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Kavli Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience

Week 2: Computational Social Neuroscience: Advances, Challenges, and New Directions

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In 2007, the Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience debuted the burgeoning topic of “Social Neuroscience”. The past decade has witnessed an explosion of research investigating the brain bases of social behavior. We anticipate that innovations in computational approaches and experimental design will be instrumental in progressing towards a more mechanistic understanding of social behavior. This Summer Institute will feature new advances in neuroscientific research that inform the brain basis of a wide array of social behaviors, including social perception, cognition, decision-making, and interactions. Our collection of faculty lecturers will showcase examples of how computational approaches can yield insights into the brain basis of social behavior, discuss challenges inherent to this research, and introduce new directions that will inspire the next wave of research in this area.

Monday (7/01): Value in the social world

8:00-8:30 Breakfast
8:30-8:45 Introductory Remarks – Leah and Luke (introduced by Barry Geisbrecht/Mike Miller)
8:45-10:10 Speaker 1: Read Montague, Virginia Tech
Computational substrates of valuation and learning during human social exchange
10:00-10:30 Break
10:30-11:45 Speaker 2: Cendri Hutcherson, University of Toronto
How do we know and value others’ preferences?: Novel insights from neural and computational models
11:45-1:45 Lunch
1:45-3:00 Speaker 3: Leah Somerville, Harvard University
Applying computational approaches to the study of social-cognitive development
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:15 Lab Session: Ethics
4:15 Adjourn

Tuesday (7/02): Social connections

8:00-8:45 Breakfast
8:45-10:00  Speaker 4: Daniela Schiller, Mount Sinai Medical School
Navigating social space – relationships as trajectories along social dimensions

10:00-10:30  Break

10:30-11:45  Speaker 5: Thalia Wheatley, Dartmouth College
Moving beyond the isolated brain

11:45-1:45  Lunch

1:45-5:00  Lab Session: Brain Imaging

5:00  Adjourn

**Wednesday (7/03): Social perception**

8:00-8:45  Breakfast

8:45-10:00  Speaker 6: Kyle Ratner, UCSB
Out with the old, in with the new: How advances in fMRI and EEG analysis methods are changing social perception research

10:00-10:30  Break

10:30-11:45  Speaker 7: Jon Freeman, NYU
Neural mechanisms of split-second social perception

11:45-1:45  Lunch

1:45-5:00  Debate Preparation (no lab)

6:30-8:00  DEBATES: Teams 3 and 4 (fellows will be organized into teams during week 1)

**Thursday (7/04): Social decision-making**

8:00-8:45  Breakfast

8:45-10:00  Speaker 8: Steve Chang, Yale University
Neurobiological principles underlying social decision and social gaze in the primate brain

10:00-10:30  Break

10:30-11:45  Speaker 9: Molly Crockett, Yale University
Computational modeling of moral preferences and inferences

11:45-1:45  Lunch

1:45-5:00  Lab Session: EEG and TMS

5:00  Adjourn

**Friday (7/05): Group-modulated cognition and behavior**

8:00-8:45  Breakfast

8:45-10:00  Speaker 10: Matthew Apps, University of Oxford
*Computational and imaging approaches to decision making*

10:00-10:30  Break

10:30-11:45  Speaker 11: Luke Chang, Dartmouth College
Towards a computational social and affective neuroscience

11:45  Adjourn

5:00-6:00  Reception  Banquet  Faculty Club

6:00-8:00  Dinner  Banquet  Faculty Club
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