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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology Director, Human Language & Development Lab The New School	July 2023 – New York City, NY
Lecturer, Department of Psychology University of California, Berkeley	Summers 2021, 2024 Berkeley, CA
Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Department of Psychology University of Chicago, Advisor: Susan Goldin-Meadow	January 2021 – July 2023 Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

Ph.D., <i>Developmental Psychology</i> , University of California, Berkeley Dissertation: <i>Self-directed learning in language development: Interactions of linguistic complexity, learner attention, and language socialization.</i> Committee: Dr. Mahesh Srinivasan & Dr. Fei Xu (co-chairs), Dr. Susanne Gahl (Linguistics), Dr. Michael C. Frank (Stanford)	December 2020
B.A., <i>Honors Linguistics, Certificate in Latin American Studies</i> , Harvard College Thesis: <i>What we mean when we talk about things: Pragmatic units of quantification in Tzeltal Maya.</i>	May 2013

RESEARCH INTERESTS

active learning in language development | attention socialization & adaptation across diverse developmental milieus | learning from overhearing | sociolinguistic development | nonlinguistic communication & pragmatic foundations of early communicative development | computational models of language interpretation & learning | impacts of financial scarcity and worry on caregiver-child interaction | linguistic vagueness | integrating observational, experimental, & computational methodologies

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Jean Piaget Society Doctoral Dissertation Prize (précis)	2022
Graduate Student Instructor Excellence Award	2020
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2016–2019
National Living Lab Researcher Stipend	2016
Thomas Murphy Fellowship at the Center for Childhood Creativity	2015–2018
Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study	2014–2016
Dunwalke Summer Research Fellowship, Harvard College	2012
Summer Internship Stipend, Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies	2011

RESEARCH GRANTS

Resubmission: NIH R01 (<i>Role: PI</i>) <i>Nonverbal & verbal parental responsiveness to deaf signers, homesigners, & hearing speakers</i>	
Awarded: Center for Gesture and Sign Language (CGSL) Research Grant (<i>Role: PI</i>) <i>Embodied Prelinguistic Communication Between Tzeltal Maya Infants and Their Caregivers</i>	2023
Neubauer Collegium Faculty Research Project (<i>Role: Co-PI</i>) <i>Roots of Linguistic Identity (with: Drs. Marisa Casillas, Sharese King, Annette D'Onofrio)</i>	2022
NSF EAGER (<i>Role: Postdoctoral Scholar; PIs: Drs. Blase Ur, Susan Goldin-Meadow, Marisa Casillas</i>) <i>Efficient Human-in-the-Loop Redaction of Language Development Corpora</i>	2022
Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) Funding Award (<i>with Monica Ellwood-Lowe</i>)	2022

<i>Exploring Effects of Pandemic-Related Hardships on Caregiver Mental Health [...]</i>	
Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) Funding Award	2020
<i>Multiple Paths to Language: [...] Early Language Knowledge in Tzeltal Maya Infants</i>	
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Dissertation Grant	2019
<i>Overheard Speech in Tzeltal Maya: Infant Language Socialization and Learning</i>	
Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Seed Funding (with M. Ellwood-Lowe, M. Massenkoff)	2019
<i>Does Financial Scarcity Cause Parents to Speak Less to their Children?</i>	
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Research Grant	2013
<i>Isomorphism in Form, not Function? Plural Semantics in Tzeltal Maya</i>	
Harvard College Research Program Grants	
<i>Entity Construal with and without Count-Mass Syntax (supervising PI: Dr. Peggy Li)</i>	2011
<i>Initial-syllable Faithfulness in Catalán Phonology (supervising PI: Dr. Michael Becker)</i>	2010

Funded Intellectual Development & Travel

<i>Workshop on Modal Thought</i> , Center for Human Abilities, Berlin, Germany.	2022
<i>Adult Attachment Interview Institute</i> , Remote.	2021
'Science Envoys' <i>Science Communication Training</i> , Wonderfest, Palo Alto and Berkeley, CA	2019
<i>Paula Meynuk Travel Award</i> , Boston University Conference on Language Development	2014, 2017
<i>São Paulo School on Advanced Sciences Fieldwork Workshop</i> , Campinas, Brazil	2016
<i>Graduate Student Travel Award</i> , Berkeley Psychology Department	2016, 2017, 2019
<i>International Travel Award</i> , Berkeley Graduate Division	2014, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Casillas, M., **Foushee, R.**, Gómez Pérez, H., Méndez Girón, J., Casey, K., Polian, G., & Brown, P. (2025). A vocabulary checklist for early lexical development in Tzeltal. *Language Development Research*, 5(3).
[preprint] [repo] [pub]
- Zettersten, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Goddu, M. (2025). "Helpless" infants are active, goal-directed agents: Reply to Cusack et al. *Trends in Cognitive Science*, 29(7).
[preprint] [pub]
- Foushee, R.**, Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (2025). Preschoolers selectively attend to speech that they can learn more from. *Developmental Science*, 28(4):e70014.
[preprint] [repo] [pub]
- Alhama, R.*, **Foushee, R.***, Byrne, D., Ettinger, A., Alishahi, A., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2024). Using computational modeling to validate the onset of productive determiner-noun combinations in English-learning children. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 121(50).
[pub]
*joint first-authorship
- Foushee, R.** & Srinivasan, M. (2024). Infants who are rarely spoken to nevertheless understand many words. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 121(23).
[preprint] [repo] [pub]
- Foushee, R.**, Baharloo, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2024). Sociolinguistic development in a diverse, multilingual environment: Evidence from multilingual children in Gujarat, India. *Cognitive Development*, 72, 101504.
[preprint] [repo] [pub]
- Casillas, M., **Foushee, R.**, Méndez Girón, J., Polian, G., & Brown, P. (2024). Little evidence for a noun bias in Tzeltal spontaneous speech. *First Language*, 44(6).
[preprint] [pub]
- Meylan, S. C., **Foushee, R.**, Wong, N., Bergelson, E., & Levy, R. (2023). How adults understand what young children say. *Nature Human Behavior*.
[preprint] [pub]
- Cristia, A., **Foushee, R.**, Aravena-Bravo, P., Cychosz, M., Scaff, C., & Casillas, M. (2023). Combining

observational and experimental approaches to the development of language and communication in rural samples: Opportunities and challenges. *Journal of Child Language*, 1–23. [preprint] [repo] [pub]

Foushee, R., Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (2023). Active learning in language development. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 32(3), 250–257. [preprint] [pub]

Foushee, R. & Casillas, M. (2022). What ‘diversity’ means depends on your perspective: A commentary on Kidd & Garcia (2022). *First Language*, 42(6), 760–764. [preprint] [pub]

Foushee, R., Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (2021). Self-directed learning by preschoolers in a naturalistic overhearing context. *Cognition*, 206, 104415. [preprint] [repo] [pub]

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2021). What causes the word gap? Financial concerns may systematically suppress child-directed speech. *Developmental Science*,* e13151.
*Top Downloaded Articles at Wiley Publishing, 2022–2023. [preprint] [repo] [pub]

O'Donnell, M., Dev, A. S., Antonoplis, S., Baum, S. M., Benedetti, A. H., Brown, N. D., Carrillo, B., Choi, A., Connor, P., Donnelly, K., Ellwood-Lowe, M. E., **Foushee, R.**, Jansen, R., Jarvis, S. N., Lundell-Creagh, R., Ocampo, J. M., Okafor, G. N., Rahmani Azad, Z., Rosenblum, M., Schatz, D., Stein, D. H., Wang, Y., Moore, D. A., & Nelson, L. D. (2021). Empirical audit and review and an assessment of evidentiary value in research on the psychological consequences of scarcity. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(44), e2103313118. [repo] [pub]

Shtulman, A., **Foushee, R.**, Barner, D., Dunham, Y., & Srinivasan, M. (2019). When Allah meets Ganesha: Developing supernatural concepts in a religiously diverse society. *Cognitive Development*, 52, 100806. [preprint] [pub]

Srinivasan, M., **Foushee, R.**, Bartnof, A. & Barner, D (2019). Linguistic conventionality and the role of epistemic reasoning in mutual exclusivity inference. *Cognition*, 189, 193–208. [preprint] [repo] [pub]

Srinivasan, M., Al-Mughairy, S., **Foushee, R.**, & Barner, D. (2017). Learning language from within: Children use semantic generalizations to infer new word meanings. *Cognition*, 159, 11–24. [preprint] [repo] [pub]

Foushee, R., Falkou, N., & Li, P. (2016). ‘Two-pound cookies’ or ‘two pounds of cookies’: Children’s appreciation of quantity expressions. *Language Acquisition*, 24(4), 400–416. [preprint] [pub]

Submitted Manuscripts (*contact for drafts if not linked*)

Ellwood-Lowe, M.E., Foushee, R., Wehry, J., Horton, G., & Srinivasan, M. (submitted, *Developmental Psychology*). Day-to-day affect dynamics among caregivers of young children during the COVID-19 pandemic: A within-person approach. [preprint]

Namboodiripad, S., Kutlu, E., Babel, A., Babel, M., Baese-Berk, M., Bassuk, P.B., Block, A., Cabrera Perez, R., Carlson, M.T., Carraturo, S., Cheng, A., Cheng, L.S.P., Combiths, P., **Foushee, R.**, Frederiksen, A.T., Grammon, D., Hayes-Harb, R., Higby, E., Kendro, K., Koulidobrova, E., Lin, C.J.C., Lin, Z., Luque, A., McGowan, K.B., Muegge, J.B., Shea, C., Tripp, A., Wright, K.A. (under revision, *Cognition*). ‘Nateness’ and other essentialist characterizations of language are insufficient for science and society.

Jin, Y., **Foushee, R.**, Casey, K., & Casillas, M. (under revision, *Child Development*). Developmental change in acquiring overheard words from naturalistic contexts.

Foushee, R. (submitted, *Rethinking Schools*). Bringing a better Earth closer by sending students into Space: A flexible thought experiment for use in developmental science courses.

Li, P., Chen, F., **Foushee, R.**, Barner, D., & Carey, S. (under revision, *Cognition*). Variations in syntax or

lexical semantics on object and substance kind construal: A Mayan case study.

Refereed Conference Proceedings

Foushee, R., Jansen, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2025). *Transmission of natural and supernatural explanations by Hindu and Muslim schoolchildren in Gujarat, India*. In *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, San Francisco, CA. [preprint]

Sridhar, S.,[‡] **Foushee, R.**, Jansen, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2025). *“Does cooking involve ‘math’?: The relationship between math conception and math anxiety in Indian elementary and middle-school students*. In *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, San Francisco, CA. [pdf]

Alhama, R.G., **Foushee, R.**, Byrne, D., Ettinger, A., Goldin-Meadow, S., & Alishahi, A. (2023). Linguistic productivity: The case of determiners in English. In *Proceedings of the 13th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing and the 3rd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL2023)*. [pdf]

Foushee, R., Byrne, D., Casillas, M., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2022). Getting to the root of linguistic alignment: Testing the predictions of Interactive Alignment across developmental and biological variation in language skill. In *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. [pdf]

Meylan, S. C., **Foushee, R.**, Bergelson, E., & Levy, R. (2021). Child-directed listening: How caregiver inference enables children’s early verbal communication. In *Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. [pdf]

Foushee, R., Jansen, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2017). What counts as math? Relating conceptions of math with anxiety about math. In *Proceedings of the 39th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. [pdf]

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2017). Could both be right? Children’s and adults’ sensitivity to subjectivity in language. In *Proceedings of the 39th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. [pdf]

Foushee, R. & Xu, F. (2016). Active overhearing: Development in preschoolers’ skill at ‘listening in’ to naturalistic overheard speech. In *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. [pdf]

Foushee, R., Srinivasan, M., & Griffiths, T. (2016). Lexical complexity of child-directed and overheard speech: Implications for learning. In *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. [pdf]

Al-Mughairy, S., **Foushee, R.**, Srinivasan, M., & Barner, D. (2015). Daxing with a dax: Evidence of productive lexical structures in children. In *Proceedings of the 37th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. [pdf]

White Papers

Hadani, H., Kennedy, K., **Foushee, R.**, & Jaeger, G. (2017). Curious minds: What research tells us about building STEM connections in early childhood. [pdf]

*Hadani, H. & ***Foushee, R.** (2016). Reimagining school readiness: A literature review. [pdf]

Other Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2021). Response to Flournoy (2021): Reflections on the benefits and challenges of communicating the results of a pre-registered study. [preprint]

PRESENTATIONS

Oral Conference Presentations (*presenting author*)

Foushee, R., Levan, Z., Breeze, J., Lu, J., Lillo-Martin, D., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2025). *Communication in the absence of a shared conventional language: Contingent nonverbal behavior scaffolds language development and drives communication with deaf and hearing children*. Talk to be presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD50), Boston, MA.

Foushee, R., Jansen, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2025). *Transmission of religious and scientific explanations by Hindu and Muslim schoolchildren in Gujarat, India*. Talk presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, San Francisco, CA.

Foushee, R. & Ruggeri, A. (2025). *Goldilocks and the Three Books*. Talk presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD25), Minneapolis, MN.

Foushee, R., Levan, Z., Breeze, J., Madlansacay, M.,^{*} & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2024). *Nonverbal communication between hearing caregivers and their deaf and hearing children*. Talk presented at the 16th International Congress for the Study of Child Language (IASCL24), Prague, Czech Republic.

Foushee, R., Horton, G. & Srinivasan, M. (2022). *Characterizing the complete language environment: What could children learn by ‘tuning in’?* Talk presented at the 47th Meeting of the Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD47), Boston, MA.

Foushee, R., Byrne, D., Casillas, M., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2022). *Getting to the root of linguistic alignment: Testing the predictions of Interactive Alignment across developmental and biological variation in language skill*. Talk presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, CA.

Foushee, R. (2022). *The active language learner*. Talk presented at the Annual Meeting of the Jean Piaget Society (JPS), Philadelphia, PA.

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2022). *Infants who mostly overhear nonetheless show knowledge of nouns and fine-grained social language*. Talk presented at the 12th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Madison, WI.

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2021). *Early lexical knowledge in infants primarily exposed to overheard speech*. Talk presented at the 46th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD46), Boston, MA. [video]

Foushee, R., Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (2021). *The impact of speech complexity on preschoolers’ attention & learning*. Talk presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD21), Virtual.

Foushee, R., Byrne, D., Casillas, M. and Goldin-Meadow, S. (2021). *Differential impacts of linguistic alignment across caregiver-child dyads and levels of linguistic structure*. Talk presented at the 34th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing (CUNY2021).

Foushee, R., Starr, A., Wehry, J., & Srinivasan, M. (2020). *How should we use words like could? Development in understanding epistemic modal verbs as seen through modal judgment tasks*. Talk presented at the 45th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD45), Boston, MA.

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *Sociolinguistic development in a diverse, multilingual society: Evidence from 7- to 14-year-old children in Gujarat, India*. Paper presented at the 11th Biennial

Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Louisville, KY.

Foushee, R.*, Jansen, R.*, & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *Conceptions of math and art are linked to avoidance of the domains*. Talk presented at the 1st Mathematical Cognition and Learning Society (MCLS) Conference, Ottawa, CA. * co-presented

Foushee, R., Jansen, R., & Ellwood-Lowe, M. (2019). *How robust are scarcity inductions? A systematic replication of the scarcity priming literature*. Paper presented at the Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) Convening, Center for Effective Global Action, Berkeley, CA. [slides]

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *Children and adults' sensitivity to subjectivity in language*. In A. Kampa (Chair). Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD19), Baltimore, MD.

Foushee, R., Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (2019). *Can preschoolers learn words and facts from naturalistic overheard speech?* In A. Fitch (Chair). Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD19), Baltimore, MD.

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2017). *Children's prolonged metalinguistic development in understanding relative and subjective adjectives*. Paper presented at the 42nd Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD42), Boston, MA.

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2017). *Could both be right? Children and adult's sensitivity to subjectivity in language*. Paper presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London, UK.

Foushee, R. & Xu, F. (2016). *Active overhearing: Development in preschoolers' skill at 'listening in' to naturalistic overheard speech*. Paper presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Foushee, R., Griffiths, T., & Srinivasan, M. (2016). *Lexical complexity of child-directed and overheard speech: Implications for learning*. Paper presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Foushee, R. (2016). *How do children learn new words and can board games teach them math? Educating students and parents through demonstrations of Developmental Psychology stimuli*. Presented at the National Living Laboratory Meeting, Boston, MA.

Foushee, R., Al-Mughairy, S., & Srinivasan, M. (2015). *Daxing with a dax: Evidence of productive lexical structures in children*. Paper presented at the 40th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD40), Boston, MA.

Al-Mughairy, S.*, **Foushee, R.***, & Srinivasan, M. (2015). *Daxing with a dax: Evidence of productive lexical structures in children*. Paper presented at the 37th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Pasadena, CA. * co-presented

Foushee, R. (2015). *'Stuff-dividers': Interpretation and production of optional plural morphology in Tzeltal Maya*. In S. Lima (Chair). Paper presented at the IX Congresso Internacional da ABRALIN, Belem, Brazil.

Foushee, R. (2014). *What we mean when we talk about 'things': Pragmatic units of quantification in Tzeltal Maya*. Paper to be presented at the 88th Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Minneapolis, MN.

Additional Oral Presentations

[†]undergraduate mentee [‡]graduate mentee

Goodman, S.,[‡] Rawal, I.,[‡] & **Foushee, R.** (2026). *Language learning is social even if no one talks to you: Evidence of preferential observational word learning.* Talk to be presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Montreal, CA.

Ellwood-Lowe, M., Liu, S., **Foushee, R.**, Srinivasan, M. & Fisher, P. (2025). *Systemic impacts of financial scarcity on child-directed speech: Untangling time-of-the-month effects in ECE settings.* Talk presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD25), Minneapolis, MN.

Casillas, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Casey, K. (2024). *Tsetal children show a verb bias in early vocabulary development.* Talk presented at the 49th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD49), Boston, MA.

Casillas, M., Casey, K., **Foushee, R.**, Brown, P. (2024). *Verb bias but no noun bias in early Tsetal lexical development.* Talk presented at the 16th International Congress for the Study of Child Language (IASCL24), Prague, Czech Republic.

Jin, Y., **Foushee, R.**, Casey, K., & Casillas, M. (2024). *What do US children overhear: Evidence from day-long recordings and parental reports.* In Casillas, M. (Chair). Talk presented at the 16th International Congress for the Study of Child Language (IASCL24), Prague, Czech Republic.

Madlansacay, M.,[‡] **Foushee, R.**, & Goldin-Meadow, S. (2023). *Caregiver contingency and its relation to communicative competence.* Talk presented at the Workshop on Education Lecture Series, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, S. (2022). *Children's language ecologies: Understanding day-to-day variability in caregivers' child-directed speech during the COVID-19 pandemic.* Talk presented at the 47th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD47), Boston, MA.

Horton, G.,[†] **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, S. (2021). *Qualitative variability in overheard and child-directed speech in a naturalistic setting: A case study.* Talk presented at the Trends in Psychology Summit (TIPS) Data Blitz, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Schuler, L., Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, Horton G, Wehry J, & Srinivasan M (2021). *Parenting in a pandemic: An analysis of constraints on child-directed speech.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Harvard University's Women in Psychology (WiP), Trends in Psychology Summit (TIPS)

Meylan, S., **Foushee, R.**, Bergelson, E., & Levy, R. (2021). *Child-directed listening: How caregiver inference enables children's early verbal communication.* Paper presented at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Vienna, Austria.

Nguyen, J.,[†] **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2020). *Bilingualism & subjectivity.* Paper presented at the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Conference, Berkeley, CA.

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *What causes the socioeconomic word gap? The roles of resource scarcity.* Paper presented at the Summer School: UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy, Davis, CA.

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *Financial concerns suppress parents' speech with their children.* Invited talk presented at Evidence to Action 2019: Innovations in Health Data and Measurement, Google HQ, San Francisco, CA.

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *What accounts for socioeconomic differences*

in child-directed speech? The role of resource scarcity. Paper presented at the 44th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD44), Boston, MA.

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *Exploring the “word gap”: The role of financial constraints.* Paper presented at the Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) Convening, Center for Effective Global Action, Berkeley, CA. [slides]

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *What accounts for socioeconomic differences in child-directed speech? The role of resource scarcity.* Paper presented at the Developmental Psychology Symposium, Berkeley, CA.

Shtulman, A., **Foushee, R.**, Barner, D., Dunham, Y., & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *When Allah Meets Ganesha: Developing Supernatural Concepts in a Religiously Diverse Society.* Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD19), Baltimore, MD.

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *What accounts for socioeconomic differences in child-directed speech? The role of resource scarcity.* In M. E. Ellwood-Lowe and M. Srinivasan (Co-chairs). Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD19), Baltimore, MD.

Srinivasan, M., Bartnof, A., **Foushee, R.**, & Barner, D. (2015). *The scope of conventionality: Do children expect newly-learned words to be mutually known?* Paper presented at the 40th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD40), Boston, MA.

Poster Presentations

[†]undergraduate mentee [‡]graduate mentee

Sridhar, S.,[‡] **Foushee, R.**, Jansen, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2025). *“Does cooking involve ‘math’?: The relationship between math conception and math anxiety in Indian elementary and middle-school students.* Presented at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, San Francisco, CA.

Foushee, R., Jansen, R., Afflitto, L.,[‡] Goodman, S.,[‡] Tsudaka, G.,[‡] & Srinivasan, M. (2025). *Transmission of religious and scientific explanations by Hindu and Muslim schoolchildren in Gujarat, India.* Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD25), Minneapolis, MN.

Jin, Y., **Foushee, R.**, Casey, K. & Casillas, M. (2024). *Developmental change in acquiring overheard words within naturalistic contexts.* Poster presented at the 49th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD49), Boston, MA.

Foushee, R., Starr, A., Wehry, J., Anderson, J.,[†] Horton, G.,[†] O’Grady, S., & Srinivasan, S. (2023). *Mapping language to real-world event probabilities across middle childhood.* Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD23), Salt Lake City, UT. [poster]

Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, Wehry, J., Horton, G., & Srinivasan, M. (2023). *Unique sources of variability in individual caregivers’ day-to-day affect during the COVID-19 pandemic.* Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD23), Salt Lake City, UT. [poster]

Horton, G.,[†] **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, S. (2022). *Characterizing the complete language environment: What could children learn by ‘listening in’?* Poster presented at the 12th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Madison, WI. [poster]

Schuler, L., Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, Horton, G., Wehry, J., and Srinivasan, M. (2021). *Parenting in a Pandemic: An Analysis of Constraints on Child-Directed Speech.* Poster presented at the annual

meeting of the Harvard University's Women in Psychology (WiP), Trends in Psychology Summit (TiPS).

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2021). *Do speakers consult an internal jury of their peers in judging linguistic "fault" and subjectivity?* Poster presented at the 46th Annual Meeting for the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Princeton, NJ; Remote. [poster]

Foushee, R., Wehry, J., Starr, A., O'Grady, S., & Srinivasan, M. (2021). *How should we use words like could? Development in understanding epistemic modal verbs as seen through modal judgment tasks.* Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD21); Remote.

Foushee, R., Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (2020). *The impact of speech complexity on preschooler attention and learning.* Poster presented at the 45th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD45), Boston, MA; Remote. [poster]

Foushee, R., Jansen, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2020). *Transmission of religious and scientific explanations within chains of Hindu and Muslim children.* Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, Canada; Remote.

Jansen, R. & **Foushee, R.** (2020). *Similarity judgments determine consistency of implicit number conceptions across ages.* Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, Canada; Remote.

Jansen, R. & **Foushee, R.** (2020). *How we talk about math: Leveraging naturalistic datasets to define the discourse of math in contrast to other domains.* Poster presented at the 13th International Conference on Educational Data Mining (EDM), Ifraim, Morocco; Remote.

Foushee, R., Xu, Y., & Srinivasan, M. (2019). *How do we talk to children? Leveraging speech corpora to quantify how we simplify speech to children.* Poster presented at the 44th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD44), Boston, MA. [poster]

Berger, E., Ellwood-Lowe, M., Jauregui, M., **Foushee, R.**, Bunge, S., & Srinivasan, S. (2019). *Tuned in: Children learn from overheard speech while engaged in a cognitively demanding task.* Poster presented at the 11th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Louisville, KY. [poster]

Williams, D. J., **Foushee, R.**, Morgan, J. & Luchkina, E. (2019). *Skeptical 4-year-olds engage in social referencing with adults to interpret socially incongruent situations.* Poster presented at the Developmental Psychology Symposium, Berkeley, CA.

Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2018). *Faultless disagreement judgments track adults' estimates of population-level consensus over adjective-referent pairs.* Poster presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI. [poster]

Foushee, R., Xu, F., & Srinivasan, M. (2018). *The 'Goldilocks Effect' in preschoolers' attention to spoken language.* Poster presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI. [poster]

Jansen, R., **Foushee, R.**, & Griffiths, T. (2018). *A new similarity measure to reveal individual differences and growth in implicit number conceptions.* Poster presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Madison, WI. [poster]

Jansen, R., **Foushee, R.**, & Griffiths, T. (2018). *When 7 is closer to 9 than to 8: An expanded measure of implicit number conception.* Poster presented at the 2nd Mathematical Cognition and Learning Society Conference (MCLS), Oxford, UK. [poster]

- Foushee, R., Jansen, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2017).** *Relating conceptions of math with anxiety about math.* Poster presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London, UK. [poster]
- Foushee, R., Jansen, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2017).** *Low- and high- math anxiety individuals' representations of math: A multidimensional scaling analysis.* Poster presented at the 1st Mathematical Cognition and Learning Conference (mcls), Nashville, TN. [poster]
- Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2017).** *Developing sensitivity to subjectivity in language.* Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD17), Austin, TX. [poster]
- Foushee, R., Dubey, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2017).** *The impact of social structure & culture on mindset & math anxiety: Evidence from an Indian middle school.* Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD17), Austin, TX. [poster]
- Bartnof, A., Foushee, R., Barner, D. & Srinivasan, M. (2017).** *Do young children expect newly-learned words to be shared by others?* Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD17), Austin, TX. [poster]
- Jansen, R., Foushee, R., & Srinivasan, M. (2017).** *Broad definitions of math are linked to lower levels of math anxiety.* Poster presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD17), Austin, TX. [poster]
- Foushee, R. & Xu, F. (2016).** *Development in preschooler's learning from naturalistic overheard speech.* Poster presented at the 41st Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD41), Boston, MA.
- Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2016).** *Sensing subjectivity: Semantic & epistemological development.* Psychology Department Poster Session, University of California, Berkeley. [poster]
- Foushee, R. & Li, P. (2016).** *Counting pieces of stuff in Tseltal Maya.* Poster presented at the Putting Fieldwork on Indigenous Languages to New Uses Workshop, University of Campinas (UNICAMP), São Paulo, Brazil. [poster]
- Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2016).** *Sensing subjectivity: Semantic and epistemological development.* Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting for the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Austin, TX. [poster]
- Foushee, R. & Xu, F. (2015).** *Active overhearing.* Poster presented at the 9th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Columbus, OH. [poster]
- Foushee, R. & Srinivasan, M. (2015).** *'Sensing subjectivity': Children's semantic and epistemological development.* Presented at the 9th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Columbus, OH. [poster]
- Foushee, R., Falkou, N., & Li, P. (2014).** *'Two-pound cookies' or 'two pounds of cookies': Children's appreciation of quantity expressions.* Presented at the 39th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD39), Boston, MA. [poster]
- Foushee, R., Iqbal, Y., & Carey, S. (2011).** *Teaching 'ten': A study of number learning in toddlers.* Poster presented at the Harvard Psychology Department, Cambridge, MA.
- Foushee, R. (2008).** *Overt and covert attitudes toward accented speakers.* Presented at the Southern Arizona Research, Science, and Engineering Foundation Science Fair, Tucson, AZ.

Invited Talks*Title TBD.*

Cognitive Development Society Early Career Symposium, Montreal, CA Spring 2026

Title TBD.

Center for Language Science, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY Spring 2026

Active learning and social ecologies in cross-cultural language development

Integrated Language Science & Technology Seminar, University of Pennsylvania Fall 2025

Ecological language learning.

Technical University of Munich, Munich, Germany Fall 2025

Active learning and interactional systematicity in language development.

Developmental Colloquium, New York University, New York, NY Fall 2025

Active learning mechanisms & social ecological systematicity in cross-cultural language development.

CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY Fall 2025

The socialization of attention and language in prelinguistic infants.

Applied Psychology, New York University, New York, NY Spring 2025

The socialization of attention and language in prelinguistic Tzeltal Maya infants.

Eastern Psychological Association Presidential Symposium, New York, NY Spring 2025

Beyond child-directed speech: Active learning in early language development.

Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science Colloquium Series (RuCCs), New Brunswick, NJ Spring 2025

Active, adaptive language learning.

LEARN Lab, New York University, New York, NY Spring 2024

Active language learning.

Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, Netherlands Spring 2024

Self-directed learning in language development: Tuning in to other-directed language.

Developmental Proseminar, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY Fall 2023

Impossible yet inevitable: Robustness in language development & multimodal communication.

University of Washington Department of Psychology, Seattle, WA Spring 2023

*Development in understanding how epistemic modal verbs communicate possibility & probability*Workshop on the Science and Philosophy of Modal Thought
Human Abilities Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Berlin, Germany Fall 2022*Impossible yet inevitable: Robustness in language development & multimodal communication.*

The New School for Social Research Department of Psychology, New York, NY Fall 2022

What (words) do infants know when they mostly overhear?

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL Spring 2022

Epistemic modality in development.

Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies, Cambridge, MA Winter 2021

Linguistic alignment in parent-child verbal communication and gesture.

Computational Communication & Development Brownbag, Aix-Marseille University Fall 2021

<i>Learning from language directed to other children.*</i> (*with Marisa Casillas)	
Child Language Lab, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL	Summer 2021
<i>Language-learning that isn't taught: Child attention and linguistic complexity in learning from naturalistic overheard speech.</i>	
Language and Cognition Lab, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA	Spring 2020
<i>Not 'just semantics': Social reasoning and subjective disagreement.</i>	
MindCORE, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	Spring 2020
<i>New directions at the intersection of active learning and language development.</i>	
iSearch Research Retreat, Tegernsee, Germany	Winter 2020
<i>The 'Goldilocks effect' in preschooler attention to spoken language.</i>	
iSearch Research Group, Max Planck Institute, Berlin, Germany	Summer 2017
<i>Faultless disagreement and the development of a subjective semantics.</i>	
Berkeley-Stanford-UCSC Developmental Psychology Symposium	Spring 2016

Additional Campus Talks

<i>Active learning in language development.</i>	
New School for Social Research Retreat, New York, NY	Spring 2024
<i>Caregiver responsiveness and communicative development in deaf and hearing toddlers.</i>	
National Taiwan Normal University Research Meeting, Chicago, IL	Spring 2023
<i>Language-learning that isn't taught: Linguistic complexity, child attention, and language socialization in learning from naturalistic overheard speech.</i>	
University of Chicago Developmental Brownbag, Chicago, IL	Spring 2023
<i>Impossible yet inevitable: Robustness in language development & multimodal communication.</i>	
Cognition Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	Spring 2023
<i>The work we do to understand each other.</i>	
Developmental Brownbag, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	Spring 2023
<i>Sociolinguistic development in a diverse, multilingual environment: Evidence from Gujarat, IN</i>	
Roots of Linguistic Identity Workshop, Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago	Summer 2022
<i>Interaction minus input: The role of nonverbal contingency in the emergence of deaf homesign.</i>	
Grad Cross-Talks: Cognition in Context, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	Spring 2022
<i>Leaps of faith across communicative development.</i>	
Modalities of Language Group, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	Spring 2021
<i>The tension between conventionality and subjectivity in language: The case of adjectives.</i>	
Developmental Brownbag, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	Spring 2021
<i>Language-learning that isn't taught.</i>	Fall 2020
UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development Colloquium, Berkeley, CA	[link]
<i>Infant language socialization in Tzeltal Maya and across the world.</i>	
Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) Meeting, Berkeley, CA	Fall 2019
<i>How do we talk to children? Adults simplify their speech to children compared to adults less and less,</i>	

across childhood.

UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development Colloquium, Berkeley, CA Spring 2019

Learning to learn in language development.

UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development Colloquium, Berkeley, CA Spring 2018

Could both be right? Children's and adults' sensitivity to subjectivity in language.

UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development Colloquium, Berkeley, CA Spring 2017

Is this kid doing math? 'Math concept' and the link to math anxiety.

UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development Colloquium, Berkeley, CA Fall 2016

Faultless disagreement and the development of a subjective semantics.

UC Berkeley CogNetwork Meeting, Berkeley, CA Fall 2016

Overhearing as active language-learning.

UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development Colloquium, Berkeley, CA Spring 2016

Subjective semantics: Semantic compositionality and theory of mind.

UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development Colloquium, Berkeley, CA Spring 2015

Panels

A case for intellectual collaboration.

NSSR Psychology Departmental Colloquium, New York, NY Fall 2025

Interdisciplinary approaches to the study of language.

New School for Social Research, New York, NY Spring 2025

The meaning, search for, and science of 'joy' in childhood.

California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC), Santa Clara, CA Spring 2019

Early STEM: Bridging research and practice.

Bay Area Discovery Museum, Sausalito, CA Fall 2017

Invited Public Talks

Growing up multilingual: Myths, facts, and open questions.

Early Childhood Education Program Speaker Series, Berkeley, CA Spring 2022

Bridging the gap: Research and practice in language development.

Google Children's Centers Professional Development, Sausalito, CA Spring 2017

Do you hear what I hear?: Active overhearing in early language-learning.

Bay Area Discovery Museum, Sausalito, CA Spring 2015

TEACHING

The New School

Graduate Courses at the New School for Social Research

Advanced Topics in Language Development (seminar) Spring, Fall 2025

Language and Thought (lecture course fulfilling APA Cognitive requirement) Falls 2023–24

Psychology for Designers (seminar for Parsons M.A. students) Spring 2024

Undergraduate Courses at Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts

Fundamentals of the Psychology of Language (lecture course) Springs 2024–25

Sociolinguistic Development (seminar) Falls 2023–24

University of California, Berkeley*Lecturer in The Developing Child Summer Minor and Certificate Program*

(intensive program collaboratively designed and taught by 6 interdisciplinary faculty)

Contexts of Early Human Development (Psych 149B)

Summer 2024

Applied Developmental Psychology (Psych 142)

Summer 2021

*Instructor**Applied Developmental Psychology* (Psych 142)

Summer 2020

Language Acquisition (Ling 146)

Summer 2019

*Graduate Student Instructor**Statistical Models* (Psych 205, graduate course taught in R)

Instructor: Frederic Theunissen

Spring 2020

Psychology of Sleep (Psych 133), Instructor: Matt Walker

Fall 2018

Language Development (Ling C146/Psych C143), Mahesh Srinivasan

Spring 2015

*Reader**Cultural Psychology* (Psych 166), Instructor: Sara Gorchoff

Summer 2018

Guest Lectures*Infant eyetracking in the "field", Workshop on Expanding Research in Language Development* 2025*Piloting in psychological research*, Parsons School of Design

Spring 2025

The Whorfian hypothesis & linguistic-conceptual development, UCB Psych 143

Spring 2021

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE MENTORSHIP**New School for Social Research***Ph.D. Advisor*Travis Stackow (with Bill Hirst), TOPIC: *Emotion concepts, collective memory*

2023–

*M.A. Thesis Advisor*Sarah Goodman, TOPIC: *Belief inconsistency, revision, and semantic change*

2025–

Courtney Sturtz, TOPIC: *Physiological stress and 2nd language acquisition*

2025–

Faculty Advisor, Recipients of the NSSR Student Research Award

Sydney Segal, Anna Mercier, Silver Liftin, Alexandra Kahn

2024

*Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member, Psychology*Talea McCalman (Clinical), TOPIC: *Mental health socialization in Black youth*

2024

Rebecca Dolgin, TOPIC: *Misunderstandings in public discourse*

2024

Lorraine Afflitto, TOPIC: *The inferential potential of social group membership for infants*

2024

*Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member, Philosophy*Matteo Burrell, TOPIC: *Articulation and discursive possibility*

2024

*Graduate Student Supporting Research Mentor, Psychology*Sydney Segal, TOPICS: *Attachment; language deprivation; multimodal bilingualism*

2023–

Linfei Yang, TOPIC: *Communicating shifting queer and trans+ identities*

2024–

Robyn Attarian, TOPIC: *Intergenerational transmission of migrant grief*

2024–25

Faculty Advisor, Dean's Conference Award-funded public interdisciplinary language conference

"Language: Minds and Bodies" Graduate Student Conference

2026

"Language & Method" Graduate Student Conference

2025

"Language: What is it good for?" Graduate Student Conference

2024

Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts*Undergraduate Senior Capstone Advisor*

Nathan Simon, Psychology; TOPIC: <i>Human vs. machine classifiers</i>	2025
Babalola Bakare, Psychology; TOPIC: <i>NYC linguistic diversity</i>	2024
Nivideta Gargi, Psychology; TOPIC: <i>Multilingual identity development</i>	2023
Ana Hafley, Philosophy and Psychology; TOPIC: <i>Ineffability and mystic language</i>	2023

Faculty Organizer and Mentor, Undergraduate Research Internship

(Competitive pilot program providing students with stipends for intensive research training)

Max Choi-Henslee, Psychology and Illustration; PROJECT: <i>Infant psychophysiology</i>	2025
Velina Feuzeu, Economics and Fashion Design; PROJECT: <i>Language portraits</i>	2025
Alicia Kim, Psychology and Communication Design; PROJECT: <i>Ecological overhearing</i>	2025
Henri Winter, Philosophy and Psychology; PROJECT: <i>Intersubjectivity in homesign</i>	2025
Nathan Simon, Psychology; PROJECT: <i>Classifying social events in long-form audio</i>	2025

University of Chicago*Summer Institute in Social Research Methods Mentor* 2022–2023

4 funded undergraduate research mentees

Masters Thesis Mentor, MAPSS, PI: Susan Goldin-Meadow 2021–2023Sarah Heffley, Public Policy; TOPIC: *Early language intervention in children with brain-injury*Elise Ashford, Psychology; TOPIC: *Caregiver-child nonverbal communication and attachment*Gitika Chalasani, Psychology; TOPIC: *Communicative modality and infant attention**'Methods in Sign and Gesture' Research Mentor* Falls 2011–2022

Leading team in developing qualitative coding schemes for naturalistic video data

6 BAs, 2 MAs, and 1 PhD student from Linguistics and Psychology

Undergraduate Work Study Mentor Spring 2021–2023

2 students from Linguistics

University of California, Berkeley*International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS) Research Mentor* Summer 2021

2 funded Psychology students

Early Development and Learning Sciences Internship Mentor Summer 2021

2 students from Education and Social Work fulfilling their practicum requirements

Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program Mentor 2014–2022

64 students from Linguistics, Psychology, Cognitive Science, & Computer Science

Undergraduate Summer Internship Mentor Summers 2015–2019

32 Interns, 30 hours/week

Living Lab 'Research Toy' Design Supervisor, Bay Area Discovery Museum 2016

2 UC Berkeley undergraduates funded via an education stipend from the National Living Lab

*Undergraduate Thesis Advisor*Jacqueline Nguyen, *Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF)* 2021

Leigh Levinson, Psychology 2021

Jeff Anderson, Cognitive Science (with Drs. Ariel Starr & Mahesh Srinivasan) 2021

Allison Fong, *Warner Brown Award Recipient* 2020

Grace Horton, Psychology 2020

Sathvik Nair, Cognitive Science (with Drs. Stephan Meylan & Mahesh Srinivasan) 2020
 Stella Lim, Psychology 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & EMPLOYMENT

Goldin-Meadow Laboratory, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL Spring 2021–Summer 2023
Postdoctoral Research Scholar, PI: Dr. Susan Goldin-Meadow [\[site\]](#)

Language and Cognitive Development Lab, Berkeley, CA Fall 2014–Winter 2020
Graduate student, PI: Dr. Mahesh Srinivasan [\[site\]](#)

Berkeley Early Learning Laboratory, Berkeley, CA Fall 2014–Winter 2020
Graduate student, PI: Dr. Fei Xu [\[site\]](#)

'Cub Lab' Laboratory School Initiative, Berkeley, CA Fall 2018–
Researcher, PIs: Dr. Margaret Bridges & Dr. Ron Dahl [\[site\]](#)

Center for Childhood Creativity, Sausalito, CA Spring 2015–Fall 2018
Research Fellow, PI: Dr. Helen Hadani [\[site\]](#)

Exploratorium Math Team, San Francisco, CA Spring 2017–Fall 2017
Collaborating Researcher, Project Supervisor: Dr. Josh Gutwill [\[handout\]](#)

Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies, Cambridge, MA Fall 2013–Summer 2014
Lab Coordinator, PI: Dr. Jesse Snedeker [\[site\]](#)

Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies Internship, Cambridge, MA Summer 2011
Intern, PI: Dr. Susan Carey [\[site\]](#)

Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies, Cambridge, MA Fall 2010–Spring 2011
Research Assistant, Mentor: Dr. Peggy Li

Harvard Linguistics Department, Cambridge, MA Spring 2010–2014
Research Assistant, Mentors: Dr. Michael Becker & Dr. Lauren Eby Clemens

University of Arizona Mexican-American Studies Department, Tucson, AZ Summer 2009
Intern, Institute for Transformative Education

Psycholinguistic Fieldwork

Chiapas, Mexico Summers 2012, 2023–2025; Winters 2012, 2020, 2022; Springs 2011, 2019, 2024
Gujarat, India Winters 2016, 2017, 2019

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University and Departmental Service, The New School

Reviewer, NSSR Student Research Awards 2024–25
Faculty Supervisor, Psychology Department Colloquium 2025
Panelist, Institutional Review Board 2025
Faculty Speaker, Eugene Lang Admitted Students Day 2025
Committee Member, Eugene Lang Admissions Committee 2024–
Member, Lang Faculty Council 2024–
Advisory Committee, Applied Psychology and Design M.A. 2023–

Professional Service & Advocacy

Editorial Board, [Language Development Research](#) 2025–
Member, [ROLE Collective](#) 2024–
Member, SRCD Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity/Expression (SOGIE) Caucus 2023–
Panelist, PNAS Journal Club 2022–23
Member, Postdoctoral Advisory Board, University of Chicago 2022–23

<i>Ad Hoc Grant Reviewer</i>	2023–
National Science Foundation	
<i>Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer</i>	2021–
Cognition, Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology, Cognitive Development, Child Development, Journal of Cognition and Development, Developmental Psychology, Mind & Language, Psychological Science	
<i>Abstract Reviewer</i>	2016–
California Annual Meeting on Psycholinguistics, Cognitive Development Society, Proceedings of the Cognitive Science Society	
Departmental Service & Advocacy, University of California, Berkeley	
<i>Director</i> , Psychology Department Travel Award Committee	Spring 2017–Fall 2019
<i>Director</i> , Graduate Assembly of Students in Psychology (GASP)	Summer 2017–Fall 2018
<i>Organizer</i> , Women Who Code Working Group	Fall 2016–Summer 2017
<i>Co-Director</i> , Graduate Assembly of Students in Psychology (GASP)	Fall 2015–Spring 2017
<i>Member</i> , Psychology Department Travel Award Committee	Spring 2015–2017
<i>Student Host</i> , Institute of Human Development Colloquium	2014–2019
<i>Elected Social Chair</i> , Graduate Assembly of Students in Psychology (GASP)	2014–2015
<i>Active Member</i> , Graduate Student Workers Union	2014–2020
<i>Organizer</i> , Philosophy of Language Reading Group	Spring 2011
Outside Service	
<i>Elected Board Member</i> , Qumbya Housing Cooperative, Chicago, IL	2023
<i>Volunteer</i> , Bret Harte Elementary School, Chicago, IL	2022–2023
<i>Alumni Speaker</i> , Southern Arizona Regional Science & Engineering Fair (SARSEF)	2021
<i>Volunteer</i> , Contra Costa School District	2018–2020
<i>Curriculum Team</i> , Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Bay Area	2016–2017
<i>Consultant</i> , Aspire Education Reading Buddies Program	2016
<i>Contributing Author</i> , CREATE Framework for Early Education	2016
Volunteer Mentorship & Instruction	
<i>Workshop Leader: Data Visualization</i> , Summer Institute in Research Methods, UChicago	2023
<i>Workshop Leader: Behavioral Data Coding</i> , Summer Institute in Research Methods, UChicago	2023
<i>Panelist: The Academic Job Market</i> , Department of Psychology, UChicago	2023
<i>Panelist: Academic Careers</i> , Department of Comparative Human Development, UChicago	2022
<i>Workshop Leader: Making a Conference Poster</i> , Developmental Summer Internship	2019, 2020
<i>Workshop Leader: Research Piloting</i> , Psychology Postbacc Workshop Series	2019
<i>Workshop Leader: Best Practices in Open Science</i> , Developmental Summer Internship	2018
<i>Panelist: National Fellowships</i> , UC Berkeley Career Center	2017
<i>Panelist: Making the Most of Grad School</i> , UC Berkeley Psychology Dept.	2016, 2021
<i>Panelist: Pursuing a Graduate Career</i> , LCD Lab Summer Internship	2014–2018
<i>Organizer: Outstanding Questions Undergraduate Reading Group</i>	Summers 2015–2017
<i>Co-Organizer: Undergraduate Developmental Poster Session</i>	Summers 2015–2016
<i>Organizer: Graduate Student Orientation</i> , UC Berkeley Psychology Department	Fall 2015
<i>Speaker: Community College Research Orientation</i> , Contra Costa County	Spring 2015
Science Outreach	
<i>Linguistics for Everyone</i>	AAAS Conferences; 2016, 2017
<i>Bay Area Summer Science Night</i>	Summers 2016–2017
<i>Living Laboratory Research Educator</i>	Boston Museum of Science; 2011 Bay Area Discovery Museum; 2014–2016

Selected Press

[Big Think](#) | [Berkeley Letters & Science](#) | [News-Medical](#) | [Berkeley Talks](#) | [International Congress of Infant Studies 'Baby Blog'](#) | [KPOO Interview](#) | [UC Berkeley Press](#) | [reddit](#) | [Science Daily](#) | [The Daily Californian](#) | [Consumer Affairs](#) | [Moms](#) | [Gizmodo Brasil](#) | [The Washington Post](#) | [The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen](#) | [Yahoo](#) | [The British Psychological Society](#) | [Jbrary](#) |

MEMBERSHIPS & PARTICIPATION**Societies**

American Psychological Association, Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Cognitive Science Society, Ethical Science of Language Development (ESLD), Jean Piaget Society (JPS), LangVIEW Consortium, Latin American Network for Language Acquisition Research (LATINLAR), Linguistics Society of America (LSA), Mathematical Cognition and Learning Society (MCLS), Reframing Our Language Experience (ROLE), Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators, Society for Language Development (SLD), Society of Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

Open Science

Open Science Framework ([ORCID](#)), Github ([@foushee](#)), Databrary, AsPredicted, Peekbank

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

<i>National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity</i> Workshops and online courses for academic professionalization.	Fall 2022
<i>Berkeley Puppet Interview Training</i> Training in accessible structured interview method for use with young children.	Spring 2022
<i>Adult Attachment Interview Institute, New York City, NY</i> Two-week intensive on coding participant language in the AAI and achieving reliability.	Summer 2021
<i>Digital Pedagogy Fellowship</i> Webinars, workshops, and asynchronous modules to optimize remote instruction.	Summer 2020
<i>Wonderfest Science Envoy Program</i> Monthly trainings in skills for science popularization for a cohort of early researchers.	2019–2020
<i>Organizing Training, Caregivers Workers Union</i> Multi-day training on long-term strategy and developing leaders to strengthen organizations.	March 2017
<i>Text Analysis, UC Berkeley Data Lab</i> Week-long intensive covering supervised and unsupervised approaches.	January 2017
<i>São Paulo School on Advanced Sciences, University of Campinas, Brazil</i> Fully funded two-week course advancing field methods that benefit indigenous populations.	March 2015
<i>Creating Inclusive Classrooms, UC Berkeley Teaching & Resource Center</i> Workshop series on curriculum design with respect to visible and invisible disabilities.	February 2015

Other

Eye-tracking: SMI, Tobii; *Annotating naturalistic behavior:* ELAN, Datavyu; *Reproducibility:* Python, R, Jupyter/.Rmd/Quarto; *Audio processing:* Praat, LENA; *Transcription:* CHAT, CLAN; *Web design:* HTML/CSS; *Survey design:* Qualtrics