



A Day in the Life

Meet the Cognitive Studies Faculty

A series of events for undergraduates interested in learning more about Cornell's Cognitive Studies community

Elise Temple

Thursday, February 24th, 202 Uris Hall

Pizza starting at 6:45 PM

Presentation: 7:15–8:00 PM

Informal Conversation: 8:00–9:00 PM

Elise Temple's research is in the emerging field of developmental cognitive neuroscience with an emphasis on reading and reading disabilities. Her research aims, broadly, are to explore the brain mechanisms underlying reading and language, and more specifically to explore how these brain mechanisms develop as children age, undergo education, and become literate.

Tim DeVoogd

Tuesday, March 29th, 202 Uris Hall

Pizza starting at 6:45 PM

Presentation: 7:15–8:00 PM

Informal Conversation: 8:00–9:00 PM

Tim DeVoogd studies how the brains of birds encode learned behaviors like song or memory for food locations. Particular questions now being studied include the neural basis for female song discrimination, and the interplay between the hippocampus and other brain areas in spatial memory. He studies these questions in a variety of species in order to infer how these abilities evolved.

Michael Spivey

Tuesday, April 19th, 202 Uris Hall

Pizza starting at 6:45 PM

Presentation: 7:15–8:00 PM

Informal Conversation: 8:00–9:00 PM

Michael Spivey studies how real-time cognition, perception, and action exhibit continuous temporal dynamics, such that thought is better described as a trajectory through a state-space rather than a sequence of symbols. In this framework, the mind is more like a natural process than a mechanical artifice. Spivey's areas of interest include psycholinguistics, visiolinguistic processing, visual memory and attention, studied via eye movements and artificial neural networks.

Each event will include a short presentation by the faculty member, preceded by pizza, and followed by informal conversation with the visiting speaker, other interested students, and the Cognitive Studies Co-Directors, Tamar Szabo Gendler (Philosophy) and Michael Spivey (Psychology).

All interested students are warmly welcome.

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