

2019 Hall of Fame Honoree

Dr. Raia (Pixton) Hadsell Class of 1990

Dr. Raia Hadsell is one of the few female senior scientists in the field of artificial intelligence, and with more than 5,000 citations of her research at conferences and in journals to date, she is also clearly recognized as one of the pioneers of deep learning and AI.



With a BA from Reed College in Philosophy, Raia changed course and returned home to take computer science courses at Binghamton University where she earned her MS. She went on to earn her PhD in Machine Learning and Robotics from New York University, and then served as a research scientist at Carnegie Mellon's Robotics Institute. From 2009 until 2014, Dr. Hadsell was a computer scientist and then technical manager at the Center for Vision Technologies at SRI International. She joined the team at Google Deepmind in 2014 as a senior research scientist, where she is described by the co-founder and CEO as one of their "stars."

Dr. Hadsell's current research is exploring how intelligence emerges in artificial neural networks and robots, and her research has been published in "Nature," computer science conferences and she has presented a TEDx talk on artificial intelligence. Raia recognizes her status as one of the few female scientists in her field, and she actively mentors many junior researchers and supports diversity in AI research. She also sits on the executive board of Women in Machine Learning, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of women in the field of AI.

Dr Hadsell and her family, husband Mark (VHS Class of 1996), daughter Zoe and son Leif, have lived in London, England, for five years. They enjoy traveling back to Vestal to visit extended family, see the fall foliage and experience the natural beauty of upstate New York.