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Problems in neural and cognitive computation

Physicists have been engaged in exploring the brain at least since the nineteenth century. In modern times, this exploration has expanded in many directions, and in this symposium we celebrate this diversity of theoretical and experimental approaches: quantifying more complex naturalistic behaviors in humans and other animals, design principles that organize our understanding of the algorithms implemented by the brain, and the ways in which the physical patterns of neural connections enable and limit the brain's computational functions. Within the bounds of virtual interactions, we have a format that encourages interaction and discussion.

Lectures will be held online, <https://princeton.zoom.us/j/3025052077>
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Friday 17 April 2020

10:00 AM **Using food-caching birds to study the neuroscience of episodic memory**
Dmitriy Aronov, Columbia University

11:30 AM break

12:00 PM **Design principles of adaptable neural codes**
Ann Hermundstad, Janelia Research Campus HHMI

1:30 PM break

2:30 **Human planning in large state spaces**
Wei Ji Ma, New York University

4:00 PM break

4:30 PM **Using connectomics to investigate innate behaviors and learning**
Sebastian Seung, Princeton University

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