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Moran Cerf is a professor of neuroscience and business.

In his work, Prof. Cerf helps individuals and businesses harness current knowledge on the brain to improve their thinking, leadership, personal development, decisionmaking and customer engagement.

Broadly, his academic research uses methods from neuroscience to understand the underlying mechanisms of our psychology, behavior changes, emotion, decisions and dreams. Specifically, his research focuses on identifying what makes content engaging and how to create narratives that capture our attention.

In his acclaimed work, Prof. Cerf studies patients undergoing brain-surgery by recording the activity of individual nerve cells using electrodes implanted in the patient's brain. Using this method, Prof. Cerf addresses questions such as: "How are conscious percepts formed in our brain?", "How can we control our emotions?" and "How can we make content that is engaging for the brain?"

Prof. Cerf holds a Ph.D in neuroscience (Caltech), an MA in Philosophy and a B.Sc in Physics (Tel-Aviv University. He has taught marketing and leaderships at NYU and the Kellogg School of Management.

He has mentored over 50 students, holds multiple patents, and has published over 70 academic papers in journals such as Nature and Journal of Neuroscience, as well as popular science journals such as Scientific American Mind, Wired, New Scientist and more. Additionally, his research has been portrayed in numerous media and cultural outlets such as CNN, BBC, Bloomberg, NPR, Time, MSNBC, Netflix Explained, PBS Nova, and dozens of others. He has been featured in venues such as the Venice Art Biennial and China's Art, Science and Technology association, and has contributed to magazines such as Forbes, The Atlantic, Inc., and others. He has made much of his research accessible to the public via his public at PopTech, TED, TEDx ('most TEDx talks worldwide'), Google Zeitgeist, DLD, etc., gathering millions of views and a large following.

Cerf is the beneficiary of several awards and grants, including the Instructional Improvement Grant and the prestigious President scholarship for excellence. He was recently named one of the "40 leading professors below 40".

Prior to his academic career, Dr. Cerf spent nearly a decade in industry, holding positions in cyber-security (as a hacker), pharmaceutical, telecom, fashion, software development, and innovations research. Currently, Prof. Cerf is on the board of a number of neuro-tech companies (Nervanix, VR Americas, Best Fit) and the Co-founder of ThinkAlike. He is also the founder of the non-profit B-Cube which applies neuroscience to help society. He consulted to companies such as Ferrari, Viacom, TransUnion, Nielsen, Founders Pledge, and to the U.S. Government.

In line with his research on engagement, Prof. Cerf is a 4 times U.S. National story-telling champion (at the 'Moth' story-telling competition) and a regular consultant to Hollywood films and TV shows (CBS' "Bull", "Limitless"; USA Network's "Falling Water", and more). Cerf holds the Alfred P. Sloan chair at the American Film Institute (AFI), where he teaches an annual screenwriting class

Employment

2017-present: Associate Professor of Neuroscience and Business, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

Affiliations

- 2007-present: Alfred P. Sloan screenwriting professor, American Film Institute
- 2013-present: Center for Complexity, Northwestern University
- 2018-present: Visiting professor, Center for Advanced Hindsight, Duke
- 2013-2018: Department of Neurosurgery, NorthShore Medical Center, LIJ 2018: Visiting professor, Smurfit Business School, University College of Dublin
- 2016: Visiting professor, MIT Media Lab, MIT
- 2013-2017: Assistant professor, Kellogg School of Management
- 2013: Visiting professor, Recanati School of Business, Tel-Aviv University
- 2013: Visiting professor, Stern School of Business, NYU
- 2010-2013: Post-doctoral scholar, Stern School of Business, NYU
- 2009-2011: Post-doctoral scholar, Department of Neurosurgery, UCLA

Education

- 2005-2010: Ph.D., Neuroscience, California Institute of Technology
- 2001: M.A, Philosophy of Science, Tel-Aviv University
- 1998-2000: B.Sc., Physics, Tel-Aviv University

Business experience

- 2016-present: Board member, X-Trodes, AnyVerse, IO, Aladdin Dreamer, Oscillations, EXPLO School, VR Americas
- 2017-present: **Founder**, B³ (Brain, Behavior, Business)
- 2016-present: Scientific advisor. "Limitless" (CBS), "Bull" (CBS), "Falling Water" (USA Network)
- 2017: Teacher, Noble Academy High School, Chicago Public Schools (volunteer)
- 2016-2018: Presidential Innovation Fellow, White House USDS/18F
- 2013-present: Co-founder, ThinkAlike
- 1998-2005: Hacker
- 1995-1998: Intelligence (soldier), Israeli Defense Forces

consulting projects

- Automotive Ferrari
- Finance TransUnion, Citi, JP Morgan, Balderton, Deutche Bank
- Tech Cisco, Lyft, Microsoft (AKQA)
- Nuclear Threats Initiative, United States Digital Service
- Learning SS&C, China Ministry of Education, EXPLO Marketing Hershey, Coca Cola, Wrigley, Mar
- Nesearch Nielsen, Ipsos, Milward Brown, Edelman, R/GA ▲ Agriculture AGVisorPro
- Entertainment Viacom, Cirque du Soleil, XIX, DreamWorks Legal Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo
- Charity Founder's Pledge, Tablora
 - Sports RedBull

(\$1,100,000)

Selected

angel investments

- Climate: Bench, One.Five, Skyfri, Universe Energy, EV Biotech, ecoLocked, Paebbl, Normative, Mellizyme, Climate-X, Cling Systems, Rebel Tech, Plentify Neuro: X-Trodes, BestFit, Nervanix

Professional services

- 2016-present: Host and Co-Curator, PopTech (selected by Forbes as #1 conference in the world in 2018)
- 2010-present: Co-Founder, Human Intracranial Research Foundation
- 2021: Conference Program Committee, Association for Consumer Research (ACR)
- 2018-present: Brain Trust Member, Chicago Ideas
- 2018-2020: Advisory Board, Chicago AI
- 2018: Chair, Network Theory Workshop, Northwestern University
- 2013-2017: Director of Neuroscience Workgroup, Center for Complexity, Northwestern University
- 2016: Chair, Neuro-Marketing Science and Business Association (NMBSA)
- 2015: Co-Chair, Program Committee, Society for Affective Science
- 2014: Chicago Councilor, Society for Neuroscience
- 2012: U.S. director, Israel Brain Technologies (IBT)

Selected awards

- 2021: Academy of Management "Most Influential Article in 2020" (for "Shane et al., J. of Bus Vent, 2020")
- 2020: Selected as the <u>U7+</u> Northwestern University representative
- 2020: Most Cited Article in 2019 (for "Herero et al., J. Neurophysiology, 2019")
- 2019: DIA Community "Greatest Strategic Impact" (with BestFit)
- 2019: Finalist for the "Summit" Fellows 2019 cohor
- 2018, 2019: Finalist for the "Mind, Science Foundation" Consciousness Research Award
- 2018: Nominated for the "Henry Crown Fellowship" by the Aspen Institute
- 2018: Recipient of the 'Chicagoan' award by the City of Chicago 'Connect-Inspire-Grow'
- 2018: Selected as the 'Association of National Advertisers' Education Foundation Visiting Professor
- 2018: Selected as "most relevant publications in 2017' by the Neuro-Marketing Science and Business Association
- 2017: Selected as the Oklahoma University Price College of Business' "Distinguished Speaker"
- 2016: Selected for the "40 best professors below 40" list of "Poets and Quants"
- 2015: Named 2015 Searle Fellow, Northwestern Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching
- 2014: Profiled for Excellence in Research at Northwestern University annual research report
- 2014: Nominated, *Thomas A. Edison Marketing Award*, Edison Awards

Teaching

- 2022: Fundamentals of Neuroscience: Cognitive Neuroscience. Kellogg School of Management. Northwestern
- 2019: Blockchain Applications in Business. (executive education) Kellogg School of Management. Northwestern
- 2018: Using Neuroscience in Business. (executive education) Kellogg School of Management. Northwestern (score: 9.83/10)
- 2014-2018: Marketing Management. Kellogg School of Management. Northwestern (score: 4.2-4.92 / 5; 5.1-5.2 / 6)
- 2013: Consumer Neuroscience. Stern School of Business. NYU (score: 6.6 / 7)
- 2012: Neuroscience experiments design/analysis. Stern School of Business, NYU
- 2007-2009: Introduction to Neuroscience. Neuroscience, Caltech

Grants

•	2022: Microsoft "Founder" Development Grant (with Nervanix)	(\$5,000)
	2021: Tamer Center Climate Change and Business Program Grant	(\$80,000)
	2020: Carnegie Foundation Grant	(\$500,000)
	2020: Carnegie Foundation Seed funding (<i>Nuclear Threats Initiative</i>)	(\$2,000)
-	2020: Amazon DeepLens Education Grant	(\$500)
	2019: Amazon Research Grant	(\$30,000)
	2019: Microsoft AI for Accessibility Challenge (with AKQA) (support received in: Azure services, utilities)	(\$1,250,000
-	2015, 2016: McManus Chair Research Award	(\$80,000)
-	2016: ACR Conference Grant	(\$1,000)
	2016: Templeton Foundation "Extraordinary Minds" Award	(\$10,000)
	2016: Northwestern Institute for Complexity Seed Award	(\$10,000)
	2015: NSF Equipment Grant (EEG)	(\$20,000)
	2012-2013: Instructional Improvement Grant, for development of novel teaching methods	(\$40,000)

Publications

Journal Papers (denotes shared first authors)

Sandra Matz, Ryan Hyon, Elisa C. Baek, Carolyn Parkinson, Moran Cerf (2022), "Personality similarity predicts synchronous neural responses in fMRI and EEG data" Scientific Reports

- 2009-2012: NIH/Institute of Drug Abuse, "The Neural Correlates of Effective Messages" (supported by the grant)

- Gan Wang, Moran Cerf (2022), "Brain-Computer Interface using neural network and temporal-spectral features" Frontiers in Neuroinformatics
- Kristen Duke, Wendy Liu, Evan Weingarten, Rebecca W. Hamilton, On Amir, Gil Appel, Moran Cerf, Joseph K. Goodman, Andrea C. Morales, Ed O'Brien, Jordi Quoidbach, Monic Sun (2022), "Why don't Consumers Choose the Experiences they Will Enjoy Most? Insights from the Two-Dimensional Experiential Space (TDES) Model" Journal of Consumer Psychology
- Gan Wang, Moran Cerf (2022), "Brain-Computer Interface using temporal-spectral features and neural network classifier" **TechRxiv**
- Brandon Freiberg, Moran Cerf (2021), "Single neuron evidence of inattentional blindness in humans" Neuropsychologia
- Leonard L. Sokol, Sarah R. Jordan, Allison J. Applebaum, Joshua M. Hauser, Jodi Forlizzi, Moran Cerf, Hillary D. Lum (2020) "Social media perceptions of legacy-making: a qualitative analysis" Palliative Medicine Reports
- Sebastiano Massaro, Will Drover, Keith M. Hmieleski, Moran Cerf (2020), "Using functional neuroimaging to advance entrepreneurial cognitive research" Journal of Small Business Management
- Leonard L. Sokol, Joshua M. Hauser, Hillary D. Lum, Jodi Forlizzi, Moran Cerf, Fan Z. Caprio, Michael J. Young (2020), "Goal-concordant care in the era of advanced stroke therapies" Journal of Palliative Medicine
- Leonard L. Sokol, Hillary D. Lum, Claire J. Creutzfeldt, David Cella, Jodi Forlizzi, Moran Cerf, Joshua M. Hauser, Benzi M. Kluger (2020), "Meaning and dignity therapies for psycho-neurology in neuropalliative care: a vision for the future" Journal of Palliative Medicine

- 10. **Moran** Cerf, Sandra Matz, Aviram Berg (2020), "Using Blockchain in Decision-Making that Benefits the Public Good" *Frontiers in Blockchain*
- 11. Leonard L. Sokol, Michael J. Young, Jack Paparian, Benzi M. Kluger, Hillary D. Lum, Jessica Besbris, Neha M. Kramer, Anthony E. Lang, Alberto J. Espay, Ornella M. Dubaz, Janis M. Miyasaki, Daniel D. Matlock, Tanya Simuni, **Moran Cerf** (2019), "Advance Care Planning in Parkinson's disease: Ethical Challenges and Future Directions" *Nature Parkinson's Disease*
- 12. Jon Levy, Devin Markell, **Moran Cerf** (2019), "Polar Similars: using massive mobile dating data to predict synchronization and alignment in dating preferences" *Frontiers in Psychology: Personality and Social Psychology*
- 13. Scott Shane, Will Drover, David Clingingsmith, **Moran Cerf** (2019), "Founder passion, neural engagement and informal investor interest in startup pitches: an fMRI study" *Journal of Business Venturing* (Featured in Wealth Professionals, Business Insider; Most influential article, *AOM* 2020)
- 14. Rubi Hammer, **Moran Cerf** (2019), "Risk Assessment Under Perceptual Ambiguity and its Impact on Category Learning and Decision-Making" *PsyArXiv*
- 15. Jose L. Herrero, Simon Khuvis, Erin K. Yeagle, **Moran Cerf**, Ashesh D. Mehta (2018), "Breathing above the Brainstem: Volitional Control and Attentional Modulation in humans" *Journal of Neurophysiology* (Featured in Quartz; Most cited article, *Journal of Neurophysiology* 2019)
- 16. Samuel Barnett, **Moran Cerf** (2017), "A Ticket for Your Thoughts: Method for Predicting Content Recall and Sales Using Neural Similarity of Moviegoers" *Journal of Consumer Research* (Featured in New York Post, Inverse, Business Insider, Quartz, Digital Trends, Phys.org, IMDb and over 100 more outlets)
- 17. Florian Mormann, Simon J. Kornblith, **Moran Cerf**, Matias J. Ison, Alexander Kraskov, Michelle Tran, Simeon Knieling, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga, Christof Koch, and Itzhak Fried (2017), "Scene-selective coding by single neurons in the human parahippocampal cortex" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*
- 18. Avital Mentovich, Aziz Huq, **Moran Cerf** (2015), "The psychology of corporate rights" *Journal of Law and Human Behavior* (Featured in Slate)
- 19. **Moran Cerf**, Eric Greenleaf, Tom Meyvis, Vicki Morwitz (2014), "Using Single-Neuron Recording in Marketing: Opportunities, Challenges, and an Application to Fear Enhancement in Communication" *Journal of Marketing Research* (Featured in Kellogg Insight)
- 20. **Moran Cerf**, Michael MacKay, Christof Koch (2012), "Evidence for two distinct mechanisms directing gaze in natural scenes" *Journal of Vision*
- 21. Elina Birmingham, **Moran Cerf**, Ralph Adolphs (2011), "Comparing social attention in autism and amygdala lesions: effects of stimulus and task condition" *Social Neuroscience*
- 22. Florian Mormann, Julian Dubois, Simon Kornblith, Milica Milsavljevic, **Moran Cerf**, Matias Ison, Naotsugu Tsuchiya, Alexander Kraskov, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga, Ralph Adolphs, Itzhak Fried, Christof Koch (2011), "A category-specific response to animals in the right human amygdala" *Nature Neuroscience* (Featured in Wired)
- 23. Matias Ison, Florian Mormann, **Moran Cerf**, Christof Koch, Itzhak Fried, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga (2011), "Selectivity of Pyramidal cells and interneurons in the human medial temporal lobe" *Journal of Neurophysiology*
- 24. **Moran Cerf**, Nikhil Thiruvengadam, Florian Mormann, Alexander Kraskov, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga, Christof Koch, Itzhak Fried (2010), "On-line, voluntary control of human temporal lobe neurons" *Nature* (Featured in over 2,000 outlets, including NY Times, NPR, Time, BBC, The Scientist, and more. Post-reviewed rating by 'Faculty of 1000': 'Exceptional')
- 25. Carlos Pedreira, Florian Mormann, Alexander Kraskov, **Moran Cerf**, Itzhak Fried, Christof Koch, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga (2010), "Responses of human medial temporal lobe neurons are modulated by stimulus repetition" *Journal of Neurophysiology*
- 26. **Moran Cerf**, Paxon Frady, Christof Koch (2009), "Faces and text attract gaze independent of the task: Experimental data and computer model" *Journal of Vision*
- 27. Florian Mormann, Simon Kornblith, Rodrigo Quian Quiroga, Alexander Kraskov, **Moran Cerf**, Itzhak Fried, Christof Koch (2008), "Latency and selectivity of single neurons indicate hierarchical processing in the human medial temporal lobe" *Journal of Neuroscience*
- 28. Milica Milosavljevic, Moran Cerf (2008), "What matters is attention not intention: Insights from computational neuroscience of vision" *International Journal of Advertising* (Featured in CNN and FastCompany)
- 29. Wolfgang Einhäuser, Frank Schumann, Johannes Vockeroth, Klaus Bartl, **Moran Cerf**, Jonathan Harel, Erich Schneider, Peter König (2008), "Distinct roles for eye and head movements in selecting salient image parts during natural exploration" *Annals. of the New York Academy of Sciences*
- 30. **Moran Cerf**, Jonathan Harel, Alex Huth, Christof Koch (2008), "Decoding what people see from where they look: Predicting visual stimuli from scanpaths" *Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence (LNAI)*
- 31. **Moran** Cerf, Dan R. Cleary, Rob J. Peters, Wolfgang Einhäuser, Christof Koch (2007), "Observers are consistent when rating image conspicuity" *Vision Research*
- 32. **Moran Cerf**, Jonathan Harel, Wolfgang Einhäuser, Christof Koch (2007), "Predicting human gaze using low-level saliency combined with face detection" *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*

Review Papers

- 33. Moran Cerf (2018), "Blue Dreams The science and the story of the drugs that changed our minds" Cerebrum
- 34. **Moran Cerf**, Samuel Barnett (2014), "Epilepsy eavesdropping on the conversations of rebellious neurons" *Journal of Neurology and Neurophysiology*
- 35. Moran Cerf (2012), "Known Unknowns: Ignorance How it drives science" Science

Peer-Reviewed Proceedings

- 36. Sebastiano Massaro, Will Drover, **Moran Cerf** (2020), "Founder gender and investor pitch assessments: an fMRI multivariate pattern analysis investigation" *Academy of Management (AOM)*
- 37. Samuel Barnett, Chris Rose, Aaron Robinson, Andrés Campero, Ronen Zilberman, **Moran Cerf** (2018), "Trust the polls? Neural and recall responses provide alternative predictors of political outcomes" *Advances in Consumer Research*
- 38. Samuel Barnett, **Moran Cerf** (2017), "Few and far between: identifying measures of advertising visuals that correlate with neural engagement and sales" *Advances in Consumer Research*
- 39. Will Drover, Sebastiano Massaro, **Moran Cerf**, Lowell Busenitz (2017), "Neuro-Entrepreneurship" *Academy of Management*
- 40. Samuel Barnett, Hope White, **Moran Cerf** (2016), "Keep it simple, stimuli: brain-vetted elements of movie trailers predict opening weekend ticket sales" *Advances in Consumer Research*
- 41. Samuel Barnett, **Moran Cerf** (2015), "Connecting on movie night? neural measures of engagement differ by gender" *Advances in Consumer Research*
- 42. Guy Hoffman, **Moran Cerf** (2015), "The dark sides of robot social awareness" *IEEE CIS Newsletter of the Autonomous Mental Development Technical Committee*
- 43. Wolfgang Einhäuser, Frank Schumann, Johannes Vockeroth, Klaus Bartl, **Moran Cerf**, Jonathan Harel, Christof Koch, Erich Schneider, Peter König (2008), "True and spurious face detections attract attention during free exploration" *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Attention and Performance in Computational Vision (WAPCV)*
- 44. **Moran Cerf**, E. Paxon Frady, Christof Koch (2008), "Using semantic content as cues for better scanpath prediction" *Proceedings of the symposium on Eye tracking research & applications (ETRA)*

Book Chapters

- 45. **Moran Cerf**, Sandra Matz (2022), "Psychology of Technology: where the future might take us" *Psychology of Technology*, Editor: Sandra Matz, Publisher: American Psychological Association
- 46. **Moran Cerf** (2019), "Using neuroscience to assess brands" *Branding in a Hyper-connected world*, Editors: Alice Tybout, Tim Calkins, Publisher: Wiley
- 47. Sandra Matz, Guy Rolnik, **Moran Cerf** (2018), "Solutions to the Threats of Digital Monopolies" *Digital Platforms and Concentration*, Editor: Guy Rolnik, Publisher: University of Chicago Press
- 48. Avital Mentovich, **Moran Cerf** (2014), "A psychological perspective on punishing corporate entities" *Regulating Corporate Criminal Liability*, Editors: Dominik Brodowski, Manuel Espinoza, Publisher: Elsevier
- 49. **Moran Cerf**, Hagar Gelbard-Sagiv, Itzhak Fried (2013), "Studying thoughts and deliberations using single-neuron recordings in humans" *Single neuron studies of the human brain*, Editors: Itzhak Fried, Moran Cerf, Ueli Rutishauser, Gabriel Kreiman, Publisher: MIT Press
- 50. Ueli Rutishauser, **Moran Cerf**, Gabriel Kreiman (2013), "Data analysis techniques for human microwire recordings: spike detection and sorting, decoding, relation between units and local field potentials" *Single neuron studies of the human brain*, Editors: Itzhak Fried, Moran Cerf, Ueli Rutishauser, Gabriel Kreiman, Publisher: MIT Press
- 51. **Moran Cerf**, Michael Mackay (2011), "Studying consciousness using direct recording from single neurons in the human brain" *Research and Perspective in Neuroscience*, Editors Stanislas Dehaene and Yves Christien. Publisher: Springer
- 52. **Moran Cerf** (2011), "Projecting thoughts to an external display using single-neuron recordings in the human brain" *Seeing with Eyes closed*, Editors: Ivana Franke and Ida Momennejad. Association of Neuroesthetics

Books

- 53. Moran Cerf, Manuel Garcia Garcia (2017), "Consumer Neuroscience" MIT Press
- 54. Moran Cerf, Robert Wolcott (2017), "Foresight" Northwestern University Press
- 55. Itzhak Fried, Moran Cerf and Gabriel Kreiman (2014), "Single neuron studies of the human brain" MIT Press
- 56. Moran Cerf (2009), "Competition and Attention in the human brain" Lambert Press

Publications in Preparation/Review

- 57. **Moran Cerf**, Eric Greenleaf, Vicki Morwitz, Tom Meyvis, "Visual distractions as a measure of engagement in moving images
- 58. Heinrich Peters, Sandra Matz, Moran Cerf "Sensory substitution can improve decision-making"
- 59. **Moran Cerf**, Sandra Matz, Malcolm MacIver "Successful betting in a climate prediction market can increase concern about global warming" *Nature Climate Change* (*revise and resubmit*, *round 1*, *Nature Climate Change*)
- 60. **Moran Cerf**, Craig Weiss, Andrea S. Cuamatzi-Castelan, Christopher L. Drake "Inducing conscious control over dream content using neural stimulation"
- 61. **Moran Cerf**, Matejas Mackin, Jenny Copper "Predicting YouTube Ad Leaderboard using neural measures of engagement" (*revise and resubmit, round 1, Journal of Consumer Research*)
- 62. Si Ma, **Moran Cerf**, "Risk Assessment Under Perceptual Ambiguity and its Impact on Category Learning and Decision-Making" (*revise and resubmit*, round 1, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications)
- 63. Moran Cerf, "Dream marketing: a method for marketing communication during sleep and dreams"
- 64. **Moran Cerf**, Aviram Berg, Miguel Brendl, "A novel method for improving marketing decision-making using sensory substitution" *Journal of Marketing*
- 65. **Moran Cerf**, Joseph Van Harken, Adam Hall "Using artificial intelligence and machine learning to scale the application of neuro-analytics in the content design process" *Interservice/Industry Training Simulation and Education Conference*
- 66. Samuel Barnett, Robin Nusslock, **Moran Cerf**, "Suppression of Posterior Alpha Oscillations Reflects Enhanced Attention to Movie Trailers"

- 67. Samuel B. Barnett, Klavdia Zemlianova, Xiao Xiao, Moran Cerf, "Sharing Notes: Neural Similarity During Musical Performances Varies by Consumer Expertise and Format"
- 68. Pantelis Loupos, Alexander Nathan, Moran Cerf, "The Power of Social Networks in Predicting Customer Behavior During Early Usage Stages"
- 69. Alexander Nathan, Pantelis Loupos, Noshir Contractor, Moran Cerf, "Predicting Network Structure Virality in Mobile Financial Applications"

Research in progress

- 70. Moran Cerf, Ralph Adolphs, "Single neuron correlates of emotions regulation in humans"
- 71. Liu Liu, Moran Cerf, Diego Klabjan, "Self-Control: What do Athletic Pros have that makes them Pros?"
- 72. Avital Mentovich, Aziz Huq, Moran Cerf, "Beliefs in Supreme Court Legitimacy Change with the Alteration of Associations about Justice"

Non-Academic Publications [peer-reviewed]

Patents

- Adam Hall, Stephen Kenton, Joseph van Harken, Moran Cerf (2021), "Applying neuro-metrics to the development of learning solutions" U.S. Patent application no. 17193931
- Samuel Barnett, Moran Cerf (2015), "Method for measuring engagement" U.S. Patent no. US20150206174A1
- Josh Shachar, Thomas Chen, Leslie Farkas, Winston Wu, Kyle Zimmerman, Moran Cerf, Bruce Marx, David Johnson, Laszlo Farkas (2010), "Brain retractor apparatus for measuring and predicting electrophysiological parameters" U.S. Patent no. US8133172B2
- Josh Shachar, Thomas Chen, Leslie Farkas, Winston Wu, Kyle Zimmerman, Moran Cerf, Bruce Marx, David Johnson, Laszlo Farkas (2010), "Magnetic breather pump for delivery of Chemotherapeutic agents into the brain" U.S. Patent no. US20100160737A1
- Moran Cerf, Christof Koch (2008), "Automatic prediction of human gaze in visuals by localizing high-level elements" Provisional patent application CIT-5033-P

Cases

Moran Cerf (2015), "Tivo: Segmentation Analytics" Kellogg School of Management

Security

- Moran Cerf, Amichai Shulman (2005), "File access and Denial of Service vulnerabilities in business object 'Crystal report'" Bugtraq. ID: 10260.
- Moran Cerf, Amichai Shulman (2004), "How safe is it out there?" Security Focus
- Moran Cerf, Amichai Shulman (2004), "SuperVeda penetration test. Demonstration of a website hacking" Security Focus

Invited talks

Business

Facultad de Ciencias Economicas, Guatemala City, Guatemala, 2020
Stanford, Graduate School of Business, Stanford, CA, 2019
National University of Singapore, Singapore, 2019
Network Theory Workshop, Chicago, IL 2018 (organizer)
Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2018
Chicago Boath Business School, Chicago, IL 2018
Smurfit Business School, Chicago, IL 2018
Smurfit Business School, University College of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland. 2018
Alberta School of Business, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. 2018
Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA, 2018
Ersmus Linversity, Rotterdam, Netherland, 2018

Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherland. 2018 Parsons ("The New School"), New York, New York. 2017

Wharton, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2017 Price College of Business, Oklahoma University, Norman, Oklahoma. 2017

Price College of Business, Oklahoma University, Normar Sloan, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 2016 (Reynote) ASEAN Marketing Summit, Indonesia. 2016 (Reynote) Marketing Management Summit, Berlin, Germany. 2015 Action Design, Chicago, Illinois. 2015 Kellogg Imnovation Network, Chicago, Illinois. 2015 Neural Application to Fear Enhancement in Communic 2015

2015

Fuqua, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. 2015

Value Creation in a Changing Customer and Media Environment, Köln, Germany. 2

Market Research for Product Innovation Summit, Chicago, Illinois. 2014

Marketing Science Institute (MSI), Chicago, Illinois. 2014

Nielsen, Chicago, Illinois. 2014

Fox School of Business, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2013

Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. 2012

Wharton, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2012

University of California, Berkeley, California. 2012

Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel. 2012

Johns Hookins University, Battimore. Maryland. 2012

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. 2012 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel. 2012 University of California, San Diego, California. 2012 Technion Haifa, Israel. 2012

Technion, Haifa, Israel. 2012

The Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel. 2012 Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherland. 2012

Neuroscience

Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, California. 2016
Institute of Personality and Social Research, Berkeley, California. 2015 (keynote)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Media Lab, Massachusetts. 2014
International Society for Neuro-Feedback, San Diego, California. 2014 (keynote)
Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts. 2013
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. 2013
Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. 2011 (keynote)
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. 2010
University College of London, London, England. 2010
Harvard University, Deston, Massachusetts, 2010
New York University. New York, New York. 2009

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Popular over 500 people

Moonshot, 2023, Hyderabad, India

Economic Times Marketing and CX Leaders' Summit 2022, Mumbai, India TEDxXIMB, 2021 (12th TED talk; most TED talks by an individual, worldwide

TEDxNaperville, 2020 TEDxSalon, 2020 TEDxAstonUni, 2020 Les Napoleons, 2020 (keyr

World Marketing Summit, Rome, Italy, 2019 (keynote) World Marketing Summit, Harrogate, England, 2019 (keynote)

Fast Forward Forum, Venice, Italy, 2019 TEDxNaperville, 2019 Unfinished, Bucharest, Romania, 2019

FastCompany European Innovation, Milan, Italy, 2019 TEDx@Porto, Porto, Portugal. 2019

eTail, Palm Desert, CA, 2019 (keynote)

TELNE/Grotio, Fortugal. 2019
reTail, Palm Desert, CA, 2019 (keynote)
UNESCO, Paris, France, 2019
World Marketing Summit, Istanbul, Turkey. 2018 (keynote)
TEDNAperville, Naperville, IL. 2018
TEDNChicago, Chicago, IL. 2018
DMEXCO, Köln, Germany, 2018
Viva Technology, Paris, France, 2018
Talks@Google, New York, NY. 2018
PopTech, Camden, Maine. 2012, 2013 2015, 2016-2019, 2022 (host)
World Marketing Summit, Toronto, Canada. 2017 (keynote)
Mind Science Foundation, San Antonio, TX. 2017
Singularity University Summit, San Francisco, CA. 2017 (keynote)
Cannes Lions, Cannes, France. 2017
USI, Paris, France. 2017, 2018
Comicon, New York, NY. 2016. 2017
DIGIT-Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria. 2016
China Academy of Arts, Hangzhou, China. 2016
South by SouthWest, Austin, TX. 2016
TED, Vancouver, Canada. 2016
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South by SouthWest, Austin, 1X. 2016 TED, Vancouver, Canada. 2016 World Marketing Summit, Tokyo, Japan. 2016 New Context Conference, Tokyo, Japan. 2015 B3 Biennale, Frankfurt, Germany. 2015 Raising the Bar, New York, NY. 2015

TEDxAix, Aix-en-Provence, France, 2015, 2017 Rethink Education, New York, NY. 2015 (keyno

Rethink Education, New York, NY. 2015 (keynote)
International Conference on Cyber Security, Tel-Aviv, Israel. 2013-2015, 2018
Glimpses, Red-Bull annual conference, Los Angeles, CA. 2013
TED-Ed (Technology, Entertainment, Design). 2013
Google Zeitgeist, London, England. 2013
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