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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor (2011 – present)

Wayne State University, Institute of Gerontology, Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, Pediatrics

Postdoctoral Associate (2005 – 2011)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences

Lecturer (2010)

Northeastern University, Psychology Department

Teaching Fellow (2008 - 2009)

Harvard University, Neurobiology Department

Postdoctoral Fellow (2004 – 2005)

Stanford University, Psychology Department

Education

Ph.D., Weizmann Institute of Science (2004)

Cognitive Neuroscience, Neurobiology (advisors: Yadin Dudai, Avi Karni)

M.Sc., Weizmann Institute of Science (1998)

Cognitive Neuroscience, Neurobiology (advisors: Yadin Dudai, Menahem Segal)

B.A., University of Haifa (1996)

Psychology and Honors Program

Awards and Honors

Graduate Mentor Award, Wayne State University (2012-2013)

Science Spot appreciation award, MIT School of Science (2009)

Travel Award, Organization of Human Brain Mapping, Annual Meeting (2006)

Fellowship, RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Summer Lecture Course, Saitama, Japan (2004)

Fellowship, Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, Lake Tahoe, CA (2003)

Fellowship, Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, Dartmouth College, NH (2001)

Student Travel Fellowship, Katzir Katchalsky (2001)

Joseph Brainin and Sally Brainin Scholarship (1998 - 2003)

Inez P. and David N. Myers Scholarship (1998 - 2003)

Sylvia and Aaron Scheinfeld Scholarship (1998 - 2003)

Feinberg Graduate School Scholarships (1995 - 1998)

Excellence Scholarships, University of Haifa (1993 - 1995)

Interdisciplinary Honor Program, University of Haifa (1993 - 1995)

Publications

- **Ofen, N.**, Chai, X.J., Schuil, K.D.I., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2012) The development of brain systems for successful memory retrieval of scenes. *Journal of Neuroscience* 32, 10012-10020.
- **Ofen, N.** (2012). The development of neural correlates for memory formation. *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews* 36, 1708-1717.
- Yoo, J.J., Hinds, O., **Ofen, N**., Thompson, T.W., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S., Triantafyllou, C., Gabrieli J.D.E. (2012). When the brain is prepared to learn: Enhancing human learning using real-time fMRI. *Neuroimage*, 59, 846-852.
- Benjamin, C., Lieberman, D.A., Chang, M., **Ofen, N**., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S., Gabrieli, J.D.E., Gaab, N. (2010). The influence of rest period instructions on the default mode network. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* 4, 218:1-9.
- Chai*, X.J., Ofen*, N., Jacobs, L.F., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2010). Developmental changes in medial temporal lobe associated with forming complex memories. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* 4, 21:1-10. (*equal contribution)
- **Ofen, N.**, Kao Y-C., Sokol-Hessner, P., Kim, H., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2007). Development of the declarative memory system in the human brain. *Nature Neuroscience* 10, 1198-1205.
- **Ofen, N.**, Moran, A. & Sagi, D. (2007). Effects of trial repetition in texture discrimination. *Vision Research* 47, 1094-1102.
- Ofen-Noy, N., Dudai, Y. & Karni, A. (2003). Skill learning in mirror reading: How repetition determines acquisition. *Brain Res. Cog. Brain Res.* 17, 507-521.

Manuscripts

- *Chai, X.J., *Ofen, N., Gabrieli, J.D.E., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. Development of resting-state functional connectivity of the default network: maturation of anticorrelated networks (*equal contribution). in revision
- **Ofen, N.**, Gray, M.E., Hutchinson, J.B., Chai, X.J., Mazaika, P., Whitfield-Gabrieli S., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. Lying about past events and personal beliefs. *in revision*
- Ofen, N., Shing, Y.L. From Perception to Memory: Changes in Memory Systems Across the Lifespan. in prep
- Ofen, N., Chai, X.J., Mietzsch, C., Gabrieli, J.D.E. Neurocognitive development of detailed memory. in prep

Conference presentations (*Oral)

- **Ofen, N.**, Chai, X.J., Mietzsch, C., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2011). Neurocognitive development of detailed memory formation. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Chai, X.J., **Ofen, N**., Mietzsch, C., Gutierrez, E., Gabrieli, J.D.E., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. (2011). Increased anticorrelation between the default mode and task-positive network regions during development. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Washington, DC.
- *Ofen, N. (2011). The development of memory systems in the human brain. Invited Symposia, Cognitive Development Society Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- Chai, X., **Ofen, N**., Gutierrez, E., Ghosh, S., Gabrieli, J.D.E (2011). White matter maturation in prefrontal cortex contributes to the development of declarative memory, OHBM meeting, Quebec, Canada
- Martin, R.E., Chai, X.J., Patel, S., Morin, K.M., Gabrieli, J.D.E. **Ofen, N**. (2011). Relationships between development, cortical thickness, and memory. CNS annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *Ofen, N., Chai, X.J., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2011). The development of brain systems supporting objective and subjective for declarative memory. Paper Symposium, Chair and Presenter, Biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.

- **Ofen, N**. Chai, X.J. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2010). Memory retrieval limits the contribution of prefrontal cortex to successful encoding, CNS annual meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- **Ofen, N**. Chai, X.J. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2009). The development of memory retrieval in the brain. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Chai, X.J., **Ofen, N**. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2009). Developmental changes in the medial temporal lobe for the encoding of high complexity scenes. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Chicago, IL
- *Ofen N (2009). The development of declarative memory systems in the brain. Frontiers in Human Neuroscience. Conference Abstract: Conference on Neurocognitive Development. doi: 10.3389/conf.neuro.09.2009.10.020
- Schuil, K.D.I., **Ofen, N.**, Chai, X.J., Hedden, T., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S., Glover, G.H. & Gabrieli. J.D.E. (2009). Comparison of estimations of the hemodynamic response function in children adolescents and young adults, OHBM meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *Ofen, N. (2009). The development of brain systems for declarative memory. Biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, paper symposium, Denver, CO.
- **Ofen, N.**, Chai, X.J & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2009). The development of brain systems for episodic memory retrieval. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Chai, X.J., **Ofen, N**. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2008) Developmental changes in the encoding of indoor versus outdoor scenes. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Washington, DC.
- *Yoo, J.J., **Ofen, N.**, Hinds, O., Gabrieli S. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2008). Predicting Successful Memory Formation using fMRI and Discriminant Analyses. OHBM Meeting, Australia.
- Hinds, O., **Ofen, N.**, Gabrieli, S., Triantafyllou, C., Yoo, J.J., Ghosh, S., Lala, N., Willingham, D. & Gabrieli J.D.E. (2008). Transitions of task-related brain activation during acquisition of a novel perceptual-motor mapping. OHBM Meeting, Australia.
- **Ofen, N.**, Chai, X.J., Schuil, K.D.I., Hameed A. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2008). The development of brain systems for episodic memory retrieval, Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *Ofen, N. & Gabrieli J.D.E. (2007). Development of memory systems in the brain. Israel Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Eilat, Israel.
- *Ofen, N., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. & Gabrieli J.D.E. (2007). Development of parietal contributions to successful memory encoding. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Gaab, N., Ofen, N. & Gabrieli J.D.E. (2007). Resting with instructions: Actively ignoring or attending to scanner background noise. Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, NY, NY.
- *Ofen, N., Kim, H., Kao, Y-C., Sokol-Hessner, P. & J.D.E. Gabrieli (2006). Maturation of brain structures supporting successful memory encoding. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- **Ofen, N.**, Kao, Y-C., Sokol-Hessner, P. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2006). Developmental relationship between memory systems underlying successful memory encoding, working memory, source memory and speed of processing. OHBM Meeting, Florence, Italy.
- *Ofen, N., Kao, Y-C. Sokol-Hessner, P. Motsinger, J. & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2005). Development of memory systems underlying successful memory encoding. ICON9 Meeting, Havana, Cuba.
- **Ofen, N.**, Gray, M.E., Mazaika, P., Hutchinson, J.B., Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. & Gabrieli, J.E.D. (2005). Get ready to lie: Neural correlates of deception and its preparation as measured by fMRI. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Washington, DC.
- *Ofen, N., Dudai, Y. & Karni, A. (2004). Cognitive skill learning: repetition per-se does not determine specificity. Society for Neuroscience Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- **Ofen, N.**, Moran, A. & Sagi, D. (2004). Within-session deterioration in texture discrimination. J Cogn. Neurosci., D149, Suppl.

- **Ofen-Noy, N.**, Dudai, Y. & Karni, A. (2003). Time in learning: spacing practice sessions across days improve acquisition and transfer performance. J Cogn. Neurosci., B208, Suppl.
- *Ofen-Noy, N., Dudai, Y. & Karni, A. (2002). Time and the learning of a cognitive skill: The spacing of practice sessions across days improves performance. Neuronal Plasticity, 9(2), 103.
- **Ofen-Noy, N.**, Dudai, Y. & Karni, A. (2001). More practice makes less transfer but no difference to the time course of skill acquisition. Soc. Neurosci. Abstr., 27, 76.8.

Teaching

Teaching	
Wayne State University, Psychology Department, Detroit, MI Lecturer, PSY-8050: Cognitive Neuroscience	Fall 2012
Wayne State University, Translational Neuroscience Program Detroit, MI <i>Instructor</i> , PYC-7515: Advanced Topics – Imaging, Neurodevelopment and Psychiatric <i>Guest Instructor</i> , PYC-7140: Fundamentals of Neuroimaging	c Disorders Winter 2012 Winter 2012
Northeastern University, Psychology Department, Boston, MA Adjunct Professor, Lecturer, PSYC-4366: Cognition	Spring 2010
Harvard University , Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, MA <i>Teaching Fellow</i> , with Prof. Steven Hyman, Neurobiology 130: Drugs and the Brain	Fall 2008
MIT, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Cambridge, MA Guest Lecturer, 9.00: Introduction to Psychology	Spring 2006
Open University Israel , Ascolot, Tel Aviv, Israel <i>Lecturer</i> , 'Selected Topics in Brain Research', 'Advanced Brain Research'	Fall 1999 – 2002
Weizmann Institute of Science, Feinberg Graduate School Rehovot, Isreal Guest Lecturer, Neurobiology of Memory Lab Instructor, Neurophysiology: Intact animal electrophysiology	Spring 2002 1998
Weizmann Institute of Science, Youth Science Section, Rehovot, Isreal <i>Lecturer</i> , 'Brain Research'	1999 – 2003
University of Haifa Teaching Assistant, Physiological Basis of Behavior, Philosophy of Science	1994, 1995
Mentoring	
Jonatha Nathan, Translational Neuroscience Program, Wayne State University	Fall 2011 – present
Elizabeth Gutierrez, MIT Summer Research Program, MIT Graduate Student	Summer 2010 – 2011
Rebecca Martin, Research Assistant, MIT	2009 - 2011
Kristen Morin, Visiting Undergraduate Research Assistant, Northeastern University	Summer 2010 – 2011
Sunil Patel, Visiting Undergraduate Research Assistant, Northeastern University	Summer 2010, 2011
Kristina Chambers, Visiting Student, Dartmouth College, NH	Fall 2009
Christiane Mietzsch, Bachelor Thesis, Osnabrück, Germany	2009 - 2010
Thesis title: 'Signal detection and dual process models of recognition memory'	
Elizabeth Counterman, MIT Summer Research Program, Psychology at Mt. Holyoke	Summer 2009
Sudhandra Sudandaram, Summer Research Assistant, Brown University	Summer 2009
Ayesha Hameed, Undergraduate Research Project, Lab Course, MIT	2008 - 2009
Karen Schuil, Master Thesis, Leiden University, The Netherlands	2007 – 2008
Thesis title: 'The effects of development on the shape of the hemodynamic response function'	
Xiaoqian Jenny Chai, Visiting Graduate Student, Berkeley	2006 - 2009

Tania Abedian, Visiting Undergraduate Student, RPI	Summer 2008
Boris Volfson, Visiting Undergraduate Student, McGill University, Canada	Summer 2007
Natalie Rubinstein, Undergraduate Summer Projects, Biology Lab Course, MIT	2006 - 2007
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Project (UROP), MIT (six students)	2005 - 2008
M.Sc. Students during Lab Rotation, Weizmann Institute of Science (seven students)	1999 - 2003

Selected Invited Talks

- 02/2013: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 05/2012: Max Plank Institute, Berlin, Germany
- 04/2012: Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Seminar, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 03/2012: Grand Rounds Department of Pediatrics, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 01/2012: The Center for Human Growth and Development Colloquium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 01/2012: Psychology Department Colloquium, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 12/2011: Translational Neuroscience Program Seminar, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 10/2011: Invite Speaker, Baltes International Conference, Detroit, MI
- 10/2011: Invited Symposia Speaker, Cognitive Development Society's 7th Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 10/2011: Psychology Department Colloquium, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 05/2011: Greater Boston Cognitive Development Workshop, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 08/2010: Language & Cognition Summer Series, Psychology Department, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
- 06/2010: Psychobiology & Neuropsychology Seminar, Psychology Department, Haifa University, Haifa, Israel
- 06/2010: The New School of Psychology, Inter Disciplinary Center IDC, Herzliya, Isreal
- 05/2010: Cognitive Neuroscience Colloquium, Albert Einstein School of Medicine, NY
- 04/2010: Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute / Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University, MI
- 03/2010: Golby Laboratory Seminar, Brigham and Women Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA
- 12/2009: Brain and Cognitive Sciences Departmental Seminar (CogLunch), MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 07/2009: Conference on Neurocognitive Development, UC Berkeley, CA
- 06/2009: **Donders Institute**, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 04/2009: Psychology Department Colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel
- 03/2009: Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 01/2009: Vision Seminar, Psychology Department, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- 12/2008: Cognitive & Affective Neuroscience Lab, MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 01/2008: Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience at Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
- 09/2007: Cognitive & Affective Neuroscience Lab, MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 05/2007: Cognitive & Affective Neuroscience Lab, MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 11/2006: Charles River Association for Memory Annual Meeting, MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 05/2006: Martinos SCAN Seminar, MGH, Charlestown, MA
- 02/2006: Brain and Cognitive Sciences Departmental Seminar (CogLunch), MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 01/2006: Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratories (Prof. Suzanne Corkin), MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 01/2006: Charles River Association for Memory (CRAM) Inaugural Meeting, MIT, Cambridge, MA
- 07/2005: Detecting Deception meeting held at University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI
- 05/2005: Stanford Psychology Department Cognitive Seminar (FriSem), Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- 02/2005: Laboratories for Cognitive Neuroscience, Stanford University, Stanford, CA
- 05/2004: Laboratories for Cognitive Neuroscience, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Scientific Membership

Cognitive Development Society (CDS)	2011 – present
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)	2008 – present
Organization of Human Brain Mapping (OHBM)	2005 – present
Society for Neuroscience (SFN)	2004 – present
Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS)	2002 – present

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Behavioral Neuroscience

Cerebral Cortex

Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience

Developmental Science

Human Brain Mapping

Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience

Journal of Neuroscience

NeuroImage

Neuron

Neuropsychologia

NeuroReport

Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews

Social Neuroscience

Review Editor: Frontiers in Cognitive Sciences

Abstract Reviewer: Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) annual meeting (2008 – 2012)

Program Reviewer: Soc. Res. Child Dev. (SRCD) Biannual Meeting (2010, 2012)

Grant Reviewer: The National Institute for Psychobiology in Israel

Research Support

R01 MH-080344-02 Gabrieli (PI)

07/01/08-06/30/13

Development of Declarative Memory in the Human Brain

The goals of this project are to discover the underpinnings of the normal development of declarative memory using cross-sectional and longitudinal studies of memory encoding and retrieval.

Total anticipated award \$1,865,250

Role: Co-Investigator

R21 MH-099346-01 Ofen (PI); Diwadkar (Co-PI)

Under Revision

Neuroimaging of Memory Networks in Adolescents with High-Risk for Schizophrenia

Total anticipated award \$250,000

Role: PI

Additional Experience

Outreach Committee, MIT, Department of Brain and cognitive Sciences	2008 - 2011
Principal, "Chase Summer Camp for Science, Music and Art", Weizmann Institute of Science	1998 - 2003
Lecturer, Brain Research, Youth Activity Section, Weizmann Institute of Science	1999 - 2003
Lecturer, "Bashaar", Academic Community for the Israeli Society	2001 - 2003