



# SPRING 2026 SEMINAR SERIES

## “Social influences on reward-based decision-making”

Our environment is full of rewards that serve to motivate our decisions and help us to learn about the world. Through trial and error, we come to assign value to different types of rewarding stimuli and courses of action—e.g., should I have a salad or a burger for lunch? Should I invest in a stable or more risky stock? However, our choices and experiences of reward are frequently influenced by the social context in which they occur.

My work seeks to understand how the social environment becomes integrated into value-based decision-making. In this talk, I will discuss findings from behavioral and neuroimaging (fMRI) studies addressing: 1) how social resources such as close relationships and social support shape reward valuation; 2) computational mechanisms through which social information guides decision-making.



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