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Background

Born March 19, 1986
Address Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences
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Education

- 2010–2016 **Ph.D. Brain and Cognitive Sciences**, *University of Rochester*, Rochester, NY.
Perception in a Variable but Structured World: The Case of Speech Perception. Committee: T. Florian Jaeger (advisor), Richard Aslin, Lori Holt, Jeffrey Runner (chair)
- 2005–2009 **B.A. Mathematics, concentration Cognitive Science**, *Williams College*, Williamstown, MA,
Summa cum laude, highest honors in Cognitive Science.
Senior thesis advisor: Safa Zaki

Appointments

- 2018 **Assistant Professor of Psychology**, *Rutgers University*, New Brunswick.
- 2016–2018 **C.V. Starr Fellow**, *Princeton Neuroscience Institute*.
- 2009–2010 **Baggett Fellow**, *University of Maryland*, Linguistics Department.
Post-baccalaureate research fellowship. Advised by Bill Idsardi.
- 2006–2009 **Research Assistant**, *Williams College*, Department of Psychology.
Supervised by Safa Zaki.

Honors and Awards

- **Highest rated student abstract**, 2016 Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language
- **NIH F31 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Pre-doctoral Fellowship**, 2015–2016.
- **Best student presentation**, 2013 LSA Summer Institute Workshop: “How the brain accommodates variability in linguistic representations”.
- **Best student talk**, 2011 Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP) Conference.
- **National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship**, 2010–2014.
- **Sproull Fellowship**, University of Rochester, 2010–2015.
- **Baggett Fellowship**, University of Maryland Linguistics Department post-bac. research fellowship, 2009–2010.
- Member, **Phi Beta Kappa** honors society, inducted 2008.
- **Dean’s List**, Williams College, 2005–2009.
- **Tyng Scholarship**, Williams College, 2005–2009.
- **National Merit Scholar**, 2005.
- Maine Educational Association **Clyde Russel Scholarship**, 2005.

Publications

Papers

- 2016 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., Re-examining selective adaptation: Fatiguing feature detectors, or distributional learning? *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 23(3), 678–691. doi:10.3758/s13423-015-0943-z
- Pajak, B., Fine, A. B., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., Learning additional languages as hierarchical inference: Insights from L1 processing. *Language Learning*, Advance online publication. doi:10.1111/lang.12168
- 2015 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., Robust speech perception: Recognize the familiar, generalize to the similar, and adapt to the novel. *Psychological Review*, 122(2). doi:10.1037/a0038695
- 2014 Salverda, A. P., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Tanenhaus, M. K., Immediate effects of anticipatory coarticulation in spoken-word recognition. *Journal of Memory and Language*, 71(1), 145–163. doi:10.1016/j.jml.2013.11.002
- Zaki, S. R., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Procedural memory effects in categorization: Evidence for multiple systems or task complexity? *Memory & cognition*, 42(3), 508–24. doi:10.3758/s13421-013-0375-9
- 2011 Croft, W., Bhattacharya, T., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Smith, D. E., Jaeger, T. F., Greenbergian universals, diachrony, and statistical analyses. *Linguistic Typology*, 15(2), 433–453. doi:10.1515/LITY.2011.029

Submitted and in preparation

- submitted Weatherholtz, K., Seifeldin, M., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Kurumada, C., Jaeger, T. F., *Speech perception as probabilistic inference under uncertainty based on social-indexical knowledge.*
- in prep **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Emberson, L. L., Doko, D., Edelman, S., Raizada, R. D. S., *How the brain transforms its representational space to learn to solve a linearly inseparable task.*
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., *Inferring listeners' prior beliefs about unfamiliar talkers.* doi:10.13140/RG.2.1.3803.4405
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Raizada, R., Jaeger, T. F., *Neural mechanisms of rapid adaptation to unfamiliar talkers via distributional learning.*
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Weatherholtz, K., Jaeger, T. F., *Two sides of the same coin? Socially-conditioned linguistic inferences and linguistically-conditioned social inferences.*

Conference Proceedings Papers

- 2016 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., What do you expect from an unfamiliar talker? In J. Trueswell, A. Papafragou, D. Grodner, & D. Mirman (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 38th annual meeting of the cognitive science society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
- 2015 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Raizada, R., Jaeger, T. F., Supervised and unsupervised learning in phonetic adaptation. In R. Dale, C. Jennings, P. Maglio, T. Matlock, D. Noelle, A. Warlaumont, & J. Yoshimi (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 37th annual conference of the cognitive science society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
- 2012 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Fine, A. B., Jaeger, T. F., A belief-updating model of adaptation and cue combination in syntactic comprehension. In N. Miyake, D. Peebles, & R. P. Cooper (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 34th annual conference of the cognitive science society* (pp. 599–604). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., A continuum of phonetic adaptation: Evaluating an incremental belief-updating model of recalibration and selective adaptation. In N. Miyake, D. Peebles, & R. P. Cooper (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 34th annual conference of the cognitive science society* (pp. 605–10). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.
- 2011 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., A Bayesian belief updating model of phonetic recalibration and selective adaptation. In *Proceedings of the 2nd ACL workshop on cognitive modeling and computational linguistics*. Stroudsburg, PA: Association for Computational Linguistics.

Presentations

- 2016 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., *What do you expect from an unfamiliar talker?* Talk presented at the conference on Sociolinguistic Variation and Language Processing, Blacksburg, VA.
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., *What do you expect from an unfamiliar talker?* Talk presented at LabPhon15, Ithaca, NY.
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Raizada, R., Jaeger, T. F., *Neural mechanisms for coping with talker variability by rapid distributional learning.* Talk presented at the Society for the Neurobiology of Language meeting, London, UK.
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Weatherholtz, K., Jaeger, T. F., *How informative is dialect about vowel distributions?* Poster presented at the LabPhon15 workshop on higher-order structure in speech variability, Ithaca, NY.
- 2015 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., Raizada, R., *Informativity in adaptation: supervised and unsupervised learning of linguistic cue distributions.* Poster presented at the 28th Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2014 Jaeger, T. F., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, *Efficient language understanding in a variable world: prediction and adaptation.* Talk jointly presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.
- Jaeger, T. F., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, *Speech perception and adaptation as inference under uncertainty.* Plenary talk jointly presented at the 15th Australasian International Speech Science and Technology Conference, Christchurch, NZ.
- 2013 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., *Speech perception, the lack of invariance, and adaptation: a computational level analysis.* Poster presented at the Workshop on Current Issues and Methods in Speaker Adaptation, Columbus, OH.
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., *Speech perception, the lack of invariance, and adaptation: a computational level analysis.* Poster presented at the LSA Institute 2013 Workshop: How the brain accommodates variability in linguistic representations, Columbus, OH.
- Salverda, A. P., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Tanenhaus, M. K., *Immediate effects of anticipatory coarticulation in spoken-word recognition.* Talk presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- 2012 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Fine, A. B., Jaeger, T. F., *A Bayesian belief-updating model of syntactic expectation adaptation.* Poster presented at the 25th CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, New York, NY.
- Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Jaeger, T. F., *Evaluation of a Bayesian belief-updating model for the time course of linguistic adaptation.* Poster presented at the 25th CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, New York, NY.
- 2011 Zaki, S. R., **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, *Response location effects in categorization: evidence for multiple systems or task complexity?* Poster presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Seattle, WA.
- 2010 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, *Efficient coding of speech in the auditory cortex.* Poster presented at the 2nd Annual Neurobiology of Language Conference, San Diego, CA.

Invited Talks

- 2014 **New Zealand Institute of Language, Brain, and Behavior Seminar**, University of Canterbury, December 9, 2014.
- Cognition and Language Workshop**, Stanford University, October 2, 2014.
- Psychology Department Seminar**, Carnegie Mellon University, July 22, 2014.
- Language Processing Brown Bag Seminar**, Beckman Institute, University of Illinois, March 6, 2014.
- Cognitive Science Colloquium**, Tufts University, February 13, 2014.

Teaching

- February 2014 **Guest Lecturer: Introduction to Cognitive Science, Tufts University.**
Presented lecture on computational modeling in the cognitive sciences, with an emphasis on statistical (Bayesian) models.
- Spring 2013 **Teaching assistant: Foundations of Cognitive Science, University of Rochester.**
Lectured, conducted recitations, designed assessments, and graded for large introductory class for the Brain and Cognitive Science Department.
- Spring 2012 **Teaching assistant: Cognition, University of Rochester.**
Lectured, designed assessments, and graded for introductory cognitive neuroscience course.
- Spring 2011 **Teaching assistant: Cognition, University of Rochester.**
Lectured, designed assessments, and graded for introductory cognitive neuroscience course.
- Spring 2009 **Teaching assistant: Ergodic Theory, Williams College.**
Graded problem sets and conducted group work sessions for senior seminar.

Service

Statistics outreach

I've worked to advance statistical literacy among cognitive scientists, psychologists, and linguists, via presentations at workshops and tutorials on statistical methods.

- 2014 Tutorial on simulation-based methods for understanding mixed models. *SST 2014 Tutorial: Regression and mixed effects models*
- 2013 Co-organized UR BCS Department statistics and data analysis working group with Steve Piantadosi.
- 2011 *Preparing data for analysis using R*, presentation with Alex B. Fine at University of Rochester BCS workshop on mixed-effects regression analysis for cognitive scientists.
- 2010 *ANOVA and Mixed-Effects Models in R for Language Scientists*, presentation at University of Maryland Linguistics Dept. Winter Storm language sciences workshop.

Open source software

I've contributed to a number of open source software projects. I've made substantial contributions to:

- **JuliaStats**: Statistical computing in the Julia language. Contributed model formula parsing and evaluation domain-specific language code to regression modeling functionality in `DataFrames.jl` and `GLM.jl`.
- **Gadfly.jl**: Data visualization in Julia, based on the grammar of graphics.

And contributed minor bug fixes and improvements to **latexdiff**, **lolcommits**, a node.js **mturk API**, and **FAAV/FAVE**.

Mentoring

- Spring 2012 Supervised three undergraduate independent study students (jointly with one other graduate student).

Reviewer for

- *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*
- *Journal of Memory & Language*
- *Language*
- *Language and Cognitive Processes*
- *PLoS One*
- *Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*
- *MIT Press*