

HILLEL STEINMETZ

ABOUT ME :

I am a University of Chicago graduate with one year of research experience in behavioral science research. Previously, I worked for the University of Chicago's Department of Psychology, where I was involved in research on the effects of non-literal language on social cognition, the psychology of civic virtues, and speech perception.

My research interests are in the sociology and social psychology of identity. I am particularly fascinated by the relationship between partisan and religious identity. I am also interested in sociolinguistics and Jewish intellectual history.

EDUCATION :

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, June 2019

Cumulative GPA: 3.92/4.00 o Major GPA: 4.00/4.00

Honors and Grants: Leonard Bloomfield Prize in Linguistics (June 2019), *Phi Beta Kappa* (May 2018), PRISM Research Grant (June 2018)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE :

June 2019 – **Research Assistant**

Aug. 2020 Attention, Perception, and Experience Lab | University of Chicago | Chicago, IL

- Worked with Professor Anne Henly to study the role of metaphor in perspective-taking and social closeness and assisted with a project researching how to cultivate civic virtue in a classroom setting
- Analyzed and summarized large data sets using Excel, R, and SPSS
- Helped facilitate lab operations, such as teaching graduate students to use software and resolving technical issues

June 2019 – **Research Assistant**

June 2020 Goldin-Meadow Lab | University of Chicago | Chicago, IL

- Worked with Jenny Lu to research how speech rate, a paralinguistic cue, can be used to convey semantic information – specifically, how non-native vs. native speakers process these cues
- Conducted study on 50+ participants online and in-person and analyzed data in R

June 2018 – **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

June 2019 Attention, Perception, and Experience Lab | University of Chicago | Chicago, IL

- Generated descriptive summaries of text transcription and presented these findings at a symposium and lab meetings
- Created an online experiment (Inquisit) researching the social effects of metaphor

- Feb. 2018 – **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
 June 2019 Goldin-Meadow Lab | University of Chicago | Chicago, IL
- Helped create an in-person experiment on speech rate processing (E-Prime)
 - Collected and modified 120+ image and sound stimuli using Praat and image editing software
- Nov. 2016 **Sapir Scholar Undergraduate Research Assistant**
 – June 2017 Phonology Lab | University of Chicago | Chicago, IL
- Conducted research with Jacob Phillips investigating the sociolinguistics of an ongoing sound change in English sibilants “s” and “sh” that related to listener judgments of gender and sexuality
 - Recruited speakers of Chicago English and synthesized a phonetic spectrum of sibilants that varied in acoustic frequency in Praat

POSTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PAPERS:

[Paper] Hillel Steinmetz, “Rabbinic Conceptions of Torah In Avot And Its Role in The Establishment of a New Religious Society.” *Makom: The University of Chicago’s Undergraduate Journal of Jewish Thought*, June 2019.

[Presentation] Hillel Steinmetz and Anne Henly, “The Effects of Metaphor on Perspective Taking, Communication, and Intimacy.” University of Chicago PRISM Symposium, November 2018.

[Poster] Jacob Phillips and Hillel Steinmetz, “Phonological environment conditions social perception of sibilants.” Invited to present at NWAV 46 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 2017.

ACADEMIC SERVICE :

Editor-In-Chief, *Makom*: the University of Chicago’s Undergraduate Journal of Jewish Thought
 Chicago, IL, August 2018 – June 2019

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP :

Advisory Board Member, Hillel at the University of Chicago
 Chicago, IL, September 2017 – June 2019

Associate Editor (formerly Staff Writer and Contributor), *The Chicago Maroon*
 Chicago, IL, October 2015 – March 2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS :

R, SPSS, Excel, Qualtrics, LaTeX, Inquisit, Praat, Python (basic), C (basic)

LANGUAGES :

Modern Hebrew (fluent), Classical Hebrew (intermediate), French (working proficiency)