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Research interests

Bounded rationality and optimality; psycholinguistics; artificial intelligence and reinforcement learning; decision making; cognitive architecture; working memory; sentence processing; linguistic theory; adaptive control; eye-movements; computational modeling.

Education

- 1993 Ph.D. in Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, Dec 1993. Thesis: *An Architecturally-based Theory of Human Sentence Comprehension*. Advisors: Allen Newell and Jill Lehman.
1987 B.S. in Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude, University of Central Florida, June 1987.

Academic positions

University of Michigan

- 2016– John R. Anderson Collegiate Professor of Psychology, Linguistics and Cognitive Science
2017–23 Director, Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science
2007–16 Professor of Psychology & Professor of Linguistics (Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience Area Chair, 2013–15)
2000–2007 Associate Professor of Psychology & Associate Professor of Linguistics

Princeton University

- 2024 C. V. Starr Faculty Fellow, Princeton Neuroscience Institute
1994–1995 McDonnell Postdoctoral Fellow in Psychology. Advisors: George Miller & Philip Johnson-Laird.

The Ohio State University

- 1995–2000 Assistant Professor of Computer and Information Science
1999–2000 Assistant Professor of Linguistics (courtesy appointment)

University of Potsdam, Germany

- 1999 Visiting Professor of Psychology

University of Freiburg, Germany

- 1996 Visiting Professor, Institute of Computer Science and Social Research

Honors

- 2024 C. V. Starr Faculty Fellow, Princeton Neuroscience Institute, 2024.
2022 Psychonomics Society Best Article Award, 2022.
2021 Best Student Paper (Advisor), Proceedings of the Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics, 2021.
John A. Swets Memorial Award for Excellence in Collaborative Research in Psychological Science, University of Michigan, 2021.
Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, University of Michigan, 2021.
2016 John R. Anderson Collegiate Professorship, University of Michigan, 2016.
2015 Best Paper Award, 14th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems, 2015.
2014 Best Student Paper (Advisor), Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics, 2014.
2010 Fellow, Association for Psychological Science, 2010.
2011 Honorary Faculty Member, Golden Key International Honour Society, University of Michigan Chapter, December 2011 (one of two UM faculty selected by students).
1997 Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Computer and Information Science, Ohio State University, 1997.
1994–95 McDonnell Foundation Fellow in Psychology, Princeton University, 1994–95.
1988–91 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Carnegie Mellon University, 1988–91.

Teaching experience

Cognitive science, psycholinguistics, computational cognitive modeling, artificial intelligence, statistics for behavioral scientists.

Manuscripts under review

- 2026 Frankland, S. M., Marjeh, R., Nurisso, M., Fluegemann, J., Webb, T., Petri, G., Lewis, R. L., & Cohen, J. D. (2026). [Capacity Limits in Cognitive Processing Reflect the Curse of Generalization](#). Unpublished manuscript. Under review.
Hu, X., Angstadt, M., Storks, S., Huang, Z., Taxali, A., Weigard, A., Lewis, R. L., & Sripada, C. (2026). [Conflict and Congruency Effects in Large Language Models: In-Weight and In-Context Competition in a Verbal Conflict Task](#). Unpublished manuscript. Submitted.

Sripada, C., & Lewis, R. (2026). [Cognitive Convergence: Deep Similarities Between Large Language Models and Human Cognition](#). Unpublished manuscript. Submitted.

Publications

Refereed articles, chapters and volumes

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- Sripada, C., McInnerney, A., & Lewis, R. L. (2026). [Large language models illuminate the mechanistic underpinnings of the creative aspect of language use \(CALU\), long regarded as a mystery](#). *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 49, e221. Cambridge University Press.
- 2025 Fansher, M., Lalwani, P., Adkins, T. J., Zhang, H., Quirk, M., Carlson, M., Boduroglu, A., Lewis, R. L., Jonides, J., & Shah, P. (2025). [A brief intervention to improve reasoning about accumulation](#). *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, 31(2), 99–125. APA.
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- Ryu, S. H., & Lewis, R. L. (2025). [Memory for prediction: A Transformer-based theory of sentence processing](#). *Journal of Memory and Language*, 145, 104670. Elsevier.
- 2024 Hao, C., & Lewis, R. L. (2024). [Ethical Choice Reversals](#). *Cognitive Psychology*, 153, 101672. Elsevier.
- Walls, L., Lewis, R. L., & Howes, A. (2024). [Regret Theory Predicts Decoy Effects in Risky and Multiattribute Choice](#). *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- 2023 Brooks, E. A., Walls, L., Lewis, R. L., & Singh, S. (2023). [Large Language Models can Implement Policy Iteration](#). *Proceedings of the 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023)*.
- Carvalho, W., Filos, A., Lewis, R. L., Lee, H., & Singh, S. (2023). [Composing Task Knowledge with Modular Successor Feature Approximators](#). *Proceedings of the International Conference on Learning Representations*.
- Carvalho, W., Saraiva, A., Filos, A., Lampinen, A. K., Matthey, L., Lewis, R., Lee, H., Singh, S., Rezende, D. J., & Zoran, D. (2023). [Combining behaviors with the successor features keyboard](#). *Proceedings of the 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023)*.
- Hao, C., Cabrera-Haro, L. E., Lin, Z., Reuter-Lorenz, P. A., & Lewis, R. L. (2023). [Why do valence asymmetries emerge in value learning? A reinforcement learning account](#). *Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience*, 23(3), 543–556. Springer US.
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- Fansher, M., Adkins, T. J., Lewis, R. L., Boduroglu, A., Lalwani, P., Quirk, M., Shah, P., & Jonides, J. (2022). [How well do ordinary Americans forecast the growth of COVID-19?](#) *Memory & Cognition*, 50(7), 1363–1380. Springer US.
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- 2021 Brooks, E. A., Rajendran, J., Lewis, R. L., & Singh, S. (2021). [Reinforcement Learning of Implicit and Explicit Control Flow in Instructions](#). *Proceedings of the 38th International Conference on Machine Learning*.
- Carvalho, W., Liang, A., Lee, K., Sohn, S., Lee, H., Lewis, R., & Singh, S. (2021). [Reinforcement Learning for Sparse-Reward Object-Interaction Tasks in a First-person Simulated 3D Environment](#). *Proceedings of the 30th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence*.
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- Zheng, Z., Veeriah, V., Vuorio, R., Lewis, R. L., & Singh, S. (2021). [Learning State Representations from Random Deep Action-conditional Predictions](#). *Proceedings of the 35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2021)*.
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- Guo, X., Singh, S., & Lewis, R. L. (2013). [Reward Mapping for Transfer in Long-lived Agents](#). *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 26 (NIPS)*.
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- 1989 Lewis, R. L., Newell, A., & Polk, T. A. (1989). [Toward a Soar theory of taking instructions for immediate reasoning tasks](#). *Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*, 514–521. Also in P. S. Rosenbloom, J. E. Laird, and A. Newell, eds., *The Soar Papers: Research on Integrated Intelligence*, MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, 1993.
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- 1988 Moshell, J. M., Hughes, C. E., Lacy, L. W., Lewis, R. L., & Blower, D. (1988). Action graphics: An interactive spreadsheet-based animation system for simulation and training. *Proceedings of the Simulators V Conference*, 47–78. The Society for Computer Simulation International.
- 1987 Moshell, J. M., Hughes, C. E., Lacy, L. W., Lewis, R. L., & Blower, D. (1987). An educational animation system based on class inheritance. *Proceedings of the Conference of the National Computer Graphics Association*, 59–62.
- Moshell, J. M., Hughes, C. E., Lacy, L. W., Lewis, R. L., & Blower, D. (1987). A spreadsheet-based visual language for freehand sketching of complex motions. *Proceedings of the 1987 Workshop on Visual Languages*.

Technical reports and unpublished manuscripts

- 2010 Lewis, R. L. (2010). [Efficiency, Economy, Optimality, Simplicity, Minimality, Search, Mapping, Function, State: An Attempt at Clarifying Definitions](#). Unpublished manuscript.
- Lewis, R. L. (2010). [The Strong Minimalist Thesis and Bounded Optimality](#). Unpublished manuscript. University of Michigan.
- 1992 Lewis, R. L. (1992). [Recent developments in the NL-Soar garden path theory](#). Technical Report CMU-CS-92-14, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University.
- 1987 Lewis, R. L. R. L., Hughes, C. E., Lacy, L. W., & Moshell, J. M. (1987). CFCL: Central Florida Common Lisp Object System. Department of Computer Science, The University of Central Florida.
- 1986 Moshell, J. M., & Lewis, R. L. (1986). The Action Graphics freehand animation system. Department of Computer Science, The University of Central Florida.

Local academic and administrative service

Intra-departmental service (University of Michigan)

- Department of Psychology Annual Review Committee.
- 2021–22 Department of Psychology Search Committee Chair, 2021–22.
- 2016–2020 Faculty lead, East Hall 2nd Floor research space renovation planning, 2016–2020.
- 2017 Department of Psychology Space Committee Chair, 2017.
- 2013–15 Area chair, Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience, 2013–15.
- Department of Psychology Executive Committee.
- Department of Psychology Augmented Executive Committee.
- Department of Psychology Statistics Task Force.
- Department of Psychology Undergraduate Studies Committee.
- Department of Psychology Web Task Force.
- Department of Psychology Promotion and Tenure Committees (multiple).
- Department of Psychology Space and Facilities Committee.
- Department of Psychology Search Committees (multiple, including Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience, Biopsychology, Quantitative, Psycholinguistic).
- Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience Admissions Chair.
- Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience Forum Committee Chair.
- Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience Recruitment Chair.

Cognitive Science initiatives (University of Michigan)

- 2017–23 Director, Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science, 2017–23.
- 2022–23 Co-Chair of College of LSA Cognitive Science Advisory Group, 2022–23.
- 2010 Member of Cognitive Science Task Force (predecessor to the undergraduate major, grad certificate, and Weinberg Institute committees), 2010.
- 2011–13 Member of committee to develop the Cognitive Science Undergraduate Concentration, and one of chief architects of the proposal, 2011–13.
- 2009–15 Member of committee to develop the Cognitive Science Graduate Certificate, and one of chief architects of the proposal, 2009–15.
- 2014–15 Founding member of the Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science Executive Committee, 2014–15.
- Founding member of the Cognitive Science Undergraduate Major Steering Committee (at 62 majors after 1 year), 2014–15.
- 2012–13 Lead organizer of the Weinberg Cognitive Science Symposium on *Rationality and its Bounds*, 2012–13.
- 2014–15 Member of organizing committee for Weinberg Cognitive Science Symposium on *The Cognitive Science of Moral Minds* (2014–15), the inaugural event for the Weinberg Institute.
- 2011–15 Developer of new Introduction to Cognitive Science gateway course for the new undergraduate major, taught now five times (including two pilots) to over 600 students, with instructor ratings 4.7–4.9/5, 2011–15.

Other cross-department/college service (University of Michigan)

- 2025–26 Member, Grievance Hearing Board (2025–26).
- 2020–21 Member, LSA Computing Education Task Force (2020–21).
- 2012 Member of steering committee for 2012 LSA Theme Semester on *Language: The Human Quintessence*.
- 2004–06 Member of committee to develop Language & Mind subconcentration in Department of Linguistics; committee received a Whitaker Grant for the Development of Undergraduate Education (2004–06).
- 2007–09 Steering committee for Center for Cognitive Architecture (2007–09).
- 2006–07 LS&A Information Technologies Committee (2006–07).
- Promotion and tenure committees for Department of Linguistics (multiple).
- Thesis committee member for Department of Linguistics (multiple).
- Thesis committee member/co-chair for Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (multiple).
- Thesis committee member for Department of Philosophy (2).

External professional service

Reviewing service for other institutions

- 2024– External advisory board for *Johns Hopkins University Department of Cognitive Science*, 2024–.
- 2023 External review committee for *Johns Hopkins University Department of Cognitive Science*, Fall 2023.
- 2013 External review committee for *Rice University Department of Psychology*, Fall 2013.
- Multiple external promotion and tenure cases (including *Princeton University*, *University of Chicago*, *Purdue University*, *Tufts University*, *University of California, San Diego*, *University of Southern California*, *University of Washington*, *University of Illinois*, *Rice University*, *Manchester University*, *University of Massachusetts*, *Ohio State University*, *Northwestern University*, *York University*...).
- 2014–2018 National Science Foundation (including College of Reviewers for the Perception, Action and Cognition Program, 2014–2018).
- Air Force Office of Research.
- Office of Naval Research.
- National Institutes of Health.

Journal boards

- 2011–15 *Psychological Review*, editorial board, 2011–15.
- 2006–2008 *Language Learning*, editorial board, 2006–2008.
- 2001–2006 *Cognitive Science*, board of reviewers, 2001–2006.

Reviewing service

AMLAP (Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference)

AAAI (National Conference on Artificial Intelligence)

Cambridge University Press

Cognition

Cognitive Psychology

Cognitive Science

Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Neuroscience

Cognitive Science Society

CUNY Sentence Processing Conference

International Conference on Cognitive Modeling (ICCM)

Kluwer Academic Publishers

Language and Cognitive Processes

Language Learning

Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory & Cognition

Journal of Memory and Language

Journal of Psycholinguistic Research

Oxford University Press

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

Psychological Review

Psychological Science

Psychonomic Bulletin & Review

Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Cognitive Science

Conferences and workshops organized

- 2024 Local co-organizer, Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP2024), May 2024, Ann Arbor.
- 2017 Local co-organizer, Third Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making (RLDM-2017), June 11–14, 2017, Ann Arbor.
- 2007 Local co-organizer, International Conference on Cognitive Modeling, July 24–27, 2007, Ann Arbor.
- 1998 Workshop on Reanalysis in Sentence Processing, March 18, 1998, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 1997 17th North American Soar Workshop, June 27–29, 1997, Columbus, Ohio.

Invited presentations

- 2026 A Surprising Consilience of Chomskyan Linguistics and Artificial Intelligence. *The First Workshop on Generative Linguistics and Music*, Ann Arbor, March, 2026.
- 2025 Patterns of Thought: The story of artificial intelligence, and a revolution in our understanding of the human mind. *KLA Corporation*, Ann Arbor, October, 2025.
Patterns of Thought: The story of artificial intelligence, and a revolution in our understanding of the human mind. *Exploring the Mind Series*, Ann Arbor Public Library, Ann Arbor, September, 2025.
- 2024 Learning to Parse, Parsing to Learn, and the Proper Treatment of Ideas and People. *Memorial Workshop Celebrating Janet Fodor at the Annual Meeting of the Human Sentence Processing Society*, Ann Arbor, May, 2024.

- The Advent of Artificial Intelligence: What Does it Mean for Psychology, Linguistics and Cognitive Science? *Inaugural John R. Anderson Collegiate Professorship Lecture, University of Michigan*, March, 2024.
- 2023 Memory for Prediction: Transformer Language Models as Theories of Human Sentence Processing. *Neuroscience Institute, Princeton University*, December, 2023.
- Memory for Prediction: Transformers as Theories of Human Sentence Processing. *Department of Language Sciences, University of California, Irvine*, November, 2023.
- 2021 Transformer Language Models as Psycholinguistic Theories. *Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago*, May, 2021.
- 2019 Boundedly Rational Language, Choice and Action and the Prospects for Theoretical Cognitive Science in the Age of Deep Learning. *Cognitive Science Colloquium, University of Maryland*, November, 2019.
- The Neurocognitive Interface Between Syntax and Domain-General Processing Systems. *Brain and Syntax Workshop, Northwestern University*, October, 2019.
- Bounded Rationality: Computationally Rational Choice, Action and Reward. *Graded Symbolic Computation Workshop, Johns Hopkins University*, October, 2019.
- 2018 Bounded Rationality: Computationally Rational Choice, Action and Reward. *Distinguished Cognitive Science Colloquium, Michigan State University*, October, 2018.
- Optimal Rewards for Bounded Agents. *DARPA Workshop on Intrinsically Motivated Artificial Intelligence, Arlington, VA*, June, 2018.
- 2017 The Shared Frontiers of Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Science. *University of Central Florida, Symposium on Machine and Human Learning*, December, 2017.
- Rethinking Bounded Rationality. *University of Adelaide, Department of Psychology*, March, 2017.
- The Challenge of Understanding Language and Executive Functions. *Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Workshop on Language and Executive Function*, May, 2017.
- 2016 Computationally Rational Language Processing and Language Design. *Northwestern University, Department of Linguistics Colloquium*, October, 2016.
- Rethinking Bounded Rationality: Computationally Rational Choice, Action, and Reward. *University of Washington, Allen L. Edwards Lectureship in Psychology*, May, 2016.
- Computational Rationality in Minds and Machines. *Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington*, March, 2016.
- Computational Rationality and Choice. *The Origins and Future of Pattern Processing and Intelligence: From Brains to Machines. The Origins Project, Arizona State University, Tempe*, March, 2016.
- 2015 Combining Bounds and Rational Analysis for Explanation in Cognitive Science. *Workshop on Bounded Rationality, NIPS 2015 (Neural Information Processing Conference), Montreal*, December, 2015.
- Computational Rationality: Three Vignettes. *Drexel University, Department of Psychology Colloquium*, March, 2015.
- 2014 Integrating the Continuous & Discrete Over Time: Theoretical and Empirical Challenges in Understanding the Sequential Dynamics of Sentence Processing. *Gradient Symbolic Computation Workshop: The Continuous and Discrete in Sentence Processing, Johns Hopkins University*, November, 2014.

- What Are Boundedly Rational Mechanisms for Language, Perception, and Action? *Johns Hopkins University, Departments of Computer Science and Cognitive Science Colloquium*, October, 2014.
- What Are Rational Mechanisms for Language, Perception, and Action? *Saarland University, Computational Linguistics Colloquium*, January, 2014.
- 2013 Language as a Computationally Rational Response Function. *AAAI Fall Symposium on Integrated Cognition*, November, 2013.
- What Does Integrated Cognition Theory Look Like? *AAAI Fall Symposium on Integrated Cognition*, November, 2013.
- Optimal Control Approaches to Language Processing. Keynote presentation at *Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics (CMCL-2013)*, Sofia, Bulgaria, August, 2013.
- 2012 Combining Optimal Control and Estimation with Theories of Cognitive Architecture. *Chief Scientist's Colloquium Series*, Air Force Research Labs, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, August, 2012.
- Human Behavior as an Adaptation to Mental Architecture. *Reinforcement Learning Symposium* (celebrating Andrew Barto's retirement), University of Massachusetts, July, 2012.
- Optimal Control Approaches to Language. *University of Maryland Linguistics MayFest*, May, 2012.
- Short-term Memory and Optimal Discrimination in Sentence Processing. *30th European Workshop on Cognitive Neuropsychology*, January, 2012.
- 2011 Similarity-based Interference and Optimal Discrimination in Sentence Processing. *SUNY Stony Brook, Linguistics Colloquium*, November, 2011.
- A Cue-based Retrieval Theory of Working Memory in Language Processing: Core Computational Principles and Implications for Individual Differences. *Academy of Aphasia*, Montreal, October, 2011.
- Bounded Optimality in Language, Thought and Action. *SUNY Buffalo, Cognitive Science Colloquium*, March, 2011.
- Bounded Optimality in Language, Thought and Action. *Michigan State University, Linguistics Colloquium*, February, 2011.
- 2010 Where Do Rewards Come From? *Symposium on AI-Inspired Biology* (held at the *Thirty Sixth Annual Convention of the Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and Simulation of Behaviour*), Leicester, UK, March, 2010.
- Bounded Optimality in Language and Action: Rational Behavior Under Cognitive Constraint. *University of Arizona*, February, 2010.
- 2009 Short-term Memory in Language and its Adaptive Control. *Cognitive Science Conference Symposium on Language and Memory*, Amsterdam, July, 2009.
- Cognitively Bounded Rational Analysis and Optimal Control. *International Conference on Cognitive Modeling Symposium on Rational Explanations*, Manchester, July, 2009.
- Adaptive Control of Language and Action: Boundedly Rational Behavior Under Cognitive Constraint. *University of Potsdam, Germany*, January, 2009.
- 2008 The Adaptive Nature of Human Performance: Models of Boundedly Rational Control. *Air Force Research Labs, Mesa, Arizona*, December, 2008.
- The Surprising Nature of Working Memory in Language Comprehension. Keynote Address, *COGFEST-2008, The Ohio State University*, May, 2008.

- 2007 Deriving a Theory of Verb-final Processing: The Adaptive Control of Working Memory. *Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Science*, Leipzig, Germany, December, 2007.
- The Surprising Nature of Working Memory in Language Comprehension. Department of Psychology, *Rice University*, April, 2007.
- 2006 The Surprising Nature of Working Memory in Language Comprehension. Department of Linguistics, *University of Maryland*, April, 2006.
- The Surprising Nature of Working Memory in Language Comprehension. Keynote Address, *International Conference on Cognitive Modeling*, Trieste, Italy, April, 2006.
- 2005 Explaining the Bounds on the Adaptation of Skilled Interactive Behavior. Center for Human-Machine Interaction, *Berlin Technical University*, December, 2005.
- Toonology: The New Yorker Cartoon Meets Modern Psychological Science. *General Motors Warren R&D Center*, September, 2005.
- Toonology: Modern Science meets the New Yorker Cartoon. *National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Washtenaw County*, Annual Meeting, June, 2005.
- 2004 Sentence Processing as Skilled Memory Retrieval. *University of Potsdam*, Germany, December, 2004.
- Sentence Processing as Skilled Memory Retrieval. *NASA Ames Research Center*, Cognitive Group, December, 2004.
- Sentence Processing as Skilled Memory Retrieval. Rumelhart Award Symposium, *Cognitive Science Conference*, Chicago, August, 2004.
- 2003 Parsing as Working Memory Retrieval. Workshop on Computational Models of Sentence Processing, *University of the Saarland*, Germany, July, 2003.
- Scalable Cognitive Modeling Through Compositional Reuse. *Office of Naval Research Conference on Affordable Human Behavior Modeling*, Arlington, VA. With John, B. E., Lewis, R. L., Matessa, M., Remington, R., Vera, A. April, 2003.
- Learning in ACT-R: Chunking Revisited. Symposium on Advances in Cognitive Architectures, *Stanford University*, March, 2003.
- Parsing as Working Memory Retrieval. Department of Cognitive Science, *Johns Hopkins University*, February, 2003.
- 2002 Parsing as Memory Retrieval. TEAP-2002 Tagung Experimental Arbeitender Psychologen, *Chemnitz*, special session on Dynamical Models of Language Processing, March, 2002.
- Parsing as Memory Retrieval. Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, *University of Pennsylvania*, March, 2002.
- 2001 Toward Detailed Models of Sentence Processing Constrained by ERP Data. Workshop on Analyzing and Modelling Event-Related Brain Potentials: Cognitive and Neural Approaches, *Potsdam University*, Germany, November, 2001.
- Does the Mind Need a Bottleneck? Toward a functional analysis of bottlenecks, executive processes, and control structure. *NASA Ames Research Center*, Cognitive Group, November, 2001.
- ACT-R and Language Processing: Opportunities, Challenges, and the Linguistic Killer Bees. *ACT-R Post-Graduate Summer School*, July, 2001.
- Building a UTC from the top-down: What cognitive architectures might have to offer theories of executive function in cognitive neuroscience. Soar Workshop 21, *University of Michigan*, May, 2001.

- Working Memory for Syntactic Processing: Serial Order Information and Cue-based Retrieval. Department of Psychology, *Michigan State University*, February, 2001.
- 2000 A Theory of Short-Term Memory Retrieval in Sentence Processing. Institute of Cognitive Science, *University of Louisiana at Lafayette*, October, 2000.
- Sentence Processing as Memory Retrieval: A Computational Model of Race-based Parsing in a Limited Working Memory. Language Technologies Institute, School of Computer Science, *Carnegie Mellon University*, February, 2000.
- A Theory of Short-Term Memory Retrieval in Sentence Processing. Department of Psychology, *Carnegie Mellon University*, February, 2000.
- Sentence Processing as Memory Retrieval: A Computational Model of Race-based Parsing in a Limited Working Memory. Department of Psychology, *University of Michigan*, February, 2000.
- A Theory of Short-Term Memory Retrieval in Sentence Processing. Department of Psychology, *University of Michigan*, February, 2000.
- 1999 In Search of Fully Lexical Parsing. Department of Psychology, *Potsdam University*, December, 1999.
- Determinants of Processing Complexity in Japanese: New Theory and Data. (with Mineharu Nakayama) *International East Asian Psycholinguistics Workshop*, *Ohio State University*, July, 1999.
- Computational and Psychological Foundations of Sentence Processing. Seminar at Departments of Psychology and Linguistics, *Potsdam University*, June, 1999.
- What Will It Take to Determine Whether Human Parsing is Serial or Parallel? *The CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*, New York City, March, 1999.
- 1998 Sentence Comprehension with Limited Working Resources: Cognitive and Computational Foundations. Department of Psychology, *Carnegie Mellon University*, December 9, 1998.
- Limited Repair Parsing. *Workshop on Reanalysis in Sentence Processing*, New Brunswick, NJ, March 18, 1998.
- 1997 Interference in Working Memory: The Magical Number Two or Three in Sentence Comprehension. Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science Center, *Hong Kong University*, November 26, 1997.
- A Soar Perspective on Working Memory. (With Richard Young) *Symposium on Models of Working Memory*, *University of Colorado, Boulder*, July 10, 1997.
- Interference in Working Memory: The Magical Number Two in Sentence Processing. *Symposium for Computational and Neural Bases of Language*, *University of Michigan Psychology Department*, Ann Arbor, May 16, 1997.
- 1996 Computational Architectures for Human Sentence Processing. Seminar course presented at the Institute for Computer Science and Social Research, *University of Freiburg*, Germany, December 17–19, 1996.
- Identifying Cognitive Architectures and Their Programs. Department of Psychology, *University of Freiburg*, Germany, December 18, 1996.
- Uncovering the Architecture of Sentence Comprehension: Powerful Processing with Limited Working Memory. Department of Computational Linguistics, *University of the Saarland*, Germany, December 16, 1996.
- An introduction to the Soar cognitive architecture. Institute for Artificial Intelligence, *University of the Saarland*, Germany, December 16, 1996.

- Uncovering the Architecture of Sentence Comprehension: Powerful Processing with Limited Working Memory. Center for Cognitive Science, *University of Freiburg*, Germany, December 17, 1996.
- Uncovering the Architecture of Sentence Comprehension: Powerful Processing with Limited Working Memory. Department of Psychology, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, November 13, 1996.
- Architectural requirements for intelligence and language processing: A Soar-based perspective. *Conference on Intelligent systems: A Semiotic Perspective, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)*, Gaithersburg, MD, October 20–23, 1996.
- A Theory of the Architecture of Sentence Comprehension. Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, February 20, 1996.
- 1995 Interference in Short-term Memory: The Magical Number Two in Sentence Processing. Interdisciplinary Center for Cognitive Studies, *University of Potsdam*, Germany, October 14, 1995.
- Identifying Cognitive Architecture. Interdisciplinary Center for Cognitive Studies, *University of Potsdam*, Germany, October 13, 1995.
- A Theory of the Architecture of Sentence Comprehension. *Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science*, New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 25, 1995.
- A Theory of the Architecture of Sentence Processing. Departments of Psychology and Linguistics, *University of Massachusetts*, Amherst, April 17, 1995.
- Simple Destructive Repair: A Theory of Revision in Parsing. Department of Linguistics, *City University of New York*, April 5, 1995.
- 1994 Building psychological theories with cognitive architectures. Cognitive Architectures Workshop, Interdisciplinary Center for Cognitive Studies, *University of Potsdam*, Germany, July 8–11, 1994.
- 1993 An Architecturally-based Theory of Human Sentence Comprehension. Plenary Symposium in Honor of Allen Newell, *Fifteenth Cognitive Science Conference*, Boulder, Colorado, June 19, 1993.
- An Architecturally-based Theory of Human Sentence Comprehension. The Cognitive Science Laboratory, *Princeton University*, March 29, 1993.
- 1992 Architecture Matters. *The Mind Matters Symposium in Honor of Allen Newell*, *Carnegie Mellon University*, Pittsburgh, October 26, 1992.
- 1991 Language Comprehension in a Continuously Learning Integrated Architecture. Computer Science Department, *University of Central Florida*, Orlando, June 24, 1991.
- NL-Soar as a Cognitive Model. *Fourth European Workshop on Soar*, *Twente University*, Enschede, The Netherlands, January, 1991.
- 1989 NL-Soar: Language Comprehension in Soar. *European Soar Workshop and Tutorial*, *The University of Groningen*, The Netherlands, June 19, 1989.

Conference presentations (not listed above in publications)

- 2012 Shvartsman, M., Lewis, R. L. and Singh, S. (March 2012) *The Adaptive Nature of Eye-movement Control in Linguistics Tasks*. In *Proceedings of the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. New York, NY.
- 2011 Patil, U., Vasishth, S. and Lewis, R. L. (March 2011) *Early retrieval interference in syntax-guided antecedent search*. In *Proceedings of the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. Stanford, CA.

- Shvartsman, M., Lewis, R. L., Singh, S., Smith, M. & Bartek, B. (March 2011). *Predicting Task Performance from Individual Variation in Eye-Movement Control Strategies*. In *Proceedings of the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. Stanford, CA.
- 2010 Lewis, R. L. and Badecker, W. (March 2010). *Short-term memory in Sentence Production and its Adaptive Control*. In *Proceedings of the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. New York, NY.
- Bartek, B., Lewis, R. L. and Vasishth, S. (March 2010). *Distinguishing Effects of Expectation and Integration in Non-local Dependencies*. In *Proceedings of the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. New York, NY.
- Strohmingner, N., Lewis, R.L. and Meyer D.E. (January 2010). *The Politics of Purity*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2009 Strohmingner, N., Lewis, R. L., and Meyer D.E. (February 2009). *What Would Seinfeld Do? Divergent effects of different positive emotions on moral judgment*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Tampa, FL.
- 2008 Strohmingner, N., Lewis, R.L., and Meyer D.E. (June 2008). *The Differential Effect of Positive Social Emotions on Moral Decisions: An eyetracking study*. Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Strohmingner, N., Lewis, R.L., and Meyer D.E. (July 2008). *Positive Emotions and Moral Decisions*. Cognitive Science Institute: Minds and Societies, Montreal, Canada.
- 2007 Bartek, B., Lewis, R. L., Vasishth, S., and Smith, M. (2007). *Linking Working Memory with SPR and Eyetracking Measures*. In *Proceedings of the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. San Diego, CA.
- Fernandez-Salgueiro, G., Chen, L. Lewis, R. L., and Epstein, S. (2007). *The When and How of Positing Null Subjects (pro): The Timing and Surprising Interaction of Syntactic and Semantic Constraints*. In *Proceedings of the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. San Diego, CA.
- Badecker, W. and Lewis, R. L. (2007) *A New Theory and Computational Model of Working Memory in Sentence Production: Agreement Errors as Failures of Cue-based Retrieval*. In *Proceedings of the CUNY Sentence Processing Conference*. San Diego, CA.
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