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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Atlanta, GA, US

August 2021–August 2026

University of Pennsylvania

Master of Science in Computer and Information Technology (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Coursera

May 2019–August 2021

Columbia University

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (GPA: 4.0/4.3)

New York, NY, US

August 2017–December 2018

Xiamen University

Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Science (GPA: 3.6/4.0)

Xiamen, FJ, CN

August 2013–July 2017

Utrecht University

Exchange Student in Economics and Humanities

Utrecht, UT, NL

February 2016–June 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2021–August 2026

TReNDS Center, Georgia Institute of Technology | Advisors: Vince D. Calhoun, Rogers F. Silva

Atlanta, GA, US

- Developed AI Psychiatrist Assistant, a multi-agent system built on large language models (LLMs) for mental disorder assessment; designed a retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) strategy that improved quantitative assessment performance by 22% over baselines and achieved clinician-level accuracy on diagnostic benchmarks. (ML4H 2025)
- Developed Torch-MISA, a scalable multimodal representation learning framework in PyTorch for nonlinear independent subspace analysis, improving phenotype prediction robustness and reproducibility across structural, functional, and diffusion MRI. (ISBI 2023; Human Brain Mapping 2024; Imaging Neuroscience 2026)
- Designed an unsupervised learning framework based on variational autoencoders (VAEs) to characterize the neuropsychiatric continuum and heterogeneity using static and dynamic functional network connectivity. (Imaging Neuroscience 2026)
- Developed pipeline-invariant representation learning methods using contrastive learning and data augmentation, improving brain-phenotype prediction robustness by 19%. (ML4H 2022; ICML DMLR 2023)

Data Scientist Intern

May 2024–August 2024

Amazon

Sunnyvale, CA, US

- Designed and deployed a multimodal validation pipeline using vision-language models (VLMs) to automate the Alexa product certification process, achieving over 99.5% validation accuracy on image test cases and 96.7% accuracy on video test cases.

Assistant Research Engineer

June 2019–August 2021

Computational Neuroimaging Lab, Child Mind Institute | Advisors: Michael P. Milham, Ting Xu

New York, NY, US

- Developed the Configurable Pipeline for the Analysis of Connectomes (C-PAC), an open-source software toolbox for MRI preprocessing and analysis, harmonizing three commonly-used pipelines with inter-pipeline connectome correlations above 0.99 and enhancing reproducibility of neuroimaging workflows. (Nature Human Behaviour 2024)
- Developed DeepBet and DeepSeg, U-Net models leveraging transfer learning for brain extraction and tissue segmentation on non-human primate structural MRI, achieving mean Dice coefficients above 0.97 across multi-site datasets. (NeuroImage 2021; EMBC 2024)

Graduate Research Assistant

June 2018–May 2019

Hood Visual Science Lab, Columbia University | Advisor: Donald C. Hood

New York, NY, US

- Designed convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to detect glaucoma with wide-field OCT scans, achieving AUCs of 0.93–0.99; applied Grad-CAM for model interpretability; improved cross-cohort generalization by 5–9% through data augmentation and multimodal input integration. (EMBC 2019; TVST 2021)

MENTORING & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Mentor	2026
<i>Petit Scholar Undergraduate Research Program, Georgia Institute of Technology</i>	
Mentoring one undergraduate student in optimizing group principal component analysis for robust spatiotemporal pattern discovery in functional brain imaging.	
Undergraduate Research Mentor	Summers 2022, 2024, 2025
<i>Math Path Program and D-MAP Summer Program, Georgia State University</i>	
- Mentored one undergraduate student in translating the multi-dataset independent subspace analysis (MISA) codebase from MATLAB to PyTorch, supporting scalable and reproducible neuroimaging analysis. (ISBI 2023) - Mentored two undergraduate students in optimizing hyperparameters for independent vector analysis models using Torch-MISA, enhancing model accuracy and efficiency. - Mentored three undergraduate students in developing a multi-agent system for depression assessment. (ML4H 2025)	
Graduate Teaching Assistant	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
<i>CIT 595 Computer Systems Programming, University of Pennsylvania Instructor: Boon Thau Loo</i>	
Instructed a graduate-level class of approximately 200 students; key responsibilities included developing a Gradescope autograder, holding weekly office hours, moderating Piazza discussions, and grading exams.	

SKILLS

Languages: Mandarin (Native), English (Proficient), Spanish (Elementary)
Programming Languages: Python, MATLAB, C/C++, Java, JavaScript, R, Shell, HTML, CSS
Technical Focus Areas: Representation Learning, Generative Models, Foundation Models, Agentic Systems, Computer Vision
Deep Learning Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Ollama, HuggingFace
Data Science Libraries: NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, SciPy, Statsmodels, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Wandb, Optuna
Cloud Computing and Virtualization Platforms: Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud, Docker, Singularity
Neuroimaging Tools: AFNI, ANTs, FSL, FreeSurfer, SPM, Nipype, Nilearn

AWARDS

Mental Health and AI (MEXA) Hackathon First Place <i>Neuromatch, Wellcome Trust and Google</i>	2024
NextGen Scholar Award <i>IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society</i>	2024
Distinguished Scholar Award <i>TReNDS Center and D-MAP Center</i>	2023
Society of Women Engineers Conference Travel Award <i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>	2023
Student-Postdoc Travel Award <i>Resting State Brain Connectivity Conference</i>	2023
Diversity in Technology Scholarship <i>Cadence</i>	2022
Electrical and Computer Engineering Fellowship <i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>	2021
Columbia Business School Hackathon First Place <i>Columbia University</i>	2019
Outstanding Graduate <i>Xiamen University</i>	2017
Study Abroad Scholarship <i>Xiamen University</i>	2016
Outstanding Student <i>Xiamen University</i>	2014–2016
First-Class Excellent Student Scholarship <i>Xiamen University</i>	2014–2016

LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP

Fellow <i>Georgia Tech Technical AI Safety Fellowship Program</i>	2025
Scholar <i>Georgia Tech/Emory Computational Neural-Engineering Training Program (CNTP)</i>	2022–2026
Chair <i>Georgia Tech/Emory CNTP Professional Development Committee</i>	2023–2024
Fellow <i>Georgia Tech Women in Engineering Graduate Women’s Fellowship Program</i>	2023–2024
Member <i>Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM) Communications Committee</i>	2022–2024
Website and Communications Manager <i>OHBM Brain-Art Special Interest Group</i>	2021–2024
Scholar <i>Xiamen University Siyuan Excellent Student Training Program</i>	2014–2017
Vice President <i>Xiamen University Sunshine Psychology Volunteer Team</i>	2014–2015

Lead Organizer: Georgia Tech/Emory CNTP Professional Development Workshops 2023-2024

Co-Organizer: OHBM Brain-Art Exhibitions and Competitions 2022-2024, Educational Course 2024, Brainhack 2023

Journal Reviewer: Imaging Neuroscience, Human Brain Mapping, Journal of Open Source Software

Conference Reviewer: ML4H 2025, OHBM 2023-2024, ICML 2024, ICLR 2024, NeurIPS 2023, MICCAI 2023

Roundtable Junior Chair: ML4H 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- **Xinhui Li**, Peter Kochunov, Tulay Adali, Rogers F. Silva*, and Vince D. Calhoun*. **Multimodal subspace independent vector analysis effectively captures the latent relationships between brain structure and function.** *Imaging Neuroscience*, 4:IMAG.a.1266, 6 2026
- **Xinhui Li**, Eloy Geenjaar, Zening Fu, Godfrey D. Pearlson, and Vince D. Calhoun. **Brain functional network connectivity interpolation characterizes the neuropsychiatric continuum and heterogeneity.** *Imaging Neuroscience*, 4:IMAG.a.1220, 4 2026
- **Xinhui Li** and Vince D. Calhoun. **Artificial intelligence for schizophrenia: from unimodal prediction to multimodal characterization.** *Current Opinion in Psychiatry*, 39(3):192–200, 5 2026
- Yufang Yang, Anibal Sólón Heinsfeld, Andrea Gondová, Bruno Hebling Vieira, Qing Wang, **Xinhui Li**, et al. **Proceedings of the OHBM Hackathon 2023.** *Aperture Neuro*, 5, 10 2025
- **Xinhui Li**, Nathalia Bianchini Esper, Lei Ai, Steve Giavasis, Hecheng Jin, Eric Feczko, Ting Xu, Jon Clucas, Alexandre Franco, Anibal Sólón Heinsfeld, Azeez Adebimpe, Joshua Vogelstein, Chao-Gan Yan, Oscar Esteban, Russell Poldrack, Cameron Craddock, Damien Fair, Theodore Satterthwaite, Gregory Kiar, and Michael Milham. **Moving beyond processing-and analysis-related variation in resting-state functional brain imaging.** *Nature Human Behaviour*, 8(10):2003–2017, 2024
- Rogers Silva, Eswar Damaraju, **Xinhui Li**, Peter Kochonov, Judith M. Ford, Daniel H. Mathalon, Jessica A. Turner, Theo G.M. van Erp, Tulay Adali, and Vince D. Calhoun. **A Method for Multimodal IVA Fusion Within a MISA Unified Model Reveals Markers of Age, Sex, Cognition, and Schizophrenia in Large Neuroimaging Studies.** *Human Brain Mapping*, 45(17):e70037, 2024
- Weizheng Yan, Godfrey D. Pearlson, Zening Fu, **Xinhui Li**, Armin Iraj, Jiayu Chen, Jing Sui, Nora D. Volkow, and Vince D. Calhoun. **A brainwide risk score for psychiatric disorder evaluated in a large adolescent population reveals increased divergence among higher-risk groups relative to control participants.** *Biological Psychiatry*, 95(7):699–708, 2024
- Gregory Kiar, Jon Clucas, Eric Feczko, Mathias Goncalves, Dorota Jarecka, Christopher J Markiewicz, Yaroslav O Halchenko, Robert Hermosillo, **Xinhui Li**, Oscar Miranda-Dominguez, et al. **Align with the NMIND consortium for better neuroimaging.** *Nature Human Behaviour*, 7(7):1027–1028, 2023
- Michael Milham, Chris Petkov, Pascal Belin, Suliann Ben Hamed, Henry Evrard, Damien Fair, Andrew Fox, Sean Froudish-Walsh, Takuya Hayashi, Sabine Kastner, et al. **Toward next-generation primate neuroscience: A collaboration-based strategic plan for integrative neuroimaging.** *Neuron*, 110(1):16–20, 2022
- Xindi Wang, **Xinhui Li**, Jae Wook Cho, Brian E. Russ, Nanditha Rajamani, Alisa Omelchenko, Lei Ai, Annachiara Korchmaros, Stephen Sawiak, R. Austin Benn, Pamela Garcia-Saldivar, Zheng Wang, Ned H. Kalin, Charles E. Schroeder, R. Cameron Craddock, Andrew S. Fox, Alan C. Evans, Adam Messinger, Michael P. Milham, and Ting Xu. **U-net model for brain extraction: Trained on humans for transfer to non-human primates.** *NeuroImage*, 235:118001, 2021
- Kaveri A. Thakoor, **Xinhui Li**, Emmanouil Tsamis, Zane Z. Zemborain, Carlos Gustavo De Moraes, Paul Sajda, and Donald C. Hood. **Strategies to Improve Convolutional Neural Network Generalizability and Reference Standards for Glaucoma Detection From OCT Scans.** *Translational Vision Science & Technology*, 10(4):16, 2021

Preprints

- Souvik Phadikar*, Eloy Geenjaar*, **Xinhui Li***, Reihaneh Hassanzadeh, Lei Wu, Mahshid Fouladivanda, Brad Baker, and Vince D. Calhoun. **A Systematic Review of Data-Driven Multimodal Fusion Methods for Simultaneous EEG-fMRI.** *Preprints*, 2026

Conference Proceedings

- Adam Greene*, Neviah Blair*, Samin Mahdipour Aghabagher, Simmi Kumari, Michael W. Schlund, Alex Fedorov, Vince D. Calhoun, **Xinhui Li***, and Rogers F. Silva*. **AI psychiatrist assistant: An LLM-based multi-agent system for depression assessment from clinical interviews.** In *Proceedings of the Fifth Machine Learning for Health Symposium*, volume 297 of *Proceedings of Machine Learning Research*, pages 525–542. PMLR, 2026

- **Xinhui Li**, Xindi Wang, Kathleen Mantell, Estefania Cruz Casillo, Michael Milham, Alex Opitz, and Ting Xu. **DeepSeg: a transfer-learning segmentation tool for limited sample training of nonhuman primate MRI**. In *2024 46th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)*, pages 1–4. IEEE, 2024
- **Xinhui Li**, Tulay Adali, Rogers Silva*, and Vince Calhoun*. **Multimodal subspace independent vector analysis better captures hidden relationships in multimodal neuroimaging data**. In *2023 IEEE 20th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*, pages 1–5. IEEE, 2023
- **Xinhui Li**, Daniel Khosravinezhad, Vince Calhoun, and Rogers Silva. **Evaluating trade-offs in IVA of multimodal neuroimaging using cross-platform multidataset independent subspace analysis**. In *2023 IEEE 20th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*, pages 1–5. IEEE, 2023
- **Xinhui Li**, Eloy Geenjaer, Zening Fu, Sergey Plis, and Vince Calhoun. **Mind the gap: functional network connectivity interpolation between schizophrenia patients and controls using a variational autoencoder**. In *2022 44th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)*, pages 1477–1480. IEEE, 2022
- Kaveri A. Thakoor, **Xinhui Li**, Emmanouil Tsamis, Paul Sajda, and Donald C. Hood. **Enhancing the Accuracy of Glaucoma Detection from OCT Probability Maps using Convolutional Neural Networks**. In *2019 41st Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)*, pages 2036–2040, 2019

Workshop Publications

- Victoria Yan, Honor Chotkowski, Fengran Wang, **Xinhui Li**, Carl Yang, Jiaying Lu, Runze Yan, Xiao Hu, and Alex Fedorov. **Towards Synthesizing Normative Data for Cognitive Assessments Using Generative Multimodal Large Language Models**. *Workshop on GenAI for Health at the Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2025
- **Xinhui Li**, Shabie Iqbal, and Aditya Bodi. **AlexaTester: A Multimodal Validation Pipeline for Alexa Product Certification**. *Amazon Computer Vision Conference (ACVC) Workshop on Video Understanding*, 2024
- Hyunkyung Shin, **Xinhui Li**, Zening Fu, and Henrik von Coler. **Schizosymphony: From Schizophrenia Brainwaves to Narrative Soundscapes**. In *29th International Conference on Auditory Display (ICAD)*. ICAD, 2024
- **Xinhui Li**, Alex Fedorov, Mrinal Mathur, Anees Abrol, Gregory Kiar, Sergey Plis, and Vince Calhoun. **Learning pipeline-invariant representation for robust brain phenotype prediction**. *Data-centric Machine Learning Research (DMLR) Workshop at the International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2023
- Yujia Xie*, **Xinhui Li***, and Vince D. Calhoun. **Predictive Sparse Manifold Transform**. *Workshop on High-dimensional Learning Dynamics (HLD) at the International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2023
- **Xinhui Li**, Alex Fedorov, Mrinal Mathur, Anees Abrol, Gregory Kiar, Sergey Plis, and Vince Calhoun. **Pipeline-Invariant Representation Learning for Neuroimaging**. *Machine Learning for Health (ML4H) Symposium*, 2022

INVITED TALKS

Xinhui Li. **A Method for Multimodal IVA Fusion Within a MISA Unified Model Reveals Markers of Age, Sex, Cognition, and Schizophrenia in Large Neuroimaging Studies**. MINED Research Group at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, September 2025

Xinhui Li. **Deep Generative Modeling for Latent Source Separation and Psychosis Continuum Estimation from Neuroimaging Data**. Organization for Human Brain Mapping Symposium: *Machine Learning for Brain Imaging: Predicting Traits, Disease Progression, and Treatment Response*, Brisbane, June 2025

Xinhui Li. **Interpretable, Reproducible and Creative Neuroimaging Data Visualization**. Organization for Human Brain Mapping Educational Course: *Communicating neuroscience across peoples, languages, and cultures*, Seoul, June 2024

Xinhui Li. **Moving Beyond Processing and Analysis-Related Variation in Neuroscience**. Chinese Open Science Network OpenTalks, March 2022

Xinhui Li and Hecheng Jin. **C-PAC: A flexible and ease-of-use MRI preprocessing and analysis toolbox**. Chinese Open Science Network OpenTutorials, October 2021

Xinhui Li and Hecheng Jin. **fMRI preprocessing with containers: How to run C-PAC with Docker and Singularity**. Brainhack Global, New York, November 2019

ART EXHIBITIONS

Hyunkyung Shin and **Xinhui Li**. **Schizosymphony: From Schizophrenia Brainwaves to Narrative Soundscapes**. Organization for Human Brain Mapping Brain-Art Exhibition, Seoul, June 2024

Erin Lottes and **Xinhui Li**. **Butterfly Effect**. Organization for Human Brain Mapping Brain-Art Exhibition, Glasgow, June 2022