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Education

2023 -	Ph.D. Psychology, University of Wisconsin - Madison
	Supervisor: Gary Lupyan
2019 - 2021	M.S. Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, Northwestern University
2014 - 2018	B.S. Computational Cognitive Science, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
	Honor's Thesis: "What Factors Are Most Effective in Predicting Noun Learning in English-

Learning Children?"

Mentors: Twila Tardif, PhD; Susan Gelman, PhD

Non-Degree Programs

Summer 2016 Summer French Intermediate Studies Exchange Program, Université Grenoble Alpes

Professional Experience

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2024 -	Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin - Madison
2023 -	Graduate Student, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin - Madison
2023 - 2024	Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin - Madison
2021 - 2023	Data Scientist, TTEC Digital
Summer 2021	Data Scientist, Auction Forecast, Santa Fe, NM
2018 - 2019	English Language Assistant, TAPIF, Clermont-Ferrand, France
2018	Lab Manager, University of Michigan Language and Culture Development Lab,
	Ann Arbor, MI
2017	Research Assistant, University of Michigan Language and Culture Development Lab,
	Ann Arbor, MI
Summer 2015	Research Specialist, Prescient Models LLC, Santa Fe, NM

Publications

Journal Publications

Breeden, K., & Lupyan, G. (In Prep) "Category repetition priming, rhyme identification, and category verification are predicted by inner speech."

Conference Proceedings

Breeden, K., & Lupyan, G. (2025). Who notices object repeats? Individual differences in inner experience influence repetition priming. Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, 47. Retrieved from https://escholarship.org/uc/item/9gf9k64k

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2025 Basic Statistics for Psychology, Primary Instructor: Rebecca Addington

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Fall 2024 Animal Cognition, Primary Instructor: Stephen Ferrigno

Presentations and Posters

Invited Talks

9 October 2024 "Inner Speech as a Predictor of Individual Differences in Cognition" -- Cognitive Origins Lab,

UW Madison

Posters

August 2025 "Who notices object repeats? Individual differences in inner experience influence repetition

priming" – CogSci 2025

Spring 2025 "Who notices object repeats? Individual differences in inner experience influence repetition

priming" - UW Madison Psychology Research Fair

Mentoring

Undergraduate Research Assistants

Xiaoran Sun (2025 - present), University of Wisconsin - Madison, LupyanLab

Amelia Tang (2025 - present), University of Wisconsin - Madison, LupyanLab

Kate Paape (2024 - 2025), University of Wisconsin - Madison, LupyanLab