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### EDUCATION

- 1998-2003 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., Neuroscience  
*Advisor:* Suzanne Corkin; *Committee:* Helen Barbas, Earl Miller, Anthony Wagner  
*Dissertation title:* Investigations of the cognitive and neural processes supporting memory for emotional and neutral information
- 1994-98 Harvard University, B.A., Psychology and Biology, *summa cum laude*  
*Advisor:* Daniel Schacter

### PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH TRAINING

- 1998 Summer internship with Dr. Susan Resnick, National Institute on Aging  
1996 Summer internship with Dr. Robert McCrae, National Institute on Aging

### POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH TRAINING

- 2003-06 Research fellow, Massachusetts General Hospital, Dept. of Radiology and Harvard University, Dept. of Psychology  
*Advisor:* Daniel Schacter

### PRIMARY ACADEMIC POSITION

- July, 2006- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Boston College  
Sept, 2009- Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Boston College  
(upcoming)

### OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- May, 2007- Sponsored Staff, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dept. of Psychiatry  
July, 2006- Visiting Scientist/Assistant in Research, Athinoula A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging

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### ONGOING RESEARCH SUPPORT

Elizabeth A. Kensinger, P.I.  
*How Emotion Affects Memory for Detail: Behavioral and Neuroimaging Investigations*  
National Institute of Mental Health (R01-MH080833)  
07/01/2008-06/30/2012

Elizabeth A. Kensinger, P.I.  
*The Neural Processes that Lead to Effective Emotion Regulation: Effects of Aging*  
Dana Foundation  
07/01/2007-06/30/2010

Elizabeth A. Kensinger, P.I.  
*The Aging Brain: Structure, Function, and Connectivity Analyses*  
Searle Scholars Program  
07/01/2008-07/01/2011

## COMPLETED RESEARCH SUPPORT AND TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

Elizabeth A. Kensinger, P.I.  
*Emotion's Modulation of Attention and Memory: Effects of Aging*  
National Science Foundation (BCS-0542694)  
07/01/2006 - 06/30/2009

Elizabeth A. Kensinger, P.I.  
*How Aging Affects Memory for Emotional Events: Behavioral and Neuroimaging Investigations*  
American Federation for Aging Research  
07/01/2006-06/30/2008

Elizabeth A. Kensinger (Training grantee)  
National Institute of Mental Health, National Research Service Award (F32 MH070199)  
*Neuroimaging of Source Memory: Effects of Emotion*  
2004-2006

Elizabeth A. Kensinger (Training grantee)  
Massachusetts Biomedical Research Corporation, Tosteson Postdoctoral Fellowship  
2003-2004

Suzanne Corkin, P.I., Elizabeth A. Kensinger, Co-P.I.  
National Science Foundation, Cognitive Neuroscience Program (support for Dissertation Research)  
*Effects of Divided Attention on the Recollective Enhancement for Negative versus Neutral Words*  
2002

Elizabeth A. Kensinger (Training grantee)  
Sigma Xi, Grant-in-Aid of Research  
*A Quantitative Investigation of Time-of-Day Effects in Young and Older Adults*  
2001

Elizabeth A. Kensinger (Training fellow)  
McDonnell Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience  
Dartmouth Medical School  
2001

Elizabeth A. Kensinger (Training grantee)  
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Predoctoral Fellowship  
1999-2003

Elizabeth A. Kensinger (Training grantee)  
National Defense Science and Engineering Predoctoral Fellowship (decl.)  
1999

Elizabeth A. Kensinger (Training grantee)  
American Federation for Aging Research, Glenn/AFAR Scholarship for Research in the Biology of Aging  
*Working Memory with Aging and Age-Related Disease: An Investigation of Young Adults, Older Adults, and Patients with Alzheimer's Disease or Parkinson's Disease*  
1999

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Honors

2009 Faculty Speaker for the Cross and Crown Induction Society, Boston College

### Research Awards

2009 Springer Early Career Achievement Award in Research on Adult Development and Aging  
*awarded annually by the American Psychological Association, Division 20*

2008 Distinguished Junior Researcher Award, Boston College

2008 Searle Scholars Program Award

2007 elected to International Neuropsychological Symposium  
*one of 38 North American members and 124 members worldwide (membership limited by bylaws and is determined by research presentation to the society and by acceptance by the majority of members)*

2007 elected to Memory Disorders Research Society  
*one of 140 members worldwide (membership limited by bylaws and is by invitation only)*

2007 Dana Foundation Award in Brain and Immuno-Imaging

2006 American Federation for Aging Research Young Investigator Award

2004 elected to International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience  
*one of 150 members worldwide (membership limited by bylaws and is determined by research presentation to the society and by acceptance by the majority of members)*

2004 Finalist, Donald B. Lindsley Prize in Behavioral Neuroscience - Society for Neuroscience

2004 Outstanding Thesis Award – Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT

2001 Nelson Butters Award for Scholarship in Neuropsychology – Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society  
*awarded each year to 1-2 graduate students based on research presentation to the Society*

1998 Hoopes Prize, awarded for honors thesis – Harvard University  
*university-wide award given for “outstanding scholarly work or research”*

1998 Psychology Faculty Prize – Department of Psychology, Harvard University

### Teaching Awards

2003 Walle Nauta Award for Continuing Dedication to Teaching – Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT

2002 Goodwin Medal for Conspicuously Effective Teaching - MIT  
*university-wide award given each year to 1-2 graduate students for “excellence in teaching”*

2002 Walle Nauta Award for Continuing Dedication to Teaching – Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT

2001 Angus MacDonald Award for Excellence in Teaching – Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT

### Travel Fellowships

2002, 2004 Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion

2002 Grant Writing: Technical Assistance Workshop – National Institute on Aging

2000 Alzheimer’s Disease World Congress

2000 International Study Group on the Pharmacology of Memory Disorders Associated with Aging

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

### **Course Organizer and Instructor (Boston College)**

PS375 Human Memory (*undergraduate course*)

Spring, 2009: *Course rating (avg. across categories): 4.6 (out of 5) [33 respondents, 89%]  
Instructor rating: 4.5*

Spring, 2008: *Course rating (avg. across categories): 4.8 [10 respondents, 100%]  
Instructor rating: 4.9*

Spring, 2007: *Course rating (avg. across categories): 4.6 [19 respondents, 86.4%]  
Instructor rating: 4.4*

PS339 Affective Neuroscience (*undergraduate course*)

Fall, 2008: *Course, overall rating: 4.6 [17 respondents, 85%]  
Instructor, overall rating: 4.9*

PS545 Affective Neuroscience (*graduate seminar*)

Fall, 2007: *Course rating (avg. across categories): 4.8 [9 respondents, 100%]  
Instructor rating: 4.8*

### **Course Organizer and Instructor (Harvard)**

Aging and Cognition

Fall, 2005: *Overall rating: 4.5 (out of 5)*

Social and Affective Neuroscience

Fall, 2004: *Instructor, overall rating: 5.0 (out of 5)  
Course, overall rating: 4.7 (out of 5)*

### **Course Organizer and Instructor (MIT)**

Introduction to Neuroanatomy short-course (co-instructor)

January, 2004

January, 2005

Summer Seminar in Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience  
summer, 2003

Introduction to Neuroanatomy short-course

January, 2000

January, 2001

January, 2002: *received unofficial evaluation rating of 6.3 out of 7  
(respondents included 54 of the 60 students enrolled in 2002)*

### **Guest Lecturer**

I have given guest lectures in undergraduate and graduate courses at Boston College including numerous courses in the Psychology dept., one course in the English dept. [EN 631, Memory in American Literature and Culture] and one course in the Romance Languages dept. [RL357, Memory and Literature]. I have given over 20 guest lectures at other institutions, including Boston University, Harvard University, Harvard Extension School, MIT, and Yale University. I have been a guest speaker in more than a dozen elementary, middle school and high school classrooms, and I have given talks at a number of senior centers.

## **Mentoring**

### *National/International Organizations*

- 2008 career development talk at American Psychological Association meeting  
“What to do once the defense is through: The career trajectory that’s right for you”
- interview in American Psychological Association’s *The Clinical Psychologist*  
Perspectives on Professional Development in Psychology: An interview with Elizabeth Kensinger  
(by George M. Slavich, Ph.D.)
- 2005-present member of the Society for Neuroscience’s neuroscientist-teacher partner program
- 2004-present mentor for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows through the Society for Neuroscience’s mentoring program
- 1999-present volunteer for Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s “Ask a Scientist” program, providing e-mail answers to neuroscience-related questions asked by individuals of all ages and levels of expertise

### *Boston Area Organizations*

- 2006-present co-founder (with Angela Gutchess) of Boston Area Cognitive Neuroscience Network, a peer mentoring network for postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty conducting cognitive neuroscience-related research

### *Boston College*

- 2009-2010 supervisor for eight Senior thesis projects
- Jillian Burzdek, topic: Effects of attention on the emotional memory trade-off
  - Jennifer Chen, topic: Effects of sleep on emotional memory
  - Andrew Lavenia, topic: Effects of bilingualism on working memory  
co-advised with Alisha Kinton
  - John McLaren, topic: Working memory for rhythmic sequences
  - Amy Peters, topic: How depression and anxiety influence directed forgetting  
co-advised with Katherine Mickley
  - Jaclyn Portelli, topic: Individual differences in processing of emotional information
  - Allie Steinberger, topic: How emotion regulation affects emotional memory
  - Jenny Wong, topic: The mechanism underlying directed forgetting  
co-advised with Brendan Murray
- supervisor for undergraduate research assistants
- Maite Balda
  - Younggee Choi
  - Colleen Maher
  - Surayyah Rogers
  - Sara Samaha
- 2008-2009 supervisor for four Senior thesis projects
- Alicia Kinton, topic: How sleep influences older adults’ emotional memories  
Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)
  - Jay de Rojas, topic: fMRI study of the evolutionary relevance of emotional information  
Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)
  - Katherine Schmidt, topic: Emotion’s effects on memory for spatial and temporal details  
Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)
  - Ali Wagoner, topic: How sleep architecture influences emotional memory

Research presented at and NorthEast Undergraduate Research Organization for Neuroscience (NEURON) conference (Simmons College) and at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

supervisor for one Undergraduate Research Fellow

Jennifer Chen, topic: Effects of divided attention on emotional memory

supervisor for three undergraduate independent study projects

Larissa Jones, topic: Autobiographical memory and emotion

Research presented at NEURON conference (Simmons College) and at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

John McLaren, topic: Self-referencing and emotional memory in old age

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Colleen Maher, topic: fMRI of emotional memory

Amelia Micheli, topic: emotion, music, and memory

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Jaclyn Portelli, topic: Directed forgetting of emotional material

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Jenny Wong, topic: Reality-monitoring in affective disorders

Research presented at NEURON conference (Simmons College) and at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

supervisor for undergraduate research assistants

Jillian Burzdek

Liz Choi

Amy Peters

Allie Steinberger

Sarah Wood

2007-2008 supervisor for three Senior thesis projects

Jonathan Romiti, "Effects of music on objective and emotional memory in film"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Pooja Patnaik "Effects of emotion and viewing time on false memories"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Jackie Grant "Effects of sleep on emotional memory"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

supervisor for one Undergraduate Research Fellow

Jenny Wong, "Distortion in autobiographical memory"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

supervisor for five undergraduate independent study projects

Kristin Hricko, "Emotion regulation and aging"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Larissa Jones, "Individual differences in autobiographical memory"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Alicia Kinton, "Autobiographical memory and emotion"

Jay Rojas, "fMRI analysis of emotional memory"

Alison Wagoner, "Effects of sleep on scene memory"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

mentor to six undergraduate research assistants

Jennifer Chen, "Effects of emotion on memory for detail"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Liz Choi, "When side matters: hemispheric processing and emotional memory"

Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)

Katherine Schmidt, "Memory for scene details"

Will Shirer (trained in fMRI analyses)

- Sarah Wood, "Emotion's effects on working memory"  
Megan Yardley (visiting student from Stonehill College)  
Research presented at and NorthEast Undergraduate Research Organization for  
Neuroscience (NEURON) conference (Simmons College)
- mentor to two high school students  
Hannah Schacter (Newton North High School, Newton, MA)  
Sarah Schuback (Byram Hills High School, Armonk, NY)
- 2006- 2007 supervisor for one Senior research project  
Chris Brown, "How Emotion Influences Hockey Players' Memories for Game Details"  
Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)
- supervisor for two undergraduate independent study projects  
Pooja Patnaik, "How Emotion Influences Memory for Detail"  
Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)  
Jackie Grant, "Emotion and Scene Memory"  
Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)
- supervisor for one Undergraduate Research Fellow  
Robbie Kubala, "Emotion and Visual Search Performance"  
Research presented at Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (BC)
- mentor to four undergraduate research assistants  
Liz Choi  
Jonathan Romiti  
Faraz Sabet  
Larissa Jones  
Mikaela Martineau (visiting student from Smith College)
- mentor to two high school research assistants  
Anna Broido (Commonwealth High School in Boston)  
Sarah Schuback (Byram Hills High School, Armonk, NY)

*Harvard University*

- 2006-2007 advisor for two undergraduate thesis projects  
Liz Reese, "The Effect of Delay on Memory for Emotional Information"  
Tessa Johung, "Implicit Memory of Emotional Stimuli in Young and Older Adults"
- 2005-2006 advisor for one undergraduate thesis project  
Jackie O'Brien, "Reality Monitoring in Older Adults: Effects of Positive and Negative  
Emotional Content"
- 2004-2006 invited speaker at "Good Science, Good Practice" seminar for graduate students; led sessions on  
funding opportunities, securing post-doctoral fellowships, and the job market
- 2004-2005 advisor for one undergraduate thesis project  
Joan Tom, "Remembering the negative: The effect of emotion on memory for central elements  
in a visual scene"
- 2004 speaker for Crimson Academy, a summer program to provide minority high school students with  
advanced math and science training
- 2003-2006 supervisor of undergraduate research
- 1996-1998 Peer Tutor, Bureau of Study Counsel, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 1997-1998 Peer Counselor, Harvard University

*MIT*

- 2002-2003 supervisor of undergraduate independent research project  
Irit Rapley, "Early Detection of Affective Expressions"
- 2002-2003 volunteer for Keys to Empowering Youth, a program designed to give middle school girls hands-on research experience
- 1998-2003 advisor to 10 undergraduate research assistants (1-2 per semester) through MIT's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program
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**DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP ROLES**

**Boston College**

- 2009-10 Neuroscience Task Force (Chair)  
Social Psychology Search Committee  
New Faculty Research Mentoring  
Departmental Goals Committee  
committee to expand the Affective Science Initiative  
Premed Advising  
Freshman Advising
- 2008-09 Developmental Psychology search committee  
Behavioral Neuroscience search committee  
Departmental Goals Committee  
committee to expand the Affective Science Initiative  
Premedical Advising
- 2007-08 coordinator for Interdisciplinary Neuroscience program  
Quantitative Psychology search committee  
committee to expand the Affective Science Initiative  
graduate admissions committee  
colloquium organizing committee  
Premedical Advising
- 2006-07 colloquium organizing committee  
graduate admissions committee  
Behavioral Neuroscience search committee  
part of initiative to establish Interdisciplinary Neuroscience
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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Secretary:** International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience (2005-2009)

**Associate Editor:** *Cognition and Emotion* (2008-present)

**Consulting Editor :** *Memory and Cognition* (2006-present)

*Journal of Experimental Psychology: General* (2007-present)

*Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition* (2008-present)

*Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Science* (2009-present)

**Ad Hoc Reviewer:** *Acta Pharmacologica Sinica* (2005) • *Acta Psychologica* (2008) • *American Journal of Psychology* (2006) • *Applied Cognitive Psychology* (2004-2006, 2008) • *Behavioral Neuroscience* (2006) • *Biological Psychiatry* (2007) • *Brain* (2006-07) • *Brain and Cognition* (2008) • *Brain Research* (2008) • *British Journal of Psychology* (2007-08) • *Cerebral Cortex* (2004-06) • *Cortex* (2009) • *Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Neuroscience* (2003-08) • *Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology* (2005-06) • *Cognition* (2006-07) • *Cognition and Emotion* (2004-07) • *Cognitive Neuropsychology* (2004, 2006) • *Cognitive Psychology* (2007) • *Cognitive Therapy and Research* (2005-06) • *Cortex* (2001, 2005-06) • *Emotion* (2004-08) • *Epilepsy and Behavior* (2007) • *Experimental Aging Research* (2004-05, 2008) • *Experimental Psychology* (2007) • *Hippocampus* (2003, 2008) • *Human Brain Mapping* (2006, 2008) • *International Journal of Psychology* (2006) • *International Journal of Psychophysiology* (2005) • *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition* (2004-07) • *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience* (2004-08) • *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences* (2005, 2007-08) • *Journal of Individual Differences* (2006) • *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society* (2004, 2006, 2008) • *Journal of Lipid Research* (2008) • *Journal of Memory and Language* (2006-07) • *Journal of Neuropsychology* (2006) • *Journal of Neuroscience* (2005-08) • *Learning and Memory* (2005, 2007-08) • *Memory* (2006) • *Memory and Cognition* (2003-07) • *Movement Disorders* (2003) • *Neurobiology of Aging* (2005, 2007-2009) • *Neurobiology of Learning and Memory* (2007) • *NeuroImage* (2003-07) • *Neuron* (2007-08) • *Neuropsychology* (2005-08) • *Neuropsychologia* (2008) • *Neuroscience* (2004) • *Neuroscience Letters* (2007) • *PLoS ONE* (2007) • *PNAS* (2009) • *Psychology and Aging* (2004-08) • *Psychological Bulletin* (2007) • *Psychological Science* (2007-08) • *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review* (2005-07) • *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology* (2005) • *Schizophrenia Bulletin* (2008) • *Stress* (2008)

**Grant Reviewer:** The Hospital for Sick Children (ad hoc)  
National Institute of Mental Health (ad hoc and as member of K99 review panel)  
National Science Foundation (member of Cognitive Neuroscience panel)  
National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (ad hoc)  
NWO Social Sciences (ad hoc)

**Award Committee:** New York Academy of Sciences Cattell Dissertation Award

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association for the Advancement of Science • American Psychological Association • American Society on Aging • Association for Psychological Science • Boston Area Neuroscience Group • Charles River Association for Memory • Cognitive Neuroscience Society • Eastern Psychological Association • Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience • Gerontological Society of America • International Neuropsychological Society • International Neuropsychological Symposium • International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience (secretary, 2005-2009) • International Society for Research on Emotions • Memory Disorders Research Society • New York Academy of Sciences • Phi Beta Kappa • Psychonomic Society • Sigma Xi • Society for Neuroscience • Women in Cognitive Science

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## SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZER

2009 “Advances in Cognitive Aging” (with Angela Gutches)  
International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience, Hilton Head, SC

2008 “Social Neuroscience and Aging” (with Angela Gutches)  
American Psychological Association, Boston, MA

2006 “Neuroimaging of false memories” (with Kelly Giovanello)

Society for Neuroscience, Atlanta, GA

“The amygdala and emotion processing: Effects of valence and arousal”  
International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience, Bath, England

“Memory changes with aging: Social and emotional influences” (with Angela Gutchess)  
International Conference on Memory, Sydney, Australia

## INVITED TALKS

2009 Upcoming:

Societe de Neuropsychologie, Lille, France  
Alpine Brain Imaging Meeting, Switzerland  
Social Talk Series, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Psychonomic Society Meeting, Boston, MA  
Memory Disorders Research Society, Durham, NC  
International Neuropsychological Symposium, Italy

Completed:

Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Pre-conference on Emotion, Tampa, FL  
Brain Aging and Neuroimaging Group, Massachusetts General Hospital, Charlestown, MA  
Psi Chi Conference, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst, MA  
International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience, Hilton Head, SC

2008 Connell School of Nursing, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD  
Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL  
Washington University, St. Louis, MO  
Tufts University, Medford, MA  
American Psychological Association, Boston, MA  
International Congress on Psychology, Berlin, Germany  
Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience, Lake Tahoe, CA  
Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA  
Interdisciplinary Memory Group, SUNY, Stonybrook, NY  
Psychology Department, SUNY, Stonybrook, NY  
Imaging Imagining, National Institutes of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD

2007 American Federation for Aging Research - Biomarkers of Aging Conference, New York, NY  
Memory Disorders Research Society, Cambridge, England  
International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience, Crete, Greece  
Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC  
Society for Psychophysiological Research, Savannah, GA

2006 Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
Charles River Association for Memory, Cambridge, MA  
International Conference on Memory, Sydney, Australia  
International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience, Bath, England  
Association for Psychological Science Convention, New York, NY  
Cognitive Aging Conference, Atlanta, GA  
Psychiatric Neuroimaging Seminar Series, Massachusetts General Hospital, Charlestown, MA  
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Dartmouth University, Hanover, NH  
Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, Cambridge, MA

- 2005 Psychonomic Society Meeting, Toronto, ON  
 Clinical Research Training Program, McLean Hospital, Boston, MA  
 Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, Cambridge, MA  
 FMRI seminar series, Dept. of Psychology, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2004 Center for Memory and Brain, Boston University, Boston, MA  
 Cognition, Brain, and Behavior series, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
 Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, Cambridge, MA  
 Department of Psychology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
 FMRI Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
 International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience, Reykjavik, Iceland  
 Massachusetts Biomedical Research Corporation, Boston, MA  
 Memory Disorders Research Society annual meeting, New York, NY  
 Social, Cognitive, & Affective Neuroscience series, Martinos Center, Charlestown, MA  
 Volen National Center for Complex Systems, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 2003 International Neuropsychological Symposium, Mondello, Italy  
 Massachusetts Memory Disorders Research Center seminar series, Jamaica Plain, MA  
 Neurophysiology seminar series, Massachusetts Mental Health Society, Boston, MA  
 Symposium on Neuroscience, Aging and Cognition, New York, NY  
 Brain Lunch series, Dept. of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, Cambridge, MA  
 Cognitive Lunch series, Dept. of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT, Cambridge, MA  
 Social and Affective Neuroscience seminar series, Dept. of Psychology, Harvard
- 2002 Brain Lunch series, Dept. of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT  
 Cognitive Lunch series, Dept. of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT  
 Laboratory of Financial Engineering seminar series, MIT Sloan School of Management  
 Social and Affective Neuroscience seminar series, Dept. of Psychology, Harvard
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## PUBLICATIONS

- + signifies that the first author is a postdoctoral fellow in my laboratory
- \* signifies that the first author is a graduate student in my laboratory
- o signifies that the first author is a research assistant or undergraduate in my laboratory

### Books

Kensinger EA (2009). *Emotional Memory across the Adult Lifespan*. Psychology Press, New York, NY.

### Peer-Reviewed Journals

#### In press

Addis DR, Leclerc CM, Muscatell K, & Kensinger EA (in press). There are age-related changes in neural connectivity during the successful encoding of positive, but not negative, information. *Cortex*.

Feldman Barrett, L. & Kensinger EA (in press). Context is routinely encoded during emotion perception. *Psychological Science*.

Giovanello KS, Kensinger EA, Wong AT, & Schacter DL (in press). Age-related neural changes

during memory conjunction errors. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*.

Krendl AC, Heatherton TD, & Kensinger EA (in press). Aging minds and twisting attitudes: An fMRI investigation of age differences in inhibiting prejudice. *Psychology and Aging*.

+ Leclerc CM & Kensinger EA (in press). Neural processing of emotional pictures and words: A comparison of young and older adults. *Developmental Neuropsychology*.

\* Mickley KR & Kensinger EA (in press). The effects of valence and arousal on the neural activity leading to subsequent memory. *Psychophysiology*.

\* Mickley KR, Muscatell KA, & Kensinger EA (in press) Using the RSVP paradigm to investigate the processes contributing to emotional memory. *Brain and Cognition*.

\* Waring JD, Payne JD, Schacter DL, & Kensinger EA (in press). Impact of individual differences upon emotion-induced memory trade-offs. *Cognition and Emotion*.

## 2009

o Kensinger EA & Choi ES (2009). Hemispheric processing and the visual specificity of emotional memories. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 35, 247-253.

Kensinger EA (2009). What factors need to be considered to understand emotional memories? *Emotion Review*, 1, 116-118.

Kensinger EA (2009). Remembering the details: Effects of emotion. *Emotion Review*, 1, 99-113.

Kensinger EA (2009). How emotion affects older adults' memories for event details. *Memory*, 17, 208-219.

Kensinger EA & Leclerc CM (2009). Age-related changes in the neural mechanisms supporting emotion processing and emotional memory. *European Journal of Cognitive Psychology*, 21, 192-215.

\* Mickley KR & Kensinger EA (2009). Phenomenological characteristics of emotional memories in younger and older adults. *Memory*, 17, 528-543.

\* Waring JD & Kensinger EA (2009). Effects of emotional valence and arousal upon memory trade-offs with aging. *Psychology and Aging*, 24, 412-422.

## 2008

Kensinger EA & Schacter DL (2008). Neural processes supporting young and older adults' emotional memories. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 7, 1-13.

Kensinger, EA (2008). Age differences in memory for arousing and nonarousing emotional words. *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*, 63, P13-18.

+ Leclerc CM & Kensinger EA (2008). Age-related differences in medial prefrontal activation in response to emotional images. *Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Neuroscience*, 8, 153-164.

+ Leclerc CM & Kensinger EA (2008). Effects of age on detection of emotional information. *Psychology*

and *Aging*, 23, 209-215.

\* Mickley KR & Kensinger EA (2008). Emotional valence influences the neural correlates associated with remembering and knowing. *Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Neuroscience*, 8, 143-152.

Payne JD, Stickgold R, Swanberg K, & Kensinger EA (2008). Sleep preferentially enhances memory for emotional components of scenes. *Psychological Science*, 19, 781-788.

## 2007

Garoff-Eaton RJ, Kensinger EA, & Schacter DL (2007). The neural correlates of conceptual and perceptual false recognition. *Learning and Memory*, 14, 684-692. [figure from this paper chosen for cover art]

Gutchess AH, Kensinger EA, & Schacter DL (2007). Aging, self-referencing, and medial prefrontal cortex. *Social Neuroscience*, 2, 117-133.

Gutchess AH, Kensinger EA, Yoon C & Schacter DL (2007). Aging and the self-reference effect in memory. *Memory*, 15, 822-837.

Kensinger EA (2007). How negative emotion affects memory accuracy: Behavioral and neuroimaging evidence. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 16, 213-218.

Kensinger EA, Garoff-Eaton RJ, & Schacter DL (2007). How negative emotion enhances the visual specificity of a memory. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, 19, 1872-1887.

Kensinger EA, Garoff-Eaton RJ, & Schacter DL (2007). Effects of emotion on memory specificity in young and older adults. *Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences*, 62, 208-215.

Kensinger EA, Garoff-Eaton RJ, & Schacter DL (2007). Effects of emotion on memory specificity: Memory trade-offs elicited by negative visually arousing stimuli. *Journal of Memory and Language*, 56, 575-591.

Kensinger EA, Gutchess AH, & Schacter DL (2007). Effects of aging and encoding instructions on emotion-induced memory trade-offs. *Psychology and Aging*, 22, 781-795.

Kensinger EA, O'Brien J, Swanberg K, Garoff-Eaton RJ, & Schacter DL (2007). The effects of emotional content on reality-monitoring performance in young and older adults. *Psychology and Aging*, 22, 752-764.

Kensinger EA & Schacter DL (2007). Remembering the specific visual details of presented objects: Neuroimaging evidence for effects of emotion. *Neuropsychologia*, 45, 2951-2962.

## 2006

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