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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2023-present: Academic Director in Executive Education, Adjunct Professor of Business, **Columbia University**
2023-present: Director, [Advanced Technology and Human Performance](#), *AI in Business* Center, **Columbia University**
2017-2022: Associate Professor, Kellogg School of Management, **Northwestern University**
2013-2017: Assistant Professor, Kellogg School of Management, **Northwestern University**

Visiting Positions and affiliations

2007-present: *Alfred P. Sloan* Professor of Neuroscience and Business, **American Film Institute**
2013-2017: Associate Professor, Institute for Complexity, **Northwestern University**
2018-2019: Visiting Professor, Center for Advanced Hindsight, **Duke University**
2018: Visiting Associate Professor, Smurfit Business School, **University College of Dublin**
2013-2018: Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Neurosurgery, **NorthShore Medical Center**
2016: Visiting Associate Professor, Media Lab, **MIT**
2013: Visiting Assistant Professor, Recanat School of Business, **Tel-Aviv University**
2013: Visiting Assistant Professor, Stern School of Business, **NYU**
2010-2013: Post-doctoral fellow, Stern School of Business, **NYU**
2009-2011: Post-doctoral fellow, Department of Neurosurgery, **UCLA**

EDUCATION

2005-2009: PhD, Neuroscience, **California Institute of Technology**
2001: MA, Philosophy, **Tel-Aviv University**
1998-2000: BSc., Physics, **Tel-Aviv University**

BUSINESS

2024-present: Founder, **R-O.AI**
2022: Expert witness, **Technology company**
2016-present: Host and Co-Curator, **PopTech** (*selected by Forbes as “top 5 conferences in the world” in 2018*)
2013-present: Co-founder, **ThinkAlike**
2016-present: Board member, **X-Trodes, IO, Aladdin Dreamer, Oscillations, EXPLO School, VR Americas**
2017-present: Founder, **B3** (Brain, Behavior, Business)
2016-2018: Presidential Innovation Fellow, **White House USDS/18F**
2016-2017: Brain Trust Member, **Chicago Ideas**
2016-2017: Scientific advisor, **CBS** (“Limitless”, “Bull”)
2016: Scientific advisor, **USA Network** (“Falling Water”, “Mr. Robot”)
2017: Teacher, **Noble Academy High School**
2012: U.S. director, **Israel Brain Technologies (IBT)**
2001-2005: Hacker, **Imperva** (*NASDAQ: IMPV*)
2000: Inventor, **Systematic Inventive Thinking (SIT)**
1995-2000: Hacker, **Check Point** (*NASDAQ: CHKP*)

1995-1998: Intelligence (soldier), **Israeli Defense Forces**

Selected Consulting Projects

Automotive: Ferrari **Learning:** SS&C, China Ministry of Education, **EXPLO Entertainment:** Viacom, Cirque du Soleil, XIX, DreamWorks **Finance:** Scotiabank, TransUnion, Citi, JP Morgan, Balderton, Deutsche Bank **Tech:** Amazon, Cisco, Lyft, AKQA **Policy:** Nuclear Threats Initiative, United States Digital Service **Marketing:** Hershey, Coca Cola, Wrigley, Mane **Research:** Nielsen, Ipsos, Milward Brown, Edelman, R/GA, Conscium **Agriculture:** AGVisorPro **Legal:** Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo **Charity:** Founder’s Pledge, Tablora **Sports:** RedBull

Financial Stakeholder

Blockchain: Kraken **Climate:** Bench, One.Five, Skyfri, Universe Energy, EV Biotech, ecoLocked, Paebbl, Normative, Mellizyme, Climate-X, Cling Systems, Rebel Tech, Plentify **Neuroscience:** X-Trodes, BestFit, Nervanix **Entertainment:** Foundation

AWARDS and GRANTS

2026: JCP Best Paper (*for “What makes people happy?” Journal of Consumer Psychology*)
2024: Azure Grant, **Microsoft** (*with Nervanix*) \$5,000
2024: Bernstein Center Research Grant, **Columbia University** \$4,000
2024: SAGE fellow, **Sage Center for the Study of the Mind** \$5,000
2023: Digital Futures Initiative Grant, **Columbia University** (*with Sandra Matz, Heinrich Peters*) \$80,000
2022: Founder Development Grant, **Microsoft** (*with Nervanix*)
2021: Tamer Center Climate Change and Business Program Grant, **Columbia University**

2021: Most Influential Article in 2020, Academy of Management (for <i>Shane et al., 2020</i>)	\$500,000
2020: Foundation Grant, Carnegie Corporation	\$2,000
2020: Research Seed Funding, Carnegie Corporation (<i>with Nuclear Threats Initiative</i>)	
2020: U7+ Climate Conference Representative, Northwestern University	
2020: Most Cited Article in 2019, Journal of Neurophysiology (for <i>Herero et al., 2019</i>)	\$500
2020: DeepLens Educational Grant, Amazon	\$30,000
2019: Research Innovation Grant, Amazon	
2019: Greatest Strategic Impact, DIA (<i>with BestFit</i>)	\$1,250,000
2019: AI for Accessibility Challenge, Microsoft (<i>with AKQA</i>)	
2019: Consciousness Research Award, Mind, Science Foundation (<i>finalist</i>)	
2018: Consciousness Research Award, Mind, Science Foundation (<i>finalist</i>)	
2018: Chicagoan Award, City of Chicago	
2018: Education Foundation Visiting Professor Program, Association of National Advertisers	
2018: Most Relevant Publications in 2017, NMSBA (for <i>Barnett and Cerf, 2017</i>)	
2017: Distinguished Speaker, Price College of Business, Oklahoma University	
2016: 40 Best Professors Below 40, Poets and Quants	\$40,000
2016: McManus Chair Research Award, Northwestern University	\$10,000
2016: Extraordinary Minds Award, Templeton Foundation	\$1,000
2016: Best Research Proposal, Association for Consumer Research	\$2,000
2016: Institute for Complexity Seed Award, Northwestern University	\$40,000
2015: McManus Chair Research Award, Northwestern University	
2015: Searle Fellow, Northwestern Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching	\$20,000
2015: Equipment Grant, NSF	
2014: Excellence in Research, Northwestern University annual research report	
2014: Thomas A. Edison Marketing Award, Edison Awards (<i>finalist</i>)	\$40,000
2012-2013: Instructional Improvement Grant, UCLA	\$1,100,000
2009-2012: R21 ("The Neural Correlates of Effective Messages"), NIH (<i>supported by the grant</i>)	

TEACHING (*teaching evaluations are shown when available; adjusted to 100-point score*)

2024: The Business of AI, Columbia Business School, Columbia University	(score: 98.2%)
2023: Marketing, Columbia Business School, Columbia University	(score: 98.4%)
2022: Fundamentals of Neuroscience: Cognitive Neuroscience, Northwestern University	
2021: Fundamentals of Neuroscience: Cognitive Neuroscience, Northwestern University	
2019: Blockchain Applications in Business (<i>executive education</i>), Northwestern University	(score: 98.3%)
2018: Using Neuroscience in Business (<i>executive education</i>), Northwestern University	(score: 84-98.4%)
2014-2018: Marketing Management, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University	(score: 94.2%)
2013: Consumer Neuroscience, Stern School of Business, NYU	(score: 90%)
2012: Neuroscience experiments design/analysis, Stern School of Business, NYU	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

2010-present: President, **Human Intracranial Research Foundation**
2021: Conference Program Committee, **Association for Consumer Research**
2018-2020: Advisory Board, **Chicago AI**
2018: Chair, Network Theory Workshop, **Northwestern University**
2013-2017: Director of Neuroscience Workgroup, Institute for Complexity, **Northwestern University**
2016: Chair, **NMBSA (U.S. Chapter)**
2015: Co-Chair, Program Committee, **Society for Affective Science**
2014: Director, **Society for Neuroscience (Chicago Chapter)**

Member

Neuroscience: Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Cognitive Neuroscience Society, New York Academy of Sciences, Social and Affective Neuroscience Society, Society for Neuroscience, Vision Science Society
Business: American Marketing Association, Association for Consumer Research, Institute for Operations Research and Management Sciences, Neuro-Marketing Science and Business Association, Society for Consumer Psychology

Reviewer

Neuroscience: Cortex, Journal of Nature and Science of Sleep, Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Vision, Vision Research, Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), Neural Networks, Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience, Cognitive Neurodynamics, Journal of Neuroscience and Neuroeconomics **Business:** Marketing Science, Association for Consumer Research, Journal of Consumer Psychology, Journal of Consumer Research, Journal of Marketing Research, California Management Review, Harvard University Press **Psychology:** Perception, Social Influence, Perception **Engineering:** Journal of Computers and Applications European Association for Computer Graphics, IEEE Transactions of Patterns Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI), Lecture Notes in Computer Sciences **General:** Proceedings of the Library of Science (PLoS), Scientific Reports, Nature Human Behavior, Nature

Mentor

Columbia University

Graduate Students: Edden Bar Jacoby, Hetvi Parekh, Dominique Yaron-Barir, Minhee Kim, Brandon Freiberg, Heinrich Peters

Northwestern University

Post-doctoral fellows: Rubi Hammer, *PhD* **Clinical Rotations:** Leonard Louis Sokol, *MD* **Graduate Students (Neuroscience):** Samuel Barnet, *PhD* **Graduate Students (Business):** Pantelis Loupos, *PhD* ([now: Professor, UC Davis](#)), Alex Nathan, *PhD*, Matejas Mackin, Andres Nunez, *PhD* ([now: Post-doctoral fellow, MIT](#)) **Graduate Students (Engineering):** Liu Liu **Rotation (Neuroscience):** Kevin Wilkins, *PhD* ([now: Post-doctoral fellow, Stanford](#)), Mariah Meyer, *PhD*, Jay Kim, Nirvik Sinha **Rotation Students (Business):** Scott Payne, Ryan Burke, Jenny Cooper ([now: YouTube](#)), Aviram Berg, Jon Levy, Hope White, Hannah Lee, Andrew Zbibley, Leah Broger ([now: Caltech](#)), Stephanie Perez, Riya Sirdeshmukh, Ian Shi, Ronen Zilberman, Megan Purdy, Haleigh Wright **Masters Students:** Klavdia Zemlianova, *MA*, Chris Rose, *MA*, ([now: Graduate student, NYU](#)) **High School Students Rotation:** Kirstin Johnson, Gloria Choi, Jake Cooley, Devraj Thakkar, Raz Allon ([now: UPenn](#))

Media Lab, MIT

Graduate Students (Engineering): Xiao Xiao, *PhD*, Judith Amores, *MA*

University of Chicago

Masters Students (Existential Threats): Cassie Haas

NYU

Graduate Students (Neuroscience): Richard Farhat, *MA*, Si Ma, *MA*

Caltech

Clinical Rotations: Michael Mackay, *MD* ([now: Cambridge](#)), Nikhil Thiruvengadam, *MD* ([now: Stanford](#)), **Graduate Students (Neuroscience):** Paxon Frady, *PhD*, Alex Huth, *PhD* ([now: Professor, UT Austin](#))

IIT

Masters Students: Siddharth Choubay, Anuj Chopra, Aditya Bansal, Kenneth Shinozuka, Aman Mishra

Long Island Jewish Hospital

Post-doctoral fellows: Jose Herrero, *PhD* ([now: Professor, Long Island Jewish](#))

PUBLICATIONS (*h-index: 29*)

Journal Papers (^{*ψ*}*denotes shared first authors*)

1. Panteleimon Loupos, **Moran Cerf** (2026) “Network-Based Decision Support for Cold-Start User Prioritization in P2P Platforms: The Value of Entry-Community Information”, *Decision Support Systems*
2. Sandra Matz, Heinrich Peters, Paul Eastwick, **Moran Cerf**, and Eli Finkel (2026) “Do Large Language Models understand verbal indicators of romantic attraction?”, *Scientific Reports*
3. Iris Kremer, Wissam Halimi, Andy Walshe, **Moran Cerf**, Pablo Mainar (2024) “Predicting cognitive load with EEG using Riemannian geometry-based features”, *Journal of Neural Engineering*
4. Sandra Matz, Heinrich Peters, Paul Eastwick, **Moran Cerf**, and Eli Finkel (2024) “Do Large Language Models understand verbal indicators of romantic attraction?”, *OSF*
5. Heinrich Peters, **Moran Cerf**, Sandra Matz (2024) “Large Language Models can infer personality from free-form user interactions”, *OSF*
6. Sandra Matz, Jacob Teeny, Sumer Vaid, Heinrich Peters, Gabriella Harari, **Moran Cerf** (2024) “The potential of Generative AI for personalized persuasion at scale”, *Scientific Reports*
7. Heinrich Peters, Sandra Matz, **Moran Cerf** (2023) “Sensory substitution can improve decision-making” *Computers in Human Behavior*
8. **Moran Cerf**, Sandra Matz, Malcolm MacIver (2023) “Participating in a climate futures market increases support for costly climate policies” *Nature Climate Change*
9. Kristen Duke, Wendy Liu, Evan Weingarten, Rebecca W. Hamilton, On Amir, Gil Appel, **Moran Cerf**, Joseph K. Goodman, Andrea C. Morales, Ed O’Brien, Jordi Quoidbach, Monic Sun (2022), “Why don’t Consumers Choose the Experiences they Will Enjoy Most? Insights from the Two-Dimensional Experiential Space (TDES) Model” *Journal of Consumer Psychology* (*JCP Best Paper, 2023*)
10. Sandra Matz, Jacob Teeny, Sumer S. Vaid, Gabriella Harari, **Moran Cerf** (2023) “The Potential of Generative AI for Personalized Persuasion at Scale” *PsyArXiv*
11. **Moran Cerf**, (2023) “Dream Marketing: A Method for Marketing Communication During Sleep and Dreams” *SSRN* (*Top 10 most downloaded articles, SSRN*)
12. **Moran Cerf**, Sandra Matz, Malcolm MacIver (2023) “Participating in a climate prediction market increases concern about global warming” *Nature Climate Change*
13. Sandra Matz, Ryan Hyon, Elisa C. Baek, Carolyn Parkinson, **Moran Cerf** (2022), “Personality similarity predicts synchronous neural responses in fMRI and EEG data” *Scientific Reports*
14. Gan Wang, **Moran Cerf** (2022), “Brain-Computer Interface using neural network and temporal-spectral features” *Frontiers in Neuroinformatics*
15. Kristen Duke, Wendy Liu, Evan Weingarten, Rebecca W. Hamilton, On Amir, Gil Appel, **Moran Cerf**, Joseph K. Goodman, Andrea C. Morales, Ed O’Brien, Jordi Quoidbach, Monic Sun (2022), “Why don’t Consumers Choose the Experiences they Will Enjoy Most? Insights from the Two-Dimensional Experiential Space (TDES) Model” *Journal of Consumer Psychology* (*Top 10 most downloaded articles, 2022*)
16. Gan Wang, **Moran Cerf** (2022), “Brain-Computer Interface using temporal-spectral features and neural network classifier” *TechRxiv*
17. Brandon Freiberg, **Moran Cerf** (2021), “Single neuron evidence of inattention blindness in humans” *Neuropsychologia*

18. Leonard L. Sokol, Sarah R. Jordan, Allison J. Applebaum, Joshua M. Hauser, Jodi Forlizzi, **Moran Cerf**, Hillary D. Lum (2020) "Social media perceptions of legacy-making: a qualitative analysis" *Palliative Medicine Reports*
19. Sebastiano Massaro, Will Drover, Keith M. Hmieleski, **Moran Cerf** (2020), "Using functional neuroimaging to advance entrepreneurial cognitive research" *Journal of Small Business Management*
20. Leonard L. Sokol, Joshua M. Hauser, Hillary D. Lum, Jodi Forlizzi, **Moran Cerf**, Fan Z. Caprio, Michael J. Young (2020), "Goal-concordant care in the era of advanced stroke therapies" *Journal of Palliative Medicine*
21. Leonard L. Sokol, Hillary D. Lum, Claire J. Creutzfeldt, David Cella, Jodi Forlizzi, **Moran Cerf**, Joshua M. Hauser, Benzi M. Kluger (2020), "Meaning and dignity therapies for psycho-neurology in neuropalliative care: a vision for the future" *Journal of Palliative Medicine*
22. **Moran Cerf**, Sandra Matz, Aviram Berg (2020), "Using Blockchain in Decision-Making that Benefits the Public Good" *Frontiers in Blockchain*
23. Leonard L. Sokol, Michael J. Young, Jack Papanian, Benzi M. Kluger, Hillary D. Lum, Jessica Besbris, Neha M. Kramer, Anthony E. Lang, Alberto J. Espay, Ornella M. Dubaz, Janis M. Miyasaki, Daniel D. Matlock, Tanya Simuni, **Moran Cerf** (2019), "Advance Care Planning in Parkinson's disease: Ethical Challenges and Future Directions" *Nature Parkinson's Disease*
24. Jon Levy^ψ, Devin Markell, **Moran Cerf**^ψ (2019), "Polar Similar: using massive mobile dating data to predict synchronization and alignment in dating preferences" *Frontiers in Psychology: Personality and Social Psychology*
25. Scott Shane, Will Drover, David Clingsmith, **Moran Cerf** (2019), "Founder passion, neural engagement and informal investor interest in startup pitches: an fMRI study" *Journal of Business Venturing* (*Featured in Wealth Professionals, Business Insider; Most influential article, AOM 2020*)
26. Reuven Hammer, **Moran Cerf** (2019), "Risk Assessment Under Perceptual Ambiguity and its Impact on Category Learning and Decision-Making" *PsyArXiv*
27. Jose L. Herrero, Simon Khuvis, Erin K. Yeagle, **Moran Cerf**, Ashesh D. Mehta (2018), "Breathing above the Brainstem: Volitional Control and Attentional Modulation in humans" *Journal of Neurophysiology* (*Featured in Quartz; Most cited article, Journal of Neurophysiology 2019*)
28. Samuel Barnett, **Moran Cerf** (2017), "A Ticket for Your Thoughts: Method for Predicting Content Recall and Sales Using Neural Similarity of Moviegoers" *Journal of Consumer Research* (*Featured in New York Post, Inverse, Business Insider, Quartz, Digital Trends, Phys.org, IMDb and over 100 more outlets*)
29. Florian Mormann, Simon J. Kornblith, **Moran Cerf**, Matias J. Ison, Alexander Kraskov, Michelle Tran, Simeon Knieling, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga, Christof Koch, and Itzhak Fried (2017), "Scene-selective coding by single neurons in the human parahippocampal cortex" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*
30. Avital Mentovich, Aziz Huq, **Moran Cerf** (2015), "The psychology of corporate rights" *Journal of Law and Human Behavior* (*Featured in Slate*)
31. **Moran Cerf**, Eric Greenleaf, Tom Meyvis, Vicki Morwitz (2014), "Using Single-Neuron Recording in Marketing: Opportunities, Challenges, and an Application to Fear Enhancement in Communication" *Journal of Marketing Research* (*Featured in Kellogg Insight*)
32. **Moran Cerf**, Michael MacKay, Christof Koch (2012), "Evidence for two distinct mechanisms directing gaze in natural scenes" *Journal of Vision*
33. Elina Birmingham, **Moran Cerf**, Ralph Adolphs (2011), "Comparing social attention in autism and amygdala lesions: effects of stimulus and task condition" *Social Neuroscience*
34. Florian Mormann, Julian Dubois, Simon Kornblith, Milica Milsavljevic, **Moran Cerf**, Matias Ison, Naotsugu Tsuchiya, Alexander Kraskov, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga, Ralph Adolphs, Itzhak Fried, Christof Koch (2011), "A category-specific response to animals in the right human amygdala" *Nature Neuroscience* (*Featured in Wired*)
35. Matias Ison, Florian Mormann, **Moran Cerf**, Christof Koch, Itzhak Fried, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga (2011), "Selectivity of Pyramidal cells and interneurons in the human medial temporal lobe" *Journal of Neurophysiology*
36. **Moran Cerf**, Nikhil Thiruvengadam, Florian Mormann, Alexander Kraskov, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga, Christof Koch, Itzhak Fried (2010), "On-line, voluntary control of human temporal lobe neurons" *Nature* (*Featured in over 2,000 outlets, including NY Times, NPR, Time, BBC, The Scientist, and more. Post-reviewed rating by "Faculty of 1000": Exceptional*)
37. Carlos Pedreira, Florian Mormann, Alexander Kraskov, **Moran Cerf**, Itzhak Fried, Christof Koch, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga (2010), "Responses of human medial temporal lobe neurons are modulated by stimulus repetition" *Journal of Neurophysiology*
38. **Moran Cerf**, Paxon Frady, Christof Koch (2009), "Faces and text attract gaze independent of the task: Experimental data and computer model" *Journal of Vision*
39. Florian Mormann, Simon Kornblith, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga, Alexander Kraskov, **Moran Cerf**, Itzhak Fried, Christof Koch (2008), "Latency and selectivity of single neurons indicate hierarchical processing in the human medial temporal lobe" *Journal of Neuroscience*
40. Milica Milosavljevic^ψ, **Moran Cerf**^ψ (2008), "What matters is attention not intention: Insights from computational neuroscience of vision" *International Journal of Advertising* (*Featured in CNN and FastCompany*)
41. Wolfgang Einhäuser, Frank Schumann, Johannes Vockeroth, Klaus Bartl, **Moran Cerf**, Jonathan Harel, Erich Schneider, Peter König (2008), "Distinct roles for eye and head movements in selecting salient image parts during natural exploration" *Annals. of the New York Academy of Sciences*
42. **Moran Cerf**, Jonathan Harel, Alex Huth, Christof Koch (2008), "Decoding what people see from where they look: Predicting visual stimuli from scanpaths" *Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence (LNAI)*
43. **Moran Cerf**, Dan R. Cleary, Rob J. Peters, Wolfgang Einhäuser, Christof Koch (2007), "Observers are consistent when rating image conspicuity" *Vision Research*

44. **Moran Cerf**, Jonathan Harel, Wolfgang Einhäuser, Christof Koch (2007), “Predicting human gaze using low-level saliency combined with face detection” *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*

Review Papers and Reviewed Proceedings

45. **Moran Cerf** (2025), “How many times do you need to view content before it is registered in your memory” *Advances in Consumer Research*
46. **Moran Cerf** and Adam Waytz (2023), “If you worry about Humanity, you should be scared of humans more than of AI” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*
47. Sebastiano Massaro, Will Drover, **Moran Cerf** (2020), “Founder gender and investor pitch assessments: an fMRI multivariate pattern analysis investigation” *Academy of Management (AOM)*
48. Samuel Barnett, Chris Rose, Aaron Robinson, Andrés Campero, Ronen Zilberman, **Moran Cerf** (2018), “Trust the polls? Neural and recall responses provide alternative predictors of political outcomes” *Advances in Consumer Research*
49. Samuel Barnett, **Moran Cerf** (2017), “Few and far between: identifying measures of advertising visuals that correlate with neural engagement and sales” *Advances in Consumer Research*
50. Will Drover, Sebastiano Massaro, **Moran Cerf**, Lowell Busenitz (2017), “Neuro-Entrepreneurship” *Academy of Management*
51. Samuel Barnett, Hope White, **Moran Cerf** (2016), “Keep it simple, stimuli: brain-vetted elements of movie trailers predict opening weekend ticket sales” *Advances in Consumer Research*
52. Samuel Barnett, **Moran Cerf** (2015), “Connecting on movie night? neural measures of engagement differ by gender” *Advances in Consumer Research*
53. Guy Hoffman, **Moran Cerf** (2015), “The dark sides of robot social awareness” *IEEE CIS Newsletter of the Autonomous Mental Development Technical Committee*
54. Wolfgang Einhäuser, Frank Schumann, Johannes Vockeroth, Klaus Bartl, **Moran Cerf**, Jonathan Harel, Christof Koch, Erich Schneider, Peter König (2008), “True and spurious face detections attract attention during free exploration” *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Attention and Performance in Computational Vision (WAPCV)*
55. **Moran Cerf**, E. Paxon Frady, Christof Koch (2008), “Using semantic content as cues for better scanpath prediction” *Proceedings of the symposium on Eye tracking research & applications (ETRA)*

Book Chapters

56. **Moran Cerf** (2024), “On the Ways by Which AI Can Revolutionize the Usage of Biometrics in Business” *Biometrics and Neuroscience Research in Business and Management*, Editors: Luis Moutinho, Moran Cerf, Publisher: de Gruyter
57. **Moran Cerf** (2024), “Using Neuroscience and Biometrics in Individuals and Organizations” *Biometrics and Neuroscience Research in Business and Management*, Editors: Luis Moutinho, Moran Cerf, Publisher: de Gruyter
58. **Moran Cerf**, Miguel Brendl (2024), “Using Sensory Substitutions to Make Better Business Decisions (or How Sensory Devices Connected to Our Body Can Help Us Outperform AI and Common Data Analytics)” *Biometrics and Neuroscience Research in Business and Management*, Editors: Luis Moutinho, Moran Cerf, Publisher: de Gruyter
59. Omer Granoviter, **Moran Cerf**, Yael Hanein (2024), “Leaked Expressions Captured with Wearable High-Resolution Facial Electromyography” *Biometrics and Neuroscience Research in Business and Management*, Editors: Luis Moutinho, Moran Cerf, Publisher: de Gruyter
60. **Moran Cerf** (2024), “The Human Affair with Data, the Challenges It Creates, Ways to Solve These Challenges, and Future Outlook” *Biometrics and Neuroscience Research in Business and Management*, Editors: Luis Moutinho, Moran Cerf, Publisher: de Gruyter
61. **Moran Cerf**, Uriel Appel (2024), “Using Biometrics in Healthcare Management and Diagnostics” *Biometrics and Neuroscience Research in Business and Management*, Editors: Luis Moutinho, Moran Cerf, Publisher: de Gruyter
62. Luiz Moutinho, **Moran Cerf** (2024), “The Future of Neuroscience and Biometrics in Business” *Biometrics and Neuroscience Research in Business and Management*, Editors: Luis Moutinho, Moran Cerf, Publisher: de Gruyter
63. **Moran Cerf**, Sandra Matz (2022), “Psychology of Technology: where the future might take us” *Psychology of Technology*, Editor: Sandra Matz, Publisher: American Psychological Association
64. **Moran Cerf** (2019), “Using neuroscience to assess brands” *Branding in a Hyper-connected world*, Editors: Alice Tybout, Tim Calkins, Publisher: Wiley
65. Sandra Matz, Guy Rolnik, **Moran Cerf** (2018), “Solutions to the Threats of Digital Monopolies” *Digital Platforms and Concentration*, Editor: Guy Rolnik, Publisher: University of Chicago Press
66. Avital Mentovich, **Moran Cerf** (2014), “A psychological perspective on punishing corporate entities” *Regulating Corporate Criminal Liability*, Editors: Dominik Brodowski, Manuel Espinoza, Publisher: Elsevier
67. **Moran Cerf**, Hagar Gelbard-Sagiv, Itzhak Fried (2013), “Studying thoughts and deliberations using single-neuron recordings in humans” *Single neuron studies of the human brain*, Editors: Itzhak Fried, Moran Cerf, Ueli Rutishauser, Gabriel Kreiman, Publisher: MIT Press
68. Ueli Rutishauser, **Moran Cerf**, Gabriel Kreiman (2013), “Data analysis techniques for human microwire recordings: spike detection and sorting, decoding, relation between units and local field potentials” *Single neuron studies of the human brain*, Editors: Itzhak Fried, Moran Cerf, Ueli Rutishauser, Gabriel Kreiman, Publisher: MIT Press
69. **Moran Cerf**, Michael Mackay (2011), “Studying consciousness using direct recording from single neurons in the human brain” *Research and Perspective in Neuroscience*, Editors Stanislas Dehaene and Yves Christien. Publisher: Springer
70. **Moran Cerf** (2011), “Projecting thoughts to an external display using single-neuron recordings in the human brain” *Seeing with Eyes closed*, Editors: Ivana Franke and Ida Momennejad. Association of Neuroesthetics

Books

71. **Moran Cerf** (2025), “Return on AI” (4th Edition) *Lulu*
72. Luis Moutinho, **Moran Cerf** (2024), “Biometrics and Neuroscience Research in Business and Management” *de Gruyter*
73. **Moran Cerf** (2023), “Brain Imaging: An Illustrated Guide to the Future of Neuroscience” *Lulu Press*
74. **Moran Cerf**, Manuel Garcia Garcia (2017), “Consumer Neuroscience” *MIT Press*
75. **Moran Cerf**, Robert Wolcott (2017), “Foresight” *Northwestern University Press*
76. Itzhak Fried, **Moran Cerf** and Gabriel Kreiman (2014), “Single neuron studies of the human brain” *MIT Press*
77. **Moran Cerf** (2009), “Competition and Attention in the human brain” *Lambert Press*

Non-Academic Publication (peer-reviewed)

Patents

78. Adam Hall, Stephen Kenton, Joseph van Harken, **Moran Cerf** (2021), “Applying neuro-metrics to the development of learning solutions” *U.S. Patent application no. 17193931*
79. Samuel Barnett, **Moran Cerf** (2015), “Method for measuring engagement” *U.S. Patent no. US20150206174A1*
80. Josh Shachar, Thomas Chen, Leslie Farkas, Winston Wu, Kyle Zimmerman, **Moran Cerf**, Bruce Marx, David Johnson, Laszlo Farkas (2010), “Brain retractor apparatus for measuring and predicting electrophysiological parameters” *U.S. Patent no. US8133172B2*
81. Josh Shachar, Thomas Chen, Leslie Farkas, Winston Wu, Kyle Zimmerman, **Moran Cerf**, Bruce Marx, David Johnson, Laszlo Farkas (2010), “Magnetic breather pump for delivery of Chemotherapeutic agents into the brain” *U.S. Patent no. US20100160737A1*
82. **Moran Cerf**, Christof Koch (2008), “Automatic prediction of human gaze in visuals by localizing high-level elements” *U.S. Provisional Patent application no. CIT-5033-P*

Cases

83. **Moran Cerf** (2025), “Leading with Artificial Intelligence: Transformation, Use-Cases, Investment, Governance, Energy, and Decision Making (Parts 1-5)” *Columbia Business School, Columbia University*
84. **Moran Cerf** (2015), “Tivo: Segmentation Analytics” *Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University*

Clinicals Trials

85. **Moran Cerf** (2023), “Evaluation of Accuracy and Consistency of the X-Trodes System”, Identifier: NCT05722639

Security Vulnerabilities

86. **Moran Cerf**, Amichai Shulman (2005), “File access and Denial of Service vulnerabilities in business object ‘Crystal report’” *Bugtraq. ID: 10260*.
87. **Moran Cerf**, Amichai Shulman (2004), “How safe is it out there?” *Security Focus*
88. **Moran Cerf**, Amichai Shulman (2004), “SuperVeda penetration test” *Security Focus*

Publications Under Review

89. **Moran Cerf**, Eric Greenleaf, Vicki Morwitz, Tom Meyvis, “Visual distractions as a measure of engagement in moving images”
90. **Moran Cerf**, Craig Weiss, Andrea S. Cuamatzi-Castelan, Christopher L. Drake “Inducing conscious control over dream content using neural stimulation”
91. **Moran Cerf**, Jenny Copper “Predicting YouTube Ad Leaderboard using neural measures of engagement” (*revise and resubmit, round 1, Journal of Consumer Research*)
92. Si Ma, **Moran Cerf**, “Risk Assessment Under Perceptual Ambiguity and its Impact on Category Learning and Decision-Making” (*revise and resubmit, round 1, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*)
93. **Moran Cerf**, “Dream marketing: a method for marketing communication during sleep and dreams”
94. **Moran Cerf**, Miguel Brendl, “A novel method for improving marketing decision-making using sensory substitution” *Journal of Marketing*
95. **Moran Cerf**, Joseph Van Harken, Adam Hall “Using artificial intelligence and machine learning to scale the application of neuro-analytics in the content design process” *Interservice/Industry Training Simulation and Education Conference*
96. Samuel Barnett, Robin Nusslock, **Moran Cerf**, “Suppression of Posterior Alpha Oscillations Reflects Enhanced Attention to Movie Trailers”
97. Samuel B. Barnett, Klavdia Zemlianova, Xiao Xiao, **Moran Cerf**, “Sharing Notes: Neural Similarity During Musical Performances Varies by Consumer Expertise and Format”
98. Pantelis Loupos, **Moran Cerf**, “The Power of Social Networks in Predicting Customer Behavior During Early Usage Stages”
99. Pantelis Loupos, Noshir Contractor, **Moran Cerf**, “Predicting Network Structure Virality in Mobile Financial Applications”

Selected INVITED TALKS

Business

- Behavior, Energy, and Climate Change, **Berkeley**, CA 2023
- “Founder gender and investor pitch assessments: an fMRI multivariate pattern analysis investigation”, Academy of Management, Boston, MA 2020
- **Facultad de Ciencias Economicas**, Guatemala City, Guatemala 2020
- Graduate School of Business, **Stanford**, CA 2019
- **National University of Singapore**, Singapore 2019
- “New decisions tools using complex heuristics in marketing and analytics”, Choice Symposium, Chesapeake Bay, MD 2019
- “Sensory substitution in Marketing, Theory and Practice in Marketing”, **Columbia University**, NY 2019
- Network Theory Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, **Northwestern University**, Chicago, IL 2018 (*organizer*)
- **Bilgi University**, Istanbul, Turkey 2018
- Chicago Booth Business School, **Chicago University**, IL 2018
- Smurfit Business School, **University College of Dublin**, Dublin, Ireland 2018
- Alberta School of Business, **University of Alberta**, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada 2018
- Harvard Business School, **Harvard**, Cambridge, MA 2018
- **Erasmus University**, Rotterdam, Netherland 2018
- “Quantifying the likelihood of advertisement skipping using neuroscience”, Digital Marketing and Machine Learning, **CMU**, Pittsburgh, PA 2018
- “Using social Networks to predict noncustomer behavior in financial systems”, Digital Marketing and Machine Learning, **CMU**, Pittsburgh, PA 2018
- “Visual Distractions as a Measure of Engagement”, Marketing Science, Philadelphia, PA 2018
- “Neuro-Entrepreneurship”, **Academy of Management**, Atlanta, GA 2017
- **The New School**, New York, NY 2017
- Wharton, **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA 2017
- Price College of Business, **Oklahoma University**, Norman, OK 2017
- Sloan School of Management, **MIT**, Cambridge, MA 2017
- ASEAN Marketing Summit, Indonesia 2016 (keynote)
- “Neural Measures of Engagement Predict Negative Preferences in Live Political Debates”, ISDN, Philadelphia, PA 2016
- “Risk assessment under perceptual ambiguity and its impact on decision-making and visual expertise”, ISDN, Philadelphia, PA 2016
- “The psychology of corporate criminal liability”, Workshop on Criminal Law, Köln, Germany 2015
- “Neurons, Inc.: Using the brain in marketing”, Marketing Science Institute, New York, NY 2014
- “Predicting the choice of a subject before it was made”, Interdisciplinary Symposium on Decision Neuroscience, Philadelphia, PA 2013
- Fuqua School of Business, **Duke University**, Durham, NC 2015
- Marketing Management Summit, Berlin, Germany 2015
- Kellogg Innovation Network, Kellogg School of Management, **Northwestern University**, Chicago, IL 2015
- “Neural Application to Fear in Communication”, Maastricht, Netherlands 2015
- “Value Creation in a Changing Customer Environment”, Köln, Germany 2015
- Design Expo, Chicago, IL 2015
- Market Research for Product Innovation Summit, Chicago, IL 2014
- Marketing Science Institute (MSI), Chicago, IL 2014
- Nielsen, Chicago, IL 2014
- Market Research for Product Innovation Summit, Chicago, IL 2014
- Fox School of Business, **Temple University**, Philadelphia, PA 2013
- Kellogg School of Management, **Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL 2012
- Wharton, **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA 2012
- University of California, **Berkeley**, CA 2012
- **Tel-Aviv University**, Tel-Aviv, Israel 2012
- **Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD 2012
- **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, Israel 2012
- **UCSD**, San Diego, CA 2012
- **Technion**, Haifa, Israel 2012
- **The Interdisciplinary Center**, Herzliya, Israel 2012
- **Erasmus University**, Rotterdam, Netherland 2012
- “Experiencing and evaluating in the brain” (*special session; chair*), Association of Consumer Research, Vancouver, Canada 2012
- “Reading the mind of the consumer: methods in consumer neuroscience” (*roundtable*), Association of Consumer Research, Vancouver, Canada 2012
- “Single-neuron correlates of emotion regulation in humans”, Society for Consumer Psychology, International Conference, Florence, Italy 2012
- “Single-neuron correlates of emotion regulation in humans”, Marketing Science, Boston, MA 2012

Neuroscience

- “Single neuron evidence of Inattentional Blindness in humans”, Association for Psychological Science (APS), *virtual*, 2021
- Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA 2016
- Institute of Personality and Social Research, **Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA 2015 (*keynote*)
- “Single neuron correlates of emotion regulation in humans”, Society for Affective Science, Oakland, CA 2015
- “Single neuron correlates of emotion regulation in natural sensory content”, Human Single Unit, **Johns Hopkins**, Baltimore, MD 2014
- Media Lab, **MIT**, MA 2014
- International Society for Neurofeedback, San Diego, CA 2014 (*keynote*)
- **Northeastern University**, Boston, MA 2013
- **Massachusetts General Hospital**, Boston, MA 2013
- **Zhejiang University**, Hangzhou, China 2011 (*keynote*)
- “Voluntary control of single neuron in humans”, Single neuron studies of the human brain, Stern School of Business, **NYU**, New York, NY 2011
- “Single-neuron correlates of emotion regulation”, Single neuron studies of the human brain, Stern School of Business, **NYU**, New York, NY 2011
- “Real-time decoding of neural spikes”, Single neuron studies of the human brain, Stern School of Business, **NYU**, New York, NY 2011
- “How many minds are there in your brain?”, Towards a science of consciousness, Stockholm, Sweden 2011
- “Neural correlates of emotion regulation in the human brain”, Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS), San Francisco, CA 2010
- **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ 2010
- **University College of London**, London, England 2010
- **Harvard**, Boston, MA 2010
- “There’s plenty of time at the bottom: pre-saccade time is generated as a saliency-decision interplay”, Vision Sciences Society (VSS), Naples, FL 2010
- “Projecting thoughts using the decoded activity of single neurons in the human brain”, Towards a Science of Consciousness, Tucson, AZ 2010
- “On-line voluntary control of single neurons by human thought”, Society for Neuroscience (SfN), San Diego, CA 2010
- **New York University**, New York, NY 2009
- “The role of amygdala in orienting attention to eyes within complex social scenes”, Vision Sciences Society (VSS), Naples, FL 2009
- “An implantable magnetic breather pump for biological agents in malignant gliomas”, Neuro Oncology, Yokohama, Japan 2009

- “Single neurons in the human MTL during visual working memory and rapid visual presentation”, Society for Neuroscience (SfN), Chicago, IL 2008
- “Decoding what people see from where they look”, Workshop on Attention and Performance in Computer Vision (WAPCV), Santorini, Greece 2008
- “Subjects’ inability to avoid looking at faces suggests bottom-up attention allocation mechanism”, Society for Neuroscience (SfN), Chicago, IL 2008
- “Conscious control of a single neuron in the human MTL using imagery and visual feedback”, Society for Neuroscience (SfN), Washington D.C. 2007
- “Dynamics of selective single neurons in the human MTL in a visual working memory task”, Society for Neuroscience (SfN), San Diego, CA 2007
- “Eye tracking to social scenes: comparisons between amygdala lesions and autism”, Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS), San Francisco, CA 2007

Popular (*over 500 people*)

- World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland 2013, 2025
- Milken Institute, Palm Beach 2024, 2025
- DLD (Digital Life Design), Munich, Germany 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2022, 2025
- TEDxGateway, Mumbai, India 2023 (*13th TED talk; most TED talks by an individual*)
- Economic Times Marketing and CX Leaders’ Summit, Mumbai, India 2022
- TEDxXIMB, Orissa, India 2021
- TEDxNaperville, Naperville, IL 2018, 2019, 2020
- TEDxSalon, Naperville, IL 2020
- TEDxAstonUni, Birmingham, England 2020
- Les Napoleons, Paris, France 2020 (*keynote*)
- World Marketing Summit, Rome, Italy 2019 (*keynote*)
- World Marketing Summit, Harrogate, England, 2019 (*keynote*)
- Fast Forward Forum, Venice, Italy 2019
- Unfinished, Bucharest, Romania 2019
- FastCompany European Innovation, Milan, Italy 2019
- TEDx@Porto, Porto, Portugal 2019
- eTail, Palm Desert, CA 2019 (*keynote*)
- UNESCO, Paris, France 2019
- World Marketing Summit, Istanbul, Turkey 2018 (*keynote*)
- TEDxChicago, Chicago, IL 2018
- DMEXCO, Köln, Germany 2018
- Viva Technology, Paris, France 2018
- Talks@Google, New York, NY 2018
- PopTech, Camden, ME 2012, 2013, 2015-2019, 2022 (*host*)
- World Marketing Summit, Toronto, Canada 2017 (*keynote*)
- Mind Science Foundation, San Antonio, TX 2017
- Singularity University Summit, San Francisco, CA 2017 (*keynote*)
- Cannes Lions, Cannes, France 2017
- USI, Paris, France 2017, 2018
- TEDxAix, Aix-en-Provence, France 2015, 2017
- Comicon, New York, NY 2016, 2017
- DIGIT.Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria 2016
- China Academy of Arts, Hangzhou, China 2016
- South by SouthWest, Austin, TX 2016
- TED, Vancouver, Canada 2016
- World Marketing Summit, Tokyo, Japan 2016
- New Context Conference, Tokyo, Japan 2015
- B3 Biennale, Frankfurt, Germany 2015
- Raising the Bar, New York, NY 2015
- Rethink Education, New York, NY 2015 (*keynote*)
- International Conference on Cyber Security, Tel-Aviv, Israel 2013-2015, 2018
- Glimpses, Red-Bull annual conference, Los Angeles, CA 2013
- TED-Ed (Technology, Entertainment, Design) 2013
- Google Zeitgeist, London, England 2013
- WIRED conference, London, England 2013
- THiNK, Goa, India 2013
- Ministry of Education, Shanghai, China 2011
- Humanity+, New York, NY 2009, 2010
- Mindshare, Los Angeles, CA 2008, 2009, 2010
- Expo Milan, Milan, Italy 2015
- “From Neurons to Behavior”, Media Lab, MIT, Boston, MA 2015 (*most viewed talk in series*)
- “Seeing with eyes closed”, Venice Art Biennale, Venice, Italy 2011
- “The sound of touch”, SIGGRAPH, San Diego, CA 2007

Selected MEDIA (for complete list see www.morancerf.com)



2025, Universal
[Mutually Assured
Destruction](#)



2022, Netflix
[The Future of](#)



2021, Fox
[Gutfeld!](#)



2022, Amazon
[Inside the Mind of a
Con Artist](#)



2021, Netflix
[The mind: Explained](#)



2020, Fox Nation
[One Smart Person and
Greg Gutfeld](#)

Selected Science consultancy credit:

- “House”, Fox
- “Limitless”, CBS
- “Bull”, CBS
- “Falling Water”, USA Networks
- “Mr. Robot”, USA Networks
- “The Chef”, AFI (*winner, Oscar for best short film*)

Selected PRESS (for complete list see www.morancerf.com/press or contact.press@morancerf.com)

THE NEW YORKER	• The neuroscience of picking a presidential candidate, 2020
The New York Times	• Nuclear war could end the world, but what if it's all in our heads?, 2023 • Will 'Future you' thank 'Today you' for getting married?, 2023 • Science, 2013
BUSINESS INSIDER	• These are the common traits most likely to net you a match on a dating app, 2020 • A neuroscientist says you might be luckier than you think - here's how to find out, 2018 • A neuroscientist explains why he always picks the 2 nd menu item on a list of specials, 2017 • A neuroscientist who studies decisions reveals the most important choice to make, 2017
Forbes	• How Artificial Intelligence changes us, 2019 • Hacking Into The Human Brain Could Create Superhumans. Here's How, 2019 • Profile: Moran Cerf, the brain hacker, 2017
TIME	• Five mental tricks that will make you better at money, according to neuroscientists, 2021 • If you're not cybersafe, be ashamed, 2018
FORTUNE	• There's still time to stop the tech monopoly takeover, 2018 • Why you've already made up your mind about Donald Trump, 2016 • Sexist Super Bowl Ads, 2015
The Atlantic	• Falling Water Is the Dull Endpoint of Conspiracy-Theory TV, 2016 • The future of fraud-busting, 2016
FT FINANCIAL TIMES	• 300 nuclear missiles are headed your way. You must respond. What now?, 2023
The Washington Times	• Brain-chip recipients may soon look at men and think - put it back in a cage, 2019
Chicago Tribune	• As McDonald's looks forward, “Founder” Movie shows shadowy view of past, 2016 • How to save your brain for work: Wear the same outfit every day, 2015
FASTCOMPANY	• From bionics to brain chips, hacking humanity has never been more ethically fraught, 2019 • From a cyborg manifesto to hacking humanity, 2019
QUARTZ	• Our brainwaves can show whether a movie will hit at the box office, neuroscientists say, 2017 • Neuroscientists have identified how exactly a deep breath changes your mind, 2017 • How does USA Network follow a surprise hit like “Mr. Robot”?, 2016
Medium	• Meet the disruptors, 2022 • The secret behind the Neuroscience of understanding your customer, 2019
WIRED	• Get inside a hacker's mind, 2015 • Our brain is the puppeteer. We are simply agents, 2013
ELLE	• Elle's 41 most eligible bachelors, 2015
HUFFPOST	• The Post-Virtual World: Invisible Interfaces and Our Experience of Reality, 2017
INVERSE	• The Science of Watching Movie Trailers Looks a Lot Like Brainwashing, 2017 • A Dream Scientist Explains Why “Falling Water” isn't All Bunk, 2016
CNN	• How close are we to video-recording our dreams, 2018 • Why you're hardwired to be bad at money, 2017
CBS	• Northwestern Neuroscientist Researching Brain Chips to Make People Superintelligent, 2019

WSJ	• How to Improve Cybersecurity? Just Eliminate the Human Factor, 2016
LE FIGARO	• Communicating with machines through thought, the new obsession of Silicon Valley, 2017
NATIONAL POST	• This is why one neuroscientist always orders the second item on the specials menu, 2017
Inc.	• This neuroscientist thinks he knows the future of human evolution. It will surprise and inspire you, 2017
BBC	• Dream recording device “possible” researcher claims, 2010
Bloomberg	• Marilyn Monroe photos fuel research for paralyzed patients, 2010
npr	• The man who could record your dreams, 2012
NEW YORK POST	• Brain scans can predict how much money movies will make, 2017
THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER	• Sundance: filmmakers and neuroscientists talk predictive data and marketing, 2019
Harvard Business Review	• Neuromarketing: What you need to know, 2019