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Contributions (annotated bibliography of selected publications)

These two studies provided the first definitive proof of double-opponent cells in the primate. These cells are thought to be the building blocks for color constancy calculations:

- Conway BR (2001) Spatial structure of cone inputs to color cells in alert macaque primary visual cortex (V-1). ***Journal of Neuroscience*** 21(8):2768-2783 [cover article].
- Conway BR and Livingstone MS (2006) Spatial and temporal properties of cone signals in alert macaque primary visual cortex. ***Journal of Neuroscience*** 26:10826-46 [cover article].

This study resolved the long-standing controversy on the role of V4 in color perception and uncovered a new functional organization for this region of cortex:

- Conway BR, Moeller S and Tsao DY (2007) Specialized color modules in macaque extrastriate cortex ***Neuron*** 56(3):560-573 [cover article].

These two studies provided the best evidence to date for a cortical representation of perceptual color dimensions (hue and saturation), and presented the first single-unit evidence for a micro organization for color ("chromotopic maps") anywhere in the cerebral cortex:

- Conway BR and Tsao DY (2009) Color-tuned neurons are clustered according to color preference in macaque extrastriate cortex. ***Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*** 106(42):18034-18039.
- Zaidi Q, Marshall J, Thoen H, Conway BR (2014) Evolution of neural computations: Mantis shrimp and human colour vision. ***iperception***, 5:492–496

This study provided the first evidence that macaque monkeys have virtually identical psychophysical chromatic mechanisms to humans:

- Stoughton CM, Lafer-Sousa R, Gagin G, Conway BR (2012) Psychophysical chromatic mechanisms in macaque monkey. ***Journal of Neuroscience*** 32(43):15216-26

This study presented a novel theory for the development of color and modernism in Western painting:

- Conway BR (2012) Color consilience: color through the lens of art practice, history, philosophy, and neuroscience. ***Annals of the New York Academy of Science*** (Cognitive Science Annual Issue)1251:77-94

This study gave the first evidence that the cerebral cortex contains an explicit representation of chromatic priors build up from natural scene statistics:

- Lafer-Sousa R, Liu YO, Lafer-Sousa L, Wiest MC, Conway BR (2012) Color tuning in alert macaque V1 assessed with fMRI and single-unit recording shows a bias towards daylight colors. ***Journal of the Optical Society of America*** 29(5):657-70

These two studies presented the discovery a fundamental organizing principle in Inferior Temporal Cortex (forthcoming work in collaboration with Nancy Kanwisher extends these results to humans):

- Lafer-Sousa R, Conway BR (2013) Parallel, multi-stage processing of colors, faces and shapes in macaque inferior temporal cortex. ***Nature Neuroscience*** 16(12):1870-8. Advanced Publication (October 2013) 10.1038/nn.3555 (recommended by F1000)
- Verhoef BE, Bohon KS, Conway BR (2015) Functional architecture for disparity in macaque inferior temporal cortex and its relationship to the architecture for faces, color, scenes, and visual field. ***Journal of Neuroscience*** 35:6952-6968. (selected for a forthcoming *J. Neurosci* Journal Club)

This is a widely-cited essay that is the cornerstone for contemporary discussions of the role of neuroscience in aesthetics:

- Conway BR, Rehding A (2013) Neuroaesthetics and the trouble with beauty. ***PLoS Biology*** 11:e1001504. (see *Nature* commentary)

This study provided the first demonstration of multistability in color perception (see news and views by Brainard and Hurlbert; coverage in the New York Times, the LA Times, BBC, The Guardian among others):

- Lafer-Sousa R, Hermann KL, Conway BR (2015) Striking individual differences in color perception uncovered by 'the dress' photograph. ***Current Biology*** 25:R545-54