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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

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## 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.

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## Honors and Awards

- **Outstanding Dissertation Award (Natural Sciences)**, University of Rochester, 2017
- **Glushko Prize for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertations/theses in Cognitive Science**, Cognitive Science Society, 2017
- **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.

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## Publications

### Papers

- in press **Kleinschmidt, D. F.**, Weatherholtz, K., Jaeger, T. F., Sociolinguistic perception as inference under uncertainty. *Topics in Cognitive Science*.

- 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 probabilistic inference: Insights from first language processing. *Language Learning*, 66(4), 900–944. 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 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.** *Structure in talker variability: How much is there and how much can it help?* doi:10.17605/OSF.IO/A4TKN
- in preparation **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.*

### Conference Proceedings Papers

- submitted **Kleinschmidt, D. F.** Learning distributions as they come: Particle filter models for online distributional learning of phonetic categories.
- 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

- 2017 **Kleinschmidt, D. F.** *The ideal adapter: Life-long, hierarchical distributional learning.* Talk presented at ICON symposium "Models of category formation and adaptation: distributional learning of speech and language", Amsterdam, NL.

- 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.

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## Invited Talks

- 2018 **Cognitive Brown Bag**, Villanova University, February 8, 2018.
- 2017 **Psychology Dept. Perception/Action/Cognition seminar**, University of Connecticut, October 30, 2017.
- 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.

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## 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.

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## 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*