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EDUCATION

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Sep 2016 – Present
Ph.D. Candidate and NSF Graduate Research Fellow, Brain and Cognitive Sciences
Advisor: Ted Gibson
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Sep 2010 – June 2014
B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering & Brain and Cognitive Sciences

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Researcher** Sep 2016 – Present
TedLab, MIT (PI: Ted Gibson)
Computational Psycholinguistics Lab, MIT (PI: Roger Levy)
- Research Assistant** Sep 2014 – June 2016
Language and Cognition Lab, Stanford University
PI: Michael C. Frank
- Undergraduate Researcher** Sep 2013 – Aug 2014
Computational Cognitive Science Group, MIT
PI: Joshua Tenenbaum
- Research and Development Intern** June 2013 – Aug 2013
Research and Development Team, Basis Technology

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Walle Nauta Award for Continuing Dedication to Teaching by a Graduate Student (awarded April 2020)
- Angus MacDonald Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (awarded February 2019)
- Henry E. Singleton Fellowship, MIT (2017-2018)
- Society for Language Development Student Award (awarded October 2016)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (awarded April 2016)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- DeMayo, B., Kellier, D., **Braginsky, M.**, Bergmann, C., Hendriks, C., Rowland, C. F., Frank, M. C., & Marchman, V. (under review). Web-CDI: A system for online administration of the MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventories.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (2019). Consistency and variability in children's word learning across languages. *OpenMind: Discoveries in Cognitive Science*.
- Sanchez, A., Meylan, S. C., **Braginsky, M.**, MacDonald, K. E., Yurovsky, D., and Frank, M. C. (2019). *chldes-db: a flexible and reproducible interface to the Child Language Data Exchange System*. *Behavioral Research Methods*.
- Bergmann, C., Tsuji, S., Piccinini, P., Lewis, M., **Braginsky, M.**, Frank, M. C., and Cristia, A. (2018). Promoting replicability in developmental research through meta-analyses: Insights from language acquisition research. *Child Development*.
- Frank, M. C., **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., and Marchman, V. A. (2016). Wordbank: An open repository for developmental vocabulary data. *Journal of Child Language*.

BOOKS

- Frank, M. C., **Braginsky, M.**, Marchman, V. A., and Yurovsky, D. (in press). Variability and Consistency in Early Language Learning: The Wordbank Project. MIT Press.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Mahowald, K., Dautriche, I., **Braginsky, M.**, and Gibson, E. (in press). Efficient communication and the organization of the lexicon. In *Oxford Handbook of the Mental Lexicon*. Oxford University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Tenenbaum, A., **Braginsky, M.**, and Levy, R. (2020). Integrating semantics into developmental models of morphology learning. In *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (2016). From *uh-oh* to *tomorrow*: Predicting age of acquisition for early words across languages. In *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (2015). Developmental changes in the relationship between grammar and the lexicon. In *Proceedings of the 37th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Braginsky, M.**, Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (August 2020). Characterizing the relationship between lexical and morphological development. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (July 2020). Characterizing the relationship between lexical and morphological development. Talk presented at the XXII Biennial International Congress of Infant Studies.
- Meylan, S., **Braginsky, M.**, deMayo, B., Sanchez, A., Schonberg, C., Srinivasan, M., Vlach, H., Lupyan, G., Griffiths, T., Frank, M. C. (May 2019). Wordful: Tracking early productive vocabulary growth with smartphones. Talk presented by Stephan Meylan at the 44th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (March 2019). Demographic effects on the composition of children's early vocabulary. Talk presented at the 2019 Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Levy, R., and O'Donnell, T. (July 2018). Evaluating models of productivity in language acquisition. Poster presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- Tsuji, S., Bergmann, C., Lewis, M., **Braginsky, M.**, Piccinini, P., Frank, M. C., and Cristia, A. (August 2017). MetaLab: A repository for meta-analyses on language development, and more. Talk presented by Sho Tsuji at Interspeech 2017.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Meylan, S., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (April 2017). Building quantitative theories of early language using large-scale parent report data. Talk presented at the 2017 Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Meylan, S., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (November 2016). Gender differences in lexical input and acquisition. Talk presented at the 41th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (August 2016). From *uh-oh* to *tomorrow*: Predicting age of acquisition for early words across languages. Talk presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (May 2016). Predicting age of acquisition for early words across languages. Talk presented at the XX Biennial International Congress of Infant Studies.
- **Braginsky, M.** (January 2016). Using Shiny for exploration of Wordbank. RStudio Shiny Developer Conference.
- Tsuji, S., Bergmann, C., Cristia, A., Lewis, M., **Braginsky, M.**, and Frank, M. C. (January 2016). MetaLab: Power analysis and experimental planning in developmental research made easy. Poster presented by Sho Tsuji at the 2015 Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (December 2015). Predicting age of acquisition for early words across languages. Talk presented at the Studying Language Learning Workshop.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (November 2015). Developmental trajectories of vocabulary composition across languages. Poster presented at the 40th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.
- Lewis, M., **Braginsky, M.**, Bergmann, C., Tsuji, S., Cristia, A., and Frank, M. C. (November 2015). MetaLab: A tool for power analysis and experimental planning in developmental research. Talk presented by Molly Lewis at the 40th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Yurovsky, D., Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (July 2015). Developmental changes in the relationship between grammar and the lexicon. Poster presented at the 37th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.
- Frank, M. C., Yurovsky, D., Schneider, R., **Braginsky, M.**, and Marchman, V. A. (March 2015). Studying children’s vocabulary development at scale. Talk presented by Michael Frank at the 2015 Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting.
- Frank, M. C., Yurovsky, D., Krishna, R., **Braginsky, M.**, and Marchman, V. A. (November 2014). Wordbank: An open repository for developmental vocabulary data. Poster presented by Michael Frank at the 39th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development. Boston, MA.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Braginsky, M.**, Marchman, V. A., and Frank, M. C. (November 2019). Characterizing the relationship between lexical and morphological development. Emerging Scholars of Psychological Science, Princeton University.
- **Braginsky, M.** (October 2018). Understanding productivity inferences in children and models. CogLunch, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT.
- **Braginsky, M.**, Levy, R., and O’Donnell, T. (October 2017). Bayesian models of productivity in acquisition. CogLunch, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

Laboratory in Psycholinguistics, MIT
Instructor: Ted Gibson

Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

Workshop Instructor

Large-scale data tools in child language acquisition
LSA Linguistic Institute 2019

July 2019

Advanced Learning Assistant

Introduction to Electrical Engineering and Computer Science I

Fall 2011

SERVICE

- Reviewer for Journal of Child Language, Cognitive Science Society
- Co-organizer of weekly CogLunch talk series in MIT BCS department

Sep 2017 – May 2018

SOFTWARE

Wordbank (co-creator and former primary maintainer)

`wordbank.stanford.edu`

A database of vocabulary development data from the CDI and interactive tools for its access

wordbankr (co-creator and primary maintainer)

`github.com/langcog/wordbankr`

An R package for accessing Wordbank

chldesr (co-creator and primary maintainer)

`github.com/langcog/chldesr`

An R package for accessing chldes-db, a database of child language corpora from CHILDES

rwebppl (co-creator and maintainer)

`github.com/mhtess/rwebppl`

An R interface to the WebPPL probabilistic programming language

MetaLab (co-creator and former primary maintainer)

`metabolab.stanford.edu`

Interactive tools for community-augmented meta-analysis in cognitive development research

ggpirate (creator and primary maintainer)

`github.com/mikabr/ggpirate`

An R package for making informative plots of data with categorical independent variables

tidyboot (co-creator and maintainer)

`github.com/langcog/tidyboot`

An R package for doing tidyverse-compatible bootstrapping

jglmm (creator and maintainer)

`github.com/mikabr/jglmm`

An R package for fitting generalized linear fixed effects models in Julia

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