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**NOW PLAYING:**

## The Future of Psychedelic Medicine with Tim Ferriss



Our Executive Director Adam Gazzaley sat down with Tim Ferriss to discuss brain optimization and work to advance the field of psychedelic science and medicine through multi-level research covering basic to translational to clinical science.

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**STAFF SPOTLIGHT:**

## **Making Creative Connections to Advance School Studies**



Anna Levy began her work as a research associate for Neuroscape about 6 months before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Little did she know then how much, and how quickly, her work to coordinate in-school studies would shift.

Now, instead of going into schools to assess middle schoolers prior to training on Engage, Levy is collecting all the data remotely, via Zoom. “It was very challenging and required a lot of thorough planning and practice,” she says. “I am now a breakout room expert.”

Remote data collection presents all sorts of new challenges, such as weak internet connections, unexpected interruptions, and higher absenteeism. But despite those roadblocks, the research team has still been able to continue the study to determine how Engage, an attention and mindfulness training game, influences attention skills for adolescents with dyslexia and ADHD. “The pandemic has brought on so many unexpected challenges, but my team’s resilience has been inspiring,” Levy says.

Levy will be heading to graduate school this fall at Fordham University in New York City to pursue a Ph.D. in school psychology. She plans to conduct education-based research, specifically discovering ways to make education more accessible for students from vulnerable backgrounds.

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Aisha Mohammed first learned about Neuroscape from David Ziegler, who was teaching one of her classes at the University of San Francisco. Fascinated by his research, she asked Ziegler about potential volunteer opportunities, and she quickly came onboard, helping with EdNeuro and Engage.

As a volunteer, Mohammed is able to see much of the research cycle, including participating in literature reviews, designing data collection processes, and collecting and organizing data. The experience has contributed to her personal growth, she says.

“I know I felt imposter syndrome a bit before I really got into the swing of things,” Mohammed says. “But every person I’ve collaborated with has encouraged me to continue on this path, and showed a passion for the work that they do. The love of learning is evident in everyone at Neuroscape, and it fosters a great environment for researchers at all levels.”

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## BRAIN NEWS ROUNDUP:

This Insider's news picks include articles about Neuroscape research and technology:

- [Dr Adam Gazzaley – Focusing the Mind with Adaptable and Customized Technology](#)
- [Playing Virtual Reality Video Game May Boost Seniors' Memory](#)
- [FDA -Approved Gaming is Already Here, Pointing to Its Therapeutic Potential](#)
- [The Internet Tricked Me Into Believing I Can Multitask](#)

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