

# JESSIE R. LIU

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## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. Candidate, Bioengineering

August 2017 - Present

Advisor: Edward F. Chang, M.D.

Course focus: Machine learning for neuroprosthetics

UC Berkeley - UCSF Graduate Program in Bioengineering

Berkeley & San Francisco, CA, USA.

### B.S., Bioengineering

2013 - 2017

Minors: Chemistry, Korean

*Summa cum laude*

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

## RESEARCH

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### Graduate student researcher

May 2018 - Present

*Chang Lab, UCSF.*

*San Francisco, CA*

Advisor: Edward F. Chang, M.D.

- Develop computational algorithms for a speech brain computer interface using signal processing and machine learning.
- Research the neural basis of speech production.

### Research assistant

Jan 2014 - July 2017

*Modo Lab, University of Pittsburgh.*

*Pittsburgh, PA*

- Characterized the distribution of thrombospondin in the extracellular matrix of healthy cortical tissue.
- Developed pipelines for automated histology analyses.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2013 - 2017	University of Pittsburgh Engineering Dean's List
Summer 2016	Swanson School of Engineering Undergraduate Summer Research Internship
Summer 2015	Swanson School of Engineering Undergraduate Summer Research Internship
Summer 2015	<i>(awarded but declined)</i> University of Pittsburgh Honors College Health Sciences Fellowship
2013 - 2017	University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Scholarship Nominee Merit Scholarship
2013 - 2017	University of Pittsburgh Kerschgens Engineering Alumni Scholarship

## TEACHING

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Winter 2021    **Teaching Assistant**  
Neural and Behavioral Data Analysis, Dept. of Neuroscience  
University of California, San Francisco, CA.

Fall 2016 & Spring 2017    **Teaching Assistant**  
Cell Biology I & II, Dept. of Bioengineering  
University of Pittsburgh, PA.

Spring 2015 & Spring 2016    **Conference Co-Chair**  
First-Year Engineering Conference, Swanson School of Engineering  
University of Pittsburgh, PA.

## OUTREACH

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2018 - Present    **Peer Advisor**  
Bioengineering Student Association  
UC Berkeley - UCSF Graduate Program in Bioengineering  
Berkeley & San Francisco, CA.

2018    **Internal Networking Committee**  
Bioengineering Student Association  
UC Berkeley - UCSF Graduate Program in Bioengineering  
Berkeley & San Francisco, CA.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### Programming

Expert in Python 3 with PyTorch, Tensorflow, Pandas, and other common scientific computing packages.  
Proficient in Bash and Matlab.  
Some experience with PyQtGraph.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer reviewed articles

\* indicates equal contribution

Moses\*, D. A., Metzger\*, S. L., **Liu\***, **J. R.**, Anumanchipalli, G. K., Makin, J. G., Sun, P. F., Chartier, J., Dougherty, M. E., Liu, P. M., Abrams, G. M., Tu-Chan, A., Ganguly, K., & Chang, E. F. (2021). Neuroprosthesis for decoding speech in a paralyzed person with anarthria. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 385(3), 217–227. <https://doi.org/10.1056/nejmoa2027540>

**Liu, J. R.**, & Modo, M. (2018). Quantification of the extracellular matrix molecule thrombospondin 1 and its pericellular association in the brain using a semiautomated computerized approach. *Journal of Histochemistry & Cytochemistry*, 66(9), 643–662. <https://doi.org/10.1369/0022155418771677>

Wahlberg, B., Ghuman, H., **Liu, J. R.**, & Modo, M. (2018). Ex vivo biomechanical characterization of syringe-needle ejections for intracerebral cell delivery. *Scientific Reports*, 8(1). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-27568-x>

Ghuman, H., Gerwig, M., Nicholls, F. J., **Liu, J. R.**, Donnelly, J., Badylak, S. F., & Modo, M. (2017). Long-term retention of ECM hydrogel after implantation into a sub-acute stroke cavity reduces lesion volume. *Acta Biomaterialia*, 63, 50–63. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actbio.2017.09.011>

- Nicholls, F. J., **Liu, J. R.**, & Modo, M. (2017). A comparison of exogenous labels for the histological identification of transplanted neural stem cells. *Cell Transplantation*, 26(4), 625–645. <https://doi.org/10.3727/096368916x693680>
- Modo, M., Hitchens, T. K., **Liu, J. R.**, & Richardson, R. M. (2015). Detection of aberrant hippocampal mossy fiber connections: Ex vivo mesoscale diffusion MRI and microtractography with histological validation in a patient with uncontrolled temporal lobe epilepsy. *Human Brain Mapping*, 37(2), 780–795. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hbm.23066>

## Conference poster presentations

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- Liu, J. R.**, & Modo, M. (2016). *An automated comparison of the distribution of extracellular matrix molecules in the brain* [Biomedical Engineering Society].
- Liu, J. R.**, & Modo, M. (2015). *Mapping the extracellular matrix: An automated analysis of the striatal distribution of thrombospondin* [Biomedical Engineering Society].