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Born 7.7.70, raised in Morgantown, WV  
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## Professional Positions

- 2016— , Professor, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Boston University
- 2011—2016, Associate Professor, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Boston University
- 2008—2011, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Syracuse University
- 2004—2011, Courtesy appointment, Biomedical and Chemical Engineering, Syracuse University
- 2002—2008, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Syracuse University

## Education

- 2001-2002 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology, Boston University, Michael Hasselmo, advisor, Computational neuroscience.
- 1999-2001 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology, Brandeis University, Michael Kahana, advisor, Cognitive neuroscience.
- 1999 Ph.D., Brandeis University, Neuroscience; Thesis: *Temporal context in human memory*, Michael Kahana, chair.
- 1992 B.A., Rutgers University, Physics, Magna Cum Laude.
- Also attended: West Virginia University, Raritan Valley Community College, New School for Social Research.

## Publications [[Google Scholar Citation Report](#)]

- Howard, M. W., Shankar, K. H., and Tiganj, Z. (2015). Efficient neural computation in the Laplace domain. In Tarek R. Besold, Artur d'Avila Garcez, Gary F. Marcus, Risto Miikulainen (eds.): *Proceedings of the NIPS 2015 workshop on Cognitive Computation: Integrating Neural and Symbolic Approaches*. Montréal, Canada, 2015.

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- Kılıç, A., Hoyer, W. J., and Howard, M. W. (2013). Effects of Spacing of Item Repetitions in Continuous Recognition Memory: Does Item Retrieval Difficulty Promote Item Retention in Older Adults? *Experimental Aging Research*, **39**, 322-341.
- Kılıç, A., Criss, A. H., and Howard, M. W. (2013). A causal contiguity effect that persists across time scales, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition*, **39**, 297-303.
- Howard, M.W., Viskontas, I.V., Shankar, K.H., and Fried, I. (2012). Ensembles of human MTL neurons “jump back in time” in response to a repeated stimulus, *Hippocampus*, **22**, 1833-1847.
- Shankar, K. H., and Howard, M. W. (2012). A scale-invariant internal representation of time, *Neural Computation*, **24**, 134-193.
- Howard, M. W., Shankar, K. H., and Jagadisan, U. K. K. (2011). Constructing semantic representations from a gradually-changing representation of temporal context. *Topics in Cognitive Science*, **3**, 48-73. doi:10.1111/j.1756-8765.2010.01112.x.

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### Working papers

- Tiganj, Z., Shankar, K. H., and Howard, M. W. (submitted). Neural mechanism for scale-invariant frequency decomposition.
- Singh, I., Oliva, A., and Howard, M. W. (in revision). Visual memories are stored on a logarithmically-compressed representation of the past.
- Tiganj, Z., Kim, J., Jung, M. W., and Howard, M. W. (in revision). Temporal coding across scales in the rodent mPFC.

### Patents

- A METHOD FOR CONSTRUCTING A SCALE-INVARIANT MEMORY BUFFER, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/048,091 (with Karthik Shankar and Zoran Tiganj).

### Current Support

- co-Investigator, Initiative for Physics and Mathematics of Neural Systems, NSF EAGER Program (M. Hasselmo PI).
- Subcontract Principal Investigator, Memory Enhancement with Modeling, Electrophysiology, and Stimulation (MEMES), DARPA Restore Active Memory (RAM) program, 7/1/2014–6/30/2019, (M. Kahana project P.I.), BU subcontract \$1.2M.
- Principal Investigator, Sequential learning from a scale-invariant representation of remembered time, NSF award BCS-1058937, 1/15/2012–12/31/2015, \$366,567 total costs.

### Completed Support

- Principal Investigator, A distributed representation of space and time, AFOSR FA9550-12-1-0369, 7/1/2012–6/30/2015, \$390,754 total costs.
- Principal Investigator, A distributed representation of remembered time, AFOSR FA9550-10-1-0149, 5/1/2010–4/30/2012, \$264,907 total costs.

- Principal Investigator, Retrieved Context in Episodic and Semantic Memory, 1-R01 MH069938-01, 2/1/2004–1/31/2010. \$770,000 in direct costs (initial budget).
- Principal Investigator, Toward the neural basis of episodic memory. 1F32 MH65841-01 (Individual NRSA). Michael Hasselmo, sponsor. 01/02—01/05. \$145,000 (terminated early to accept faculty position).

### Awards

- 2004 Society for Mathematical Psychology New Investigator Award.
- [Knight of the Golden Horseshoe](#)

### Recent Invited Talks

- Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science, October 2015.
- MIT, Center for Minds, Brains, and Machines, May 2015.
- Columbia, Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, Feb 2015.
- BU, Center for Systems Neuroscience and Initiative for Physics and Mathematics of Neural Systems, December 2014.
- AFOSR Investigators Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2014.
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, August 2014.
- University of Pennsylvania, July 2014.
- Syracuse University, Cognition, Brain & Behavior Proseminar, May 2014.
- AFOSR Investigator's meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2014.

### Professional Activities

- Associate Editor, *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 2014—
- Editorial board, *Psychological Review*, 2015—; *Journal of Mathematical Psychology*, 2010—; *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 2008—2013; *Frontiers in Cognition*, 2010—2013;
- NSF grant review: College of Reviewers Perception, Action & Cognition, Science of Learning Centers Site Visit Team (multiple times), National Research Training (NRT), Collaborative research in computational neuroscience (CRCNS)
- Other grant review: AFOSR, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Israeli Science Foundation, Marsden Fund (New Zealand), NIMH B/Start mechanism, Department of Education Program on Research in Reading Comprehension review panel
- Founding program director, Syracuse University Integrated Learning Major in Neuroscience, 2010–2011

- Area Director, Syracuse University Cognition, Brain & Behavior graduate training program, 2010–2011
- Co-founder of SNO, the Syracuse Neuroscience Organization (<http://sno.syr.edu>).
- Member, Society for Neuroscience, American Psychological Society, Psychonomic Society, Society for Mathematical Psychology

### Teaching and Mentoring

- Undergraduate courses: Human Memory, Cognitive Psychology, Cognitive Neuroscience, Honor's course "Towards a Physics of the Mind,"
- Graduate courses: Computational Methods for Experimental Psychology; Cognitive Neuroscience of Memory; Memory and Attention; Memory Systems of the Brain; Time and Memory; Human Memory: Theory and Data.
- Postdoctoral advisees
  - Karthik Shankar (Theoretical Physics PhD), 2007—
  - Zoran Tiganj (Neural engineering PhD), 2013—
- Ph.D. students:
  - Nathanael Cruzado (BU Neuroscience, BS EE & Math), 2015—
  - Joe DiLascio (BU Neuroscience, BS Physics & Philosophy), 2014—
  - Inderdeep Singh (BU Brain, Behavior and Cognition, BS BME), 2012—
  - Jennifer Provyn, (Syracuse, 2013), Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City
  - Asli Kılıç (Syracuse, 2012, Dissertation advisor Amy Criss), Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Mid-East Technical University
  - Brandy Bessette-Symons (Syracuse 2008), Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Ithaca College
  - Serge Onyper (Syracuse 2007), Associate Professor, St. Lawrence University
- M.S. students
  - Vinayak Rao (Syracuse EE), Computational Neuroscience PhD, Gatsby, University College London; Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, Purdue
  - Vaidehi Natu (Syracuse EE), Psychology PhD UT-Dallas, Post-doc with Kalanit Grill-Spector at Stanford
  - Yaofei Zhang (Syracuse Psych), AVP at JPMorgan Chase
  - Aditya Datey (Syracuse CE), VP at JPMorgan Chase
  - Mrigankka Fotedar (Syracuse CS), Microsoft
  - Udaya Jagadisan (Syracuse BME), PhD student, Biomedical Engineering, University of Pittsburgh
  - Sridhar Iyer (Syracuse CS), Cisco Systems.

- Undergraduate students (selected)
  - Donna Bridge, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Northwestern University
  - Seth Elkin-Frankston, PhD; Research position at Charles River Analytics
  - Clarion Mendes, MA, Clinical Instructor/Speech-Language Pathologist at UIUC