# ALINA SUE LARSON

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#### **EDUCATION**

2014 - 2019 University of California, Santa Cruz Santa Cruz, CA

M.Sc. in Psychology, emphasis in Cognitive Psycholinguistics

Ph.D. in Psychology, dissertation titled How Collaborative Synchrony Affects

Humanization of Machines and Rehumanization of Humans

Advisor: Dr. Jean E. Fox Tree

2008 - 2012 Lewis & Clark College

Portland, OR

B.A., Psychology, Foreign Languages, magna cum laude

Advisor: Dr. Yueping Zhang

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

2016 Perlino Award, a competitive award for research related to deafness

2016, 2015 Summer Graduate Student Research (GSR) Award

2014 Regents' Fellowship2012 Phi Beta Kappa

2012 Psi Chi

2010 - 2012 Pamplin Corporation Scholarship

2008 - 2012 Dean's List

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Researcher, UC Santa Cruz (2014 - 2019)

Investigated the comprehension of discourse markers in human and machine speech, and the effect of backstories in HCI (Advisor: Dr. Jean E. Fox Tree, Spontaneous Communication Laboratory).

Designed and conducted experiments on the contribution of auditory and visual cues towards the comprehension of sarcasm (Advisor: Dr. Nicolas Davidenko, Perception Lab).

Graduate Research Assistant, Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, UC Berkeley (2012 - 2014)

Conducted several studies involving TMS and fMRI. Coordinated, scheduled, and ran participants independently, assisting in data collection and analysis, and created an annotated bibliography in the preparation of a literature review (Advisors: Drs. Dobromir Rahnev and Mark D'Esposito).

Undergraduate Researcher, Lewis and Clark College (2009 - 2012)

Worked on individual and team projects with humans and rats, using behavioral and physiological measures and conducted data analysis in SPSS (Advisor: Dr. Yueping Zhang).

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## PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- **Larson, A.S.**, Fox Tree, J.E. (in prep). Moving together: Implications for nonhuman agents.
- Larson, A.S., Fox Tree, J.E. (in review). Framing, more than speech, affects how machine agents are perceived.
- Hammond, A.A., D'Arcey, J.T., **Larson, A.S.**, Fox Tree, J.E. (in review). The Sarchasm: Sarcasm Production and Identification in Spontaneous Conversation.
- Rahnev, D., Nee, D.E., Riddle, J., **Larson, A.S.**, D'Esposito, M. (2016). Causal evidence for frontal cortex organization for perceptual decision making. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 113(21), 6059-6064.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- **Larson, A.S.**, Fox Tree, J.E. (2019, November). Believing a Robot is a Human Improves Impression Formation. Poster presented by Larson at the Psychonomic Society's 60th Annual Meeting. Montreal, Québec, Canada.
- **Larson, A.S.** (2019, April). Do the robot! Keeping the beat with humans and machines. Graduate Research Symposium 2019 talk. Santa Cruz, California USA.
- Hammond, A.A., D'Arcey, J.T., **Larson, A.S.**, Fox Tree, J.E. (2017, November). The more sarcastic you are, the more sarcastic you think others are. Poster presented by Hammond at the Psychonomic Society's 58th Annual Meeting. Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
- **Larson, A.**, Collins, J., Davidenko, N. (2015, July). "No way!": Similar contribution of visual and auditory cues to sarcasm comprehension. Poster presented at the 37th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Pasadena, California USA.
- Rahnev, D., **Larson, A.**, D'Esposito, M. (2015, February). Prefrontal cortex and perception: A TMS-fMRI study. Poster presented at the 26th Annual Bay Area Vision Research Day. Berkeley, California USA.
- Rahnev, D., **Larson, A.**, D'Esposito, M. (Presented by Rahnev). (2014, April). Distinguishing three prefrontal processes in perceptual decision-making: A TMS-fMRI study. Poster. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*.
- Rahnev, D., **Larson, A.**, D'Esposito, M. (2013, November). Causal mapping of lateral prefrontal regions to separate stages of perceptual decision-making. Nano-symposium talk. *Society for Neuroscience*.

# LECTURING POSITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

Summer 2019 Psychology of Language (5 week course, 80 enrolled students)

# TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

| Spring 2019 | Statistics, Dr. Saskias Casanova                            |
|-------------|---|
| Winter 2019 | Research Methods, Dr. Benjamin Storm                        |
|             | Gave a guest lecture on my research (239 enrolled students) |
| Fall 2018   | Research Methods, Dr. Leila Takayama                        |
|             | Gave a guest lecture on my research (241 enrolled students) |
| Spring 2018 | Research Methods, Dr. Leila Takayama                        |
|             | Gave a guest lecture on my research (192 enrolled students) |
| Winter 2018 | Cognition, Dr. Margaret Wilson                              |
| Fall 2017   | Roman History - Pompeii, Dr. Charles Hedrick                |
| Spring 2017 | Cognitive Neuroscience, Dr. Cassidy Sterling                |
| Winter 2017 | Psych of Language, Dr. Fox Tree                             |

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Fall 2016 Abnormal Psychology, Patrawat Samermit Spring 2016 Research Methods, Dr. Cassidy Sterling

Gave a guest lecture on APA style (185 enrolled students)

Winter 2016 Cognition, Dr. Margaret Wilson

Gave a guest lecture on implicit memory (171 enrolled students)

Fall 2015 Psych and Religion, Dr. Ralph Quinn Summer 2015 Research Methods, Dr. Faye Crosby Spring 2015 Perception, Dr. Nicolas Davidenko

Gave a guest lecture on chemical senses (170 enrolled students)

Winter 2015 Statistics, Dr. Audun Dahl

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2019 - Present Women in Cognitive Science2019 - Present Psychonomic Society

2014-2017 American Psychological Association

2015-2016 Cognitive Science Society

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

| 2019 - Present | Social Media Marketing Specialist at Lark in the Morning, Berkeley, CA              |
|----------------|---|
| 2019 - Present | Freelance illustrator; Commissioned portraits and book illustrations.               |
| 2014 - 2019    | Dance Instructor and Organizer, East Bay Waltz, Berkeley, CA                        |
| 2018           | Summer internship at Catalia Health in Engineering designing a robot animation tool |
| 2012 - 2014    | Director's Assistant, Berkeley Russian School, Berkeley, CA                         |
| 2012           | Assistant copy-editor for the textbook Doing Collaborative Research in Psychology   |
| 2010           | Illustrations Editor and Illustrator for Lewis & Clark school newspaper             |

## SERVICE

| 2016 - 2019 | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee member, UCSC          |
|-------------|--|
| 2017 - 2018 | Noise as Critical Research in Sound Studies working group member |
| 2017        | Ad-hoc reviewer, Memory & Cognition                              |
| 2016 - 2017 | Campus Representative for APAGS-ACT, UCSC                        |
| 2016, 2018  | Outreach to De Anza college students, hosting at UCSC            |
| 2015        | Outreach to Cognitive Science Student Association of UCSC        |

## MENTORING RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

- As a graduate student researcher, I have interviewed, hired, and mentored thirteen undergraduate researchers in Psychology. Of these, twelve have identified as female, one as male.
- Mentorship has taken the form of in-depth descriptions of participant running procedures, training in using various technologies around the lab, as well as some basics in Python coding.
- In addition to this training, I advised on graduate program applications and professional development, and wrote recommendation letters.

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## **SKILLS**

Programming Python, Website Design (HTML/CSS, Javascript), Statistics (MATLAB, R, SPSS).

Software/Tools Graphical design (ProCreate, Photoshop, Illustrator), Audio editing (Audacity).

Certifications Certified in the use of TMS and MRI at UC Berkeley (2014), CITI certified (2020).

Natural Languages Advanced French (7 years intensive study), advanced Russian (4 years intensive

study).

# **REFERENCES**

Professor Jean E. Fox Tree (Graduate Advisor)

Department of Psychology University of California Santa Cruz Santa Cruz, CA 95064 foxtree@ucsc.edu

Professor Leila Takayama

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Professor Travis Seymour

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More references available upon request