

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal data

Name	Dr. Miriam Sperring
Date of birth	18. Juni 1976
Place of birth	Celle (Niedersachsen)
Nationality	German

### Academic Degrees and Education

09/2003 – 09/2006	Ph.D. (Dr. rer. nat.) in Experimental Psychology with „summa cum laude“ under supervision of Prof. Karl Gegenfurtner, Ph.D., Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Germany
04/1999 – 03/2002	Studies of Psychology, Diploma in Psychology with average mark 1.0 (top 1%), Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg, Germany
10/1998 – 03/1999	Studies of Psychology, University of Konstanz, Germany
10/1997 – 09/1998	Studies of Psychology, Testamur (B.Sc. equivalent) with mark “upper grade with distinction” (top 2%), Exeter University, England
10/1995 – 09/1997	Studies of Psychology, Prediploma (Vordiplom) in Psychology with average mark 1.7 (top 10%), University of Konstanz
07/1988 – 06/1995	Abitur (A-levels) with average mark 1.5 (top 2%), Kaiserin-Auguste-Viktoria Gymnasium, Celle, Germany

### Professional Experience

#### Academic Positions and Research Experience

01/2008 – 12/2009	Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Psychology, New York University, USA, with a DFG individual fellowship (SP 1172/1-1)
01/2007 – 12/2007	Postdoctoral Researcher, Experimental Psychology, Justus-Liebig University Giessen, DFG Research Group “Perception and Action” (FOR 560)
09/2006 – 12/2006	Postdoctoral Researcher, Experimental Psychology, Giessen University, DFG grant for transition to Postdoc stage (“Ernte & Dank”)
01/2004 – 08/2006	Graduate Research Assistant, Experimental Psychology, Giessen University, DFG Graduate School “Neuroact” (GK 885/1)
09 – 12/2003	Graduate Research Assistant, Experimental Psychology, Giessen University, BmB+F project “ModKog” (01IBC01B)
04/2002 – 08/2003	Graduate Research Assistant, Experimental Psychology, Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg, Germany
1996 – 2002	Student Research Assistant at Universities Konstanz and Heidelberg

### **International Cooperations**

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| 04 – 05/2005 | Visiting Graduate Researcher, Department of Psychology, New York University, New York (USA), Laboratory of Prof. Marisa Carrasco                     |
| 04 – 05/2005 | Visiting Graduate Researcher, Institut de Neurosciences Cognitives de la Méditerranée, CNRS Marseille (France), Laboratory of Prof. Guillaume Masson |
| 02 – 04/2003 | Visiting Graduate Researcher, Visual Perception Laboratory, University of Chicago (USA), Laboratory of Prof. Vera Maljkovic                          |

### **Teaching Experience**

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| 06/2006           | Lecture “Thinking” (two 2-hr sessions), Department of Psychology, Giessen University  |
| 04 – 07/2004      | Undergraduate seminar “Thinking and Problem Solving”, Department of Psychology, Giessen University  |
| 04 – 07/2003      | Undergraduate seminar “Psychological Research Methods”, Department of Psychology, Heidelberg University   |
| 10/2002 – 02/2003 | Teacher-training seminar “Thinking and Problem Solving”, College of Education, Heidelberg; undergraduate seminar “Visual Perception”, Department of Psychology, Heidelberg University |
| 04 – 07/2002      | Undergraduate seminar “Thinking and Problem Solving”, Department of Psychology, Heidelberg University   |
| 04 – 07/1997      | Student teaching assistant for undergraduate seminar “Developmental Psychology”, Department of Psychology, Konstanz University  |

### **Professional Activities**

Ad-hoc reviewer for Journal of Neurophysiology, Journal of Experimental Psychology: HPP  
Member of student selection committee for German National Academic Foundation

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Psychological Association (APA); Vision Science Society (VSS); Society for Neuroscience (SfN); Associate Member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs); Alumni Psychologici Heidelberg

### **Awards and Fellowships**

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| 01/2008 | Individual fellowship (24 months) by the German Research Foundation (SP 1172/1-1)  |
| 10/2007 | “Klaus Tschira Preis für verständliche Forschung”, granted for making the main results of the Ph.D. thesis understandable to the general public (5.000 Euro) |

### **Awards and Fellowships (continued)**

03/2007	First place in the dissertation competition of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (Section Experimental Psychology)
02 – 05/2003	DAAD short-term scholarship awarded for “scientific training abroad for doctoral students”
12/2002	“Franz Emanuel Weinert Preis” awarded for “best diploma thesis in the year 2002” by the Psychological Institute, Ruprecht-Karls University Heidelberg
09/1998 – 03/2002	Scholar of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation; scholarship awarded to less than 1% of students in Germany for “high academic performance, political and social commitment”
03/1998 – 03/2002	Scholar of the German National Academic Foundation, scholarship awarded to less than 1% of students in Germany and Switzerland for “academic excellence in the chosen field of study, and a strong sense of social responsibility”

### **Workshops and Summer Schools (selection)**

03/2004	Participant in the 2. fMRI Spring School „Funktionelle Magnetresonanztomographie in der Psychologischen Forschung“, Bender Institute of Neuroimaging, Giessen
09/2004	Participant in the 1. European Summer School on Visual Neuroscience, Rauschholzhausen, Germany
09/2006	Teaching assistant in the 2. European Summer School on Visual Neuroscience, Rauschholzhausen, Germany

### **Work experience (internships)**

09 – 12/2001	Deutsche Flugsicherung (Frankfurt a.M.): Internship in personnel selection
06 – 08/2001	Boston Consulting Group (Berlin): Internship in management research
10/2000 – 03/2001	Bertelsmann AG (Gütersloh): Internship in management development
02 – 04/2000	Kienbaum Management Consultants GmbH (Gummersbach): Internship in personnel selection and training
07 – 09/1999	GfK AG (Nürnberg): Internship in qualitative market research
1995 – 2001	Freelancer in editorial offices of regional newspapers in Heidelberg, Konstanz, and Erfurt

### **Special Skills and Interests**

Language skills	German (native), English (fluent), French (basic)
Computer skills	Programming in Matlab, basic knowledge in C++; experienced user of Microsoft Office, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, SPSS, Sigmaplot, Endnote
Other interests	Violin and viola playing, member of Giessen University Symphony Orchestra; sports (running)