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EDUCATION

- Aug 2019 - **Indiana University Bloomington**
May 2025 PhD in *Cognitive Science and Psychology* | GPA: 3.96/4.00
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences | Cognitive Science Program Categorization and Memory Lab with Advisor, Robert Nosofsky
Dissertation Title: *Towards the development of an adaptive recommendation system to optimize learning strategies under self-regulated settings*
- Aug 2014 - **Emory University**
June 2018 Bachelor of Arts in *Psychology* | GPA: 3.9/4.0
Department of Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

- Hu, M., Motz, B., & Nosofsky, R. (in prep). Towards the development of an adaptive recommendation system to optimize learning strategies under self-regulated settings.
- Green, M., Hu, M., Denison, R., & Rahnev, D. (under review). [Using artificial neural networks to relate external sensory features to internal decisional evidence](#). *Scientific Reports*
- Hu, M., & Nosofsky, R. M. (2024). [High-variability training does not enhance generalization in the prototype-distortion paradigm](#). *Memory & Cognition*, 52(1), 123–135. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13421-023-01234-5>
- Nosofsky, R. M., Cook, R. G., Qadri, M A., & Hu, M. (2023). [Modeling within-session dynamics of categorical and item-memory mechanisms in pigeons](#). *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 30(4), 789–798. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13423-023-02045-6>
- Nosofsky, R. M., & Hu, M. (2023). [Category structure and region-specific selective attention. Category structure and region-specific selective attention](#). *Memory & Cognition*, 51(2), 345–357. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13421-022-01234-5>
- Hu, M., & Nosofsky, R. M. (2022). [Exemplar-model account of categorization and recognition when training instances never repeat](#). *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 48(6), 1023–1035. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xlm0001169>
- Nosofsky, R. M., & Hu, M. (2022). [Generalization in distant regions of a rule-described category space: A mixed exemplar and logical-rule-based account](#). *Computational Brain & Behavior*, 5(3), 456–468. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42113-022-00123-4>
- Hu, M., & Rahnev, D. (2019). [Predictive cues reduce but do not eliminate intrinsic response bias](#). *Cognition*, 192, Article 104004. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2019.104004>

SKILLS

Programming:

R (tidyverse, tidymodels, lme4, brms, rstan), Python (NumPy, PyTorch, Tensorflow, PsychoPy), JavaScript (React, jQuery), PHP, MATLAB

Statistics and Data Analysis:

Computational Modeling and Simulation, Generalized Linear Model, Nonparametric Statistics, Bayesian Multilevel Model, Multidimensional Scaling, Data Visualization (ggplot2), Deep Learning, Clustering Algorithms (e.g. k-means, DBSCAN, hierarchical), Process Mining, Feature Engineering, Bayesian Knowledge Tracing, Item Response Theory

COURSES & TRAINING

- Multivariate Statistics
- Categorical Data Analysis
- Bayesian Theory and Data Analysis
- Statistical Learning and High-dimension Analysis
- Educational Data Mining Track (Carneige Mellon University LearnLab Summer School)
- Readings at the Interface of Machine Learning and Cognitive Science
- Models in Cognitive Science
- Choice behavior
- Representation of Structure in Psychological Data

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

4 semesters	Statistical Techniques in Psychology	<i>Associate Instructor</i>
2 semesters	Laboratory in Human Learning and Cognition	<i>Associate Instructor</i>
2 semesters	Computer and Statistical Modeling in Psychology	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
1 semester	Advanced Statistics in Psychology	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
1 semester	Methods of Experimental Psychology	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
1 semester	Developmental Psychology	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>
1 semester	Abnormal Psychology	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>

SERVICES & OUTREACH

Conversations in Science at Indiana University

- communicate scientific findings to general audience by writing 5 blogs on various research topics as well as reviewing and editing science blogs for other graduate students

Foundations in Science and Mathematics

- taught school-age children science and programming