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2012-present	Lecturer, School of Psychology University of Aberdeen, Scotland, UK
2009-12	Post-Doctoral Fellow; Advisor: Prof Rufin VanRullen Centre de Recherche Cerveau et Cognition, CNRS, Toulouse, France
2007-09	Post-Doctoral Fellow; Psychology and Neural Science; Advisor: Prof Denis Pelli New York University, New York NY
2002-07	PhD in Psychology: Cognition, Brain and Behaviour; Advisor: Prof Patrick Cavanagh Harvard University, Cambridge MA
1999-2001	M.S. in Consciousness Studies; First class with Distinction Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, India
1993-99	M.B., B.S. (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery); First class with

# grants and funding

Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, India

2020	The effect of the organisation of the Infero-Temporal cortex on perception: An EEG study, Carnegie Trust Undergraduate Vacation Scholarship to Mr Jirko Rubruck, £3,780
2020	The effect of grouping cues on numerosity estimation, Development Trust Discovering Research Psychology Scholarship to Ms Amanda Nordqvist £1,000
2019-22	Dealing with irrelevant information: An inter-domain examination of visual perception and cognitive psychology approaches, Carnegie Trust PhD Scholarship awarded to Ms. Danai Papadaki, ~£65,000
2019-23	Mechanisms of social interaction, BBSRC EASTBIO Doctoral Training Programme studentship awarded to Ms. Crystal Silver, ~£92,000
2019-20	Experiencing myself through you: Self-agency in social interactions, Carnegie Research Incentive Grant awarded to Bert Timmermans and me, £9,914
2019-21	Investigating the microstructure of human visual fields and generating low-vision applications, BBSRC International Partnering award granted to Dr Jasna

	Martinovic, Dr Daniel Coates (Houston), Dr Josephine Reuther (post-doc) and me, £10,000
2019	Neural and behavioural oscillations in feature based visual attention, BBSRC/EASTBIO Research Experience Placements awarded to Justin Claydon, £2,500
2018-21	Neural mechanisms of long-range spatial vision: an investigation of perceptive, integrative and association fields across the lifespan, BBSRC grant awarded to Dr Jasna Martinovic (PI) and me (co-PI), £344,000.
2018	Free will and neural activity in consequential action, Wellcome Trust Vacation Scholarship awarded to Mr Thomas Binns, £2,000
2017-19	Erasmus Research Exchange internships granted to Ms. Paraskevi Batziou and Ms. Chloe Deroux
2016-20	The interplay between enhancement and suppression mechanisms in feature-based attentional selection, SGSSS ESRC Doctoral Studentship awarded to Mr Plamen Antonov, ~£80,000
2016-19	The oscillatory nature of consciousness explored through perceptual suppression, Anderson Postgraduate (PhD) Scholarship awarded to Ms Oana Iosif, ~£60,000
2014-18	Exploring the neural basis of visual crowding, Eastbio BBSRC Doctoral Training Programme awarded to Ms. Leili Soo, ~£92,000
2014-15	Neural correlates of Blindsight, Elphinstone Scholarship awarded to Mr Nicholas Hall, $\sim\!\!$ £5,000
2014	Developing Scientists Summer Placement awarded to Mr. Robert Ainsley, £1,000
2013-17	Mechanisms of Visual Crowding, Anderson Postgraduate (PhD) Scholarship awarded to Ms Josephine Reuther, $\sim\! f50,\!000$
2012	Developing Scientists Summer Placement awarded to Mr. Sindre Henriksen, £1,000
2006-07	Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, \$ 18,000
2007	Stimson Travel Grant for presenting at VSS conference 2007, \$ 500
2006	McMasters Travel Grant for presenting at VSS conference 2006, \$ 500
2005	Graduate Society Fellowship Summer Award, Harvard University, \$ 3,000
2004	Mind, Brain and Behavior Graduate Student Award, Harvard University, \$ 5,000
2003-04	Harvard University Graduate Summer Awards, \$ 3,000/yr
2002-07	Harvard University GSAS Merit Fellowship, \$ 70,000
2000-01	Sir Ratan Tata Trust Scholarship for the M.S. Program, INR 15,000

current projects

EEG Neural representation of object categories; Decision-making; Sense of agency;

Motion perception; Colour, crowding, contours and ageing;

Behaviour Crowding, Enumeration: estimation and subitizing

teaching experience

Year 1 Introductory Psychology: Evolutionary Psychology module (2012-present)

Introduction to Biological Sciences: Consciousness module (2014-2019)

Year 2 Advanced Psychology A: Methods and Applications: Methods in vision and

attention (2012-2018)

Advanced Psychology A: Theory and Concepts: Perception (2014-present)

Year 3 Perception small group tutorials (2012-present)

Years 3 and 4 Sixth Century Course on Consciousness (2014-present)

Cognitive Neuroscience (2018-present)

Critical review tutorials (Year 4)

Masters Professional research skills I: Web design in academia (2012-17)

Introduction to Bayesian Statistics (2017-present)

Statistics tutorials MSc Psychological studies (2018-2020)

2004-06 Fall: Teaching Fellow, The Evolution of Human Nature. Taught by Professors

Marc Hauser and Richard Wrangham, Harvard University

Spring: Teaching Fellow, The Human Mind. Taught by Professor Steven Pinker,

Harvard University

## research supervision

PhD Josephine Reuther (2013-17)

Leili Soo (2014-18; Second supervisor)

Oana Iosif (2016-present)

Plamen Antonov (2016-present; Second supervisor) Danai Papadaki (2019-present; Second supervisor) Crystal Silver (2019-present; Second supervisor)

Masters Danai Papadaki (2018-19)

Kyle Ferris (2017-18)

Nicholas Jeerakun (2017-18)

Samuel Pitt (2013-14) Nicholas Hall (2014-15)

Level 4 Honours (research-based) thesis: 4-6 students per year

Level 3 Methodology B: Small group research projects (5-7 students per semester)

# admin responsibilities

Cognitive Neuroscience (Levels 3 and 4) Course-coordinator

Director of Communications Team

Member of Equality and Diversity Team

Organiser for Perception and Attention group meetings

Level 3 Methods Convenor (2016-18)

Level 3 Methods B Course-coordinator (2017-18)

Member of Ethics Committee (2014-19)

Personal tutor (non-academic mentorship) for 20-25 students per year

Internal and external examiner for PhD theses

## professional affiliations

Society for Neuroscience, Vision Sciences Society, European Conference on Visual Perception, Scottish Vision Group

#### reviewer

Attention, Perception and Psychophysics; Cognition; Frontiers in Consciousness Research; Frontiers in Psychology; Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience; Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance; Journal of Vision; Neuroimage; Proceedings of the Royal Society B; Psychological Science; Scientific Reports; Vision Research

#### publications

- 1. Poncet, M. and **Chakravarthi, R.** (in press). Subitizing object parts reveals a second stage of individuation, *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*.
- 2. Poncet, M., Fabre-Thorpe, M., and **Chakravarthi, R.** (2020). A simple rule to describe interactions between visual categories, *European Journal of Neuroscience*. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/ejn.14890">https://doi.org/10.1111/ejn.14890</a>
- 3. Antonov, P. A., **Chakravarthi, R.**, and Andersen, S. K. (2020). Too little, too late, and in the wrong place: Alpha band activity does not reflect an active mechanism of selective attention, *Neuroimage*, 219: 117006.
- 4. Lonnqvist, B., Clarke, A., and **Chakravarthi, R.** (2020). Crowding in humans is unlike that in convolutional neural networks, *Neural Networks*, 126: 262 274.

- 5. **Chakravarthi, R.** and Bertamini M. (2020). Clustering leads to underestimation of numerosity, but crowding is not the cause, *Cognition*, 104195.
- 6. Reuther, J. and **Chakravarthi, R.** (2020). Response selection modulates crowding: a cautionary tale for invoking top-down explanations, *Attention, Perception and Psychophysics*, 82: 1763-1778.
- 7. Reuther, J., **Chakravarthi, R.**, and Hunt, A. R. (2020). The eye that binds: Feature integration is not disrupted by saccadic eye movements, *Attention, Perception and Psychophysics*. 82: 533 549.
- 8. **Chakravarthi, R.**, and Herbert, A. (2019). Two's company, three's a crowd: Individuation is necessary for object recognition, *Cognition*, 184: 69-82.
- 9. Soo, L., **Chakravarthi**, **R.**, and Andersen, S. K. (2018). Critical resolution: a superior measure of crowding, *Vision Research*, 153: 13-23.
- 10. Reuther, J. and **Chakravarthi**, **R**. (2017). Does self-prioritization affect perceptual processes? *Visual Cognition*, 5 (1-3): 381-398.
- 11. Jennings, B. J., Tsattalios, K., **Chakravarthi, R.**, and Martinovic, J. (2016). Combining S-cone and luminance signals adversely affects discrimination of objects within backgrounds, *Scientific Reports*, 6:20504. doi:10.1038/srep20504
- 12. Costa, S. L., Gonçalves, O. F., DeLuca, J. Chiaravalloti, N., **Chakravarthi, R.**, and Almeida, J. (2015). The temporal dynamics of visual processing in Multiple Sclerosis, *Applied Neuropsychology: Adult*, 23 (2): 133-140.
- 13. Rosen, S., **Chakravarthi, R.** and Pelli, D. G. (2014). The Bouma law of crowding, revised: Critical spacing is equal across parts, not objects, *Journal of Vision*, 14 (6): 10, 1-15
- 14. Reuther, J. and **Chakravarthi**, **R.** (2014). Categorical membership modulates crowding: evidence from characters, *Journal of Vision*, 14 (6): 5, 1-13
- 15. **Chakravarthi, R.** Carlson, T. A., Chaffin, J., Turret, J., and VanRullen, R. (2014). The temporal evolution of coarse location coding of objects: Evidence for feedback. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 26 (10): 2370-2384
- 16. Van Vugt, M. K., **Chakravarthi, R.** and Lachaux, J. P. (2014). For whom the bell tolls: periodic reactivation of sensory cortex in the gamma band as a substrate of visual working memory maintenance, *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 8: 696
- 17. **Chakravarthi, R.** and VanRullen, R. (2012). Conscious updating is a rhythmic process, *Proceedings* of the National Academy of Sciences, USA, 109 (26): 10599-10604
- 18. Freeman, J., **Chakravarthi, R.**, and Pelli, D. G. (2012). Compulsory pooling of crowded objects, *Attention, Perception and Psychophysics*, 72 (4): 379-396
- 19. **Chakravarthi, R.** and Pelli, D. G. (2011). The same binding in contour integration and crowding, *Journal of Vision*, 11 (8): 10, 1-12
- 20. **Chakravarthi, R.** and VanRullen, R. (2011). Bullet trains and steam engines: Exogenous attention zips but endogenous attention chugs along, *Journal of Vision*, 11 (4): 12, 1-12

- 21. **Chakravarthi, R.** and Cavanagh, P. (2009). Recovery of a crowded object by masking the distracters: Determining the locus of feature integration, *Journal of Vision*, 9 (10): 4, 1-9
- 22. **Chakravarthi, R.** and Cavanagh, P. (2009). Bilateral field advantage in visual crowding, *Vision Research*, 49 (13): 1638-1646
- 23. Vickery, T. J., Shim, W. M., **Chakravarthi, R.**, Jiang, Y. V., and Luedeman, R. (2009). Supercrowding: Weakly masking a target expands the range of crowding, *Journal of Vision*, 9 (2): 12, 1-15
- 24. **Chakravarthi, R.** and Cavanagh, P. (2007). Temporal properties of the polarity advantage effect in crowding, *Journal of Vision*, 7 (11): 1-12
- 25. **Ramakrishna, C.** (2002). Real latencies and facilitation, *Consciousness and Cognition*, 11(2): 300-303

### manuscripts in progress

1. Reuther, J. and **Chakravarthi**, **R.** (in preparation). The effect of distractor expectation on visual crowding.

#### invited talks Crowding in Deep Convolutional Neural Networks. Presented at the Workshop 2019 on crowding, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland, London 2016 The role of higher order effects in visual crowding. Presented at UCL, London 2015 Gestalt principles and feedforward processing. Presented at the University of Liverpool 2014 The role of neural oscillations in visual processing. Presented at the University of Bangor, Wales When one's company, two's a crowd in object recognition. Presented at 2013 Workshop on crowding, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland 2012 One rule to bind them all. Presented at the British Science Festival, Aberdeen UK 2011 Object recognition. Presented at the School of Psychology, University of Aberdeen, Scotland 2011 When one's company, two's a crowd in object recognition. Presented at CerCo day Symposium, Camaran, France Object recognition and visual attention. Presented at the Center for Brain and 2010 Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad, India The role of attention in crowding. Presented at the Visual Attention lab, Harvard 2007 Medical School and Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston 2007 Mechanisms in Visual Crowding. Presented at the Cognition, Brain and Behavior Research Seminar, Harvard University

	symposia and seminars organised
2019	Sixth annual Anderson Lecture, School of Psychology (delivered by Prof David Dunning)
2014-17	School of Psychology (University of Aberdeen) Seminar series
2011	Mechanisms in crowding and blink: what can they tell us about consciousness? Symposium organized and chaired at the 14 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Toronto, Canada.
2005-06	Harvard Vision Lab Seminar Series. Organized bi-weekly talks by invited speakers.