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Professional experience

Beginning **Assistant Professor,** Department of Linguistics,

August 2023 University of California, Los Angeles

2022-present **Research Associate**, Department of Otolaryngology,

> Children's Communication Center, University of California, San Francisco

June 2020-NIH-National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication present

Disorders (NIDCD) Postdoctoral Researcher

Center for Comparative & Evolutionary Biology of Hearing Trainee

& Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences

University of Maryland, College Park

Education

2020	Ph.D., Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley
2017	M.A., Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley

2015 Master 1, Phonetics and Phonology

Université Sorbonne Nouvelle-Paris 3

2014 M.A., Spanish, Indiana University

B.A., Spanish, B.A., English, B.A., French, Butler University 2012

Additional training

2022 Introduction to Bayesian Data Analysis

Sixth Summer School on Statistical Methods for Linguistics and

Psychology, Potsdam, Germany

2022 **Acoustical Society of America School Trainee**

Englewood, CO

2020 Certificate of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

University of California, Berkeley

Spring 2017 **Department of Linguistics**

Stanford University

Spring 2011 **Study Abroad**

Université Paul Valéry III, Montpellier, France

Support

Current

2021-present N

NIH-NIDCD F32 Individual Postdoctoral Training Grant. "How children with cochlear implants learn speech from their environments." **Cychosz, M.** (Principal Investigator). Edwards, J., & Newman, R (Co-Investigators). Projected award period: 06/01/2021-05/31/2023. Total cost: \$137,999.

2021-present

NIH-NIDCD Extramural Clinical Loan Repayment Program. "How children with cochlear implants learn speech from their environments." **Cychosz, M.** (Principal Investigator). Edwards, J., & Newman, R (Co-Investigators). Total estimated cost: \$30,000.

Other

Awarded

NSF-SBE Postdoctoral research fellowship (SPRF). **Cychosz, M.** (Principal Investigator). Edwards, J., & Newman, R (Co-Investigators). Total cost: \$137,169. [Declined due to overlap.]

2020-2021

NIH-NIDCD T32 DC000046 "Training grant on comparative and evolutionary biology of hearing." **Cychosz, M.** (Postdoctoral trainee). 06/01/2020-05/31/2021.

Publications

Refereed journals

Accepted

Cychosz, M., Mahr, T., Munson, B., Newman, R., & Edwards, J. Preschoolers rely on rich speech representations to process variable speech. *Child Development*.

Accepted

Cychosz, M. & Newman, R. Units of processing in perceptual normalization for speaking rate. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*.

Accepted

Cristia, A., Foushee, R., Aravena-Bravo, P., **Cychosz, M.**, Scaff, C., & Casillas, M. Combining observational and experimental approaches to the development of language and communication in rural samples: Opportunities and challenges. Invited keynote submission to *Journal of Child Language* in celebration of the journal's 50th anniversary. [pre-print]

2022

Cychosz, M. Language exposure predicts children's phonetic patterning: Evidence from language shift. *Language*, 93(3), 461 498. [paper]



Manuscripts under review

Under review Cychosz, M., Edwards, J., Munson, B., Romeo, R. R., Kosie, J., &

Newman, R. The everyday speech environments of preschoolers

with and without cochlear implants. [pre-print]

Under review Hitczenko, K. Bergelson, E., Casillas, M., Colleran, H., Cychosz, M.,

Grosjean, P. Hamrick, L. R., Kelleher, B. L., Scaff, C., Seidl, A., Walker, S., & Cristia, A. A cross-linguistic study of the effect of early experience

on vocal development. Stage I registered report.

Under review Cychosz, M., Xu, K., & Fu, Q.-J.. Effects of spectral smearing on

speech understanding and masking release in simulated bilateral

cochlear implants.

Under review Aravena-Bravo, P...**Cychosz, M**...Woon, F. T. Towards Diversifying

Early Language Development Research: First Truly Global International Summer/ Winter School on Language Acquisition

(/L+/) 2021. [pre-print]

Book chapters

2022 **Cychosz, M.***, & Cristia, A.* Using big data from long-form

recordings to study development and optimize societal impact. In Advances in Child Development and Behavior, ed. J.J. Lockman & R. Gilmore. Vol. 62, pp. 1-36. Cambridge, MA: Academic Press.

[pubmed]

Fully peer-reviewed conference proceedings

2019 Lin, S.*, Cychosz. M.*, Shen, A.*, & Cibelli, E. The effects of phonetic

training and visual feedback on novel contrast production. In Proceedings of the 19th International Congress of Phonetic

Sciences. Melbourne, Australia.

2019 Schuller, B. W. Batliner, A. Bergler, C., Pokorny, F. B., Krajewski, J.,

Cychosz, M., Vollmann, R., Roelen, S., Schnieder, S., Bergelson, E.,

Cristia, A., Seidl, A., Warlaumont, A., Yankowitz, L., Noth, E., Amiriparian, S., Hantke, S., & Schmitt, M. The INTERSPEECH 2019 Computational Paralinguistics Challenge: Styrian Dialects, Continuous Sleepiness, Baby Sounds & Orca Activity. In

Proceedings of Interspeech 2019, Graz, Austria.

2018 **Cychosz, M.** Functional load and frequency as predictors of

consonant emergence across five languages. In Proceedings of

the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

2017 **Cychosz, M.**, Gordon, A., Odimegwu, O., Connolly, O., Bellassai, J.,

& Roemmele, M. Effective Scenario Designs for Free-text Interactive

Fiction. Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Interactive Digital Storytelling (ICIDS). Madeira, Portugal.

2017

Bellassai, J., Gordon, A., Roemmele, M., **Cychosz, M.**, Odimegwu, O., & Connolly, O. Unsupervised Text Classification for Natural Language Interactive Narratives. *Proceedings of the 10th International Workshop on Intelligent Narrative Technologies (INT10)*. Snowbird, Utah.

Other conference proceedings

2018

Cychosz, M., & Kalt, S. The contribution of functional load on children's vocalic development. In Gallagher, G., Gouskova, M., and Yin, S. (eds.), Supplemental Proceedings of the 2017 Annual Meeting on Phonology. Washington, DC: Linguistic Society of America.

2018

Cychosz, M., & Kalt, S. Language-specific sources of acoustic stability. In *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*.

2016

Cheng, A., Faytak, M., & **Cychosz, M.** Language, race, and vowel space: Contemporary California English, *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society.* (Vol. 42). Berkeley, California.

Datasets and corpora

2020

Cychosz, M.*, Romeo, R., Soderstrom, M., Scaff, C., Ganek, H., Cristia, A., Casillas, M., de Barbaro, K., Bang, J., & Weisleder, A.* Daylong Audio Recordings of Children's Linguistic Environments (DARCLE) Ethics Repository. DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/U3TFV.

2019

Cychosz, M., Cristia, A, Bergelson, E., Casillas, M., Baudet, G., Warlaumont, A. S., Scaff, C., Yankowitz, L., & Seidl, A. BabbleCor: A Crosslinguistic Corpus of Babble Development in Five Languages. DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/RZ4TX.

2018

Cychosz, M. Cychosz HomeBank Corpus, DOI 10.21415/YFYW-HE74. (2000+ hours of naturalistic daylong recordings of bilingual South Bolivian Quechua and Spanish speech)

2016

Escobar, E., **Cychosz, M.** Hayes, D., Lapierre, M., Raskit, T. L., Michael, L., Nee, J. E., & Remirez, E. *Berkeley Field Methods: South Bolivian Quechua, SCL 2016-13*, Survey of California and Other Indian Languages. University of California, Berkeley. DOI: 10.7297/X2T72FMM.

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2020 Cychosz, M. Categorize app. GitHub Repository. github.com/megseekosh/Categorize_app_v2
 2020 Cychosz, M. Triple formant tracker. Github Repository.

github.com/megseekosh/vocal_tract_vowel

* Denotes shared first authorship

Fellowships and Awards

2022	Early Career Travel Subsidy
	\$500, Acoustical Society of America
2021	Young Investigator Travel Award
	\$500, Women in Acoustics & Acoustical Society of America
2021	Open Access Publishing Award
	\$1475, University of Maryland
2021	Strategic Plan Presentation Winner (for exemplifying international
	research related to children's development)
	Society for Research on Child Development
2019	Raymond H. Stetson Scholarship in Phonetics and Speech Science
	\$30,000, Acoustical Society of America
2019	Indigenous Languages of Latin America (ILLA) Travel Grant
	\$1000, UC Berkeley
2019	Oswalt Documenting Endangered Languages Grant
	\$4500, UC Berkeley
2018, 2019	Student Travel Subsidy Award
	Acoustical Society of America
2018	Student Technology Fund Grant, UC Berkeley
	to fund recording and field equipment for child language
	data collection in Bolivia
2018	Oswalt Documenting Endangered Languages Grant
	\$5000, UC Berkeley
Spring & Fall 2018	Dissertation Completion Fellowship
	UC Berkeley
2017	Society for Language Development Student Award
	(awarded annually to the student demonstrating
	the most diverse research agenda)
2017	Tinker Summer Field Research Grant
	UC Berkeley
2016	Graduate Assembly Conference Travel Grant
	UC Berkeley
2016-17	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship: Portuguese
	Institute for European Studies, UC Berkeley
2015, 2016, 2018	Department of Linguistics Travel Grant
	UC Berkeley
2015, 2017	Student Technology Fund Grant

UC Berkeley with Keith Johnson and Auburn Barron-Lutzross to fund recording equipment for UC Berkeley Sociophonetic Area for Recording Conversational Language

2013 2012 2011-2015, annually Summer Research Grant, Indiana University Phi Beta Kappa Kappa Alpha Theta academic scholarship

Presentations

	Invited Talks (external)
2023	Cychosz, M. "Using naturalistic language samples of children's everyday lives to understand phonetic, phonological, and morphological development." Journée scientifique de la Société de Linguistique de Paris [Scientific Day of the Parisian Linguistic Society.]. Ecole normale supérieure. Paris, France.
2022	Cychosz, M. "Coarticulation, compensation, and phonetic change." University of Pennsylvania Integrated Language Science and Technology (ILST) Seminar Series. Philadelphia, PA.
2022	Cychosz, M. "What long-distance coarticulation can tell us about coarticulatory development." Invited talk part of special session "Perspectives on Long Distance Coarticulation" 182 nd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. Denver, CO.
2022	Cychosz, M. "Coarticulation, compensation, and phonetic change." ZAS Berlin: Phonetics & Phonology. Berlin, Germany.
2022	Cychosz, M. "Speech biases and the speech environment." Johns Hopkins Cognitive Science Colloquium, Baltimore, MD.
2022	Cychosz, M. "Coarticulation, compensation, and phonetic change." Harvard University Linguistics Colloquium, Cambridge, MA.
2022	Cychosz, M. "Coarticulation, compensation, and phonetic change." UCLA Linguistics Colloquium, Los Angeles, CA.
2022	Cychosz, M. "Environmental influences on children's phonetic development." San Diego State Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Colloquium, San Diego, CA.
2021	Cychosz, M. Why kids are hard to understand: Implications for speech technology and children's development. Invited talk for the Acoustical Society of America Press Room. [An outlet that

	provides "efficient dissemination of information regardingthe field of acoustics to the news media, science writers, and other interested parties."]
2021	Cychosz, M. Reconsidering variability in child speech production. Invited talk part of special session "Ideas worth reconsidering in speech perception and production." 181st Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. [virtual]
2021	Cychosz, M. Environmental influences on speech development. University of Delaware Syntax, Neurolinguistics, and Phonetics/Phonology (SNaP) Meeting. Newark, DE.
2020	Cychosz, M. Environmental influences on children's phonetic development. UCLA Phonetics Seminar. Los Angeles, CA.
2018	Cychosz, M. Functional load and frequency as predictors of consonant emergence across five languages. Presented for Georgetown University Linguistics Department, PhonLab. Washington, D.C.
2018	Cychosz, M. Cross-linguistic predictors of consonant emergence. Presented for University of Maryland, Learning to Talk lab. College Park, MD.
2018	Cychosz, M. Cross-linguistic predictors of consonant emergence. Presented for University of Maryland, Project on Children's Language Learning. College Park, MD.
	Invited Talks (internal)
2022	Cychosz, M. Harnessing children's messy, naturalistic environments to understand speech and language development. University of Maryland Developmental Science Colloquium. College Park, MD.
2022	Cychosz, M. Academic Job Market 101. University of Maryland Language Science Lunch Talk, College Park, MD.
2019	Cychosz, M. Daylong audio recordings in linguistic research: Collection, management, and use. Presented for the Group on American Indian Languages, Berkeley, CA.
2019	Cychosz, M. Child learners and daylong recording methods: New challenges in linguistic fieldwork. Presented for the UC Berkeley Fieldwork Forum, Berkeley, CA.
2017	Cychosz , M . Language specificity in phonological development. Presented for University of California, Berkeley, Language and Cognitive Development Lab, Berkeley, CA.

Conference presentations

2022	Cychosz, M. , Xu, K., & Fu, QJ. "Effects of spectral smearing on speech understanding and masking release in simulated bilateral cochlear implants." Poster given at the 183 rd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. Nashville, TN.
2022	Ahmed, F. [†] , Newman, R., & Cychosz, M. "Syllable complexity in 24 month-old infants resulting from spontaneous mother-child vocal interactions." Poster given at the 183 rd Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. Nashville, TN.
2022	Hitczenko, K., Cychosz, M. ,Cristia, A. "The development of canonical proportion continues through 6 years of age." Talk given at the 47 th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development. Boston, MA.
2022	Cychosz, M. , Munson, B., Newman, R., & Edwards, J. "The everyday speech soundscapes of preschoolers with and without cochlear implants." Talk given at the Mid-Atlantic Symposium on Hearing (MASH). College Park, MD.
2022	Garcia, R Cychosz, M Woon, F. "Running a truly international school on early language development." Poster given as part of thematic poster session on Western Biases in Infant Research: The state of the field and strategies for change. International Congress for Infant Studies. Ottawa, Canada.
2022	Cychosz, M. , & Cristia, A. "Using big data from long-form recordings to study development and optimize societal impact." Poster given as part of thematic poster session on Western Biases in Infant Research: The state of the field and strategies for change. International Congress for Infant Studies. Ottawa, Canada.
2022	Garg, R.†, Edwards, J., & Cychosz, M . "Effect of Everyday Speech Exposure on Children's Lexical and Phonological Development." Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Language Development, Madison, WI.
2022	Villanueva, A., Cychosz, M. , & Weisleder, A. "Dual Language Input from Adults and Older Children in Two Communities." Poster given at the Special Topic Meeting: Construction of the 'Other': Development, Consequences, and Applied Implications of Prejudice and Discrimination. Society for Research in Child Development. Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.







2017	Lin, S., Cychosz, M ., Shen, A., & Cibelli, E. Instructional and biofeedback training in L2 contrast learning. Presented at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Austin, TX.
2016	Cychosz, M. Sources of variation in an emerging Parisian French vernacular. Presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 45, Vancouver, Canada.
2016	Cychosz, M. , & Garrote Salazar, M. Acquisition of the passive in Spanish-learning children: Constructing the syntactic skeleton. Presented at the 41 st Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development. Boston, MA. [unable to attend]
2016	Cychosz, M. Identity and adolescence as factors in L2 phonological acquisition. Presented at New Sounds: 8th
	International Conference on Second-Language Speech, Aarhus, Denmark.
2016	International Conference on Second-Language Speech, Aarhus,

†Denotes student trainee.

Public Outreach

Public Lectures for families of children with hearing loss

June 2022 "After the hearing screening: Establishing a foundation for language growth following diagnosis" with Christina Blomquist & Nicole Nguyen

July 2022 "Look, Listen, Learn: How early talk at home helps your child learn language" with Christina Blomquist & Nicole Nguyen

August 2022 "In the classroom and on the playground: Translating at-home practices for school" with Christina Blomquist & Nicole Nguyen

"Cochlear Implant Meet-and-greet" [an educational and play **April 2023** session for children with hearing loss and their families] with Christina Blomauist & Nicole Nauven Nov 2022 "Cochlear Implant Meet-and-greet" [an educational and play session for children with hearing loss and their families] with Christina Blomquist & Nicole Nguyen **Teaching Experience** University of Maryland, College Park: Tutorials & Workshops Winter 2023 Digital signal processing for the speech, language, and hearing sciences: A three-day, hands-on tutorial series using Python, Primary Instructor I. Introductions II. Synthesizina sianals III. Fourier transforms Winter 2023 Research statements for the academic job market, Workshop leader Winter 2022 RMarkdown for intermediate/advanced R users, Primary Instructor Winter 2022 Getting started with grant writing, Workshop leader Winter 2021 Intermediate/advanced R, Primary Instructor Winter 2021 Practical tips for R, Primary Instructor **UC Berkeley: Courses** Spring 2020 **Linguistics: Phonological Development**, Primary Instructor Fall 2019 **Linguistics: Phonetics**, Graduate student instructor Primary instructor: Susan Lin Psychology: Language Development, Graduate student instructor Spring 2019 Primary Instructor: Mahesh Srinivasan Linguistics/Psychology: Language Development, Primary Instructor Summer 2018 Fall 2017 **Linguistics: Historical Linguistics**, Graduate student instructor Primary Instructor: Andrew Garrett **Indiana University: Courses** Spring 2014 **Spanish 200**, primary instructor Fall 2013 **Spanish 105**, primary instructor Spring 2013 Fall 2012

Invited Classroom Lectures

2022-2023 Hearing & Speech Sciences: The Research Behind Headlines on

Words, Thought, and Behavior: "The Word Gap" x3

Advising/Mentoring

UC Berkeley

2020 Adela Arriola
2020 Hitomi Torng
2019-2020 Karina Fong-Hirschfelder
2019-2020 Sierra Adachi
2019-2020 Rachel Elia
2019-2020 Kiran Girish
2019 Sonnet Phelps

2017-2018 Benjamin Papadopoulos

2016-2017 Sofea Dil

University of Maryland

2022-present Julianna Gross, Claire Bowler, Sydney Condron, Catherine

Valentino, JR Tsao, Ruth Park

2021-present Aeshah Tawfik

2021-2022 Ria Garg, Farheen Ahmed

2020-2021 Kavya Ganesan, Kaliyah Gowing

2018-present Michele Liquori 2018-2019 Becca Higgins

Other Professional Experience

Summer 2016 Visiting Research Assistant (Computer Science)

Institute for Creative Technologies, University of Southern California

2014-2015 English Language Teaching Assistant

Lycée Darius Milhaud, Le Kremlin Bicêtre, France

Summer 2012 Machine Translation Intern

Reverso-Softissimo, Paris, France

Academic Service

Manuscript Reviewing: Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, Behavior Research Methods, Bilingualism: Language and Cognition, Child Development, Developmental Science,

Diachronica, Ear and Hearing, Frontiers in Psychology: Language

Linguistics Vanguard, Trends in Hearing Conference Reviewing (abstracts): Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Many Paths to Language Acquisition, Berkeley Linguistics Society Conference Reviewing (papers): Cognitive Science Society, International Congress of Phonetic Sciences Adhoc Grant Reviewing: UK Medical Research Council, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong Organizing 2023 Co-organizer with Kasia Hitczenko, Amanda Seidl, Marisa Casillas, & Alex Cristia: Symposium on "Novel approaches to studying vocal development" at the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences 2022 Co-organizer with Katie Franich: Linguistic Society of America Symposium on "Suitcase phonetics: Creating a portable phonetics laboratory" at the 2022 Linguistic Society of America Meeting 2021 Co-organizer LangVIEW International Summer/Winter School on Language Acquisition, Pedagogical Team 2020 **Co-organizer** Berkeley Linguistics Society Workshop (BLS 2020): Phonological Representations. 2019 Co-organizer 10th Annual Computational Paralinguistics Challenge (ComParE): Interspeech 2019 2017 **Organizer**. Berkeley Women in Linguistics Working Group Conference Organizer, Berkeley Linguistics Society (BLS42) 2017 2017 Conference Organizer, Institute for European Studies Conference 2016-2017 **Organizer**, Berkeley Phonetics & Phonology Phorum Leadership 2021-2024 **Appointed Member**, Acoustical Society of America Speech Communication Technical Committee

Board member and pre-PI group organizer, DARCLE

(Daylong Audio Recordings of Children's Linguistic Environments)

2017-2022

Sciences, Journal of Child Language, Journal of Phonetics,

Committees/Other

2022-present Mentor, Linguistic Society of America Mentorship Program

2022-present Member, Linguistic Society of America's Future of Annual Meetings

Task Force

2017-present Member, DARCLE (Daylong Audio Recordings of Children's

Linguistic Environments)

2022 **Member**, Search committee for Acoustical Society Speech

Communication Technical Committee Chair

2021 **Member** University of Maryland Language Science Center

taskforce on undergraduate education

2020 **Session Chair (Phonetics)**, Linguistics Society of America 2021

Annual Meeting

2015-2017 Alternate Representative, Graduate Student Assembly, UC Berkeley

Skills

Software Python, R, SQL, shell scripting, Praat (analysis, scripting), Git,

OpenSesame, LaTeX, Audacity, CLAN, Fieldwork tools (ELAN, FLEx)

Hardware Eyetracking (EyeLink 1000), Ultrasound (Edgetrak),

Wearable technologies (LENA, etc.)

Languages

Native English

Near-native Spanish, French Conversational Portuguese

Reading Catalan, Romanian (undergraduate coursework)
Research South Bolivian Quechua (coursework 2016-2017;

fieldwork 2017-present)

Ecuadorian Quechua, Yucatec Maya (graduate coursework)

Professional Affiliations

Acoustical Society of America Linguistic Society of America International Phonetic Association

Phi Beta Kappa