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# **NEUROSCIENCE SPEAKER SERIES**



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**How I started studying the neural basis of language  
and fluid intelligence**

**Thursday, November 2  
4:30 PM**

**Hahn Building, RM 101  
Pomona College**

**Abstract:** In this talk, I will reflect on my first project as a PhD student in cognitive neuroscience (circa 2011). Through this personal story, my aim is to question the stereotype of the “successful graduate student”: who can be successful? And what does success look like? I will also describe how that one early project led to over ten years of research on the relationship between the brain network that supports language processing and the network that supports fluid intelligence, and the resulting discoveries that no one anticipated.