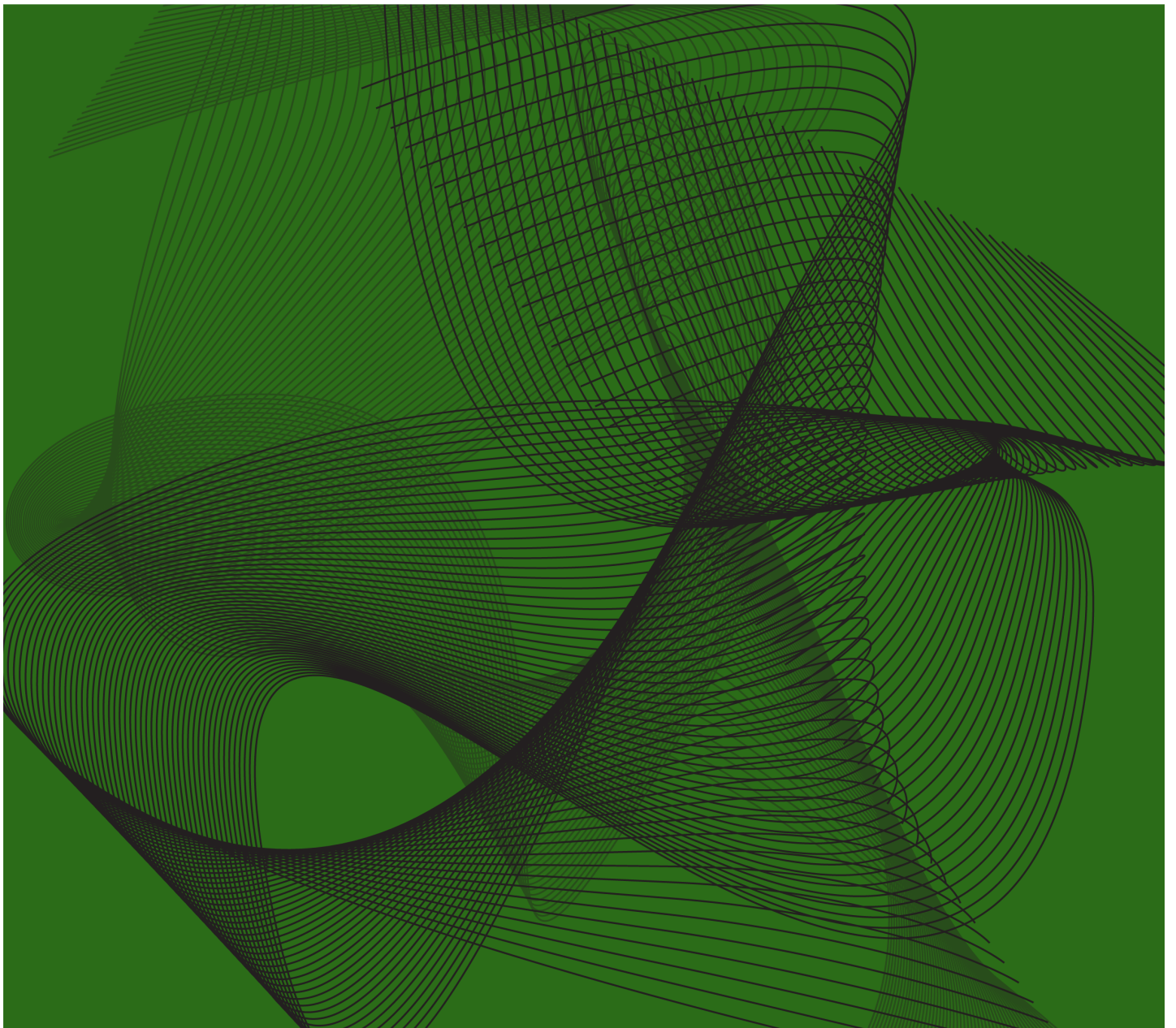


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Dr. Stuart actively participates in teaching and mentoring. He supervises graduate students at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and postdoctoral research fellows at Brown University. For years, he was actively involved in training psychology interns, postdoctoral fellows, and psychiatry residents.

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