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Research experience

2026 – Present	Associate Research Professor, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
2024 – Present	Director, Brain Imaging Research Core, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
2024 – Present	Research Scientist, Nathan Klein Institute, New York, USA
2023 – Present	Associate Research Scientist, Yale University, New Haven, USA
2019 – 2023	Postdoctoral researcher, Haskins Laboratories, New Haven, USA
2013 – 2014	Research assistant at Christian Albrechts University, Kiel, Germany

Academic education

2019	Ph.D Neuroscience, Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany
2014	Master of Science, Christian Albrecht University, Kiel, Germany
2010	Bachelor of Engineering, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

Research Grants, fellowships, and academic awards

2027 - 2030	Funding Source: Canadian Inst. of Health Research Total: CAD \$1,198,740 Role: Collaborator (MPIs, Submitting PI: Christopher Pack) Title: <i>Rescuing visual function in the developing brain with AI- and neuroscience-guided perceptual learning.</i>
2026 - 2029	Funding Source: NSF Total: \$603,343 Role: PI Title: <i>MRI (Track 1): Acquisition of ultra-low field portable Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner – Hyperfine Swoop.</i>
2026 - 2030	Funding Source: Elisabeth C. Deluca Foundation Inc. Total: \$5,450,000 Role: Collaborator (PI: Fumiko Hoeft) Title: <i>Improving student Success at UConn Waterbury.</i>
2024 - 2026	Funding Source: Dysphonia International Total: \$53,500 Role: PI Title: <i>Network-targeted transcranial direct current stimulation as a treatment for laryngeal dystonia (Phase II).</i>

2022 - 2027	Funding Source: NIH (R37) Role: Co-I (PI: Ken Pugh) Title: <i>Tracking neurocognitive changes during evidence-based reading instruction in typically and atypically developing children.</i>	Total: \$2,977,320
2022 - 2024	Funding Source: Oberkotter Foundation Role: Co-I (PI: Vincent L. Gracco) Title: <i>Identification of the brain and behavior changes post cochlear implantation to predict early developmental milestones in speech and language as a precursor to the development of literacy.</i>	Total: \$1,575,570
2022 - 2023	Funding Source: National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association Role: Co-I (PI: Vincent L. Gracco) Title: <i>Network-targeted transcranial direct current stimulation as a treatment for laryngeal dystonia (Phase I).</i>	Total: \$50,000
2021 - 2022	Funding Source: Abbott (St. Jude) Role: Co-I (PI - Muthuraman Muthuraman) Title: <i>Quantification of falls and rigidity and their interrelation to disease state and symptoms modulation through deep brain stimulation.</i>	Total: €80,000
2018	Editor's choice article of the issue in Brain: A journal of neurology <i>"Cerebello-cortical network fingerprints differ between essential, Parkinson's and mimicked tremors"</i>	
2015 - 2019	Funding Source: German research foundation (DFG) [Focus Program Translational Neurosciences Research Fellowship, €1480/month for 4 years]	Total: €71,040
2015 - 2019	Funding Source: German research foundation (DFG) [Travel Grant and Research expenses, €5000/year for 4 years]	Total: €20,000
2014	Student Merit Scholarship, Christian Albrecht University, Kiel, Germany 2000 Euros	
2006	Student Merit Scholarship, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal 64000 NPR	

Research Interest and Projects

Since 2022	Impact of Cochlear implant and deafness in brain structure of adults [Collaboration: Dr. Vincent Gracco, Yale University, USA; Dr. Ken Pugh, University of Connecticut, USA; Dr. Nofrat Schwartz, Yale School of Medicine, USA]
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Since 2022	Neuromodulation for the treatment of laryngeal dystonia [Collaboration: <i>Dysphonia international, USA; Dr. Vincent Gracco, Yale University, USA</i>]
Since 2020	Impact of Cochlear implant in brain structure in infants and children [Collaboration: <i>Dr. Vincent Gracco, Yale University, USA; Dr. Mikael Deroche, Concordia University, Canada; Dr. Kyle Simmons, Oklahoma State University, USA; Dr. Rene Gifford, Vanderbilt University, USA</i>]
Since 2020	Automatic movement detection in dystonia patients using computer vision and machine learning algorithms [Collaboration: <i>Dr. Hyder Jinnah, Emory University, USA; Dr. David Peterson, University of California San Diego, USA; Dr. Ajad Chhatkuli, ETH Zurich, Switzerland; Dr. Bishesh Khanal, NAAMI, Kathmandu, Nepal</i>]
Since 2020	Neural Correlates of Stuttering and its subtypes [Collaboration: <i>Dr. Michael Milham, Child Mind Institute, USA; Dr. Suok Jun Hong, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea; Dr. Vincent Gracco, Yale University, USA</i>]
Since 2019	Imaging genetics in children with specific reading disability [Collaboration: <i>Dr. Nicole Landi, University of Connecticut & Yale University, USA and Dr. Elena Grigorenko, University of Houston, USA</i>]
Since 2018	Structural brain network characterization and modulation in Migraine patients [Collaboration: <i>Dr. Lars Michels, University of Zurich, Switzerland</i>]
Since 2015	Neuroimaging brain network markers for neurodegenerative and neuroinflammatory diseases [Collaboration: <i>Dr. Muthuraman Muthuraman, University of Wurzburg & University of Augsburg, Germany; Dr. Gertrud Tamas, Semmelweis University, Hungary</i>]

Scientific Publications

(Publication Access: [Google Scholar Profile](#), Citations: >1500, h-index: 22 as of September 2026)

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Peer reviewed published articles (Descending chronological order)

54. Ali S, Ren J, Rohner R, **Koirala N**, Britner P (2026) *Parental Acceptance-Rejection and Brain Network Connectivity: A Naturalistic Neuroimaging Study*. Neuropsychologia.

53. Mahaffy K, **Koirala N**, Kleinman D, et al. (2026) *Structural brain correlates of poor reading comprehension*. Neurobiology of Language.
52. Yoo T, Burland J, **Koirala N**, et al. (2026) *A neurophysiological model of patellofemoral pain: the role of cortical and spinal mechanisms - A theoretical model*. Medical Hypotheses.
51. **Koirala N**, Bange M, Shukla A, et al. (2025) *Advancements in invasive and non-invasive neuromodulation for Parkinson's disease: current findings and future directions*. npj Parkinson's Disease.
50. Anjum T, Raethjen J, Ding H, **Koirala N**, et al. (2025) *Central pathophysiology and brain network changes related to camptocormia in Parkinson's disease*. Movement Disorders.
49. **Koirala N**, Adhikari S.R, Adhikari M, et al. (2025) *Assistive artificial intelligence in epilepsy and its impact on epilepsy care in low-and middle-income countries*. Brain Sciences.
48. Villa M, **Koirala N**, Perdue MV, et al. (2025) *How does SES influence the brain circuitry for literacy? Modeling the association between SES, oral language, white matter integrity, and reading*. Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience.
47. Cheek C, Dobrynin P, Khafizova G, **Koirala N**, et al. (2025) *Neuroimaging genetics and developmental psychopathology: A systematic review*. Development and Psychopathology.
46. Asadi A, **Koirala N**, Muthuraman M. (2025) *Navigating neural pathways: how stimulation polarity shapes deep brain stimulation efficacy*. Brain Communications.
45. **Koirala N**, Manning J, Neumann S, et al. (2025) *The Neural Characteristics Influencing Literacy Outcome in Children with Cochlear Implants*. Brain Communications.
44. Deroche MLD, Wolfe J, Neumann S, et al. (2024) *Cross-modal plasticity in children with cochlear implant: converging evidence from EEG and functional near-infrared spectroscopy*. Brain Communications.
43. Dimova V, Welte-Jzyk C, Kronfeld A, et al. (2024) *Brain Connectivity networks underlying resting state heart rate variability in acute ischemic stroke*. Neuroimage: Clinical.
42. **Koirala N**, Hossen A, Ioannis U, Volkmann J, et al. (2024) *Assistive techniques and their added value for tremor classification in multiple sclerosis*. Neural Regeneration Research.
41. Alemi R, Wolfe J, Neumann S, et al. (2024) *Motor Processing in Children with Cochlear Implants as Assessed by Functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy*. Perceptual and Motor Skills.
40. Alemi R, Wolfe J, Neumann S, et al. (2023) *Audiovisual integration in children with cochlear implants revealed through EEG and fNIRS*. Brain Research Bulletin.

39. **Koirala N**, Deroche M. LD, Wolfe J, Neumann S, et al. (2023) *Dynamic networks differentiate the language ability of children with cochlear implants*. *Frontiers in Neuroscience*.
38. Deroche M. LD, Wolfe J, Neumann S, Manning J, et al. (2023) *Auditory evoked response to an oddball paradigm in children wearing cochlear implants*. *Clinical Neurophysiology*.
37. Gonzalez-Escamilla G[§], Chirumamilla V.C[§], **Koirala N[§]**, Anwar A.R, Tüscher O, et al. (2023) *Community driven causality of the dynamic oscillatory network responses during threat processing*. *Brain Communications*. (§ - Shared First Author).
36. Bahr-Hamm K, **Koirala N**, Hanif M, Gouveris H, Muthuraman M. (2023) *Sensorimotor Cortical Activity during Respiratory Arousals in Obstructive Sleep Apnea*. *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*.
35. Hossen A, Anwar A.R, **Koirala N**, et al. (2022) *Machine learning aided classification of tremor in Multiple Sclerosis*. *eBioMedicine*.
34. Malatantis-Ewert S, Bahr K, Huppertz T, ding H, **Koirala N**, et al. (2022) *Arousal features on polysomnography predict excessive daytime sleepiness in patients with obstructive sleep apnea*. *Frontiers in Physiology*.
33. Gouveris H[§], **Koirala N[§]**, Anwar A.R, Ding H, Bahr K, et al. (2022) *Reduced cross-frequency coupling and daytime sleepiness in sleep apnea patients*. *Biology*. (§ – Shared First Author).
32. Bitar L, Uphaus T, Thalman C, Muthuraman M. et al. (2022) *Inhibition of the enzyme autotaxin reduces cortical excitability and ameliorates the outcome in stroke*. *Science Translational Medicine*.
31. Gracco V.L, Sares A.G, **Koirala N**. (2022) *Structural brain network topological alterations in stuttering adults*. *Brain Communications*.
30. Gonzalez-Escamilla G, **Koirala N**, Bange M, Glaser M, Pintea B, et al. (2022) *Deciphering the network effects of deep brain stimulation in Parkinson's disease*. *Neurology and Therapy*.
29. **Koirala N**, Kleinman D, Perdue M.V, Su X, Villa M, et al. (2021) *Widespread effect of dMRI data quality on diffusion measures in children*. *Human Brain Mapping*
28. Muthuraman M, Palotai M, Jávör-Duray B, Kelemen A, **Koirala N**, et al. (2021) *Frequency-specific network activity predicts bradykinesia severity in Parkinson's disease*. *Neuroimage Clinical*
27. **Koirala N**, Perdue M.V, Su X, Grigorenko E.L, Landi N. (2021) *Neurite density and arborization is associated with reading skill and phonological processing in children*. *NeuroImage*
26. Lars M[§], **Koirala N[§]**, Groppa S, Luechinger R, Gantenbein AR, et al. (2021) *Structural brain network characteristics in patients with episodic and chronic migraine*. *The journal of headache and pain* (§ - Shared First Author).

25. Cerina M, Muthuraman M, Gallus M, **Koirala N**, Dik A, et al. (2020) *Myelination-and immune-mediated MR-based brain network correlates*. Journal of neuroinflammation.
24. **Koirala N**, Serrano L, Paschen S, Falk Daniela, Anwar AR, et al. (2020) *Mapping of subthalamic nucleus using microelectrode recordings during deep brain stimulation*. Scientific reports.
23. Muthuraman M, Bange M, **Koirala N**, Ciolac D, Pintea B, et al. (2020) *Cross-frequency coupling between gamma oscillations and deep brain stimulation frequency in Parkinson's disease*. Brain: a journal of neurology.
22. Muthuraman M, Fleischer V, Kroth J, Ciolac D, Radetz A, **Koirala N**, et al. (2020) *Covarying patterns of white matter lesions and cortical atrophy predict progression in early MS*. Neurology, Neuroimmunology & Neuroinflammation.
21. Radetz A, **Koirala N**, Krämer J, Johnen A, Fleischer V, et al. (2020) *Gray matter integrity predicts white matter network reorganization in multiple sclerosis*. Human Brain Mapping.
20. Michels L, Villanueva J, O’Gorman R, Muthuraman M, **Koirala N**, et al. (2019). *Interictal hyperperfusion in the higher visual cortex in patients with episodic migraine*. Headache – The journal of head and face pain.
19. Chirumamilla V.C, Dresel C, **Koirala N**, Gonzalez-Escamilla G, Deuschl G, et al. (2019). *Structural brain network fingerprints of focal dystonia*. Therapeutic Advances in Neurological Disorders.
18. **Koirala N**, Anwar AR, Ciolac D, Glaser M, Pintea B, et al. (2019). *Alterations in White Matter Network and Microstructural Integrity Differentiate Parkinson's Disease Patients and Healthy Subjects*. Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience.
17. Fleischer V[§], **Koirala N[§]**, Droby A, Gracien R, Deichmann R, et al. (2019). *Longitudinal cortical network reorganization in early relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis*. Therapeutic Advances in Neurological Disorders. (**§ - Equal contribution**).
16. Ciolac D, Luessi F, Gonzalez-Escamilla G, **Koirala N**, Riedel C, et al. (2019). *Selective Brain Network and Cellular Responses Upon Dimethyl Fumarate Immunomodulation in Multiple Sclerosis*. Frontiers in Immunology.
15. Gonzalez-Escamilla G, Muthuraman M, Reich M, **Koirala N**, Riedel, et al. (2019). *Cortical network fingerprints predict deep brain stimulation outcome in dystonia*. Movement disorders.
14. Chiosa V, Ciolac D, Groppa St, **Koirala N**, Pintea B, et al. (2019). *Large-scale network architecture and associated structural cortico-subcortical abnormalities in patients with sleep/awake-related seizures*. Sleep – The journal of sleep research society.

13. Chirumamilla V.C, Gonzalez-Escamilla G, **Koirala N**, Bonertz T, Grothus S, et al. (2019). *Cortical Excitability Dynamics During Fear Processing*. Frontiers in Neuroscience.
12. Muthuraman M, Raethjen J, **Koirala N**, Anwar A, Mideksa K, et al. (2018). *Cerebello-cortical network fingerprints differ among essential, Parkinson and mimicked tremors*. Brain: a journal of neurology.
11. Muthuraman M[§], **Koirala N**[§], Ciolac D, Pintea B, Glaser M, et al. (2018). *Deep Brain Stimulation and L-DOPA Therapy: Concepts of Action and Clinical Applications in Parkinson's disease*. Frontiers in Neurology. (§ - Shared First Author).
10. **Koirala N**, Fleischer V, Glaser M, Zeuner KE, Deuschl G, et al. (2017). *Frontal Lobe Connectivity and Network Community Characteristics are Associated with the Outcome of Subthalamic Nucleus Deep Brain Stimulation in Patients with Parkinson's Disease*. Brain Topography.
9. Muthuraman M, Deuschl G, **Koirala N**, Riedel C, Volkmann J, et al. (2017). *Effects of DBS in parkinsonian patients depend on the structural integrity of frontal cortex*. Scientific Reports.
8. Chirumamilla VC, **Koirala N**, Groppa S. (2017). *Combining transcranial magnetic stimulation and subdural electrodes for pain modulation*. Clinical Neurophysiology.
7. Kroth J, Ciolac D, Fleischer V, **Koirala N**, Kramer J, et al. (2017). *Increased cerebrospinal fluid albumin and immunoglobulin A fractions forecast cortical atrophy and longitudinal functional deterioration in relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis*. Multiple Sclerosis Journal.
6. Chiosa V, Groppa SA, Ciolac D, **Koirala N**, Misina L, et al. (2017). *Breakdown of Thalamo-Cortical Connectivity Precedes Spike Generation in Focal Epilepsies*. Brain Connectivity.
5. **Koirala N**, Fleischer V, Granert O, Deuschl G, Muthuraman M, et al. (2016). *Network effects and pathways in Deep brain stimulation in Parkinson's disease*. Conference proceedings: IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society.
4. Fleischer V, Groger A, **Koirala N**, Droby A, Muthuraman M, et al. (2016). *Increased structural white and grey matter network connectivity compensates for functional decline in early multiple sclerosis*. Multiple Sclerosis Journal.
3. Alexandru H, Muthuraman M, Chirumamilla V.C, **Koirala N**, Paktas B, et al. (2016). *Grey Matter Microstructural Integrity Alterations in Blepharospasm Are Partially Reversed by Botulinum Neurotoxin Therapy*. PLoS One.
2. Chirumamilla V.C, **Koirala N**, Mideksa KG, Anwar AR, Schmidt G, et al. (2015). *Testing the effects of pre-processing on voxel-based morphometry analysis*. Conference proceedings: IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society.

1. **Koirala N**, Muthuraman M, Anjum T, Chaitanya CV, Helmolt VF, et al. (2015). *Differentiating tremor patients using spiral analyses*. Conference proceedings: IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society.

Professional academic experience

Since 2020	Official member of communication committee and blog contributor for Organization for human brain mapping (OHBM)
Since 2020	Member - Organization for human brain mapping (OHBM); Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL)
Since 2025	Associate Editor, Nature partner journals (npj) Parkinson's Disease
Until 2025	Ad hoc Reviewer - Neuroimage Nature partner journals (npj) Parkinson's Disease PLOS One Aperture Neuro Brain and Language Neurobiology of Language Journal of Fluency disorder Hearing Research Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools (ASHA) Neurobiology of Aging Human brain mapping Brain Sciences Journal of Neural Engineering Frontiers in aging Neuroscience Electronics: Circuit and Signal Processing Entropy Mind, Brain and Education Frontiers in Human Neuroscience Computers in Biology and Medicine Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine Frontiers in Neurology: (Movement disorders Neurorehabilitation Neurotechnology) New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development

Teaching experiences

Since 2024	Courses offered at University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA • Cognitive Science Undergraduate Research (PSYC 3889) • Cognitive Science Independent Study (PSYC 3899) • Senior Thesis in Cognitive Science (PSYC 4197W)
2026	Guest Lecture on “Methods in <i>fMRI</i> ”, Department of Neuroscience, University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT, USA (Invited by Prof. Dr. Andres Grosmark and Prof. Dr. Timothy Spellman)
2025	Guest Lecture on “ <i>Advances in neuroimaging methods for understanding hearing related disorders</i> ”, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA (Invited by Prof. Dr. Erika Skoe)
2024	Guest Lecture on “ <i>Introduction to Network Neuroscience</i> ”, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA (Invited by Prof. Dr. Nicole Landi)

2023	Guest Lecture on “ <i>Basics of neuroimaging methods for understanding speech and hearing related disorders</i> ”, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA (Invited by Prof. Dr. Erika Skoe)
2023	Guest Lecture on “ <i>White matter imaging methods for understanding cognition and studying development in humans</i> ”, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA (Invited by Prof. Dr. Nicole Landi)
2022	1-day Workshop on “ <i>Diffusion weighted Images: Data Processing and analyses</i> ”, Brain Imaging Research Center, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
2022	1-day Workshop on “ <i>Diffusion weighted Images: Principles and Data Acquisitions</i> ”, Brain Imaging Research Center, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
2022	Guest Lecture on “ <i>Latest findings using Neuroimaging data on the phonological theory of Developmental Dyslexia</i> ”, Department of Brain and Behavioral Sciences, University of Pavia, Piazza Botta, Italy (Invited by Prof. Dr. Sara Mascheretti)
2021	1-day Workshop on “ <i>Diffusion weighted Images: Data Processing and analyses</i> ”, Brain Imaging Research Center, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
2021	1-day Workshop on “ <i>Diffusion weighted Images: Principles and Data Acquisitions</i> ”, Brain Imaging Research Center, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA
2020	Weekly course on “ <i>MRI: from basics to advance analytical techniques</i> ”, Haskins Laboratories, Yale University; LandiLab, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA.
2020	1-day Seminar for Graduate students on “ <i>Neuroimaging and its application</i> ”, Connecticut Institute for Brain & cognitive sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA.
2020	8 weeks course completed in <i>Advancing Learning Through Evidence-Based Teaching</i> , with distinction at the Center for the Integration of Research Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) network Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).
2020	Certificate of college teaching preparation (CCTP) for postdocs, Yale center for teaching and learning, New Haven, USA.
2018	1-day Computational Workshop on “ <i>Machine Learning and neuroimaging analysis</i> ”, Johannes Gutenberg university, Mainz, Germany.
2018	1-day Workshop on “ <i>MRI connectivity analysis</i> ”, Johannes Gutenberg university, Mainz, Germany.
2017 - 2020	Teaching Assistant “ <i>Medical Signal Processing - Time frequency analysis</i> ” - Prof. Dr. Muthuraman Muthuraman at University of Kiel, Germany.

Invited Colloquia and Talks

- 2026 **Koirala N** & Wolfe J. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA - *“Enhancing Speech, Language, and Reading Outcomes in Children with Cochlear Implants: A Neurodevelopmental Perspective”*. **Selected as Meritorious Session.**
- 2026 **Koirala N.** Biomedical Research, Innovation and Imaging Center - Seminar series, New York Institute of Technology, New York, USA - *“Neural network Perturbations: Mechanism and Treatment”*.
- 2025 **Koirala N.** Yale MRRC Neuroscience Seminar Series, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA - *“Neural characteristics influencing language and literacy outcomes in children with cochlear implant”*.
- 2025 Snyder W, Luthra S, **Koirala N**, Hancock R. 17th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition conference (GALA), Tours, France - *“Passives, Raisings and the Experiencer Externalization Hypothesis.”*.
- 2025 **Koirala N.** Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL), 17th Annual Meeting, Washington D.C, USA - *“Neural characteristics influencing language and literacy outcomes in children with cochlear implant.”*.
- 2025 **Koirala N.** Institute of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA - *“Network level neural perturbation and possible treatment options in neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders”*.
- 2025 **Koirala, N.**, Gifford, RH., Simmons KW., Gracco, VL. American Cochlear Implant Alliance (ACIA), Boston, USA. *“HOPING Registry: Investigating Neural Trajectories and Environmental Impact in the Deaf Connectome”*.
- 2025 **Koirala, N.**, Pugh, K., Gifford, RH., Gracco VL. American Cochlear Implant Alliance (ACIA), Boston, USA. *“Reading Code Utilization and Its Association to Neural Connectivity In Children With Cochlear Implants”*.
- 2024 **Koirala N.** Haskins Global Literacy Hub talk series, Storrs, USA - *“Network level neural perturbation and possible treatment options in neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders”*.
- 2024 **Koirala N.** Neuroscience Speaker Series, Augusta University, Georgia, USA - *“Network level neural perturbation and possible treatment options in neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders”*.
- 2024 **Koirala N.** C-BIN Science Series, Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, New York, USA - *“Network level neural perturbation and possible treatment options in neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders”*.
- 2023 **Koirala, N.**, Deroche, M., Wolfe, J., Neumann, S., Muthuraman, M., Gracco, VL. American Cochlear Implant Alliance, Dallas, Texas, USA. *“The Neural characteristics of Good and Poor Reading Skill in Children with Cochlear Implants”*.

- 2023 **Koirala, N.**, Deroche, M., Wolfe, J., Neumann, S., Muthuraman, M., Gracco, VL. American Cochlear Implant Alliance, Dallas, Texas, USA. “*Functional Neuroimaging of Brain activity of young children with Cochlear Implants*”.
- 2022 **Koirala, N.**, Deroche, M., Wolfe, J., Neumann, S., Muthuraman, M., Gracco, VL. American Cochlear Implant Alliance, Washington, DC, USA. “*Neuroimaging resting state markers in children who have cochlear implants and disparate language outcomes*”.
- 2021 Gracco VL, Sares A, **Koirala N.** 12th Oxford Dysfluency Conference, Oxford, UK (virtual) – “*Structural brain network topological alterations in stuttering adults*”.
- 2020 **Koirala N.** Connecticut Institute for Brain & cognitive sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA – “*Imaging Genetics in Specific reading disability*”.
- 2019 **Koirala N.** Haskins Laboratories talk series, New Haven, USA – “*Structural network characteristics in Parkinson’s disease patients*”.
- 2018 **Koirala N.** Introductory course on methods for designing and analyzing human MRI studies, Mainz, Germany – “*Network analysis in human brain*”.
- 2017 **Koirala N.** FTN retreat, Mainz, Germany – “*Structural network architecture predicts the clinical outcome of deep brain stimulation in Parkinson’s disease patients*”.
- 2016 **Koirala N.** 1st Seminar on invasive and non-invasive neurostimulation methods, Mainz, Germany – “*Network effects in deep brain stimulation*”.
- 2016 **Koirala N.**, V Fleischer, O Granert, G Deuschl, M Muthuraman, S Groppa. 38th Annual international conference of Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, Florida, USA – “*Network effect and pathways in deep brain stimulation in Parkinson’s disease*”.

Poster presentations

- 2026 Golmohammadi M, Bajracharya A, Venegas G, Tiede M, Gracco VL, **Koirala N.** American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. “*Multi-session network-targeted tDCS in Laryngeal Dystonia: A pilot study*”.
- 2026 Schneider D, Vandermosten M, Xia Z, **Koirala N.**, Keller A, Bouhali F, Hoeft F. Flux: The Society for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, La Jolla, California, USA. “*Crossed Wires: Exploratory Findings of Opposite-Signed Associations Between White Matter Integrity and Reading Achievement in School-Age Boys and Girls*”.
- 2026 Ohanyan A, Davinson K, **Koirala N.** Frontiers in Undergraduate Research exhibition, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. “*Effect of HD-tDCS on Resting-State Alpha Oscillations in Laryngeal Dystonia*”.

- 2026 Agyemang J, Vitucci K, Mercado Diaz L, Davidson K, **Koirala N**. Frontiers in Undergraduate Research exhibition, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. “High Density *Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS): A Non-Invasive Approach to Modulate Brain Activity*”.
- 2026 Win P, Davinson K, Robinson H, **Koirala N**. Frontiers in Undergraduate Research exhibition, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. “*A Window into the Brain: Understanding substance use disorder using fMRP*”.
- 2025 Carvalho B, Mahaffy K, **Koirala N**, Landi N. 28th Annual Neuroscience at Storrs, University of Connecticut. “*Development of white matter: reading associations*”.
- 2025 Smith B, Mahaffy K, **Koirala N**. Northeast Under/graduate Research Organization for Neuroscience (NEURON), Quinnipiac University, Connecticut. “*Investigating the Use of Weighted Blankets as a Low-Cost Intervention to Reduce Head Motion in Adolescent MRP*”.
- 2025 Betrand C, Mechtenberg H, Mahaffy K, **Koirala N**. Frontiers in Undergraduate Research exhibition, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. “*Neural Correlates of PTSD severity in children and its relation to verbal fluency*”.
- 2025 Smith B, Lee K, Mahaffy K, **Koirala N**. Language Fest, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. “*MRI data quality in sleeping deaf infants*”.
- 2025 Khan M, Mahaffy K, **Koirala N**. Frontiers in Undergraduate Research exhibition, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut. “*Neuroanatomical alterations in structural connectivity in children who stutter*”.
- 2025 Mahaffy K, Chimbili M, **Koirala N**, Landi N. Society of Scientific Study of Reading (SSSR), Calgary, Canada. “*White matter integrity in language related tracks: links to reading comprehension, inattention, and anxiety*”.
- 2025 Villa M, **Koirala N**, Perdue M, Lee AM, Landi N. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS), Boston, USA. “*How does the environment wire the brain for literacy? Modeling the relationship between SES, white matter, oral language, and reading*”.
- 2024 Manning J., Anderson C, **Koirala N**, Neumann S, Deroche M, Wolfe J, Pugh K, Landi N, Muthuraman M, Gracco VL. American Cochlear Implant Alliance, Vancouver, Canada. “*Long term adaption of resting state networks and its impact on literacy outcome in Children with Cochlear Implants*”.
- 2024 Bange M, Ding H, **Koirala N**, Reich M, Wang C, Nasserroleslami B, Deuschl G, Volkmann J, Muthuraman M. International Congress of Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders, Philadelphia, USA – “*Quantification of an upper limb rigidity network in Parkinson’s disease*”.
- 2023 Mulukutla S, Ooi E, Harini S, Zhang Z, Kristina Z, Santini V, **Koirala N**, Pugh K, Noah A, Reed M, Hirsch J. Future of Parkinson’s disease conference, Austin, USA – “*Protocol Design: Investigation into Meditation-Induced Neuromodulation for Parkinson’s disease (PD)*”.

- 2023 **Koirala N**, Hooker A, Villa M, Mahaffy K, Mascheretti S, Perdue MV, Grigorenko EL, Landi N. Organization of Human Brain Mapping, Montreal, Canada – *“Structural covariance network identifies FoxP2 gene allele-specific variations and its association to reading and language”*.
- 2023 Villa M, **Koirala N**, Perdue MV, Martin-Branum L, Landi N. International workshop on Reading and Developmental Dyslexia, San Sebastian, Spain – *“Does white matter integrity mediate the relationship between SES and reading skills?”*.
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- 2022 Sirisoukh, Mahaffy K, Villa M, **Koirala N**, Landi N. Science Slam, University of Connecticut, Storrs, USA – *“Bilingualism: Is there a structural advantage?”*.
- 2020 **Koirala N**, Perdue MV, Su X, Grigorenko EL, Landi N. Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL), 12th meeting, Philadelphia, USA (Virtual) – *“Neurite orientation dispersion is associated with reading skills”*.
- 2020 **Koirala N**, Kleinman D, Perdue MV, Su X, Villa M, Grigorenko EL, Landi N. Organization for Human brain mapping (OHBM) conference, Montreal, Canada (Virtual) – *“Effect of dMRI data quality on diffusion measures in children”*.
- 2019 **Koirala N**, Perdue MV, Su X, Grigorenko EL, Landi N. Florida learning disabilities research center (FLDRC) annual meeting, Florida, USA – *“Quantifying imaging quality for Multi-Center Data Analysis”*.
- 2019 **Koirala N**, Serrano L, Paschen S, Anwar AR, Kuravi P, Deuschl G, Groppa S, Muthuraman M. German congress for Parkinson und Movement disorders (DPG), Düsseldorf, Germany – *“Mapping of subthalamic nucleus using microelectrode recordings during deep brain stimulation”*.
- 2019 Michels L, **Koirala N**, Groppa S, Luechinger R, Riederer F, Gantenbein AR, Sandor PS, Kollias S, Muthuraman M. International Headache Congress (IHC), Dublin, Ireland – *“Structural brain network characteristics in migraine patients”*.
- 2018 **Koirala N**, Fleischer V, Glaser M, Zeuner K, Deuschl G, Volkmann J, Muthuraman M, Groppa S. German society of Neurology (DGN) congress, Berlin, Germany – *“Structural network architecture predicts the clinical outcome of deep brain stimulation in Parkinson's patients”*.

- 2017 **Koirala N**, Radetz A, Muthuraman M, Groppa S. Organization for Human brain mapping (OHBM) conference, Vancouver, Canada – “*Structural network architecture predicts the clinical outcome of deep brain stimulation in Parkinson’s patients*”.
- 2017 **Koirala N**, Muthuraman M, Groppa S. Ernst Strüngmann Institute – Systems Neuroscience Conference (ESIsync), Frankfurt, Germany – “*Network analysis for the prediction of the outcome of subthalamic nucleus deep brain stimulation in patients with Parkinson’s disease*”.
- 2017 **Koirala N**, Deuschl G, Riedel C, Volkmann J, Muthuraman M, Groppa S. Rhein Main Neuroimaging retreat, Hohensolms, Germany – “*Grey matter network and its implications in Parkinson’s patients*”.
- 2016 **Koirala N**, Fleischer V, Groeger A, Muthuraman M, Droby A, Zipp F, Groppa S. Organization for Human brain mapping (OHBM) conference, Geneva, Switzerland – “*Increased structural network connectivity compensates functional decline in early multiple sclerosis*”.
- 2016 Fleischer V, **Koirala N**, Droby A, Gracien R, Deichmann R, Meuth S, Ziemann U, Muthuraman M, Zipp F, Groppa S. 32nd Congress of the European committee for treatment and research in Multiple Sclerosis (ECTRIMS), London, UK – “*Continuous short-term structural network reorganization beyond atrophy in patients with RRMS*”.
- 2016 **Koirala N**, Muthuraman M, Groppa S. FTN retreat, Mainz, Germany – “*Connectivity analysis using community structure in Deep Brain Stimulation for Parkinson’s disease patients*”.
- 2016 **Koirala N**, Muthuraman M, Groppa S. Rhein Main Neuroscience Network seminar, Oberwesel, Germany – “*Connectivity analysis of network targets for deep brain stimulation patients with Parkinson’s disease*”.
- 2015 **Koirala N**, Muthuraman M, Anjum T, Chaitanya CV, Helmolt VF, Mideksa KG, Lange K, Schmidt G, Schneider S, Deuschl G. 37th Annual international conference of Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, Milan, Italy – “*Differentiating tremor patients using spiral analyses*”.

Student supervision

- Takhyun Yoo (Graduate Student) Co-Advisor/PhD committee member, project “A Neurophysiological Model of Patellofemoral Pain: The Role of Cortical and Spinal Mechanisms”, (2026, Ongoing)
- Mina Golmohammadi (Graduate Student) Co-Advisor/PhD committee member, project “The effect of multi-session network-targeted tDCS in Laryngeal Dystonia”, (2026, Ongoing)

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