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Education

2020 – Now	PhD Candidate, Psychology/Cognitive Science Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Committee: Daniel Casasanto (chair), Jesse Goldberg, Felix Thoemmes. Major in Developmental Psychology, Minor in Cognitive Science.
2013 – 2017	BA in Liberal Arts St. John's College, <i>Annapolis, Maryland</i> All-required curriculum based on closely reading original sources; equivalent to a double major in Philosophy, and the History of Mathematics and Science.

Professional Experience

2017 – 2020	Research Assistant, Cognitive Neuropsychiatric Research Laboratory Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, <i>Baltimore, Maryland</i> Studied the cerebellum's role in cognition and conducted several fMRI projects under the mentorship of Cherie Marvel.
Summers 2016 2015	Research Assistant, Blumenfeld Lab Yale Medical School, <i>New Haven, Connecticut</i> Studied conscious visual perception under the mentorship of Hal Blumenfeld.

Publications

Note: An asterisk [*] denotes an undergraduate mentee. PDFs can be found at [opmorgan.com/papers](#).

Journal Articles

- 2025 **Morgan, Owen** and Casasanto, Daniel. 2025. "Frequency asymmetries in vision: The action asymmetry hypothesis." *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*.
- Morgan, Owen**, Zhao, Siyi, and Casasanto, Daniel. 2025. "Handedness and creativity: Facts and fictions." *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*.
- 2022 Iannuzzelli, Katherine, Shi, Rosa, Carter, Reece, [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2022. "The association between educational attainment and SCA 3 age of onset and disease course." *Parkinsonism & Related Disorders*.
- Joyce, Michelle R., Nadkarni, Prianca A., Kronemer, Sharif I., [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2022. "Quality of life changes following the onset of cerebellar ataxia: Symptoms and concerns self-reported by ataxia patients and informants." *The Cerebellum*.
- Kronemer, Sharif I., Aksen, Mark, Ding, Julia Z., [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2022. "Human visual consciousness involves large scale cortical and subcortical networks independent of task report and eye movement activity." *Nature Communications*.

- Marvel, Cherie L., Alm, Kylie H., Bhattacharya, Deeya, [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2022. "A multimodal neuroimaging study of brain abnormalities and clinical correlates in post treatment Lyme disease." *PLOS ONE*.
- Marvel, Cherie L., Chen, Lin, Joyce, Michelle R. **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2022. "Quantitative susceptibility mapping of basal ganglia iron is associated with cognitive and motor functions that distinguish spinocerebellar ataxia type 6 and type 3." *Frontiers in Neuroscience*.
- Monick, Andrew J., Joyce, Michelle R., Chugh, Natasha, [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2022. "Characterization of basal ganglia volume changes in the context of HIV and polysubstance use." *Scientific Reports*.
- 2021 Kronemer, Sharif I., Slapik, Mitchell B., Pietrowski, Jessica R., [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2021. "Neuropsychiatric symptoms as a reliable phenomenology of cerebellar ataxia." *The Cerebellum*.
- Morgan, Owen P.**, Slapik, Mitchell B., Iannuzzelli, Katherine G., et al. 2021. "The cerebellum and implicit sequencing: Evidence from cerebellar ataxia." *The Cerebellum*.
- 2019 Marvel, Cherie L., **Morgan, Owen P.**, and Kronemer, Sharif I. 2019. "How the motor system integrates with working memory." *Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews*.
- Slapik, Mitchell B., Kronemer, Sharif I., **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2019. "Visuospatial organization and recall in cerebellar ataxia." *The Cerebellum*.

Conference Papers

- 2025 *Karpel, Rebecca, **Morgan, Owen P.**, Singh, Amritpal, et al. 2025. "Replication of prefrontal asymmetry in approach-avoidance motivation in fMRI." *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Vol. 47.
- 2023 **Morgan, Owen P.** and Casasanto, Daniel. 2023. "Frequency asymmetries in vision and action." *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Vol. 45.

Preprints

- 2025 Marvel, Cherie L., Rebman, Alison W., Alm, Kylie H., [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2025. "Early brain changes in Lyme disease are associated with clinical outcomes." *MedRxiv*.

Presentations

Talks

- 2024 **Morgan, Owen P.** and Casasanto, Daniel. May 2024. "Frequency asymmetries in vision and action." Talk. 4th Year talk to the Department of Psychology and Human Development. Cornell University, Ithaca, USA.
- 2023 **Morgan, Owen P.** and Casasanto, Daniel. July 2023. "Frequency asymmetries in vision and action." Talk. 45th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Sydney, Australia.
- Morgan, Owen P.** and Casasanto, Daniel. May 2023. "Frequency asymmetries in vision and action." Talk. Cognitive Science @ Cornell Grad Convo Info Blitz. Cornell University, Ithaca, USA.
- 2022 **Morgan, Owen P.** and Casasanto, Daniel. May 2022. "Handedness and creativity: Facts and fictions." Talk. The Art and Science of Thinking: A Transdisciplinary Workshop. Cornell University, Ithaca, USA.
- 2021 **Morgan, Owen P.**, Slapik, Mitchell B., Iannuzzelli, Katherine G., et al. May 2021. "Motor and cognitive sequencing in cerebellar ataxia." Hot Chair Talk. National Ataxia Foundation's 9th Ataxia Investigators Meeting. Virtual.

- 2020 **Morgan, Owen P.**, Slapik, Mitchell B., Iannuzzelli, Katherine G., et al. Jan. 2020. "The cerebellum and sequencing in motor and cognitive domains: Evidence from cerebellar ataxia." Talk presented at Sensorimotor Day. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.
- 2019 **Morgan, Owen P.**, Lisinski, Jonathan M., LaConte, Stephen M., et al. June 2019. "Basal ganglia-cerebellar impact on performance after motor imagery with real-time fMRI neurofeedback." Oral Session. Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting. Rome, Italy.
- Morgan, Owen P.**, Lisinski, Jonathan M., LaConte, Stephen M., et al. Feb. 2019. "Cerebellar-basal ganglia interaction in Real-time fMRI neurofeedback for rehabilitation." Presentation to the faculty and staff of the Johns Hopkins Ataxia Clinic. Baltimore, USA.
- 2018 **Morgan, Owen P.**, Creighton, Jason A., Slapik, Mitchell B., et al. Nov. 2018. "Neural correlates of value-driven attentional capture in addiction." Nanosymposium Session. Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, USA.
- Morgan, Owen P.**, Slapik, Mitchell B., Kronemer, Sharif I., et al. Apr. 2018. "Motor-cognitive multitasking in cerebellar ataxia." Presentation to the faculty and staff of the Johns Hopkins Ataxia Clinic. Baltimore, USA.

Talks (contributed)

- 2018 Slapik, Mitchell B., **Morgan, Owen P.**, Creighton, Jason A., et al. Nov. 2018. "Timing and sequencing in cerebellar ataxia." Nanosymposium Session. Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, USA.
- Marvel, Cherie L., Creighton, Jason A., **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. 2018. "Cerebro-cerebellar contributions to working memory in early Lyme disease." Oral Session. International Society of Behavioral Neuroscience. Anchorage, USA.
- Slapik, Mitchell B., **Morgan, Owen P.**, and Marvel, Cherie L. 2018. "Language abilities in cerebellar ataxia." Presentation to the faculty and staff of the Johns Hopkins Ataxia Clinic. Baltimore, USA.
- 2017 Slapik, Mitchell B., Kronemer, Sharif I., **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. Jan. 2017. "Visuospatial organization and recall in cerebellar ataxia." Talk presented at Sensorimotor Day. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.
- 2016 Kronemer, Sharif I., Xiao, Wendy R., Gober, Leah, [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. June 2016. "The cortical event-related potential and alpha wave signatures for visual consciousness." Talk. ASSC 20. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Xiao, Wendy R., Kronemer, Sharif I., Gober, Leah, [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. June 2016. "An organized wave of intracranial broadband gamma activity during the first second of conscious visual perception." Talk. ASSC 20. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Posters

- 2025 *Karpel, Rebecca, **Morgan, Owen P.**, Singh, Amritpal, et al. 2025. *Replication of prefrontal asymmetry in approach-avoidance motivation in fMRI*. 47th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. San Francisco, USA.
- 2022 **Morgan, Owen P.** and Casasanto, Daniel. July 2022. "Handedness and creativity: Facts and fictions." Poster Session. 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Toronto, Canada.
- 2019 **Morgan, Owen P.**, Slapik, Mitchell B., Kronemer, Sharif I., et al. Nov. 2019. "Motor-cognitive multitasking in Machado-Joseph's disease." Poster Session. International MJD Research Conference. Washington, DC, USA.

- 2018 **Morgan, Owen P.**, Slapik, Mitchell B., Kronemer, Sharif I., et al. Apr. 2018. "Motor-cognitive multitasking in cerebellar ataxia." Poster Session. National Ataxia Foundation's 7th Ataxia Investigators Meeting. Philadelphia, USA.

Posters (contributed)

- 2022 Marvel, Cherie L., **Morgan, Owen P.**, Lisinski, Jonathan M., et al. Oct. 2022. "Real-time fMRI neurofeedback improves finger tapping precision: A feasibility study to improve fine motor skills in movement disorders." Poster Session. Real-Time Functional Imaging and Neurofeedback Meeting (rtFIN) 2022. New Haven, USA.
- 2019 LaConte, Stephen, Lisinski, Jonathan, **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. June 2019. "Harnessing the imagined: Developing motor imagery for real-time fMRI-based therapy." Poster Session. Organization for Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting. Rome, Italy.
- 2018 Marvel, Cherie L., Creighton, Jason A., **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. May 2018. "An fMRI study of cognition in early post-treatment Lyme disease." Poster Session. Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, USA.
- Slapik, Mitchell B., Pietrowski, Jessica, **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. Apr. 2018. "A Characterization of language impairment in cerebellar ataxia." Poster Session. National Ataxia Foundation's 8th Ataxia Investigators Meeting. Philadelphia, USA.
- 2017 Ding, Jackson, Prince, Jacob S., Forman, Sarit **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. Nov. 2017. "Machine learning to predict conscious visual perception using pupillary dynamics." Poster Session. Society for Neuroscience. Washington, DC, USA.
- 2016 Kronemer, Sharif I., Xiao, Wendy R., Gober, Leah, [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. Nov. 2016. "Intracranial cortical event-related potentials and alpha wave gating of visual consciousness." Poster Session. Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, USA.
- Wafa, Adil S., Kiely, Bridget, Xiao, Wendy R., [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. Nov. 2016. "Machine learning to predict pupillary dynamics in conscious visual perception." Poster Session. Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, USA.
- Xiao, Wendy R., Kronemer, Sharif I., Gober, Leah, [...], **Morgan, Owen P.**, et al. Nov. 2016. "Broadband gamma activity in the formation of a conscious visual experience in humans." Poster Session. Society for Neuroscience. San Diego, USA.

Grants and Awards

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| 2025 | <p>Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant (\$500)
Funded travel to 47th Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, San Francisco.</p> |
| 2023 | <p>Martha E. Foulk and Ethel B. Waring Fellowship
Departmental fellowship providing stipend for Fall Semester.</p> <p>Glushko & Samuelson Student Travel Grant (\$1,000)
Funded travel to 45th Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Sydney.</p> <p>Cognitive Science @ Cornell Travel Award (\$1,000)
Funded travel to 45th Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Sydney.</p> <p>Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant (\$700)
Funded travel to 45th Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Sydney.</p> <p>Cognitive Science @ Cornell Graduate Research Award (\$1,000)
Funded data collection for a study on frequency asymmetry in vision.</p> |

2022	Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant (\$600) Funded travel to 44th Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto.
	Cognitive Science @ Cornell Travel Award (\$250) Funded travel to 44th Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto.
2020	Travel Award for 9th Ataxia Investigators Meeting (Conference moved online) Awarded to abstracts selected for “hot chair” presentation. Award cancelled; conference moved online due to COVID-19.
2017	Pathways Fellowship (\$2,500) Funded Neurobiology course at Harvard Extension Summer School.
2016 2015	Hodson Trust Internship Grant (\$4,000 each) Funded summer research on conscious visual perception at Yale University.

Teaching and Mentorship

Fall 2025	Instructor, Freshman Writing Seminar: The Science of Consciousness (PSYCH 1140) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Developed and taught a discussion and writing seminar on scientific attempts to explain phenomenal consciousness.
Spring 2025, 2023	TA, Human Perception: Applications to Computer Graphics, Art, and Visual Display (COGST 3420) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Instructor: David Field.
Spring 2025, Fall 2024	Essay Grader, Language and Power (PSYCH 3130) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Instructor: Laura Staum Casasanto.
Spring 2024	TA, Language and Power (PSYCH 3130) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Instructor: Laura Staum Casasanto.
Fall 2024, 2022, 2020	TA, Human Brain and Mind: Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience (HD 2200) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Instructor: Daniel Casasanto.
Summer 2022	TA, Introduction to Cognitive Science (COGST 1101) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Instructor: Adam Broitman.
Spring 2022	TA, Gender and Psychopathology (HD 3320) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Instructor: Lauren Korfine.
Fall 2021	TA, Research Methods (HD 2380) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Instructor: Lauren Korfine.
Spring 2021	TA, Adolescence (HD 1170) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Instructor: Robert Sternberg.

2014 – 2017	Lab Assistant St. John's College, <i>Annapolis, Maryland</i> Worked with professors to lead class discussions; set up, demonstrated, and explained historical experiments from biology, physics, and chemistry.
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Guest Lectures

Summer 2022	Introduction to Cognitive Science (COGST 1101) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> <i>"The Cognitive Neuroscience of Consciousness"</i>
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Fall 2021	Research Methods (HD 2380) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> <i>"Scientific Writing"</i>
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Mentorship

2021 – Now	Research Assistant Supervision (Cornell) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Stephen Chien, Sanyum Dalal, Benjamin Dever-Mendenhall, Jeffrey Iyama, Rebecca Karpel, Mahek Majithia, Madelyn Minor, and Kira Pawletko.
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2018 – 2020	Research Assistant Supervision (JHU) Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, <i>Baltimore, Maryland</i> Bronte Wen, Deeya Bhattacharya, and Nikita Gupta.
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Service

Departmental Service

2024 – Now	Organizing Committee Member, Cornell Undergraduate Psychology Conference Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i>
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Peer Review and Editorial Service

2025 – Now	Volunteer, REPEAT Network <i>Psychological Science</i> Conduct reproducibility checks for Psychological Science's Statistics, Transparency, and Rigour (STAR) team
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2023 – Now	Ad Hoc reviewer <i>Proceedings of the Cognitive Science Society, Laterality</i>
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Outreach and Community

2023 – Now	Co-host, Sprocket: The Cognitive Science Film Series (film seminar series) Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i>
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Spring 2024	Co-curator, The Beautiful Brain exhibit Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, New York</i> Co-organized and curated an exhibit of Santiago Ramón y Cajal's prints, sponsored by Cornell's Cognitive Science department.
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2022 – Now

Member, Humanities Lab

Cornell University, *Ithaca*, New York

The [Humanities Lab](#) is a forum for for scholars who conduct research at the interface of the sciences and the humanities

Technical Skills

fMRI: Data collection (3T, 7T), preprocessing (fMRIPrep, SPM), analysis (SPM, python)

Eye-tracking: Collection, preprocessing, analysis

Scripting: R/tidyverse, Python, MATLAB

Data visualization: R/ggplot, Inkscape, Illustrator

Task development: Python/PsychoPy, ePrime, Inquisit

Online data collection: Prolific, Qualtrics, Inquisit Web

Web: HTML/CSS, JavaScript/TypeScript, Django, Hugo

Markup: \LaTeX , RMarkdown

OS: Linux, Windows, MacOS

Spoken Languages

English: First language

Spanish: Professional proficiency (ILR scale)

[Source code for this CV](#)