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Research Interests	<p>My research interests lie at the intersection of cognition and computation. I primarily use tools from artificial intelligence and reinforcement learning to infer what algorithms people use to plan sequences of actions in complex environments. My thesis work is on developing a normative framework for meta-planning and training deep neural networks to reproduce human play in a large-scale combinatorial game.</p>																								
Education	<p>Ph.D. Candidate in Neural Science 2018-Present <i>New York University (New York, NY)</i> Systems, Cognition, and Computation Track</p> <p>B.A. in Neuroscience, Computer Science, & Mathematics 2014-2018 <i>Macalester College (St. Paul, MN)</i> Honors in Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude</p>																								
Publications	<p>Preprints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> van Opheusden, B., Galbiati, G., Kuperwajs, I., Bnaya, Z., Li, Y., & Ma, W.J. (2021). Revealing the impact of expertise on human planning with a two-player board game. <i>PsyArXiv</i>. pdf <p>Conference articles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kuperwajs, I. & Ma, W.J. (2021). Planning to plan: a Bayesian model for optimizing the depth of decision tree search. <i>CogSci</i>. pdf Kuperwajs, I., van Opheusden, B., & Ma, W.J. (2019). Prospective planning and retrospective learning in a large-scale combinatorial game. <i>Cognitive Computational Neuroscience</i>. pdf 																								
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Teaching Experience	<p>Teaching Assistant, New York University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematical Tools for Neural and Cognitive Science (NEURL-GA 2201) F 19 <p>Teaching Assistant, Macalester College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algorithm Design and Analysis (COMP 221) F 17, S 18 																								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain, Mind, and Behavior (PSYC 180) F 16 • Core Concepts in Computer Science (COMP 123) S 16, F 16
Talks	<p>Cognitive Science Society 2021 <i>University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria)</i> Planning to plan: a Bayesian model for optimizing the depth of decision tree search</p> <p>Center for Neural Science Seminar Series 2020 <i>New York University (New York, NY)</i> Model-based and model-free decision-making in a complex planning task</p> <p>Concepts and Categories Seminar Series 2019 <i>New York University (New York, NY)</i> Human planning in large state spaces</p> <p>Artificial and Biological Computation Lab 2019 <i>New York University (New York, NY)</i> Combinatorial planning</p>
Poster Presentations	<p>Workshop on Big Data in Cognitive Science 2019 <i>Princeton University (Princeton, NJ)</i> Prospective planning and retrospective learning in a large-scale combinatorial game</p> <p>Cognitive Computational Neuroscience 2019 <i>Technical University of Berlin (Berlin, Germany)</i> Prospective planning and retrospective learning in a large-scale combinatorial game</p>
Outreach & Service	<p>Science Activism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, Scientist Action and Advocacy Network (ScAAN) 2018-Present • Workshop on evidence-based advocacy, American Geophysical Union 2021 • Workshop on science activism, Rockefeller University 2021 • Panel on science activism, Growing Up in Science 2020 <p>Academic Mentoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYU Neural Science PhD Application Assistance Group 2020-2021 • Ashley Yan, Stevenson High School Student 2021
Leadership	<p>Commencement Speaker Selection Committee, Macalester College 2018</p> <p>Software Development Organization, Macalester College 2015-2018</p> <p>Varsity Men's Soccer Team, Macalester College 2014-2018</p>
Skills & Service	<p>Programming: Python, MATLAB, HTML/CSS, bash</p> <p>Graduate Coursework: mathematical tools for neuroscience, machine learning, Bayesian and cognitive modeling, cellular and systems neuroscience</p> <p>Methodologies: behavioral modeling, reinforcement learning, statistical inference, deep learning</p> <p>Languages: English, Spanish, Hebrew</p> <p>Interests: photography, podcasting, travel, hiking, soccer, basketball, anime, coffee</p>