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EMPLOYMENT

- 2018- Associate Professor of Psychology
Purchase College, SUNY
- 2018- Faculty Director of Pedagogy Development
Purchase College, SUNY
- 2012-2018 Assistant Professor of Psychology
Purchase College, SUNY
- 2013 Faculty, Bridges to Baccalaureate and Beyond
Purchase College, SUNY
- 2010-2012 Consultant, Center for Teaching and Learning
Stanford University

EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D. Cognitive Psychology
Stanford University
- 2009 M.A. Psychology
Stanford University
- 2004 B.A. Psychology (with Honors) & Religion
Northwestern University
Summa Cum Laude

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2016-2018 Emily & Eugene Grant Merit Research Award
Purchase College, SUNY
- 2015-2018 Peter & Bette Fishbein Junior Faculty Research Award
Purchase College, SUNY
- 2012-2019 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 Travel Award, Cognitive Science Society Meeting
National Science Foundation
- 2003 Phi Beta Kappa
Northwestern University

GRANTS

- 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: 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 (PI's: Franz, Thibodeau, Shammin, & Peterson) - \$329,325

PUBLICATIONS

* equal author contributions
+ undergraduate co-author

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Thibodeau*, P. H., Matlock*, T., & Flusberg*, S. J. (2019). The role of metaphor in communication and thought. *Language & Linguistics Compass*, 13(5)
- Holmes, K. J., Flusberg, S. J., Thibodeau, P. H. (2018). Compound words reflect cross-culturally shared bodily metaphors. *Cognitive Science*, 42(8), 3071-3082
- Flusberg*, S. J., Matlock*, T., & Thibodeau*, P. H. (2018). War metaphors in public discourse. *Metaphor & Symbol*, 33(1), 1-18
- Flusberg*, S. J., Matlock*, T., & Thibodeau*, P. H. (2017). Metaphors for the war (or race) against climate change. *Environmental Communication*, 11(6), 769-783
- 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
- 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

- 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
- 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
- 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: 10.3389/fpsyg.2015.01728
- 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
- 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
- Davidenko, N. & Flusberg, S. J. (2012). Environmental inversion effects in face perception. *Cognition*, 123(3), 442-447
- 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
- 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
- Flusberg S. J., Thibodeau, P. H., Sternberg, D. A., & Glick, J. J. (2010). A connectionist approach to embodied conceptual metaphor. *Frontiers in Psychology*, doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2010.00197
- Kunar, M.A., Flusberg, S.J., & Wolfe, J.M. (2008a). Time to Guide: Evidence for delayed attentional guidance in contextual cueing. *Visual Cognition*, 16(6), 804-825
- Kunar, M.A., Flusberg, S.J., & Wolfe, J.M. (2008b). The role of memory and restricted context in repeated visual search. *Perception & Psychophysics*, 70(2), 314-28
- 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
- Kunar, M.A., Flusberg, S.J., & Wolfe, J.M. (2006). Contextual cueing by global features. *Perception & Psychophysics*, 68(7), 1204-1216
- Miller, C.T., Flusberg, S., & Hauser, M.D. (2003). Interruptibility of long call production in tamarins: Implications for vocal control. *The Journal of Experimental Biology*, 206(15), 2629-2639

**CHAPTERS AND
COMMENTARIES**

Thibodeau, P. H. & Flusberg, S. J. (*invited chapter under review*). Metaphor and Elaboration in Context.

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: 10.5772/65341

Flusberg, S. J. & McClelland, J. L. (2014). Connectionism and the emergence of mind. *Oxford University Press Handbook of Cognitive Science* [online edition]

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

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

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

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

MANUSCRIPTS

Flusberg, S. J., DellaValle⁺, M., & Thibodeau, P. H. (*under revision*). How linguistic framing and political ideology shape lay theories of mental disorders

Flusberg, S. J., Shapiro⁺, D., Collister⁺, K., & Thibodeau, P. H. (*under revision*). Things are looking up: Vertical eye gaze in the environment affects perceptions of emotional valence in sad faces

Perkins*, K., Toskos Dils*, A., & Flusberg, S. J. (*under review*). The perceived threat of demographic shifts depends on how you think the economy works

Thibodeau, P. H., Blonder⁺, A., & Flusberg, S. J. (*under review*). Accounting for the relational shift and context sensitivity in the development of generalization.

Hard, B. M., Liang⁺, N., Wong⁺, M., & Flusberg, S. J., (*under review*). Metaphors we teach by: Uncovering the structure of metaphorical lay theories of teaching

Flusberg, S. J., Husney, S. Q., Pollard, C., & Holmes, K. J. (*in prep*). How victim framing shapes attitudes towards sexual assault

Flusberg, S. J., Lauria⁺, M., & Thibodeau, P. H. (*in prep*). Metaphor framing is effective in multiple communication modalities for multiple speaker identities

Holmes, K. J., Kopel⁺, A., & Flusberg, S. J. (*in prep*). Tossing the tables: Toward a resolution in the debate on language and spatial reasoning

PEER-REVIEWED
CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 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, Canada*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*

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

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE TALKS AND POSTERS

- 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*
- Flusberg, S. J.**, & LaPlace⁺, C. (2019). Agent framing moderates concerns about moral contagion. *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 Psychology 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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*
- 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, 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

- 2019, Oct 11: How Metaphor Reflects and Shapes Thought in Public Discourse
Duke University Social Psych Brown Bag
- 2019, August 21: Emotions in the Classroom
Faculty Orientation Keynote Address, SUNY Purchase
- 2017, November 20: The Role of Metaphor in Communication and Thought
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
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 – Re: 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
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

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
SUNY Purchase Faculty Colloquium

TEACHING & MENTORING

INSTRUCTOR Introduction to Psychology
Language & Thought
Learning & Memory
Sensing & Knowing in Anthro, Psych, and the Arts (co-instructor)
Research Methods I: Statistics & Design
Psychology Senior Seminar
Cognitive Psychology (co-instructor, at Stanford University)

**SENIOR PROJECTS
SUPERVISED** 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

**M.A. PROJECTS
SUPERVISED** Gavin Jenkins: *Motor Affordances in Mental Rotation* (at Stanford University)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**AD-HOC JOURNAL
REVIEWING** Behavioral & Brain Sciences | Cognition | Cognitive Linguistics | Cognitive Science | Frontiers in Psychology | JEP: Human Perception & Performance |

Memory & Cognition | PLoS One | Political Psychology | Pragmatics & Cognition | Psychological Science | Psychological Research | Psychonomic Bulletin & Review | Social Science & Medicine

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS)
 Association for Psychology Science (APS)
 Cognitive Science Society (CSS)
 Vision Sciences Society (VSS)

- 2019 (SPRING) 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 (SUMMER) 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 (FALL) Philosophy Faculty Search Committee, SUNY Purchase
- 2015 (FALL) 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 (FALL) 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