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**Research Interests** Foreign-accented speech, social identity, pragmatics, individual differences in language processing

**Education**

<b>University of Alberta</b>	Edmonton, Canada
Ph.D. in Linguistics	Sep 2019 – Jan 2025
Supervisor: Juhani Järvikivi. GPA: 4.0/4.0	

<b>University of Wrocław</b>	Wrocław, Poland
MA in Linguistics	Sep 2016 – Sep 2018
Supervisor: Joanna Błaszczak. GPA: 5.0/5.0	

**Publications**

**COVIDisgust: Language processing through the lens of partisanship**  
Puhacheuskaya, V., Hubert Lyall, I., & Järvikivi, J. (2022)  
*PLOS ONE*  
[doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0271206](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0271206)

***I was being sarcastic!:* The effect of foreign accent and political ideology on irony (mis)understanding**  
Puhacheuskaya, V., & Järvikivi, J. (2022)  
*Acta Psychologica*  
[doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2021.103479](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2021.103479)

**The influence of aspect on the countability of Polish deverbal nominalizations: Evidence from an acceptability rating study**  
Gulgowski, P., Błaszczak, J., Puhacheuskaya, V. (2021)  
*Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft*  
[doi.org/10.1515/zfs-2020-2014](https://doi.org/10.1515/zfs-2020-2014)

**The Role of Syntactic and Semantic Constraints in Relative Clause Attachment Processing in Russian: An Eye-Tracking Study**  
Puhacheuskaya, V. (2020)  
*Generative Linguistics in Wrocław, no. 7.*  
[ifa.uni.wroc.pl/linguistics/page=538](https://ifa.uni.wroc.pl/linguistics/page=538)

## Conferences

**AMLaP 2024 (full talk)** September 4-7, 2024  
*No general pragmatic lenience toward foreigners: The effects of metaphorical language and person-based factors on sensibility ratings*  
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.

**AMLaP 2024 (poster)** September 4-7, 2024  
*The “incredibility effect” revisited: The modality of stimuli and listeners’ implicit prejudice against foreign accents modulate world knowledge integration*  
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.

**ICPhS 2023 (poster/short talk)** August 7-11, 2021  
*Labels speak volumes: The role of intergroup membership in accent perception*  
Calkins, K. (presenting author), Puhacheuskaya, V., Kim, J., and Järvikivi, J.

**ACOL 2021 (poster/short talk)** November 6, 2021  
*Labels speak volumes: The role of intergroup membership in accent perception*  
Calkins, K. (presenting author), Kim, J., Puhacheuskaya, V., and Järvikivi, J.

**Psychonomic Society 2021 (poster/short talk)** November 4-7, 2021  
*COVIDisgust: Language Processing at the Intersection of COVID-19, Politics, and Individual Differences*  
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author), Hubert Lyall, I., & Järvikivi, J.

**AMLaP 2021 (full talk)** September 2-4, 2021  
*The effect of foreign accent and political ideology on irony (mis)understanding*  
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.  
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**CogSci 2021 (poster/short talk)** July 26-29, 2021  
*Oh, the Irony!: Interpersonal Variation in the Processing of Foreign-Accented and Native Irony*  
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.

**CogSci 2021 (poster/short talk)** July 26-29, 2021  
*CoViDisgust: Language Comprehension at the Intersection of a Global Pandemic and Individual Disgust Sensitivity*  
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author), Hubert Lyall, I., & Järvikivi, J.

**34th Annual CUNY Conference (poster/short talk)** March 4-6, 2021  
*Individual Differences in the Perception of Native and Foreign-Accented Irony*  
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.  
[Abstract](#)

## Video

### **Scholarships & Awards**

**Mary Louise Imrie Graduate Student Award** 2024  
Value: \$2,000

**Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship** 2022-2023  
Value: \$12,000

**University of Alberta Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship** 2019-2020  
Value: \$5,000

### **Guest Lectures & Workshops**

**PsychoPy 101:** June 12-13, 2023  
**A crash course on building customized experiments**  
Workshop  
STEP2023 – CCP Spring Training in Experimental Psycholinguistics  
University of Alberta

**Relative Clause Attachment in Russian:** April 2022  
**An Eye-Tracking Study**  
Guest Lecture  
Ling 204 (Undergraduate Course)  
University of Alberta

**Visual World Paradigm & EyeLink 1000 Plus** Winter 2018  
Workshop  
Methods in Psycholinguistics (Graduate Course)  
University of Wrocław

### **Teaching Positions**

**Primary instructor (University of Alberta)** Winter 2024  
LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistic Analysis  
Creating lectures, creating and grading exams

**Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta)** Fall 2022  
LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistic Analysis  
Grading exams, attendance at lectures, office hours for students

**Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta)** Winter 2022  
LING 204 - Syntax of the World's Languages  
Grading exams, attendance at lectures, office hours for students

**Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta)** Fall 2021  
LING 204 - Syntax of the World's Languages  
Grading exams, attendance at lectures, office hours for students

	<b>Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta)</b> LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistic Analysis Grading exams, attendance at lectures, office hours for students	Winter 2020
	<b>Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta)</b> LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistic Analysis Grading exams, office hours for students	Fall 2019
<b>Research Positions</b>	<b>Supervisor of Research Assistants (University of Alberta)</b> Supervising two research assistants for the EEG project (providing EEG training, assigning tasks in data analysis and stimuli recording)	Fall 2022
	<b>Research Assistant (University of Alberta)</b> Department's tech support	Fall 2020
	<b>Lab Assistant (University of Wrocław)</b> Running eye-tracking, SPRT, and EEG experiments for the faculty	Fall 2018
<b>University Service</b>	<b>Colloquium Liaison</b> Department of Linguistics, University of Alberta Assisting in organizing invited talks held by the department	Fall 2022
	<b>Conference Chair</b> Alberta Conference on Linguistics (ACOL) University of Alberta	November 6, 2021
	<b>Assistant Editor</b> <i>Questions and Answers in Linguistics (QAL)</i> Department of Linguistics, University of Wrocław Assisting in editing publications and finding reviewers for the department's journal	Fall 2017
<b>Skills</b>	<b>Programming</b> Proficient in: Python, R Familiar with: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, MATLAB	
	<b>Languages</b> Belarusian (native), English (fluent), Polish (advanced), French (intermediate)	
	<b>Software</b> EyeLink 1000+, PsychoPy, E-Prime, BrainAmp, BioSemi, jsPsych, Praat, Latex	