Michaela Socolof

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EDUCATION

2018-	**McGill University**, Montreal, Canada Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics | Advisor: Dr. Timothy J. O'Donnell
2013-2016	**McGill University**, Montreal, Canada Bachelor of Arts | Honours Linguistics Major, Italian Studies Minor Thesis: "Relativization strategies in Māori" | Advisor: Dr. Junko Shimoyama

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

SUMMER 2017	Kaqchikel Summer Field School (Patzún, Guatemala) *University of Maryland, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala*
2016-2017	Baggett Fellow *University of Maryland Linguistics Department* Advisors: Dr. Naomi Feldman and Dr. Maria Polinsky
SUMMER 2016	Research Assistant *Montreal Language Modelling Lab* Principal Investigators: Dr. Morgan Sonderegger and Dr. Michael Wagner

PUBLICATIONS

2023	Lau, E., **Socolof, M.**, Clarke, N., Asatiani, R., Polinsky, M. A subject relative clause preference in a split-ergative language: ERP evidence from Georgian *Brain and Language*
2022	**Socolof, M.**, Hoover, J., Futrell, R., Sordoni, A., O'Donnell, T. Measuring morphological fusion using partial information decomposition *Proceedings of the 29th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)*
2022	Lau, E., Polinsky, M., Clarke, N., **Socolof, M.** On the representation of morphosyntactic predictions: ERP evidence from Georgian *Issues in Kartvelian Studies*
2022	**Socolof, M.**, Cheung, J., Wagner, M., O'Donnell, T. Characterizing idioms: Conventionality and contingency *Proceedings of 60th annual meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*
2020	**Socolof, M.**, Schwarz, B., Hirsch, A. Which-questions, uniqueness, and answerhood: Evidence from disjunction *Proceedings of 50th annual meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*

2020	**Socolof, M.**, Shimoyama, J. The distribution of the Māori genitive relative construction *Proceedings of the 25th Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA)*
2017	McAuliffe, M., **Socolof, M.**, Mihuc, S., Wagner, M., Sonderegger, M. Montreal Forced Aligner: Trainable text-speech alignment using Kaldi *Proceedings of Interspeech 2017*
2017	McAuliffe, M., Stengel-Eskin, E., **Socolof, M.**, Sonderegger, M. Polyglot and Speech Corpus Tools: A system for representing, integrating, and querying speech corpora *Proceedings of Interspeech 2017*

Refereed Presentations

May 2024	Boles, C., **Socolof, M.** Conditionals in Igala *The 55th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), Montreal, Canada*
Oct 2022	**Socolof, M.**, Hoover, J., Futrell, R., Sordoni, A., O'Donnell, T. Measuring morphological fusion using partial information decomposition *The 29th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING), Gyeongju, Republic of Korea*
May 2022	**Socolof, M.**, Cheung, J., Wagner, M., O'Donnell, T. Characterizing idioms: Conventionality and contingency *The 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), Dublin, Ireland*
Jan 2020	**Socolof, M.** Cyclic spell-out and impoverishment in Georgian *The 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), New Orleans, LA*
Oct 2019	**Socolof, M.**, Schwarz, B., Hirsch, A. Which-questions, uniqueness, and answerhood: Evidence from disjunction *The 50th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS), Cambridge, MA*
May 2018	**Socolof, M.**, Shimoyama, J. The distribution of the Māori genitive relative construction *The 25th Annual Meeting of the Austronesian Formal Linguistics Association (AFLA), Taipei, Taiwan*
Mar 2018	Lau, E., Clarke, N., **Socolof, M.**, Asatiani, R., Polinsky, M. Early detection of conflicting constraints? ERP evidence from Georgian *The 31st Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, UC Davis*
Jan 2017	**Socolof, M.** The position of the negative particle *ara* and NPIs in Kabyle negation *The 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Austin, TX*
Jan 2017	McAuliffe, M., **Socolof, M.**, Mihuc, S., Wagner, M., Sonderegger, M. Montreal Forced Aligner: An accurate and trainable aligner using Kaldi. *The 91st Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Austin, TX*

Software

2017   McAuliffe, M., **Socolof, M.**, Stengel-Eskin, E., Mihuc, S., Wagner, M., Sonderegger, M.
Montreal Forced Aligner [Computer program]. Version 1.0.0
[https://montrealcorpustools.github.io/Montreal-Forced-Aligner/]

2017   McAuliffe, M., Stengel-Eskin, E., **Socolof, M.**, Coles, A., Mihuc, S., Sonderegger, M.
PolyglotDB [Computer program]. Version 0.0.1 (alpha).
[https://github.com/MontrealCorpusTools/PolyglotDB]

2016   McAuliffe, M., Stengel-Eskin, E., **Socolof, M.**, Sonderegger, M.
Speech Corpus Tools [Computer program].
[http://montrealcorpustools.github.io/speechcorpustools/]

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

2024-2026   NSF SBE Postdoctoral Fellowship ($160,000)

2023   Graduate Mobility Award ($2,400)

Lara Riente Memorial Prize in Linguistics ($830)

2020-2023   FRQSC bourse au doctoral en recherche ($70,000)

2019-2020   Faculty of Arts Graduate Fellowship in Indigenous Cultural Studies ($20,000)

2016   Cremona Memorial Prize in Linguistics ($1,000)

First Class Honours in Linguistics

2015   U2 Academic Achievement Award in Linguistics

First in Course Award (LINGUIST 308, University of Auckland)

First in Course Award (LINGUIST 312, University of Auckland)

Universitas 21 Travel Award (Auckland, New Zealand) ($1,000)

Hagerman Prize ($250)

2014   McGill Alumnae Georgina Hunter Scholarship ($2,000)

Schull Yang Arts International Program Scholarship (Florence, Italy) ($500)

German Embassy Book Prize

2013-2016   Dean's Honour List

2013-2016   Elizabeth E. McNab Renewable Entrance Scholarship ($3,000/year)

Service

2019-2022	Graduate Linguists At McGill (GLAM) representative
2019-2021	TA graduate representative
2019-2020	Syntax-semantics reading group co-organizer
2019	Student representative for joint Linguistics/CS AI job search
Spring 2017	Organizing committee member for the Northeastern (South) Caucasian Chalk Circle (NE(S)CCC)
Apr 2017	Volunteer for Maryland Day
Mar 2017	Volunteer for Linguistics outreach to high school students
2014-2016	Tutor for Linguistics undergraduates
2014-2016	Member of the Society of Linguistics Undergraduates at McGill (SLUM)
Mar 2014	Volunteer for the MOLTH Phonology/Syntax Workshop

Languages

Native:	English
Proficient:	Italian, French
Fieldwork:	Kabyle, Georgian, Kaqchikel, Igala

Programming Languages

Python, Clojure, Julia, R, MATLAB, Praat