

*NSF Graduate Research Fellow and PhD Student interested in the intersection of Machine Learning and Neuroscience.*

## Education

- 2019–present **University of Washington**, GPA 3.80.  
PhD Student in Computer Science
- 2015–2019 **Oregon State University**, GPA 3.96, Summa Cum Laude.  
Honors Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

## Research Experience

- Sept 2019–present **Graduate Researcher**, University of Washington, Mentors: Dr. Bingni Brunton & Dr. Rajesh Rao.
- Research Area: Neural Engineering
  - Developed a machine learning algorithm to decode neural data that generalizes to unseen patients with minimal fine-tuning
  - Our machine learning algorithm performed 8% better than SOTA when generalizing to an unseen subject
  - Execute signal processing techniques on time-series data
  - *Python/Tensorflow*
- Sept 2016–June 2019 **Undergraduate Researcher**, Oregon State University, Mentor: Dr. Margaret Burnett.
- Research Area: Human Computer Interaction
  - Investigated gender biases in user interfaces and discovered 7 best practices for unbiased interfaces
  - Collaborated with companies and more than 10 universities to teach about gender biases in software
  - Conducted user studies and analyzed qualitative data
- Sept 2018–June 2019 **Team Lead for Machine Learning Senior Design Project**, Oregon State University.
- Developed a speech recognition machine learning application that could detect filler words in speech within .4-.8 seconds of latency
  - Fine-tuned existing text-to-speech model to recognize filler words
  - Developed personalized data set containing filler words
  - Designed user interfaces
  - *Python/Pytorch*
- June 2018–Aug 2018 **Research Experience for Undergraduates**, University of Washington, Mentor: Dr. Andrea Stocco.
- Research Area: Neural Engineering and Cognitive Science
  - Discovered model of intelligent minds that best explains human brain data out of comparable models
  - Analyzed and interpreted data from 172 fMRI participants
  - Published first-author peer-reviewed article
  - *Bash/Python/Matlab*

## Teaching Experience

- Sept 2020–Dec 2020 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Washington, Mentors: Dr. Ruth Anderson.
- Instructed quiz sections for CSE 160, an Introduction to Python course
  - Taught students python concepts
  - Helped students debug Python code
  - *Python*
- Sept 2016–June 2017 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Oregon State University, Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Parham-Mocello.
- Instructed student computer science labs
  - Compiled and evaluated student programming assignments
  - Tutored students in class topics
  - *Python/C++/C*

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## Publications

- Under Review S. Peterson, **Z. Steine-Hanson**, N. Davis, R. Rao, B. Brunton, "Generalized neural decoders for transfer learning across participants and recording modalities", Under Review, Available: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.10.30.362558v1?rss=1>
- Under Review A. Stocco, C. Sibert, **Z. Steine-Hanson**, N. Koh, J. Laird, C. Libiere, and P. Rosenbloom, "Analysis of the Human Connectome Data Supports the Notion of A 'Common Model of Cognition' for Human and Human-Like Intelligence", Under Review, Available: <https://doi.org/10.1101/703777>
- Jul 2020 C. Hilderbrand, C. Perdriau, L. Letaw, J. Emard, **Z. Steine-Hanson**, M. Burnett, A. Sarma, "Engineering Gender-Inclusivity into Software: Ten Teams' Tales from the Trenches", in *Proceedings of the 42nd International Conference on Software Engineering - ICSE '20.*, Available: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3377811.3380371>
- May 2019 Honors Undergraduate Thesis, *Fixing Inclusivity Bugs: Information Processing Styles and Learning Styles*, Available: [https://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/concern/honors\\_college\\_theses/1n79h977c](https://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/concern/honors_college_theses/1n79h977c)
- May 2019 M. Burnett, A. Oleson, **Z. Steine-Hanson**, "The GenderMag-Teach Project", CHI'19 Extended Abstracts, May 4-9, 2019, Glasgow, Scotland, UK.
- May 2019 M. Vorvoreanu, L. Zhang, Y-H. Huang, C.Hilderbrand **Z. Steine-Hanson**, and M. Burnett, "From Gender Biases to Gender-Inclusive Design: An Empirical Investigation" In Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '19). ACM, New York, NY, USA, Paper 53, 14 pages. 2019. Available: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3290605.3300283>
- Dec 2018 **Z. Steine-Hanson**, N. Koh, and A. Stocco, "Refining the Common Model of Cognition Through Large Neuroscience Data," *Procedia Computer Science*, 2018, p. 813 - 820. Available: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.procs.2018.11.026>
- Oct 2018 C. Mendez, **Z. Steine-Hanson**, A. Oleson, A. Horvath, C. Hill, C. Hilderbrand, A. Sarma, and M. Burnett, "Semi-Automating (or not) a Socio-Technical Method for Socio-Technical Systems," *2018 IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC)*. Libson, Portugal: IEEE Press, 2018, p. 23-32. Available: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/328520368\\_Semi-Automating\\_or\\_not\\_a\\_Socio-Technical\\_Method\\_for\\_Socio-Technical\\_Systems](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/328520368_Semi-Automating_or_not_a_Socio-Technical_Method_for_Socio-Technical_Systems)
- Aug 2018 A. Oleson, C. Mendez, **Z. Steine-Hanson**, C. Hilderbrand, C. Perdriau, M. Burnett, and A. J. Ko, "Pedagogical Content Knowledge for Teaching Inclusive Design," in *Proceedings of the 2018 ACM Conference on International Computing Education Research - ICER '18*. Espoo, Finland: ACM Press, 2018, pp. 69-77. Available: <http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?doid=3230977.3230998>
- June 2018 C. Mendez, H.S. Padala, **Z. Steine-Hanson**, C. Hilderbrand, A. Horvath, C. Hill, L. Simpson, N. Patil, A. Sarma, and M. Burnett, "Open Source Barriers to Entry, Revisited: A Sociotechnical Perspective," in *Proceedings of the 40th International Conference on Software Engineering - ICSE '18*. Gothenburg, Sweden: ACM Press, 2018, pp. 1004-1015. Available: <http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?doid=3180155.3180241>

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## Conferences

- Canceled 2020 CRA-WP Grad Cohort for Women Workshop
- Sept 2018 Grace Hopper Celebration 2018, Houston, TX.
- Dec 2018 Brain Informatics 2018, Dec, Arlington, TX. Presented abstract: "Refining the Common Model of Cognition Through Large Neuroscience Data".

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## Skills and Coursework

- Languages C/C++, Python, HTML, CSS, Javascript, Bash, MATLAB, JAVA
- Technologies Tensorflow, Pytorch, Jupyter, Git/GitHub, LaTeX
- Courses AI and the Brain, Machine Learning, Neural Engineering Lab, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Brain and Behavior, Introduction to Usability Engineering, Research Methods in Psychology

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## Outreach Activities

- Sep 2020 - **Pre-Application Review Service (PARS) Mentor**, Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science and Engineering.  
present
- Review and provide feedback on graduate school applications
  - Encourage diverse applicants to apply
  - Mentor applicants in research career paths
- Sep 2020 - **Seminar Co-coordinator**, Center for Neurotechnology Student Leadership Council.  
present
- Organize upcoming Center for Neurotechnology grad student podcast
  - Brainstorm creative mediums for online seminars
  - Attend leadership meetings to plan Center for Neurotechnology events
- June 2020 - **Undergraduate Mentor**, University of Washington, Mentor: Bingni Brunton.  
present
- Train undergraduate students in data analysis and research methods
  - Direct undergraduate students on research projects
  - Mentor undergraduate students in research career paths
- April 2016 - **Building Homes and Hope**, Oregon State University Honors College, Mentor: Dave Kovac.  
June 2019
- Engage in community service activities globally
  - Traveled to Nepal in March 2018 to help build a community center in a *Dalit* community
- June 2017 - **Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering Mentor**.  
Sept 2017
- Encouraged high school students to engage in college level research
  - Introduced two high school students to Human Computer Interaction research methods
  - Directed students to complete their own research projects

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## Achievements and Honors

- April 2020 NSF GRFP Awardee
- April 2019 Honorable Mention for NSF GRFP award
- Sept 2018 Received Grandma Honors Travel Grant to attend Brain Informatics Conference
- July 2018 Received Oregon State University Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department scholarship to attend Grace Hopper Celebration 2018
- June 2018 Research Experience for Undergraduates at the Center for Neurotechnology
- Jan 2018 Nominated for the Honors College's Joe Hendricks Scholarship for Academic Excellence and the Janet Richens Wiesner Scholarship for Undergraduate Women in Science
- June 2017 Mentor for Apprenticeships in Science & Engineering program
- May 2016 Received Drucilla Shepard Smith Award
- Sept 2015 Received Finley Academic Achievement Scholarship