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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology  
The New School for Social Research

**July 2023 –**  
New York City, NY

**Postdoctoral Research Scholar**, Department of Psychology  
University of Chicago, Advisor: Susan Goldin-Meadow

January 2021 – July 2023  
Chicago, IL

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., *Developmental Psychology***, University of California, Berkeley

**December 2020**

Dissertation: *Self-directed learning in language development: Interactions of linguistic complexity, learner attention, and language socialization.*

Committee: Dr. Mahesh Srinivasan & Dr. Fei Xu (co-chairs), Dr. Susanne Gahl (Linguistics),  
Dr. Michael C. Frank (Stanford)

**B.A., *Honors Linguistics, Certificate in Latin American Studies***, Harvard College

**May 2013**

Thesis: *What we mean when we talk about things: Pragmatic units of quantification in Tzeltal Maya.*

## HONORS & AWARDS

Jean Piaget Society Doctoral Dissertation Prize (*précis*)

2022

Graduate Student Instructor Excellence Award

2020

## Fellowships

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2016–2019

Thomas Murphy Fellowship at the Center for Childhood Creativity

2015–2018

Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study

2014–2016

Harvard College Dunwalke Summer Research Fellowship

2012

## Research Grants

Center for Gesture and Sign Language (cGSL) Research Grant (*Role: PI*)

2023

*Embodied prelinguistic communication between Tzeltal Maya infants and their caregivers*

Neubauer Collegium Faculty Research Project

2022

*Roots of Linguistic Identity (Role: co-PI; with: Dr. Marisa Casillas, Dr. Sharese King)*

NSF EAGER (*Role: Postdoctoral Scholar; PIs: Dr. Blase Ur, Dr. Susan Goldin-Meadow, Dr. Marisa Casillas*)

*Efficient Human-in-the-Loop Redaction of Language Development Corpora*

2022

Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) Funding Award

2022

*Exploring Effects of Pandemic-Related Hardships on Caregiver Mental Health [...]*

Psychology and Economics of Poverty (PEP) Funding Award

2020

*Multiple Paths to Language: [...] Early Language Knowledge in Tzeltal Maya Infants*

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Dissertation Grant

2019

*Overheard Speech in Tzeltal Maya: Infant Language Socialization and Learning*

Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Seed Funding

2019

*Does Financial Scarcity Cause Parents to Speak Less to their Children?*

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Research Grant

2013

*Isomorphism in Form, not Function? Plural Semantics in Tzeltal Maya*

Harvard College Research Program Grant (*mentor: Dr. Peggy Li*)

2011

*Entity Construal with and without Count-Mass Syntax*

Harvard College Research Program Grant (*mentor: Dr. Michael Becker*)

2010

*Initial syllable faithfulness in Catalan phonology*

**Funded Intellectual Development**

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

**PUBLICATIONS****Refereed Journal Articles**

- 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. [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- Foushee, R.**, Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (2023). Active learning in language development. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 32(3), 250–257. [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- Foushee, R.** & Casillas, M. (2022). What 'diversity' means depends on your perspective: A commentary on Kidd & Garcia (2022). *First Language*, 42(6), 760–764. [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- 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 [\[repo\]](#) [\[pub\]](#)
- Foushee, R.**, Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (2021). Self-directed learning by preschoolers in a naturalistic overhearing context. *Cognition*, 206, 104415. [\[repo\]](#) [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- Ellwood-Lowe, M., **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, M. (2021). What causes the word gap? Financial concerns may systematically suppress child-directed speech. *Developmental Science*, e13151. [\[repo\]](#) [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- 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. [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- 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. [\[repo\]](#) [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- 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. [\[repo\]](#) [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)
- 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. [\[pub\]](#) [\[preprint\]](#)

**Submitted Manuscripts** (*contact for drafts*)

Casillas, M., **Foushee, R.**, Méndez Girón, J., Polian, G., & Brown, P. (under revision, *First Language*). Conceptual accessibility biases in Tzeltal vocabulary development.

**Foushee, R.**, Srinivasan, M., & Xu, F. (submitted, *Developmental Science*). Selective attention based on speech complexity and learning rate. [\[preprint\]](#)

**Foushee, R.**, Byrne, D., Ettinger, A., Alhama, R., Alishahi, A. & Goldin-Meadow, S. (submitted, *Journal of Cognitive Development*). Tracking the onset of productive determiner+noun combinations in English-learners. [\[preprint\]](#)

**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.

Meylan, S. C., **Foushee, R.**, Wong, N., Bergelson, E., & Levy, R. (under revision, *Nature Human Behavior*). How adults understand what young children say. [\[preprint\]](#)

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.

**Manuscripts In Preparation** (*contact for drafts*)

**Foushee, R.** & Srinivasan, M. Evidence of early lexical knowledge in infants rarely spoken to directly.

**Foushee, R.**, Byrne, D., Casillas, M., & Goldin-Meadow, S. Investigating the mechanisms of linguistic alignment via a longitudinal corpus of caregiver-child interactions.

**Foushee, R.**, Xu, Y., Regier, T., & Srinivasan, M. Modeling longitudinal linguistic complexity in child- and adult-directed language.

**Foushee, R.** & Ruggeri, A. Goldilocks and the Three Books: Children's explicit choices among levels of linguistic complexity are well-calibrated & consequential for learning.

**Foushee, R.** & Srinivasan, M. Could both be right? Children's and adult's sensitivity to subjectivity in language.

**Foushee, R.**, Horton, G. & Srinivasan, M. Qualitative variability in early overhearing experiences. [\[preprint\]](#)

**Foushee, R.**, Baharloo, R., & Srinivasan, M. Sociolinguistic development in a diverse multilingual environment.

**Foushee, R.** & Srinivasan, M. Adults consult an internal jury of their peers in judging linguistic 'fault.'

**Foushee, R.**, Li, P., & Carey, S. What we mean when we talk about *things*: Pragmatic units of quantification in Tzeltal Maya.

**Refereed Conference Proceedings**

**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 44<sup>th</sup> 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 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.  
[pdf]

**Foushee, R., Griffiths, T., & Srinivasan, M. (2016).** Lexical complexity of child-directed and overheard speech: Implications for learning. In *Proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> 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 37<sup>th</sup> 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.**, Horton, G. & Srinivasan, M. (2022). *Characterizing the complete language environment: What could children learn by 'tuning in'?* Talk presented at the 47<sup>th</sup> 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 46<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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 45<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 37<sup>th</sup> 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 88<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Minneapolis, MN.

#### Additional Oral Presentations

<sup>†</sup>undergraduate mentee

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 47<sup>th</sup> Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD47), Boston, MA.

Horton, G.<sup>†</sup>, **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 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Vienna, Austria.

Nguyen, J.<sup>†</sup>, **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 44<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD40), Boston, MA.

### Poster Presentations

<sup>†</sup>undergraduate mentee

**Foushee, R.**, Starr, A., Wehry, J., Anderson, J.<sup>†</sup>, Horton, G.<sup>†</sup>, O'Grady, S., & Srinivasan, S. (2023). *Mapping language to real-world event probabilities across middle childhood*. Poster 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.<sup>†</sup>, **Foushee, R.**, & Srinivasan, S. (2022). *Characterizing the complete language environment: What could children learn by 'listening in'?* Poster presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting for the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Princeton, NJ. [\[poster\]](#)

**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*. Poster 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 45<sup>th</sup> Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD45), Boston, MA. [\[poster\]](#)

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

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



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 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Educational Data Mining (EDM), Ifraim, Morocco.

**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 44<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 41<sup>st</sup> Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD41), Boston, MA.

**Foushee, R.** & Srinivasan, M. (2016). *Sensing subjectivity: Semantic & epistemological development*. Poster presented at the Psychology Department Poster Session, University of California, Berkeley. [poster]

**Foushee, R.** & Li, P. (2016). *Counting pieces of stuff in Tzeltal Maya*. Poster presented at the Putting Fieldwork on Indigenous Languages to New Uses Workshop, University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil. [poster]

**Foushee, R.** & Srinivasan, M. (2016). *Sensing subjectivity: Semantic and epistemological development*. Poster presented at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting for the Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Austin, TX. [poster]

**Foushee, R.** & Xu, F. (2015). *Active overhearing*. Poster presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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

*Impossible yet inevitable: Robustness in language development & multimodal communication*.  
University of Washington Department of Psychology, Seattle, WA Spring 2023

*Developing 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  
*Learning from language directed to other children.\** (\*with Marisa Casillas) Fall 2021

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 meaning, search for, and science of 'joy' in childhood.</i>	
Panel with the Center for Social Change, California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC), Santa Clara, CA	Spring 2019
<i>The 'Goldilocks effect' in preschooler attention to spoken language.</i>	
iSearch, 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>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 &amp; multimodal communication.</i>	
Cognition Workshop, University of Chicago	Spring 2023
<i>The work we do to understand each other.</i>	
Developmental Brownbag, University of Chicago	Spring 2023
<i>Interaction minus input: The role of nonverbal contingency in the emergence of deaf homesign.</i>	
Grad Cross-Talks: <i>Cognition in Context</i> , 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	Spring 2021
<i>Language-learning that isn't taught.</i>	Fall 2020
UC Berkeley Institute of Human Development Colloquium, Berkeley, CA	<a href="#">[link]</a>
<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, across childhood.</i>	
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

#### Invited Public Talks

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

Early Childhood Education Program Speaker Series, Berkeley, CA

Spring 2022

*Pattern recognition in language and cognitive development.*

Early STEM: Bridging Research and Practice; panel for museum and preschool educators

Bay Area Discovery Museum Professional Development, Sausalito, CA

Fall 2017

*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 EXPERIENCE

##### Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley

*The Developing Child* Summer Minor and Certificate Program

Summer 2021

##### Instructor, University of California, Berkeley

*Applied Developmental Psychology* (Psych 142)

Summer 2020

*Language Acquisition* (Ling 146)

Summer 2019

##### Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley

*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

*The Whorfian Hypothesis & Linguistic-Conceptual Development* (Psych 143)

Spring 2021

#### Other Teaching

*Tutor, Statistics*

Fall 2015–Spring 2016

Student attending UC Berkeley Extension School

*Homeschool Teacher, Grade 5*

Fall 2013–Spring 2014

*English Language Instructor*  
Escola McKinney, Natal, RN, Brazil

Fall 2011–Summer 2012

## UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE MENTORSHIP

### University of Chicago

*Summer Institute in Social Research Methods Mentor* Summers 2022–2023  
4 funded undergraduate research mentees.

*Methods in Sign and Gesture Research Mentor* Fall 2022  
Leading undergrad team in developing & applying coding schemes to naturalistic video data

*Masters Thesis Mentor*, PI: Susan Goldin-Meadow 2021–2023  
Sarah Heffley, Public Policy  
Elise Ashford, Psychology  
Gitika Chalasani, Psychology

*Methods in Sign and Gesture Research Mentor* Fall 2021  
2 BAs, 1 MA, and 1 PhD student from Linguistics and Psychology

*Undergraduate Work Study Mentor*, UChicago Spring 2021–  
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 & Computer Sciences

*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 (with Mahesh Srinivasan) 2021  
Jeff Anderson, Cognitive Science (with Ariel Starr & Mahesh Srinivasan) 2021  
Allison Fong, *Warner Brown Award Recipient* (with Fei Xu) 2020  
Grace Horton, Psychology (co-advised with Mahesh Srinivasan) 2020  
Sathvik Nair, Cognitive Science (with Stephan Meylan & Mahesh Srinivasan) 2020  
Stella Lim, Psychology (co-advised with Fei Xu) 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 [\[site\]](#)

<b>Berkeley Early Learning Laboratory, Berkeley, CA</b> <i>Graduate student</i> , PI: Dr. Fei Xu	Fall 2014–Winter 2020 <a href="#">[site]</a>
<b>'Cub Lab' Laboratory School Initiative, Berkeley, CA</b> <i>Researcher</i> , PIs: Dr. Margaret Bridges & Dr. Ron Dahl	Fall 2018– <a href="#">[site]</a>
<b>Center for Childhood Creativity, Sausalito, CA</b> <i>Research Fellow</i> , PI: Dr. Helen Hadani	Spring 2015–Fall 2018 <a href="#">[site]</a>
<b>Exploratorium Math Team, San Francisco, CA</b> <i>Collaborating Researcher</i> , Project Supervisor: Dr. Josh Gutwill	Spring 2017–Fall 2017 <a href="#">[handout]</a>
<b>Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies, Cambridge, MA</b> <i>Lab Coordinator</i> , PI: Dr. Jesse Snedeker	Fall 2013–Summer 2014 <a href="#">[site]</a>
<b>Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies Internship, Cambridge, MA</b> <i>Intern</i> , PI: Dr. Susan Carey	Summer 2011 <a href="#">[site]</a>
<b>Harvard Lab for Developmental Studies, Cambridge, MA</b> <i>Research Assistant</i> , Mentor: Dr. Peggy Li	Fall 2010–Spring 2011
<b>Harvard Linguistics Department, Cambridge, MA</b> <i>Research Assistant</i> , Mentors: Dr. Michael Becker & Dr. Lauren Eby Clemens	Spring 2010–2014
<b>University of Arizona Mexican-American Studies Department, Tucson, AZ</b> <i>Intern</i> , Institute for Transformative Education	Summer 2009

**Psycholinguistic Fieldwork**

<b>Chiapas, Mexico</b>	Summers 2012, 2023; Winters 2012, 2020, 2022; Springs 2011, 2019
<b>Gujarat, India</b>	Winters 2016, 2017, 2019

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES****Professional Service & Advocacy**

<i>Member</i> , SRCD Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity/Expression (SOGIE) Caucus	2023–
<i>Panelist</i> , PNAS Journal Club	2022–
<i>Member</i> , Postdoctoral Advisory Board, University of Chicago	2022–
<i>Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer</i>	2021–
Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology, Cognitive Development, Journal of Cognition and Development, Developmental Psychology, Mind & Language, Psychological Science	
<i>Abstract Reviewer</i>	2016–
California Meeting on Psycholinguistics, 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>Voting 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 Chair</i> , Qumbya Housing Cooperative Board, Chicago, IL	2023–
<i>Volunteer</i> , Bret Harte Elementary School, Chicago, IL	2022–2023

*Alumni Speaker*, Southern Arizona Regional Science & Engineering Fair (SARSEF) 2021  
*Volunteer*, Contra Costa School District 2018–2020  
*Curriculum Team*, Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Bay Area 2016–2017  
*Consultant*, Aspire Education Reading Buddies Program 2016  
*Contributing Author*, [CREATE Framework](#) for Early Education 2016

### Volunteer Mentorship & Instruction

*Workshop Leader: Data Visualization*, Summer Institute in Research Methods, UChicago 2023  
*Workshop Leader: Behavioral Data Coding*, Summer Institute in Research Methods, UChicago 2023  
*Panelist: The Academic Job Market*, Department of Psychology, UChicago 2023  
*Panelist: Academic Careers*, Department of Comparative Human Development, UChicago 2022  
*Workshop Leader: Making a Conference Poster*, Developmental Summer Internship 2019, 2020  
*Workshop Leader: Research Piloting*, Psychology Postbacc Workshop Series 2019  
*Workshop Leader: Best Practices in Open Science*, Developmental Summer Internship 2018  
*Panelist: National Fellowships*, UC Berkeley Career Center 2017  
*Panelist: Making the Most of Grad School*, UC Berkeley Psychology Dept. 2016, 2021  
*Panelist: Pursuing a Graduate Career*, LCD Lab Summer Internship 2014–2018  
*Organizer: Outstanding Questions Undergraduate Reading Group* Summers 2015–2017  
*Co-Organizer: Undergraduate Developmental Poster Session* Summers 2015–2016  
*Organizer: Graduate Student Orientation*, UC Berkeley Psychology Department Fall 2015  
*Speaker: Community College Research Orientation*, Contra Costa County Spring 2015

### Science Outreach

*Linguistics for Everyone* AAAS Conferences; 2016, 2017  
*Bay Area Summer Science Night* Summers 2016–2017  
*Living Laboratory Research Educator* Boston Museum of Science; 2011  
 Bay Area Discovery Museum; 2014–2016

### Press

[International Congress of Infant Studies 'Baby Blog'](#) | [KPOO Interview](#) | [UC Berkeley Press](#) | [reddit](#)  
 | [The Daily Californian](#) | [Consumer Affairs](#) | [Moms](#) | [Gizmodo Brasil](#) | [The Washington Post](#) | [The Attitude with Arnie Arneson](#) | [Jbrary](#)

### MEMBERSHIPS & PARTICIPATION

#### Societies

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), 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

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

*National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity* Fall 2022  
 Workshops and online courses for academic professionalization.  
*Adult Attachment Interview Institute*, New York City, NY Summer 2021  
 Two-week intensive on coding participant language in the AAI and achieving reliability.

<i>Digital Pedagogy Fellowship</i>	Summer 2020
Webinars, workshops, and asynchronous modules to optimize remote instruction.	
<i>Wonderfest Science Envoy Program</i>	2019–2020
Monthly trainings in skills for science popularization for a cohort of early researchers.	
<i>Organizing Training, Caregivers Workers Union</i>	March 2017
Multi-day training on long-term strategy and developing leaders to strengthen organizations.	
<i>Text Analysis, UC Berkeley Data Lab</i>	January 2017
Week-long intensive covering supervised and unsupervised approaches.	
<i>São Paulo School on Advanced Sciences, University of Campinas, Brazil</i>	March 2015
Fully funded two-week course advancing field methods that benefit indigenous populations.	
<i>Creating Inclusive Classrooms, UC Berkeley Teaching &amp; Resource Center</i>	February 2015
Workshop series on curriculum design with respect to visible and invisible disabilities.	

## SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

<i>Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) Certification</i>	2011
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## Languages

<i>Natural</i>	Native	English
	Near-Native	Spanish
	Extensive	Brazilian Portuguese, ASL
	Elementary	Tseltal
<i>Artificial</i>	Extensive	R, Python, T <sub>E</sub> X

## Other

Eye-tracking (SMI, Tobii), LENA, Praat, Datavyu, ELAN, Jupyter & .Rmd, HTML/CSS, CHAT, CLAN, Qualtrics, Amazon's Mechanical Turk