Bradly Stone is a doctoral candidate at Brandeis University who investigates how internal body states (like being sick) can alter communication between neurons and how we perceive foods. This work helps us understand how an individual’s well-being shapes neural networks and, thus, guides human behavior.

Bradly’s path into this research has taken time: he first worked for five years in the California biotech industry before even pursuing a higher-education degree. During that time, he used brain imaging to help provide client-focused treatment to people with post-traumatic stress injuries. By studying what areas of the brain were impacted by stress, he became fascinated with the the underpinnings of neural communications and wanted to learn more about localized regions of the brain. Come hear Bradly’s story about how the field of Neuroscience drove him to leave California to pursue graduate school in Massachusetts.