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RESEARCH PROFILE

I am a cognitive and computational neuroscientist primarily focused on mapping the brain regions involved in speech motor control. My research combines mathematical modeling with functional and structural brain imaging to study the neural mechanisms underlying normal and disordered speech, including persistent developmental stuttering, apraxia of speech, spasmodic dysphonia, and autism. I also have an extensive background in human neuroanatomy and MRI-based brain morphometry that I use to develop expert-guided semi-automated brain region labeling methods.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Cognitive and Neural Systems, Boston University (May, 2008)

Thesis: *Neural Mechanisms Underlying Auditory Feedback Control of Speech*. Research focused on mapping components the DIVA model of speech motor control to neural substrates using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) with an emphasis on the auditory feedback control system. Coursework covered mathematical modeling of motor control, speech, vision, and reinforcement learning neural systems and computational neuroscience methods.

B.A., Neuroscience, Oberlin College (May, 1996)

Advanced undergraduate coursework in neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, neuropharmacology, and biochemistry.

POST-GRADUATE APPOINTMENTS

Research Assistant Professor, Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, Boston University, Boston, MA (2011– present)

Co-investigator for two National Institutes of Health R01 projects (PI, Frank Guenther) that study the sensorimotor interactions involved in normal and disordered speech production by combining neuroimaging and computational modeling; supervise and mentor graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in their research projects; participate in Ph.D. dissertation committees.

Associate Director, Speech Lab, Boston University (2011 – present)

Oversee the Speech Lab neuroimaging research program, train undergraduate and graduate students and postdocs on brain imaging and computational modeling methods, and assist in the preparation of journal manuscripts and grant proposals.

Faculty Member, Graduate Program for Neuroscience, Boston University (2011 – present)

Faculty Member, Center for Research in Sensory Communications and Neural Technology (CReSCNT), Boston University (2016 – present)

Faculty Member, Center for Computational Neuroscience and Neural Technologies, Boston University (2011 – 2016)

Research Assistant Professor, Department of Cognitive and Neural Systems, Boston University (2010 – 2011)

Research Associate, Boston University (2008 –2009)

Served as neuroanatomist in the Speech Lab at the Department of Cognitive and Neural Systems. In this capacity, I contributed to the design, conduction, and interpretation of functional imaging experiments and oversaw anatomical region of interest-based (ROI) analyses of imaging data. Responsibilities also included refinement of the DIVA model of speech motor control.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Neuroanatomical Consultant, Neuromorphometrics, Inc., Somerville, MA (2008 – present)

Oversee manual labeling of cortical and subcortical MRI brain images from normal and disordered adults and infants; train technicians to apply volume and surface-based anatomical labeling protocols; explore neuroanatomical variability for the purpose of developing improved automated labeling methods.

Graduate Research Assistant, Boston University (1999 –2008)

Worked as a research assistant under Prof. Frank Guenther while pursuing a doctoral degree. My responsibilities included designing and conducting fMRI studies of speech processing, contributing to the development of the DIVA model, and the development of a system of anatomical ROIs tailored for imaging studies of speech; also contributed to the preparation of several NIH and NSF grants, journal and conference submissions, and oversight of adherence to human subjects and institutional review board regulations.

Teaching Fellow, Boston University (Fall 2001)

Acted as teaching assistant in the Department of Cognitive and Neural Systems for the course titled Principles and Methods of Cognitive and Neural Modeling I; provided individual and group tutoring, graded modeling assignments and exams.

Research Assistant, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA (1999 – 2000)

Worked under Dr. Nikos Makris at the Center for Morphometric Analysis on a study of attentional network pathology in persons diagnosed with schizophrenia. Responsibilities included recruitment and neuropsychological testing of participants, conducting fMRI experiments, analysis of functional and structural data MRI, refinement of structural MRI analysis methods developed at the Center for Morphometric Analysis.

Research Assistant, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA (1996 – 1999)

Worked under Dr. Larry Seidman and Dr. Jill Goldstein at the Center for Morphometric Analysis at Massachusetts General Hospital on comparative morphometry studies of schizophrenia. Responsibilities included the delineation of cortical and subcortical ROIs in individual structural MRI data based on anatomical landmarks.

Research Assistant, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH (1995 – 1996)

Worked under Prof. Mark Braford using immunocytochemical methods to study non-mammalian vertebrate (knifefish) neuroanatomy. My responsibilities included tracer injections, brain extraction, and histological preparations and analyses.

Teaching Assistant, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH (1993 – 1994)

Acted as a lab assistant (Fall, 1993) and course consultant/tutor (Spring, 1994) for the Biology Department introductory biology courses.

AWARDS AND HONORS

American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention Trailblazer Presenter (November, 2015)

Organization for Human Brain Mapping Hackathon Winner ("MNI Mashup" Challenge, member of team Mindboggle-102 (June, 2013)

Best Student Paper in Speech Communication, 148th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA (November, 2004)

Boston University Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award (2001 – 2002)

Boston University Graduate Research Fellowship (2000 – 2008)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Member, Human Atlas Working Group, International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility (2015 – present)

Member, American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA), Society for Neuroscience (SFN), Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Cognitive Neuroscience Society

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, *Neural Networks, Neuroimage, Brain and Language, PloS ONE, Journal of Neuroscience, Aphasiology, Brain, Journal of Neurophysiology*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Familiarity with Windows, Linux and Macintosh operating systems, MATLAB programming language, SPM, FSL, and FreeSurfer neuroimage analysis software, multivariate statistics, neural networks, structural equation modeling

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Walsh, B., Tian, F., Tourville, J.A., Yücel, M.A., Kuczek, T., and Bostian, A.J. (under review). Illuminating the speaking brain: An fNIRS investigation of speech production in children who stutter.

Segawa, J.A., Tourville, J.A., Beal, D.S., and Guenther, F.H. (2015). The neural correlates of speech motor sequence learning. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*. 27(4):819-831.

Ballard, K.J., Tourville, J.A., Robin, D.A. (2014). Behavioral, computational, and neuroimaging studies of acquired apraxia of speech. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*. 8:892. doi: 10.3389/fnhum.2014.00892. PMCID: PMC4217373.

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Peeva, M.G., Tourville, J.A., Agam, Y., Holland, B., Manoach, D.S., Guenther, F.H. (2013). White matter impairment in the speech network of Individuals with autism spectrum disorder. *NeuroImage: Clinical*. 3:234-241. PMCID: PMC3815014

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Ghosh S.S., Tourville, J.A., and Guenther F.H. (2008). A neuroimaging study of premotor lateralization and cerebellar involvement in the production of phonemes and syllables. *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*. 51:1183-1202. PMCID: PMC2652040.

Tourville, J.A., Reilly, K.J., and Guenther, F.H. (2008). Neural mechanisms underlying auditory feedback control of speech. *NeuroImage*, 39(3):1429-1443. PMCID: PMC3658624.

Guenther, F.H., Ghosh, S.S., and Tourville, J.A. (2006). Neural modeling and imaging of the cortical interactions underlying syllable production. *Brain and Language*, 96(3):280-301. PMCID: PMC1473986.

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Tourville, J.A., Nieto-Castanon, A., and Guenther, F.H. (2017). Identifying functional regions of interest within the speech motor control neural network. 7th International Conference on Speech Motor Control, Groningen, the Netherlands, July 5-8.

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Worth, A.J. and Tourville, J.A. (2016). Anatomical evaluation of Colin27 against a database of labeled brain scans. *Meeting Planner, 46th Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience*. San Diego, CA. Program No. 271.15

Poline, J-B, Bohland, J., Evans, A., Feng, D., Flandin, G., Fonov, V., Ghosh, S., Janke, A., Jenkinson, M., Kennedy, D., Lerch, F., Ng, L., Tourville, J., Vincent, R., Zollei, L. (2016). Standardizing neuromimaging atlas formats. 22nd Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Geneva, Switzerland. Program No. 1845

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- Daliri, A., Golfinopoulos, E., Tourville, J.A., and Guenther, F.H. (2015). Neuroanatomical differences between adults who stutter and adults who do not stutter. *Meeting Planner, 45th Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience*. Chicago, IL. Program No. 753.25.
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- Worth, A., and Tourville, J.A. (2014). Exploring neuroanatomical variation in a large database of manually-labeled human MRI scans. *Meeting Planner, 44th Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience*. Washington, D.C. Program No. 184.09.
- Tourville, J.A., Nieto-Castanon, A., and Guenther, F.H. (2014). Functional parcellation of cortical regions that contribute to speech motor control. Program of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society. Boston MA. Supplement of the *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*. p. 219:F118.
- Segawa, J.A., Tourville, J.A., Beal, D.S., and Guenther, F.H. (2014). Neural and behavioral correlates of speech motor sequence learning. *Program of the 21st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society*. Boston MA. Supplement of the *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*. p. 145:D73.
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- Worth, A., and Tourville, J. (2013). Mining reliable landmarks for automated understanding of brain structure in MRI. *Meeting Planner, 43rd Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience*. San Diego, CA. Program No. 100.28.
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- Tourville, J.A., Cai, S., and Guenther, F.H. (2013). Exploring auditory-motor interactions in normal and disordered speech. *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics*. 9:060180. *165th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, Montreal, Quebec.
- Tourville, J.T. and Guenther, F.H. (2012). Automatic cortical labeling system for neuroimaging studies of normal and disordered speech. *Meeting Planner, 42nd Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience*. New Orleans, LA. Program No. 681.06.
- Worth, A.J., and Tourville, J.A. (2012). Bootstrapping neuroanatomical labeling in MRI. *Meeting Planner, 42nd Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience*. New Orleans, LA. Program No. 709.17.
- Beal, D.S., Segawa, J., Tourville, J.A., Cai, S., and Guenther, F.H. (2012) Speech motor sequence learning difficulties in persistent developmental stuttering: an fMRI study. *Meeting Planner, 42nd Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience*. New Orleans, LA. Program No. 681.07.
- Segawa, J.A., Tourville, J.A., Beal, D.S., and Guenther, F.H. (2012). Dissociated neural representations of phonological content and syllabic frame structure. *Meeting Planner, 42nd Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience*. New Orleans, LA. Program No. 681.01.
- Tourville, J.T. and Klein, A. (2012). 101 labeled brains and a new human cortical labeling protocol. *5th Annual INCF Neuroinformatics Congress*. Munich, Germany.
- Bao, F.S., Joachim Giard, J., Tourville, J.A., and Klein, A. (2012). Automated extraction of nested sulcus features from human brain MRI data. *34th Annual International IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference*. San Diego, CA.

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- Reilly, K.J., Guenther, F.H., and Tourville, J.A. (2007). A neuroimaging investigation of auditory-motor learning. *Program of the 154th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 122(5, Pt. 2):3087.
- Reilly, K.J., Guenther, F.H., Tourville, J.A., and Bohland, J.W. (2006). Brain activations during learning of a novel speech sensorimotor mapping. *Conference on Motor Speech: Motor Speech Disorders*. Austin, Texas.
- Tourville, J.A., Guenther, F.H., Ghosh, S.S., Reilly, K.J., Bohland, J.W., and Nieto-Castanon, A. (2005). Effects of acoustic and articulatory perturbation on cortical activity during speech production. *Neuroimage (11th Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Toronto)*, 26(S1):S49.
- Tourville, J.A., Guenther, F.H., Ghosh, S.S., and Bohland, J.W. (2004). Effects of jaw perturbation on cortical activity during speech production. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America (148th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego)*, 116(4):2631.
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