

After graduating from Cambridge in 2007, I decided to pursue an academic career. I completed two short postdocs in neuroimaging at Cambridge and University College London. Then I was recruited to University of California San Diego (UCSD) to complete a postdoctoral fellowship in neuroimaging genetics. After I published several high profile papers, including a paper in *Science*, I was awarded a large research grant from NIH in 2013 and transitioned into an independent academic career. I am currently an Associate Professor at UCSD and a Principal Investigator of NIH grants to conduct translational research on the human brain from genetics, morphology to therapeutics. My work developed a novel atlas of the human brain based on genetic information. One of the most recent developments in my work revealed the genes underlying personality traits and psychiatric disorders and received a prestigious award from the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics. Currently, I am seeking to understand genetic subtypes of Alzheimer's disease with the potential to develop strategies for treatment and prevention. My PhD training at Cambridge allowed me to study under some of the brightest minds in psychiatry and neuroimaging/physics. My time there, which helped me to engage more deeply in interdisciplinary thought, was well worth it.