

Aleksandar Aksentijevic

I have known Aleksandar Aksentijevic during his time at Birkbeck as an undergraduate, a postgraduate and now as holder of an ESRC Postdoctoral fellowship. During all this time I have been impressed with his enthusiasm for psychology generally, and over recent years, for psychophysics. His enthusiasm is catching, and although I have not shared his research interests I have been swept into vigorous and profitable discussions with him which have revealed him as an original and lively thinker. Those characteristics are clearly represented not only in his PhD research, but also in his other work on visual and auditory perception, and in his engagement with the concept of complexity and its applications. Throughout all the time I have known him he has demonstrated an obsession with accuracy and thoroughness in his research.

He has been very active as his published papers, those in preparation, and conference presentations (some of them invited ones) testify. He has been particularly interested in the temporal processing. His time as a Postdoctoral Fellow has led to both consolidation of his PhD research and exciting extensions of it resulting in international contacts and projects at advanced stages of planning.

It will be clear that I have a high regard for Alex. He is an engaging and generous person who gets on well with staff and students alike. As a postgraduate research student he acted as a teaching assistant for my Research Methods course for a number of years and he really was extremely helpful especially in assisting students with statistical concepts and methods. He has experience organising and teaching Masters level statistics courses at University College London and his continued employment indicates that those courses have been successful. I am impressed with his statistical knowledge and I have several times benefited from discussing some of my own research problems with him. I know that Alex is good at dealing with undergraduate students in connection with perception and general approaches to psychological science, as well as statistics and methodology.

I am quite sure that Alex would be a valuable member of staff. He is an original thinker who would be proactive in research. He is also extremely conscientious about teaching, and capable, too. He needs to 'belong' and this has been apparent in his commitment to Birkbeck. He has several lines of research in progress and I am sure he will be successful in bringing them to fruition in original and compelling ways.

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