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EDUCATION

Ph.D.: Psychology: Cognition and Perception (2015 – Present).

Institution: New York University.

Supervisor: Liina Pylkkänen.

M.Sc.: Cognitive Neuroscience of language (2013).

Institution: Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language (BCBL).

Dissertation: An alternative explanation for asymmetric switch-costs in unbalanced

bilinguals.

Supervisors: Jon Andoni Duñabeitia and Clara Martin.

B.A.: Basque philology and Linguistics (honors) (2012).

Institution: University of Deusto.

Other Courses:

Summer Course: Genetics & Neurobiology of Language Course. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories

(2016).

Summer University: German language and literature. Westfälische Wilhems-Universität. Münster,

Germany (2011).

Summer University: German language and literature. Heinrich-Heine Universität. Düsseldorf,

Germany (2010).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

| 2017: | Predoctoral fellow merit award: Society of the Neurobiology of Language (SNL). |
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| 2017: | Woodcock Institute Grant Research Award (\$9,951). |
| 2016: | Helmsley Fellowship for cross-disciplinary research (\$2,350). |
| 2016: | New York University, Dean's Student Travel Grant. |
| 2015: | Neurobiology of Language Conference: Travel Award. |
| 2015: | New York University: MacCracken Fellowship for Doctoral studies. |
| 2014: | La Caixa Foundation: fellowship for Graduate Studies in North America (~\$75,000 per |
| | year, dependent on tuition fees). |
| 2012: | Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language: academic scholarship waiver of M.Sc. |
| | tuition fees. |
| 2011: | Basque Government: grant for undergraduate research projects (€3,300). |
| 2010: | University of Deusto: grant for undergraduate research projects (€3,000). |
| 2008: | Basque Government: Distinguished Academic scholarship (waiver of first year |
| | University matriculation fees). |

MANUSCRIPTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Blanco-Elorrieta, E*., Gwilliams, L*., Marantz, A., & Pylkkänen, L. (in prep.). Neural bases of perceptual adaptation to foreign accents.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E., Ding, N., & Poeppel, D. (in prep.). Neural tracking of bilingual speech in noise.

Valenti, A., **Blanco-Elorrieta**, E., & Scheutz, M. (in prep.). An adaptive computational model of bilingual language switching.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E., Emmorey, K., & Pylkkänen, L. (under review). Decomposing task switching: MEG evidence from bimodal language switching.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E., Kastner, I., Emmorey, K., & Pylkkänen, L. (2018). A shared neurobiology for building phrases in signed and spoken language. *Scientific Reports*, 8, 5492.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. Emmorey, K., & Pylkkänen, L. (2017). Decoding Language Switching in the Bilingual Brain: evidence from simultaneous speech and sign production. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN)*.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E., Ferreira, V.S., Del Prato, P., & Pylkkänen, L. (2017). The priming of basic combinatory responses in MEG. *Cognition*, 70, 49-63.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2017). Bilingual language switching in the lab vs. in the wild: The spatio-temporal dynamics of adaptive language control. *The Journal of Neuroscience*, 37: 9022-9036.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). Bilingual language control in perception vs. action: MEG reveals comprehension control mechanisms in anterior cingulate cortex and domain-general production control in dorsolateral prefrontal cortex. *The Journal of Neuroscience*, 36(2): 290 – 301.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). Composition of complex numbers: Delineating the computational role of the left anterior temporal lobe. *NeuroImage*, 124, 194 - 203.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2015). Brain bases of language selection: MEG evidence from Arabic-English bilingual language production. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 9.

Pylkkänen, L., Bemis, D.K. & **Blanco-Elorrieta**, E. (2014). Building phrases in language production: An MEG study of simple composition. *Cognition*, 133, 371-384.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. Emmorey, K., & Pylkkänen, L. (2018). Task switching decomposed: MEG evidence from bimodal language switching. Talk presented at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) Annual Conference, Boston, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. (2017). The neurocognition of bilingualism. Talk presented at the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI) in New York, NY, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. Emmorey, K., & Pylkkänen, L. (2017). Turning a language "off" is cognitively effortful, but turning a language "on" is not: MEG evidence from bimodal language switching. Talk presented at the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Annual Conference, Baltimore, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. (2017). Bilingual language switching in the lab vs. in the wild: The spatio-temporal dynamics of adaptive language control. Talk presented at the Summer school on Bilingualism and Multilingualism, Barcelona, Spain.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). While language-switching in the lab localizes in anterior cingulate cortex, comprehending code-switches in the wild engages the auditory cortex: MEG evidence from Arabic-English bilinguals. Talk presented at the 22nd AMLaP Conference in Bilbao, Basque Country.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. (2016). Brain bases of bilingual language selection and switching: Evidence from production and comprehension. Invited talk at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY), New York, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E., Ferreira, V.S., Del Prato, P., & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). The priming of basic combinatory responses in MEG. Talk presented at the 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Florida, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2015). Switch mechanisms revealed by MEG: What is special about language switching? Talked presented at the Neuroscience of Language Workshop, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2015). Bilingual language control: domain general in production but not comprehension? Evidence from MEG. Talk presented at the 5th Linguistics in the Gulf Conference, Doha, Oatar.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2015). Brain bases of language selection: MEG evidence from Arabic-English bilingual language production. Talk presented at the NYUAD Annual Research Conference, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. Emmorey, K., & Pylkkänen, L. (2018). Task switching decomposed: MEG evidence from bimodal language switching. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) Annual Conference, Boston, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. Emmorey, K., & Pylkkänen, L. (2017). Decoding Language Switching in the Bilingual Brain: evidence from simultaneous speech and sign production. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN), New York, USA.

Fyshe, A., **Blanco-Elorrieta**, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2017). The neural representation of concepts during composition. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN), New York, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E., Ferreira, V.S., Del Prato, P., & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). The priming of basic combinatory responses in MEG. Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Annual Conference, London, UK.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). While language-switching in the lab localizes in anterior cingulate cortex, comprehending code-switches in the wild begins in auditory cortex: MEG evidence from Arabic-English bilinguals. Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Annual Conference, London, UK.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E., Ferreira, V.S., Del Prato, P., & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). The priming of basic combinatory responses in MEG. Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS) Annual Conference, New York, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). Bilingual language control in perception vs. action: MEG reveals comprehension control mechanisms in anterior cingulate cortex and domain-general production control in dorsolateral prefrontal cortex. 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Gainesville, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2015). Switching in perception vs. action revealed by MEG: Reactive control in the ACC and proactive control in the dorsolateral PFC. Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Annual Conference, Chicago, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2015). Composition of Complex Numbers: Delineating the computational role of the left anterior temporal lobe. Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Annual Conference, Chicago, USA.

Oseki Y., Gwilliams, L., Gaston, P., **Blanco-Elorrieta, E.,** Pykkänen, L. & Marantz, A. (2015). Neural dynamics of morphological and phrasal composition. Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Annual Conference, Chicago, USA.

Blanco-Elorrieta, E. & Pylkkänen, L. (2014). Brain bases of language selection: MEG evidence from Arabic-English bilingual language production. Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL) Annual Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Martin, C.D., **Blanco-Elorrieta**, E., & Duñabeitia, J.A. (2013). An alternative explanation to asymmetrical switch-costs in unbalanced bilinguals. Annual Psychonomics Conference, Toronto, Canada.

TEACHING

Teaching assistant:

2018: Psychology: Cognition. Teaching assistant for Prof. Trenton Jerde (Undergraduate).
2017: Psychology: Cognition. Teaching assistant for Prof. Bob Rehder (Undergraduate).
2016: Psychology and Linguistics: Neural Bases of Language. Teaching assistant for Prof. Liina Pylkkänen (Graduate and Undergraduate).

Guest lectures:

2017: Neurolinguistics. Lecture on bilingual language control, bilingualism and aging (Young

Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI at NYC).

2017: Cognition. Lecture on language and cognition (NYU).

2016: Neural Bases of Language. Lecture on the neurobiology of bilingualism (NYU).

2016: Neural Bases of Language. Lecture on the neural bases of perceptual attunement (NYU).

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2013- 2015: Research assistant.

Institution: New York University Abu Dhabi (Neuroscience of Language Lab).

Supervisors: Alec Marantz and Liina Pylkkänen.

2012 – 2013: Research assistant.

Institution: Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language (BCBL).

2011 - 2012: Research assistant.

Institution: University of Deusto (Tesitek Linguistics Research Group).

Supervisor: Rosa Miren Pagola.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

a) Ad hoc reviewer for:

Journals: NeuroImage; Brain and Language; Language, Cognition and Neuroscience; Journal of Cognitive Psychology; Journal of Neurolinguistics.

Grants: Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Polish National Centre for Research and Development.

b) Student Representative. Undergraduate linguistics student body (2008 –2012).

LANGUAGES

Basque: Native speaker. Certificate of Proficiency in Basque (EGA).

Spanish: Native speaker.

English: Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), 113 internet Based Test TOEFL.

German: Upper Intermediate (B2 European Framework of Reference).

Galician: Elementary (A2 European Framework of Reference).

French: Elementary (A1 European Framework of Reference).