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## Education

University of Southern California - **Ph.D.** in Linguistics Aug. 2014 - Aug. 2019

**Dissertation** - *The role of individual variability in tests of functional hearing*

**M.A.** in Linguistics May 2016

**M.S.** in Computer Science Aug. 2018

*Relevant Coursework:* Machine Learning, Applied NLP, Foundations of AI, Comp. Ling.,  
Neural Learning And Computational Intelligence, Affective Computing, Statistics

Haverford College - **B.A.** in Linguistics and Languages Aug. 2009 - Dec. 2012

**Thesis** - *A Preliminary Phonetics, Phonology, and Morphology of the Bugun Language*

**Minor** in Chinese (Mandarin)

Gilman School, Baltimore MD - High School Diploma Sep. 2005 - June 2009

Cum Laude, AP Scholar with Distinction

## Relevant Experience

Manager - Machine Learning Engineering, Doma : Sep. '22 - Present

Sr. Machine Learning Engineer, Doma Oct. 2021 - Sep. '22

Data Science (NLP) Manager, Capital One Feb. 2021 - Sep. 2021

Principal Data Scientist (NLP), Capital One Sep. 2019 - Feb. 2021

Graduate Student Researcher, Zevin Laboratory for  
Psycholinguistics and Cognitive Neuroscience, USC 2015 - 2019

Graduate Student Researcher, Signal Analysis  
and Interpretation Laboratory (SAIL), USC 2014 - 2017

Computational Linguistics Consultant, Oben - Pasadena, CA Sep. 2015 - Jan. 2016

Research Assistant, Prof. Khalil Iskarous, USC Summer 2014

Researcher, Laboratory for Endangered Languages Research and  
Documentation, Swarthmore College Summer 2012 - Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant, *Human Language and Technology*, USC AY '17-'18

Teaching Assistant, *Phonetics and Phonology*, Haverford College Spring 2012

After-School Chinese Language Instructor, Swarthmore-Rutledge School      Fall 2011

## Honors and Awards

Pre-doctoral Fellow, Hearing and Communication Neuroscience Program, USC  
*Mentoring Committee: Bob Shannon, Shri Narayanan, Louis Goldstein, Jason Zevin*  
July 2015 - July 2017

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention      March 2016

Provost's Ph.D. Fellowship (USC's Highest), USC      Aug. 2014 - Aug. 2019

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Haverford College      Spring 2013

Departmental High Honors for Independent Research and Senior Thesis  
Haverford College      Spring 2013

NCAA Centennial Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll, Haverford College  
Winter 2010, 2011, 2012, Spring 2011, 2012

Conference Grant, 174th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America      Dec. 2017

Illinois Distinguished Fellowship (UIUC's Highest, Declined), UIUC      Winter 2014

John Dickinson Merit Scholarship (Declined), Dickinson College      Winter 2009

John Marshall Merit Scholarship (Declined), F&M College      Winter 2009

## Proceedings

Chen, D., Courtland, M., Faulkner, A., & Ezen-Can, A. (2021). Error-Sensitive Evaluation for Ordinal Target Variables. *Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Evaluation and Comparison of NLP Systems*, 189-199. **Paper**

Courtland, M., Faulkner, A., & McElvain, G. (2020). Efficient Automatic Punctuation Restoration Using Bidirectional Transformers with Robust Inference. *Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Spoken Language Translation*, 272-279. **Paper Slides Recorded Talk**

Courtland, M., Davani, A., Reyes, M., Yeh, L., Leung, J., Kennedy, B., Dehghani, M., & Zevin, J.D. (2019). Modeling performance differences on cognitive tests using LSTMs and skip-thought vectors trained on reported media consumption. *In Proceedings of the Third Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science*, 47-53. **Paper Poster**

Courtland, M., Davani, A., Reyes, M., Yeh, L., Leung, J., Kennedy, B., Dehghani, M., & Zevin, J.D. (2019). Subtle differences in language experience moderate performance on language-based cognitive tests. *In A.K. Goel, C.M. Seifert, & C. Freksa (Eds.), Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (pp. 1559-1565). Montreal, QB: Cognitive Science Society.* **Paper**

Lander-Portnoy, M. (2016) Release from Energetic Masking Caused by Repeated Patterns of Glimpsing Windows. *Proc. Interspeech 2016*, 1672-1676. [Paper](#) [Slides](#)

## Patents

Courtland, Maury, Faulkner, Adam, & Mcelvain, Gayle. EFFICIENT AUTOMATIC PUNCTUATION WITH ROBUST INFERENCE. United States Patent Application 20210319176, 10/14/2021. [Patent](#)

## Peer-Reviewed Abstracts

Lander-Portnoy, M. & Zevin, J.D. (2017). Auditory object formation from background noise improves speech perception. *174th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. New Orleans, USA.* [Abstract](#) [Slides](#)

Lander-Portnoy, M., Goldstein, L., & Narayanan, S.S. (2017). Using real time magnetic resonance imaging to measure changes in articulatory behavior due to partial glossectomy. *174th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. New Orleans, USA.* [Abstract](#) [Poster](#)

Lander-Portnoy, M. & Goldstein, L. (2017). The Use of Real Time MRI in the Assessment of Articulatory Outcomes of Partial Glossectomy. *2017 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention. Los Angeles, USA.* [Abstract](#) [Poster](#) [Handout](#)

Lander-Portnoy, M. & Zevin, J.D. (2016). Patterns of glimpsing windows affect release from energetic masking. *2nd Workshop on Psycholinguistic Approaches to Speech Recognition in Adverse Conditions (PASRAC2). Nijmegen, The Netherlands.* [Slides](#)

## Preprints

Courtland, M., Goldstein, L. L., & Zevin, J. D. (2019, December 12). Speech perception with temporally patterned noise maskers. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/f7gk6>

## Presentations

Lander-Portnoy, M. & Zevin, J.D. (2017). Affordance of Auditory Object Formation Improves Speech Perception in Noise. *California Meeting on Psycholinguistics. Los Angeles, USA.* [Abstract](#) [Slides](#)

Lander-Portnoy, M. & Zevin, J.D. (2016). Regular glimpsing windows provide release from energetic masking. *SoCal Hearing, Irvine, USA.* [Poster](#)

## Online Resources

[Bugun Talking Dictionary](#)

[Kera Mundari Talking Dictionary](#)

[Kharia Talking Dictionary](#)

[Matukar Talking Dictionary](#) (Expanded Existing Resource)

## Invited Talks

The BERT family tree. [Slides](#) [Source](#)

*Triangle Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing Group*

3/10/20

Richer contexts: Better NLP with pre-training and multiple layers of abstraction.

<b>Slides</b>	<b>Source</b>	
<i>Triangle CV and NLP Group</i>		11/12/19
<i>Downtown Durham ML Lunch &amp; Learn</i>		12/13/19
Word Embeddings.	<b>Slides</b>	<b>Source</b>
<i>Triangle Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing Group</i>		9/10/19
NLP 101.	<b>Slides</b>	<b>Source</b>
<i>Triangle Computer Vision and Machine Learning Group</i>		6/11/19
Senior Thesis Presentation.		
<i>Biccollege (Haverford and Bryn Mawr) Linguistics Majors' Tea</i>		Spring 2013
Choosing the Linguistics Major.		
<i>Biccollege (Haverford and Bryn Mawr) Linguistics Majors' Tea</i>		Fall 2012
Choosing the Linguistics Major.		
<i>Biccollege (Haverford and Bryn Mawr) Linguistics Majors' Tea</i>		Spring 2012

## Skills

Proficient in MATLAB, Python, and Linux; Intermediate in R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, and Praat

Conversational fluency in Spanish; Advanced in Hebrew; Intermediate in Mandarin; Basic in Arabic

## Academic Service Positions

President of Graduate Students in Linguistics	2016-2018
Director of Technology for Graduate Students in Linguistics	2016-2017
Event Coordinator for Graduate Students in Linguistics	2015-2016
Inaugural Organizer of the Phonetics Reading Group	Fall 2015

## Media Appearances

<i>Heenetiineyoo3eiihiho': Language Healers</i>	2014
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## Miscellaneous Leadership Positions

Music Director/President, The Haverford College Humtones (a cappella)	2012 - 2013
Resident Adviser & Honor Code Orienteer, Haverford Customs Program	AY '10, '12
Graduate, Rufus M. Jones Institute for Leadership, Haverford College	Spring 2013
Inaugural Senior Retreat Leader, Gilman School	2008 - 2009
Volunteer Elementary School Tutor, Inner City Baltimore	Spring 2009
Teaching Assistant, Temple Oheb Shalom Religious School, Baltimore	2007 - 2009
Volunteer Assistant Shot Put Coach, Haverford College	Winter - Spring 2013
Senior Staff Member, Overnight Counselor, and Tutor	

Camp Skylemar, Naples ME

Summers 2009 - 2011, 2013

**Professional Memberships**

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2019 - present

Linguistics Society of America 2014-2015

International Speech Communication Association (ISCA) 2016-2017