

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Name:** Nicha C. Dvornek, Ph.D.

### Education:

B.S. Johns Hopkins University (Biomedical Engineering) 2006  
M.S. Yale University (Engineering & Applied Science) 2007  
M.Phil. Yale University (Engineering & Applied Science) 2009  
Ph.D. Yale University (Engineering & Applied Science) 2012

### Career/Academic Appointments:

2012-2015 Postdoctoral Associate, Dept. of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging (formerly Diagnostic Radiology), Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT  
2015-2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT  
2017-2018 Associate Research Scientist, Dept. of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT  
2018-present Assistant Professor, Dept. of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT  
2019-present Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, Yale University, New Haven, CT (Secondary appointment)

### Professional Honors & Recognition

#### International/National/Regional

2020: Best Paper Award, 2nd MICCAI Workshop on Domain Adaptation and Representation Transfer  
2019: Best Challenger Award, Connectomics in Neuroimaging - Transfer Learning Challenge  
2019: Best Paper Award, 10th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging  
2017: IPMI Scholarship for Junior Scientists from Underrepresented Populations  
2011: International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging 2011 NIH-funded Travel Award  
2010: International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging 2010 Travel Award  
2010: Yale University Graduate Student Association Conference Travel Fund Award  
2007: Honorable Mention Poster Award, SPIE Medical Imaging  
2006: Yale University Faculty of Engineering Fellowship  
2006: Yale University - Pierre W. Hoge Fellowship  
2006: Richard J. Johns Award (from Johns Hopkins University Department of Biomedical Engineering)  
2006: Tau Beta Pi (Johns Hopkins University Chapter) Appreciation Award  
2006: Johns Hopkins University Women's Club Scholarship  
2005: Tau Beta Pi, Johns Hopkins University  
2005: Alpha Eta Mu Beta, Johns Hopkins University

#### University

2013: Yale University School of Medicine Diagnostic Radiology Grand Rounds Poster Award

### Grant/Clinical Trials History:

#### Current Grants

Agency: NIH/NINDS  
I.D.# R01 NS035193  
Title: "Subnetwork-based Quantitative Imaging Biomarkers for Therapy Assessment in Autism"  
P.I.: James S. Duncan, Ph.D. / Lawrence H. Staib, Ph.D. / Kevin A. Pelphrey, Ph.D.

Role on Project: Investigator  
Percent effort: 20%  
Direct costs per year: \$247,168  
Total costs for project period: \$1,876,785 (latest round of funding)  
Project period: 09/01/2016 – 05/31/2021 (latest round of funding)

Agency: NIH/NCI  
I.D.# R01 CA224140  
Title: “Personalized Task-Based Respiratory Motion Correction for Low-Dose PET/CT”  
P.I.: Chi Liu, Ph.D.  
Role on Project: Investigator  
Percent effort: 20%  
Direct costs per year: \$ 364,605  
Total costs for project period: \$1,832,698 (to date)  
Project period: 07/02/2018 – 06/30/2023

Agency: NIH/NIBIB  
I.D.# R01 EB025468  
Title: “Quantitative Low-Dose PET Imaging”  
P.I.: Chi Liu, Ph.D. / Richard Carson, Ph.D.  
Role on Project: Investigator  
Percent effort: 3%  
Direct costs per year: \$416,011  
Total costs for project period: \$2,488,796 (to date)  
Project period: 07/24/2018 – 04/30/2022

Agency: NIH/NIBIB  
I.D.# R21 EB026759  
Title: “Non-invasive Estimation of the Arterial Input Function in PET Studies using Whole-Body Physiological Models”  
P.I.: Jean-Dominique Gallezot, Ph.D.  
Role on Project: Investigator  
Percent effort: 0.75%  
Direct costs per year: \$150,000  
Total costs for project period: \$502,500 (to date)  
Project period: 09/16/19-06/30/22

## **Past Grants**

Agency: NIH/NICHD  
I.D.# R01 MH100028  
Title: “Multimodal Developmental Neurogenetics of Females with ASD”  
P.I.: Kevin Pelphrey, Ph.D.; Subcontract - James S. Duncan, Ph.D. / Pamela Ventola, Ph.D.  
Role on Project: Investigator  
Percent effort: 52%  
Total costs for project period: \$23,156,768 (to date)  
Project period: 09/04/2012 – 07/31/2022

Agency: NIH/NINDS  
I.D.# R01 NS035193  
Title: “Subnetwork-based Quantitative Imaging Biomarkers for Therapy Assessment in Autism”  
P.I.: James S. Duncan, Ph.D.  
Role on Project: Associate Research Scientist, 07/01/2017-06/30/2018  
Percent effort: 100% (\$60,000 per year)  
Total costs for project period: \$1,876,785 (latest round of funding)  
Project period: 09/01/2016 – 05/31/2021 (latest round of funding)

Agency: NIH/NIMH  
I.D.# T32 MH018268  
Title: “Training Program in Childhood Neuropsychiatric Disorders”  
P.I.: Michael J. Crowley, Ph.D.  
Role on Project: Postdoctoral Fellow, 07/01/2015-06/30/2017  
Percent effort: 100% (\$51,120 per year)  
Total costs for project period: \$2.0M (round of funding during fellowship)  
Project period: 07/01/2015 – 06/30/2020 (round of funding during fellowship)

Agency: Yale University School of Medicine  
I.D.# James Hudson Brown – Alexander Brown Coxe Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Title: “Fast Image Processing for Cryo-EM Structure Determination”  
P.I.: Nicha C. Dvornek, Ph.D.  
Percent effort: 100%  
Total costs for project period: \$42,000  
Project period: 07/01/2014 – 06/30/2015

Agency: NIH/NLM  
I.D.# R01 LM010142  
Title: “Fast 3D Reconstruction Algorithms for Cryo-EM”  
P.I.: Hemant D. Tagare, Ph.D.  
Role on Project: Postdoctoral Associate, 09/01/2012-06/30/2014  
Percent effort: 100% (\$41,000 per year)  
Total costs for project period: \$1,569,824  
Project period: 07/15/2010 – 07/14/2014

### **Pending Grants**

Agency: Johnson & Johnson  
I.D.# WiSTEM2D Scholars Award  
Title: “Mammographic Biomarkers Predictive of Cancer in Dense Breasts”  
P.I.: Nicha C. Dvornek, Ph.D.  
Percent effort: 1%  
Total costs for project period: \$150,000  
Project period: 05/01/2021 – 04/30/2024

Agency: NIH/NIBIB  
I.D.# 1 R21 NS125029-01  
Title: “Functional MRI Biomarkers for Developing Personalized Interventions in Parkinson's Disease”  
P.I.: Nicha C. Dvornek, Ph.D.  
Percent effort: 30%  
Total costs for project period: \$424,426  
Project period: 09/01/2021 – 08/31/2023

### **Invited Speaking Engagements, Presentations, Symposia & Workshops Not Affiliated With Yale:**

#### **International/National**

2016: Rising Stars in Biomedical, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA:  
"Predicting Autism Behavioral Treatment Response from Baseline Functional MRI."

### **Peer-Reviewed Presentations & Symposia Given at Meetings Not Affiliated With Yale:**

#### **International/National**

- 2020: 11th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging, Virtual: "Demographic-Guided Attention in Recurrent Neural Networks for Modeling Neuropathophysiological Heterogeneity."
- 2020: 17th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro, Virtual: "Estimating Reproducible Functional Networks Associated with Task Dynamics Using Unsupervised LSTMs."
- 2018: 15th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro, Washington, D.C.: "Combining Phenotypic and Resting-State fMRI Data for Autism Classification with Recurrent Neural Networks."
- 2017: Eighth International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging, Quebec City, Canada: "Identifying Autism from Resting-State fMRI Using Long Short-Term Memory Networks."
- 2016: Sixth International Workshop on Multimodal Learning for Clinical Decision Support, Athens, Greece: "Prediction of Autism Treatment Response from Baseline fMRI using Random Forests and Tree Bagging."
- 2014: National Resource for Automated Molecular Microscopy Workshop on Advanced Topics in EM Structure Determination, La Jolla, CA: "A Fast EM Algorithm for Single Particle Reconstruction."
- 2012: Second International Workshop on Spatiotemporal Image Analysis for Longitudinal and Time-Series Image Data, Nice, France: "Tracking Metastatic Brain Tumors in Longitudinal Scans via Joint Image Registration and Labeling."
- 2011: Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT: "Robust Registration of Brain MRI with Missing Correspondences."
- 2011: 33rd Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, Boston, MA: "Non-rigid Registration of Longitudinal Brain Tumor Treatment MRI."
- 2011: 8th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro, Chicago, IL: "Registration of Brain Resection MRI with Intensity and Location Priors."
- 2010: 13th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention, Beijing, China: "Non-rigid Registration with Missing Correspondences in Preoperative and Postresection Brain Images."
- 2010: 7th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro, Rotterdam, The Netherlands: "Pairwise Registration of Images With Missing Correspondences Due to Resection."
- 2005: Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting, Section on Highlights of Undergraduate Bioengineering Research, Baltimore, MD: "Design and Optimization of Gene Oscillatory Networks through Stochastic Simulations."

## Professional Service

### Journal Service:

Reviewer for *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, *PLOS ONE*, *Medical Image Analysis*, *Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience*, *Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging*, *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*, *Journal of Mathematical Imaging and Vision*

### Professional Service for Professional Organizations:

#### *Meeting Planning/Participation*

- 2020-present Reviewer, International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning
- 2019 Program Committee Member, Medical Imaging meets NeurIPS (NeurIPS Workshop)
- 2018-2019 Area Chair, International Conference on Medical Imaging with Deep Learning
- 2013-present Reviewer, IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro
- 2011-present Reviewer, Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention Conference

### Yale University Service:

#### *Departmental Committees*

2020 Co-organizer, BME Open House for Prospective Ph.D. Students Planning Committee  
 2017-2018 Member, Planning Committee for Division of Bioimaging Sciences Retreat 2018

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**Peer-Reviewed Original Research**

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2. **Chitphakdithai, N.** and Duncan, J.S., “Non-rigid Registration with Missing Correspondences in Preoperative and Postresection Brain Images,” In: *MICCAI 2010, Part I*, 2010, LNCS vol. 6361, pp. 367-374.
3. **Chitphakdithai, N.**, Vives, K.P., and Duncan, J.S., “Registration of Brain Resection MRI with Intensity and Location Priors,” In: *2011 8th IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging: From Nano to Macro*, 2011, pp. 1520-1523.
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10. **Dvornek, N.C.**, Ventola, P., Pelphrey, K.A., Duncan, J.S., “Identifying Autism from Resting-State fMRI Using Long Short-Term Memory Networks,” In: *8th International Workshop on Machine Learning in Medical Imaging*, 2017, LNCS vol. 10541, pp. 362-370.
11. **Dvornek, N.C.**, Ventola, P., Duncan, J.S., “Combining Phenotypic and Resting-State fMRI Data for Autism Classification with Recurrent Neural Networks,” In: *IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*, April 2018, pp. 725-528.
12. Li, X., **Dvornek, N.**, Papademetris, X., Zhuang, J., Staib, L.H., Ventola, P., Duncan, J., “2-Channel Convolutional 3D Deep Neural Network (2CC3D) for fMRI Analysis: ASD Classification and Feature Learning,” In: *IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*, April 2018, pp. 1252-1255.
13. Zhuang, J., **Dvornek, N.**, Li, X., Yang, D., Ventola, P., Duncan, J., “Prediction of pivotal response treatment outcome with task fMRI using random forest and variable selection,” In: *IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)*, April 2018, pp. 97-100.
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20. Yang, J., **Dvornek, N.C.**, Zhang, F., Zhuang, J., Chapiro, J., Lin, M., Duncan, J.S., “Domain-Agnostic Learning With Anatomy-Consistent Embedding for Cross-Modality Liver Segmentation,” In: *2019 IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision Workshop (ICCVW)*, 2019, pp. 323-331.
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