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Dr. Justin Li Promoted to Associate Professor



The Cognitive Science Department is so excited to congratulate Dr. Justin Li on earning tenure at Occidental College, effective 8/1/2023.

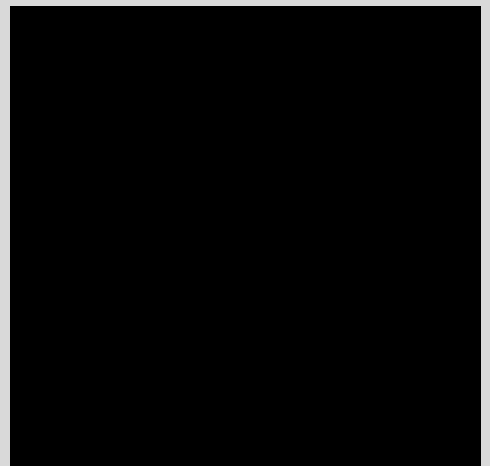
Throughout his time at Oxy, Dr. Li's work has been marked by innovative, interdisciplinary, inclusive community-building within and beyond the boundaries of his classroom. As a teacher, he is reflective and thoughtful, bridging traditional computer science with cognitive science. His courses are noted for their rigor and challenge, with students consistently praising him for teaching "crazy difficult" content in a way that is accessible and interesting. Importantly, students appreciate that Dr. Li also goes above and beyond to provide them with support in mastering their coursework, describing him as exceedingly available, approachable, and encouraging. He is as generous a researcher as he is an instructor, meticulously including students in his many projects.

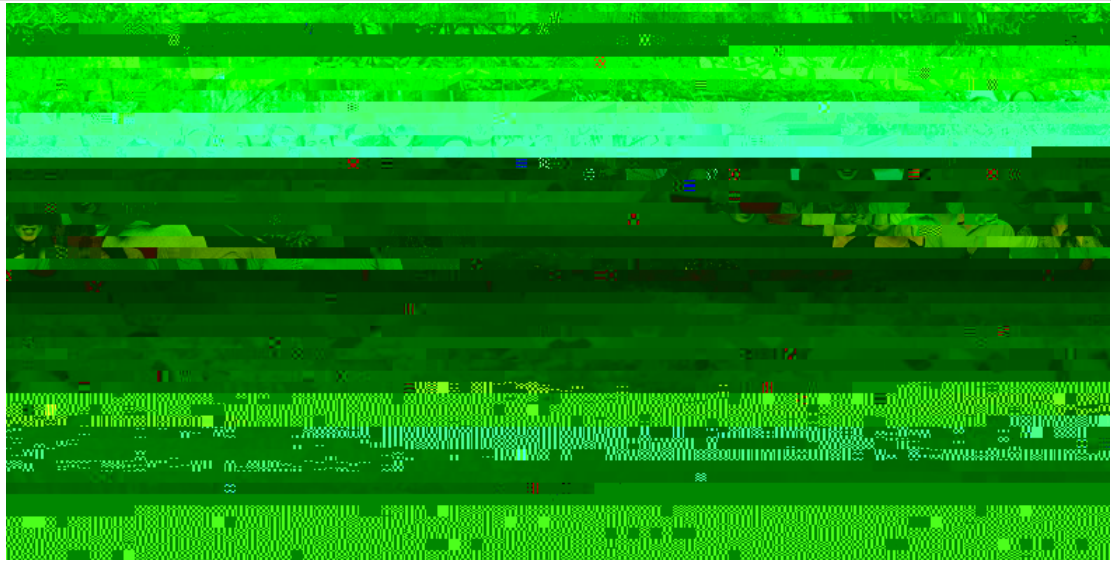


Welcome Professor Stephanie Nelli

We are thrilled to welcome Professor Stephanie Nelli to our department. Dr. Nelli is an incredibly accomplished computational neuroscientist. She joins us after completing a BA in Mathematics from UNC Chapel Hill, a PhD in computational neuroscience from UC San Diego, and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Oxford. Her research uses computational modeling and neural networks to explore how humans rapidly learn information, modify pre-existing knowledge, and update mental models.

She is already an impressive scholar and highly published in the highest tier journals in neuroscience and cognitive science including Neuron, Nature Reviews Neuroscience and Nature Communications. Dr. Nelli is also a committed advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, and cares deeply about mental health advocacy, having received meaningful awards such as the Ben Barres Fellowship from the "Out to innovate" organization whose mission is to empower LGBTQ+ individuals in STEM by providing education, advocacy, professional development, networking, and peer support.



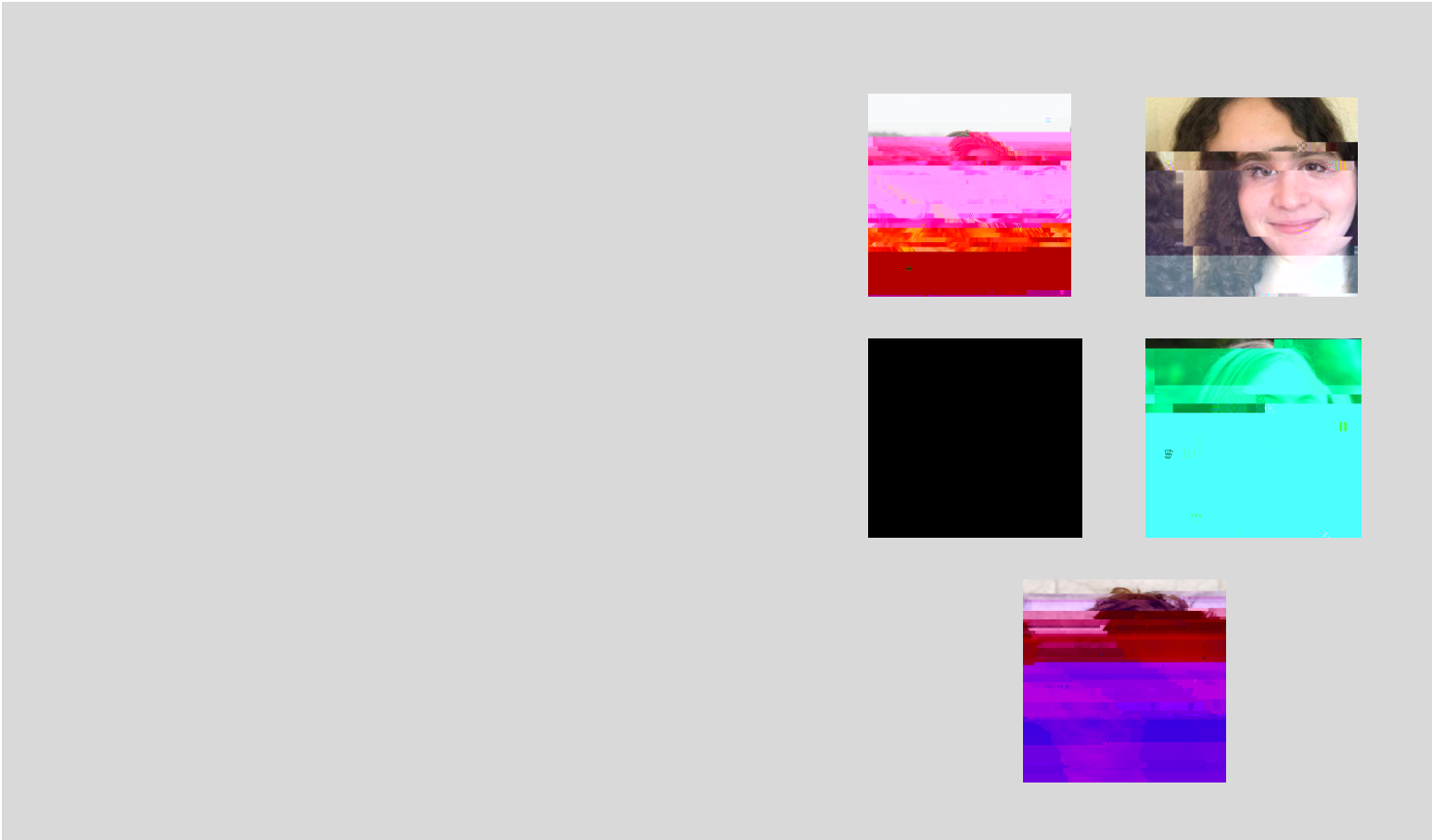


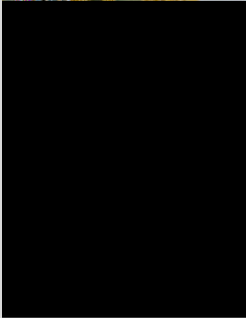
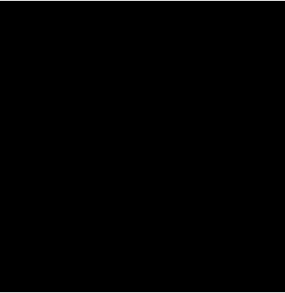
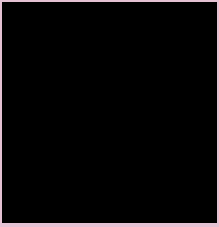
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