenko, N. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2012). Environmental inversion effects in face perception. *Cognition, 123*(3), 442-447 [DOI] [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J. & Boroditsky, L. (2011). Are things that are hard to physically move also hard to imagine moving? *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review, 18*(1), 158-164 [DOI] [PDF]

Palmer, E. M., Fencsik, D. E., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Horowitz, T. S., & Wolfe, J. M. (2011). Signal detection evidence for limited capacity in visual search. *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics. 73*(8), 2413-2424 [DOI] [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., Thibodeau, P. H., Sternberg, D. A., & Glick, J. J. (2010). A connectionist approach to embodied conceptual metaphor. *Frontiers in Psychology* [DOI]

Kunar, M.A., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Wolfe, J.M. (2008). Time to Guide: Evidence for delayed attentional guidance in contextual cueing. *Visual Cognition, 16*(6), 804-825 [DOI] [PDF]

Kunar, M.A., **Flusberg, S. J.** & Wolfe, J.M. (2008). The role of memory and restricted context in repeated visual search. *Perception & Psychophysics, 70*(2), 314-28 [DOI] [PDF]

Kunar, M.A., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Horowitz, T.S., & Wolfe, J.M. (2007). Does contextual cueing guide the deployment of attention? *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance, 33*(4), 816-828 [DOI] [PDF]

Kunar, M.A., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Wolfe, J.M. (2006). Contextual cueing by global features. *Perception & Psychophysics, 68*(7), 1204-1216 [DOI] [PDF]

Miller, C.T., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Hauser, M.D. (2003). Interruptibility of long call production in tamarins: Implications for vocal control. *The Journal of Experimental Biology, 206*(15), 2629-2639 [DOI] [PDF]

Additional Publications

Flusberg, S. J. & Matlock, T. (2026). Metaphor. In M. C. Frank & A. Majid (Eds.), *Open Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science*. MIT Press [DOI]

Thibodeau, P. H. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2022). Metaphor and Elaboration in Context. In H.L. Colston, T. Matlock, and G.J. Steen (Eds.)*, Dynamism in Metaphor and Beyond.* John Benjamins Publishing [DOI] [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., Thibodeau, P. H. & Holmes, K. J. (2022). Even simple framing effects are rational. Commentary on Bermúdez. *Behavioral & Brain Sciences, 45, E228* [DOI] [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J. (2021). The Big Picture (Figurative Speaking). *The Arc* [WEB]

Thibodeau, P. H. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2021). Metaphors in Persuasive Communication. *The Arc* [WEB]

Thibodeau, P. H. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2017). Lay Theories of Obesity: Causes and Consequences*. in Adiposity - Epidemiology and Treatment Modalities*, Jan Gordeladze (Ed.), InTech [DOI]

Flusberg, S. J. & McClelland, J. L. (2017/2014 online). Connectionism and the emergence of mind. In S. E. F. Chipman (Ed.), *The Oxford handbook of cognitive science* (pp. 69–89). Oxford University Press [DOI] [PDF]

*Curtis, M. & ***Flusberg, S. J.** (2013). Cognition & Language. In *Psychology in the Fastlane*, Bypass Publishing [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J. & Boroditsky, L. (2011). Embodiment & Embodied Cognition. In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Psychology*. New York: Oxford University Press [DOI] [PDF]

Toskos Dils, A. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2010). Massive redeployment or distributed modularity? Commentary on Anderson. *Behavioral & Brain Sciences, 33*(4), 292-3 [DOI] [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J. & Tager-Flusberg, H. (2006). Autism, language, and the folk psychology of souls: Commentary on Bering. *Behavioral & Brain Sciences, 29*(5), 473 [DOI] [PDF]

Manuscripts

Flusberg, S. J. (*invited revision under review*). Metaphorical triangulation: A Dennettian approach to cognitive frameshifting

Peer-reviewed Conference Papers

Holmes, K. J., [+]Kassin, L., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2024). When does suggestive language shape memory for car accidents? Assessing the role of elaboration and pragmatics in a classic framing effect. *Proceedings of the 46th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Rotterdam, Netherlands.* [PDF]

[+]Doherty, E., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J., (2020). "Girls are as good as boys" implies boys are better, but only in the absence of explicit awareness. *Proceedings of the 42nd annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Virtual Online Conference.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., Hard, B. M. (2019). Metaphors we teach by: A method for mapping metaphorical lay theories. *Proceedings of the 41st annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Montreal, Québec, Canada.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., & [+]LaPlace, C. (2019). Agent framing moderates concerns about moral contagion. *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (p. 3268). Montreal, Québec, Canada: Cognitive Science Society.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., Toskos Dils, A., & Perkins, K. M. (2018). Folk economic beliefs moderate the effects of majority group status threat. *Proceedings of the 40th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., [+]Lauria, M., & Thibodeau, P. H. (2018). Metaphor framing in multiple communication modalities. *Proceedings of the 40th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., & [+]Ramos, A. (2018). Saving-enhanced memory in the real world. *Proceedings of the 40th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI.* [PDF]

***Flusberg, S. J.**, *Matlock, T., & *Thibodeau, P. H. (2017). Thinking about the future: The role of spatial metaphors for time. *Proceedings of the 39th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London, UK* [PDF]

Toskos Dils, A., [+]Niedopytalski, S., [+]Arroyo, J. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2017). The temporal cheerleader effect: Attractiveness judgments depend on surrounding faces through time. *Proceedings of the 39th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London, UK.* [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J. (2017). Solving the puzzle to reach the summit: Using metaphor to gauge public perceptions of science. *Proceedings of the 39th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London, UK.* [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2017). Metaphors, roles, and controls in framing studies. *Proceedings of the 39th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London, UK.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., [+]Shapiro, D., [+]Collister, K., & Thibodeau, P. H. (2016). Environmental orientation affects emotional expression identification. *Proceedings of the 38th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Philadelphia, PA.* [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Myers, D. J. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2016). Similarity-based reasoning is shaped by recent learning experience. *Proceedings of the 38th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Philadelphia, PA.* [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Lee, D. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2016). Context, but not proficiency, moderates the effects of metaphor framing: A case study in India. *Proceedings of the 38th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Philadelphia, PA.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., [+]DellaValle, M., & Thibodeau, P. H. (2015). Framing effects and the folk psychiatry of addiction. *Proceedings of the 37th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Pasadena, CA.* [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Winneg, A. W., Frantz, C. M., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2015). Systemic metaphors promote systems thinking. *Proceedings of the 37th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Pasadena, CA.* [PDF]

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Tesny, E. M., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2014). Accounting for the relational shift and context sensitivity in the development of generalization. *Proceedings of the 36th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Quebec, Canada.* [PDF]

Toskos Dils, A., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Boroditsky, L. (2012). Viewing and performing actions can change what you see. *Proceedings of the 34th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Sapporo, Japan.* [PDF]

Thibodeau, P., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Sternberg, D. A. & Glick, J. J. (2011). On the emergence of analogical inference. *Proceedings of the 33rd annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Boston, MA.* [PDF]

Davidenko, N. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2011). Beyond the retina: Evidence for a face inversion effect in the environmental frame of reference. *Proceedings of the 33rd annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Boston, MA.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., Toskos Dils, A., & Boroditsky, L. (2010). Motor affordances in object perception. *Proceedings of the 32nd annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Portland, OR.* [PDF]

Flusberg, S. J., Jenkins, G. W., & Boroditsky, L. (2009). Motor affordances in mental rotation: When minds reflect the world and when they go beyond. *Proceedings of the 31st annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Amsterdam, Netherlands.* [PDF]

Gentner, D., Simms, N., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2009). Relational language helps kids reason analogically. *Proceedings of the 31st annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Amsterdam, Netherlands.* [PDF]

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE TALKS & POSTERS

Flusberg, S. J., & Siegel, P. (2026). Testing a Metaphor-Based Intervention for Spider Phobia. *Talk presented at the Researching and Applying Metaphor (RaAM) the 9th Specialized Seminar, Pavia, Italy*

Flusberg, S. J., (2025). Metaphorical Triangulation. *Talk presented at the 17th Researching and Applying Metaphor (RaAM) Conference, Detroit, MI, USA*

[+]Shapira, A., [+]Wilcott, K., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J. (2025). How and when do generic language and structural explanations shape essentialist beliefs about social categories? *Poster presented at the 49th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, San Francisco, CA, USA*

Flusberg, S. J., (2025). Metaphorical Triangulation. *Poster presented at the 49th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, San Francisco, CA, United States*

[+]Slaughter, S., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J. (2025). How the LGBTQ+ "Panic" Defenses Shape Social-Pragmatic Inferences. *Poster presented at the annual Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) conference, Portland, OR, USA*

Flusberg, S. J., [+]Hakobyan, G., [+]Wolcott, K. & Holmes, K. J. (2024). Linguistic framing in large language models. *Poster presented at the 46th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Rotterdam, Netherlands*

[+]Schimmel, E., [+]Madar, C., [+]Wu, S. H., [+]Shan, L., [+]Waldorf, N., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J. (2023). Does Experiencing an "Inner Voice" Predict Language-Driven Categorical Perception?. In *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*

Semino, E., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Mackey, A., (2022). Investigating framing effects of metaphors for vaccination. *Talk presented at the 15th Researching and Applying Metaphor (RaAM) Conference* [online]

[+]Madar, C., [+]Elpers, N., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J., (2022). Mapping the structure of metaphorical concepts of undergraduate research mentoring. *Poster presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, Canada [and online]*

[+]Krishnamurthy, R., [+]Elpers, N., Thibodeau, P. H., **Flusberg, S. J.**., & Holmes, K. J., (2022). Exploring the role of pragmatic reasoning in linguistic framing effects. *Poster presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, Canada [and online]*

[+]Wu, S. H., [+]Elpers, N., [+]Doherty, E. M., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J., (2021). Pragmatic reasoning ability predicts syntactic framing effects on social judgments. *Poster presented at the 43rd annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Vienna, Austria [and online]*

[+]Yin, B., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J. (2021). "I'm the real victim": Self-victim framing and perceptions of sexual assault. *Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Virtual Convention*

[+]Davis, L., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Holmes, K. J. (2021). How victim framing shapes attitudes towards police violence. *Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Virtual Convention.*

Flusberg, S. J., [+]Husney, S. Q., [+]Pollard, C., & Holmes, K. J., (2019). How victim framing shapes attitudes towards sexual assault. *Poster presented at the 41st annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Montreal, Canada*

Holmes, K. J., [+]Husney, S. Q., [+]Pollard, C., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2019). Victim framing shapes attitudes towards sexual assault. *Poster presented at the 31st Association for Psychological Science annual convention,* Washington, DC

[+]Cheek, J. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2019). Language & decision making: How language influences blame and attitudes towards police. *Poster presented at the International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, France*

Perkins, K., Toskos, A., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2017). The perceived threat of demographic shifts depends on how you think the economy works. *Presented at the International Society of Political Psychology's Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland*

Perkins, K., Toskos, A., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2017). The perceived threat of demographic shifts depends on how you think the economy works. *Presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA*

Thibodeau, P. H., [+]Gehring, K., [+]Tesny, E., Fausey, C. & **Flusberg, S. J.**, (2014). Metaphor and Causal Reasoning. *Poster presented at the 36th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Quebec City, Canada*

[+]Shapiro, D., Thibodeau, P. H. & **Flusberg, S. J.**, (2014). Spatial metaphors for affect influence emotional expression identification. *Poster presented at the 36th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Quebec City, Canada*

Davidenko, N. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2013). Environmental orientation influences novel shape learning. *Vision Sciences Society, Naples, USA*

Flusberg, S. J. & Davidenko, N. (2011). Beyond the retina: Evidence for a face inversion effect in the environmental frame of reference. *Vision Sciences Society, Naples, USA*

Davidenko, N. & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2010). Turn that frown upside down and to the left! Memory for faces is affected by their gravitational orientation. *Poster presented at the 32nd annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Portland, OR*

Simms, N., Gentner, D., & **Flusberg, S. J.** (2010). All relational language is not created equal: Effects of relational language in children's analogical reasoning. *Poster presented at the 32nd annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Portland, OR, USA*

Toskos Dils, A., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Boroditsky, L. (2009). Object affordances affect hand identification. *Poster presented at the 31st annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Amsterdam, Netherlands*

Flusberg, S. J., Fausey, C.M., & Boroditsky, L (2008). Language affects the side-effect effect. *Poster presented at the 30th annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Washington, DC, USA*

Kunar, M.A., Flusberg, S. J., & Wolfe, J.M. (2008). Why don't people use memory when repeatedly searching through an over-learned visual display? *Vision Sciences Society, Naples, USA*

Kunar, M.A., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Horowitz, T.S., & Wolfe, J.M., (2007). Can attentional guidance account for the benefit in contextual cueing? *The Experimental Psychology Society and the Psychonomic Society, Edinburgh, UK*

Flusberg, S. J., Palmer, E. M., & Wolfe, J. M. (2006). Crossing over: Different visual search tasks use different decision rules *[Abstract] Journal of Vision, 6(6), 442a*

Kunar, M. A., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Horowitz, T. S., & Wolfe, J. M. (2006). Does contextual cueing guide the deployment of attention? *[Abstract] Journal of Vision, 6(6), 1090a*

Kunar, M.A., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Horowitz, T.S., & Wolfe, J.M., (2006). Does contextual cueing guide the deployment of attention? *ICCNS, Boston, MA, USA*

Fencsik, D. E., Horowitz, T. S., **Flusberg, S. J.**, & Wolfe, J. M. (2006). Change detection has no foresight: Measuring advanced knowledge of changes across displays *[Abstract] Journal of Vision, 6(6), 789a*

Wolfe, J. M., **Flusberg, S. J.**, Fencsik, D. E., & Horowitz, T. S. (2005). Visual search has no foresight: An event-related signal-detection approach to speeded visual search tasks. *Psychonomics Society Meeting, Toronto, Canada*

Flusberg, S. J., Kunar, M., & Wolfe, J. M. (2005). In visual search, can the average features of a scene guide attention to a target? *[Abstract] Journal of Vision, 5(8), 948a*

Invited Talks & Roundtables

2025, October 9: The pragmatics of linguistic framing
Invited talk at Columbia University for the University Seminar on Language & Cognition

2025, September 10: The role of metaphor in health communication
Invited talk at the University of Leicester, UK

2025, March 20: Reading between the lines: The pragmatics of linguistic framing
Invited talk at Swarthmore College

2024, February 23: The role of metaphor in explanation
Invited talk at the University of California, San Diego

2023, October 19: How do metaphors shape reasoning? [WEB]
Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, CDMX

2023, October 18: Do metaphors reflect how we think? [WEB]
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2022, December 8: How metaphor shapes thought
Invited lecture at Vassar College

2022, December 6: How everyday language shapes thinking and reasoning
Invited lecture for the SUNY Purchase Psychology Club

2022, April 29: Common ground and the curse of knowledge.
A lecture on Inclusive Pedagogy presented to the SUNY PRODiGi Fellows

2021, October 25: How language shapes social attitudes: The role of labels, syntax, and pragmatics. *Discourses & Text Research Seminar, Lancaster University, UK*

2021, October 13: The case for tragic optimism: Lessons from teaching in a global pandemic.
Faculty Seminar Day Keynote Address, Mercy College

2021, August 25: What we learned from teaching in the time of COVID
Faculty Orientation Keynote Address, SUNY Purchase

2020, Sept 26: Discussant – Guns, germs, and COVID-19: Why science communication needs metaphors [WEB], *Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy*

2020, Aug 26: Understanding and addressing achievement gaps at Purchase College [WEB]
Faculty Orientation Keynote Address, SUNY Purchase

2020, June 24: How metaphor shapes what we say, what we think, and what we do.
Senior Auditor Lecture Series, SUNY Purchase

2019, October 11: How metaphor shapes thought
Social Psychology Brownbag, Duke University

2019, August 21: Emotions in the classroom
Faculty Orientation Keynote Address, SUNY Purchase

2017, November 20: The role of metaphor in communication and thought [WEB]
Metaphors & Models: The Neuroscience of Comparison, Columbia University

2017, November 3: The Role of metaphor in explanation
SUNY Binghamton University, LaRC Lab Talk

2017, April 8: Final session commentator and discussant [WEB]
Weaving, Cognition, Tech, Culture Conference at Columbia University

2016, December 6: The role of metaphor in explanation
CONCATS Talk at New York University

2016, November 18: The role of embodiment in cognition – Response to Aizawa
Columbia University Embodied Cognition Reading Group

2016, October 25: Metaphors for policing matter
UC Merced, Cognitive Science for the Common Good Series

2016, October 24: How metaphor shapes thought [WEB]
UC Merced; Mind, Tech, & Society Series (w/Paul Thibodeau)

2016, October 15: Analogy & metaphor in the creative arts and sciences
Entanglements: Conversations in the Discipline, SUNY Purchase

2016, May 31: Short-term plasticity and the language of cognitive science
Symbioses: A Biosocial Network. New York City, New York

2015, April 1: The face in space: Novel orientation effects in face perception
Psychology Colloquium at Oberlin College

2013, October 30: Thinking about thinking about thinking [WEB]
SUNY Purchase Faculty Colloquium

Teaching & Mentoring

Courses

COGS 213: Language (Vassar College)

COGS 280: Language in Action (Vassar College)

COGS 100: Introduction to Cognitive Science (Vassar College)

COGS 311: Seminar on Language & Thought (Vassar College)

COGS 311: Seminar on the Cognitive Science of Religion (Vassar College; co-taught)

PSY 1530: Introduction to Psychology (SUNY Purchase)

PSY 3320: Language and Thought (SUNY Purchase)

PSY 2450: Learning and Memory (SUNY Purchase)

PSY 3560: Research Methods I: Statistics and Design (SUNY Purchase)

PSY 4880: Psychology Senior Seminar (SUNY Purchase)

ANT 3540: Sensing & Knowing in Anthro, Psych, & the Arts (SUNY Purchase; co-taught)

PSYCH 109S: Cognitive Psychology (Stanford University; co-taught; summer course)

Senior Thesis Students

Lanie Mussina / Beatrice Messaris / Emily Doucet / Alex Spitzer / Nicole Brea Ortiz / Lindsey Anderson / Madison Buttice / Amna Khan / Karina Medina / Andrew Raska / Raja Mazhar / Yasmine Compaore / Matthew Cohen / Deborah Hoffman / Natalie Kurek / Hadiyah Phillips / Jasmine Pacheco / Rilet Philistin / Angelica Castaldo / Dylan Ciolfi / Kelly Baxter / Olisa Bajgora / Abigail Cuddy / Melissa Herrera / Edona Lazorja / Katherine Lopez / Samuel Balko / Keira O'Connell / Michael Battersby / Jada Cheek / Nicholas Duci / Carly Laplace / Robert Olejarz / Justice Smith / Ashley Calder / Mark Lauria / Avianca Ramos / Jessica Smith / Rachel Ubanos / Paul Wingate / Kevin Collister / Conrad Hamonet / Daniel Pitti / Adaira Marie Greco / Phineas Howie / Kathleen Dengler / Jessica Pivnik / Brie Massaro / Devin Stack / Gracie Bihn / Michael DellaValle Alicia Hwang / Dean Miller / Stacy Radich / Chase Meyerson / Derek Shapiro

Graduate Students

Jieun Yoon — Ph.D. Program, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA (2026)
Role: Comprehensive Examination Committee Member
Project: *Conceptual Metaphor in the book of Daniel and ancient Jewish apocalyptic literature*

Anna Schwartz — M.A., Northeastern University, Boston, MA (2023)
Role: Masters Thesis Committee Member
Project Title: *The neural correlates of novel versus familiar metaphor processing in younger and older adults: A functional near-infrared spectroscopy study*

Gavin Jenkins — M.A., Stanford University, Stanford, CA (2009)
Role: Masters research project supervisor
Project Title: *Motor Affordances in Mental Rotation*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

EDITORIAL WORK

Associate Editor, *Metaphor & Symbol,* 2023–

AD-HOC JOURNAL REVIEWING

Acta Psychologica / Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy / Austrian Science Fund / Behavioral & Brain Sciences / Cambridge University Press / Child Development / Cognition / Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications / Cognitive Linguistics / Cognitive Science / Communication and the Public / Discourse Processes / Environmental Communication / Frontiers in Psychology / GEMA Online Journal of Language Studies / Heliyon / International Journal of Psychology / Israel Science Foundation / Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition / Journal of Articles in Support of the Null Hypothesis / Journal of International Crisis and Risk Communication Research / Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception & Performance / Journal of Language and Politics / Journal of Memory & Language / Language and Cognition / Linguistics Vanguard / Memory & Cognition / Metaphor and the Social World / Metaphor & Symbol / National Science Foundation / Nature Communications / Patient Education & Counseling / PLoS One / Political Psychology / Pragmatics & Cognition / Psychological Science / Psychological Research / Psychonomic Bulletin & Review / Social Policy & Administration / Social Psychological and Personality Science / Social Science & Medicine / Text & Talk / TopiCS in Cognitive Science

2025	Cognitive Science Faculty Search Committee, *Vassar College*
2023–2025	Peer Review of Teaching Working Group, *Vassar College*
2023–2025	STEM and Humanities Conversation Group, *Vassar College*
2021–2022	Title V Grant Working Group, *SUNY Purchase*
2020–2023	Founder and Chair, Opportunity Gaps Task Force, *SUNY Purchase*
2020–2023	At Large Faculty Senator, *SUNY Purchase*
2019–2020	Psychology Faculty Search Committee, *SUNY Purchase*
2019	Chair, Psychology VAP Faculty Search Committee, *SUNY Purchase*
2018–2019	Budget Planning and Action Committee (BPAC), *SUNY Purchase*
2017–2018	Chair, Psychology Faculty Search Committee, *SUNY Purchase*
2017	Professional Development Workshop Leader, *CSS Conference, London, UK*
2015–2018	Faculty Pedagogy Workshop Organizer & Leader, *SUNY Purchase*
2014–2018	Faculty Co-Advisor, PSI CHI Honors Society, *SUNY Purchase*

2015	Philosophy Faculty Search Committee, *SUNY Purchase*
2015	Psychology Faculty Search Committee, *SUNY Purchase*
2014–2015	Student Success Committee (SSC), *SUNY Purchase*
2013–2015	Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (DEIC), *SUNY Purchase*
2013–2014	Human Subjects Committee, IRB Reviewer, *SUNY Purchase*
2013–2014	Psychology Faculty Search Committee, *SUNY Purchase*
2012–2013	Psychology Faculty Search Committee, *SUNY Purchase*
2012–2013	Dance Conservatory Faculty Search Committee, *SUNY Purchase*
2011–2012	Psychology TA Training Workshop Coordinator, *Stanford University*
2011	Session Leader, Center for Teaching & Learning (CTL), *Stanford University*
2008–2011	Chair (and Co-Chair), Happy Hour Committee, *Stanford University*
2008–2009	Friday Cognitive Seminar Co-Organizer, *Stanford University*
2007–2008	Stanford-Berkeley Cog Psych & Neuro Student Conference Co-Organizer
2007–2008	Psychology Graduate Admissions Committee, *Stanford University*
2006–2007	Psychology Human Subjects Committee, *Stanford University*