

HILLEL STEINMETZ

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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

INTERESTS :

The social psychology of partisan and religious identity

The role of language use in the formation of ingroups

Collective intelligence

Quantitative methods

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE :

June 2019 – Research Assistant

Aug. 2020 University of Chicago Department of Psychology | Chicago, IL

Center for Practical Wisdom and the Attention, Perception, & Experience (APEX) Lab

- o Studied the effects of metaphor on social cognition and perspective-taking with Dr. Anne Henly
- o Worked with Professor Howard Nusbaum and Dr. Anne Henly to develop studies researching how experience affects a person's ability to reason about conflict and take others' perspectives
- o Designed studies in Inquisit, E-Prime, and Qualtrics
- o Analyzed and summarized data in Excel, R, and SPSS
- o Helped facilitate lab operations, such as teaching graduate students to use software and resolving technical issues

June 2019 – Research Assistant

June 2020 University of Chicago Department of Psychology | Chicago, IL

Goldin-Meadow Lab

- o Worked with Jenny Lu and Dr. Shannon Heald (APEX lab) to research how speech rate can be used to convey semantic information and compare how non-native speakers and native speakers of English interpret this information
- o Created and ran a study on 50+ participants online and in-person

June 2018 – Undergraduate Research Assistant

June 2019 University of Chicago Department of Psychology | Chicago, IL

Center for Practical Wisdom and the Attention, Perception, & Experience (APEX) Lab

- Generated descriptive summaries of text transcription and presented these findings at lab meetings and a symposium
- Conducted literature reviews, submitted an IRB proposal, and developed an online experiment (Inquisit) to research the social effects of metaphor

Feb. 2018 – Undergraduate Research Assistant

June 2019 University of Chicago Department of Psychology | Chicago, IL

Goldin-Meadow Lab

- Helped develop an in-person experiment on speech rate and ran the study on 60+ participants
- Collected and modified 120+ sound and image stimuli using Praat and image editing software

Nov. 2016 – Undergraduate Research Assistant

June 2017 University of Chicago Department of Linguistics | Chicago, IL

Phonology Lab

- Conducted research with Jacob Phillips investigating the sociolinguistics of an ongoing sound change in English sibilants /s/ towards [ʃ] (like “sh” in “shoe”) 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
- Contributed to the research described in Phillips, Jacob (2018). “Phonological environment and the social evaluation of American English sibilants,” in *Proceedings of the 44th Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*, pp. 243-256.

TECHNICAL SKILLS :

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

HONORS AND GRANTS:

Leonard Bloomfield Prize in Linguistics – June 2019

Phi Beta Kappa – June 2018

PRISM Summer Research Grant (\$2000) – June 2018

Sapir Scholar Research Assistantship (\$500) – April 2017, Nov. 2016

PRESENTATIONS:

Steinmetz, H. and Henly, A. (2018, November 16). *The Effects of Metaphor on Perspective-Taking, Communication, and Intimacy*. University of Chicago PRISM Symposium.

POSTERS:

Phillips, J. and **Steinmetz, H.** (2017, November 3). *Phonological environment conditions social perception of sibilants*. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 46; University of Wisconsin-Madison. [Unable to attend.]

PAPERS:

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.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE :

Data Journalist, Saggezza
Chicago, IL, November 2020—present

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP :

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

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

LANGUAGES :

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