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EDUCATION

2013	Ph.D, Linguistics, University of Kansas
2011	M.A., Linguistics, University of Kansas
2008	B.A., Modern Languages and Literatures, Kenyon College

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2016-	Assistant Professor The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies
2015-2016	Post-doctoral associate The University of Oxford Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
2013-2015	Post-doctoral associate New York University Abu Dhabi NYUAD Institute

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed journal articles

in press	Politzer-Ahles, S. , & Zhang, J. Evidence for the role of tone sandhi in speech production. <i>Journal of Chinese Linguistics</i> .
2018	Chen, I., Politzer-Ahles, S. , & Huang, C. Determining the types of contrasts: the influence of prosody on pragmatic inferences. <i>Frontiers in Psychology</i> .
2018	Politzer-Ahles, S. , Piccinini, P. On visualizing phonetic data from repeated measures experiments with multiple random effects. <i>Journal of Phonetics</i> , 70, 56-69.
2018	Nieuwland, M., Politzer-Ahles, S. , Segaert, K., Darley, E., Kazanina, N., Von Grebmer Zu Wolfsthurn, S., Bartolozzi, F., Kogan, V., Ito, A., Mézière, D., Barr, D., Rousselet, G., Ferguson, H., Busch-Moreno, S., Fu, X., Tuomainen, J., Kulakova, E., Husband, E., Donaldson, D., Kohút, Z., Rueschemeyer, S., & Huettig, F. Large-scale replication study reveals a limit on probabilistic prediction in language comprehension. <i>eLife</i> , 7, e33468.

- 2018 **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Husband, E. Eye movement evidence for context-sensitive derivation of scalar inferences. *Collabra: Psychology, 4*, 3.
- Zhan, J., Jiang, X., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Zhou, X. Neural correlates of fine-grained meaning distinctions: an fMRI investigation of scalar quantifiers. *Human Brain Mapping*, 8, 3848-3864.
- Schluter, K., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Al-Kaabi, M., & Almeida, D. Laryngeal features are phonetically abstract: mismatch negativity evidence from Arabic, English, and Russian. *Frontiers in Psychology Language Sciences*, 8, 746.
- Politzer-Ahles, S., Xiang, M., & Almeida, D. "Before" and "after": investigating the relationship between temporal connectives and chronological ordering using event-related potentials. *PLoS ONE*, 12, e0175199.
- Politzer-Ahles, S. An extension of within-subject confidence intervals to models with crossed random effects. *The Quantitative Methods for Psychology, 13*, 75-94.
- 2016 **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Schluter, K., Wu, K., & Almeida, D. Asymmetries in the perception of Mandarin tones: evidence from mismatch negativity. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance, 42*, 1547-1570.
- Schluter, K., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Almeida, D. No place for /h/: ERP investigation of English fricative place features. *Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience, 31*, 728-740.
- Fiorentino, R., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Pak, N., Martínez-García, M., & Coughlin, C. Probing the dynamics of complex word recognition: An ERP Investigation of the processing of novel compounds. *The Mental Lexicon*, 10, 413-434.
- Politzer-Ahles, S., & Gwilliams, L. Involvement of prefrontal cortex in scalar implicatures: evidence from magnetoencephalography. *Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience*, 30, 853-866.
- 2013 **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Fiorentino, R. The realization of scalar inferences: context sensitivity without processing cost. *PLoS ONE*, 8, e63943.
- Lee, H., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Jongman, A. Speakers of tonal and non-tonal Korean dialects use different cue weightings in the perception of the three-way laryngeal stop contrast. *Journal of Phonetics*, 41, 117-132.
- Hunt, L., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Gibson, L., Minai, U., & Fiorentino, R. Pragmatic inferences modulate N400 during sentence comprehension: evidence from picture-sentence verification. *Neuroscience Letters*, *534*, 246-251.
- Politzer-Ahles, S., Fiorentino, R., Jiang, X., & Zhou, X. Distinct neural correlates for pragmatic and semantic meaning processing: An event-related potential investigation of scalar implicature processing using picture-sentence verification. *Brain Research*, 1490, 134-152.

Chapters

in press **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Chen, S. Significance. *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Human Communication Sciences and Disorders*.

Letters and commentaries

2016 **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Holliday, J., Girolamo, T., Spychalska, M., & Berkson, K. Is linguistic injustice a myth? A response to Hyland (2016). *Journal of Second Language Writing*, 34, 3-8.

Conference proceedings and working papers

- Cheung, C., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Hwang, H., Chui, R., Leung, M., & Tang, T. Comprehension of presuppositions in school-age Cantonese-speaking children with and without autism spectrum disorders. *Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics*, 31, 557-572.
- 2015 **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Schluter, K., Wu, K., & Almeida, D. Asymmetries in the perception of Mandarin tones: evidence from mismatch negativity. *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*.
- 2015 **Politzer-Ahles, S.** "Maybe" not all scalar implicatures are created equal. *LSA Extended Abstracts*.
- Politzer-Ahles, S. Are intermediate levels of the scale used during online comprehension of scalar implicatures? *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics*, 33, 1-15.
- Politzer-Ahles, S., & Zhang, J. The role of phonological alternation in speech production: Evidence from Mandarin tone sandhi. *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics*, 18, 060001.
- Politzer-Ahles, S., & Zhang, J. The role of tone sandhi in speech production: evidence for phonological parsing. *Tonal Aspects of Languages*.
- Politzer-Ahles, S. A Minimalist account of Uyghur genitives. *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics*, 32, 106-119.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Extramural fellowships

2018-2020 Early Career Scheme #25606117, Research Grants Council (Hong Kong), "Mental representations of Chinese tones: abstract vs. episodic accounts". 742,856 HKD

East Asia & Pacific Summer Institutes #1015160, National Science Foundation, "An ERP investigation of the processing of visually-presented Mandarin sentences"

Institutional grants and fellowships

2018	Undergraduate summer research abroad sponsorship #USRA1809, The Hong
	Kong Polytechnic University, 100,000 HKD
2017-2019	Start-up fund for new recruits #1-ZE89, Faculty of Humanities – The Hong Kong
	Polytechnic University, "Testing how the brain deploys phonological knowledge
	of Mandarin tones during speech comprehension", 500,000 HKD
2017-2018	Departmental grant #G-UACX, Central Research Fund – The Hong Kong
	Polytechnic University, "The mental representation and processing of Cantonese-
	English loanwords", 100,000 HKD
2012	NIDCD T32 Pre-Doctoral Training in Language Impairment, Child Language
	Doctoral Program – University of Kansas.
2010	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Global &
	International Studies – University of Kansas
2009-2010	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for East Asian Studies –
	University of Kansas

Awards

2013	One-University Open Access Publishing Fund, University of Kansas
2013	CUNY Travel Award, CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing
2012	Doctoral Student Research Fund, University of Kansas
2012	IPA Student Award, International Phonetic Association
2011-2012	France Ingemann Scholarship, Linguistics Department – University of Kansas
2009	Linguistics Honors Fellowship, Linguistics Department – University of Kansas
2008-2009	Graduate Studies Scholarship, University of Kansas

INVITED TALKS

2017	Challenges in linking electrophysiological data to the theory of scalar implicature.
	Revising formal semantic and pragmatic theories from a neurocognitive
	perspective, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany. 19 June
2017	On the lexical representation of allomorphs in Mandarin third tone sandhi. <i>The</i>
	UChicago Language Research Forum, UChicago Center in Hong Kong, Hong
	Kong. 17 March
2012	(with Jie Zhang) The role of phonological alternation in speech production:
	evidence from Mandarin tone sandhi. 164th Acoustical Society of America. Kansas
	City, United States. 22-26 October

CONFERENCE POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentations

2018b	Politzer-Ahles, S. , Lin, J., & Pan, L. N400 evidence that mismatch detection is sensitive to the phonetics but not the phonology of Mandarin tones. 13 th Phonetic
2018a	Conference of China. Guangzhou. 9-11 November Politzer-Ahles, S. , Lin, J., & Pan, L. Sensitivity of the N400 to the phonetics but not the phonology of Mandarin tones. 1 st Hanyang International Symposium on Phonetics and Cognitive Sciences of Language. Seoul. 18-19 May
2018	Nieuwland, M., Barr, D., Bartolozzi, F., Busch-Moreno, S., Darley, E., Donaldson, D., Ferguson, H., Fu, X., Heyselaar, E., Huettig, F., Husband, E., Ito, A., Kazanina, N., Kogan, V., Kohút, Z., Kulakova, E., Mézière, D., Politzer-Ahles, S. , Rousselet, G., Rueschemeyer, S., Segaert, K., Tuomainen, J., &Von Grebmer Zu Wolfsthurn, S. Dissociable effects of prediction and integration on the N400: Evidence from a large-scale replication study. 31 st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Davis, United States, 15-17 March
2018	Politzer-Ahles, S. , Pan, L., & Lin, J. No long-lag morphological priming for Mandarin monosyllables. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (Asia) Conference. Hyderabad, India. 1-3 February
2017	Nieuwland, M., Politzer-Ahles, S. , Heyselaar, H., Segaert, K., Darley, E., Kazanina, N., Von Grebmer Zu Wolfsthurn, S., Bartolozzi, F., Kogan, V., Ito, A., Meziere, D., Barr, D., Rousselet, G., Ferguson, H., Busch-Moreno, S., Fu, X., Kulakova, E., Tuomainen, J., Husband, M., Donaldson, D., Kohút, Z., Rueschemeyer, S., & Huettig, F. Phonological form is not probabilistically preactivated during language comprehension: A 9-lab failure to replicate DeLong, Urbach & Kutas (2005). 30 th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Cambridge, United States, 30 March – 1 April
2015	Politzer-Ahles, S., Schluter, K., Wu, K., & Almeida, D. Asymmetries in the perception of Mandarin tones: Evidence from mismatch negativity. 18 th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. Glasgow, United Kingdom, 10-14 August
2015	Schluter, K., Politzer-Ahles, S. , & Almeida, D. Underspecification of voice features in the mental larynx. 23 rd Manchester Phonology Meeting. Manchester, United Kingdom, 28-30 May
2015	Politzer-Ahles, S. "Maybe" not all scalar implicatures are created equal. 89 th Linguistic Society of America. Portland, United States, 8-11 January
2015	Tucker, M., Politzer-Ahles, S. , King, J., & Almeida, D. Errors in the brain: magneto- and electroencephalographic evidence from English agreement. 89 th Linguistic Society of America. Portland, United States, 8-11 January
2014	Schluter, K., Politzer-Ahles, S. , & Almeida, D. No place for /h/: ERP investigation English fricative place features. 20 th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference. Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 3-6 September
2012	Politzer-Ahles, S. , & Zhang, J. The role of tone sandhi in speech production: evidence for phonological parsing. 3 rd Tonal Aspects of Languages. Nanjing, China, 26-29 May

2008 **Politzer-Ahles, S.** The puzzle of Mandarin *le*: an integrated approach. 20th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics. Columbus, United States, 25-27 April

Posters

- 2018b **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Pan, L., & Lin, J. No long-lag morphological priming for Mandarin monosyllables. 16th Conference on Laboratory Phonology. Lisbon, Portugal. 19-22 June.
- 2018a **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Pan, L., & Lin, J. Mandarin monosyllables trigger long-lag identity priming but not long-lag morphological priming. 1st Hanyang International Symposium on Phonetics and Cognitive Sciences of Language. Seoul. 18-19 May
- Politzer-Ahles, S., Connell, K., & Hsu, Y. Third-tone sandhi is incompletely neutralizing in perception as well as production: evidence from visual world eye-tracking. 1st Hanyang International Symposium on Phonetics and Cognitive Sciences of Language. Seoul. 18-19 May
- Shen, L., & **Politzer-Ahles, S.** Analysis of the influence of word frequency in auditory perception. 1st Hanyang International Symposium on Phonetics and Cognitive Sciences of Language. Seoul. 18-19 May
- Zhang, C., Huang, X., **Politzer-Ahles**, **S.**, Peng, G., & Zhang, J. Neural encoding of T3 sandhi in Mandarin Chinese speakers in speech production. 9th Neurobiology of Language Conference. Baltimore. 8-10 November.
- Cheung, C., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, Cheung, G., Choi, H., Lai, L., Leung, M., & Tang, T. Knowledge of presupposition triggers in Cantonese-speaking children with and without autism spectrum disorders. 62nd Annual Conference of the International Linguistic Association. Hong Kong, 26-28 May.
- Politzer-Ahles, S., Wiener, S., & Zhang, C. Predictive tones facilitate Mandarin lexical identification: evidence from ERPs. 1st International Conference on Theoretical East Asian Psycholinguistics. Hong Kong, 10-12 March.
- 2016 **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Husband, E. Consequences of scalar inference derivation revealed through eye movement measures. 22nd Architectures and Mechanisms in Language Processing. Bilbao, Spain, 1-3 September
- Husband, E., & **Politzer-Ahles, S.** Coercing events or inserting structure? Eyetracking evidence for a distinction between semantic and syntactic enrichment.

 22nd Architectures and Mechanisms in Language Processing. Bilbao, Spain, 1-3
 September
- 2016 Schluter, K., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Almeida, D. An MMN investigation of the Russian voicing contrast. 22nd Architectures and Mechanisms in Language Processing. Bilbao, Spain, 1-3 September
- Schluter, K., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Almeida, D. An MMN investigation of the Russian voicing contrast. 8th Neurobiology of Language. London, United Kingdom, 17-20 August
- Bovolenta, G., **Politzer-Ahles, S.**, & Husband, M. Differential ERPs to local vs. global prediction failures. 29th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Gainesville, United States, 3-5 March

2015 Politzer-Ahles, S., Xiang, M., & Almeida, D. "Before" and "after": investigating the relationship between temporal connectives and chronological ordering using event-related potentials. 7th Neurobiology of Language. Chicago, United States, 15-17 October 2015 Politzer-Ahles, S., Schluter, K., Wu, K., & Almeida, D. Asymmetries in the perception of Mandarin tones: Evidence from mismatch negativity. 169th Acoustical Society of America. Pittsburgh, United States, 18-22 May 2015 Berkson, K., & Politzer-Ahles, S. Phonation type contrasts and vowel quality in Marathi. 169th Acoustical Society of America. Pittsburgh, United States, 18-22 2015 Politzer-Ahles, S. Asymmetrical mismatch negativity effects in Mandarin tone perception. 22nd Cognitive Neuroscience Society. San Francisco, United States, 28-31 March Fiorentino, R., Politzer-Ahles, S., & Liao, K. Morpheme-based combinatorial 2015 processing of English compounds: evidence from magnetoencephalography and lexical decision. 22nd Cognitive Neuroscience Society. San Francisco, United States, 28-31 March Tucker, M., Politzer-Ahles, S., & Almeida, D. Agreement attraction in the neural 2014 language system. 20th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference. Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 3-6 September 2014 Schluter, K., Politzer-Ahles, S., & Almeida, D. No place for [h]: an ERP investigation English fricative place features. 6th Neurobiology of Language. Amsterdam, Netherlands, 27-29 August Tucker, M., Politzer-Ahles, S., & Almeida, D. Agreement attraction in the neural 2014 language system. 6th Neurobiology of Language. Amsterdam, Netherlands, 27-29 August Schluter, K., Politzer-Ahles, S., & Almeida, D. No place for /h/: an ERP 2014 investigation of [Place] in English intervocalic fricatives. 22nd Manchester Phonology Meeting. Manchester, United Kingdom, 29-31 May 2014 **Politzer-Ahles, S.** Neural correlates of realizing scalar inferences: an MEG study. 27th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Columbus, United States, 13-15 March Politzer-Ahles, S., Fiorentino, R., Durbin, J., & Li, L. The role of working 2014 memory in the online realization of scalar inferences. 27th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Columbus, United States, 13-15 March Politzer-Ahles, S., & Fiorentino, R. Sensitivity of online scalar inferencing to 2013 context and to processing load. 5th Experimental Pragmatics Conference. Utrecht, Netherlands, 4-6 September Politzer-Ahles, S., & Fiorentino, R. The realization of scalar inferences: context 2013 sensitivity without processing cost. 26th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Columbia, United States, 21-23 March

Politzer-Ahles, S., Jiang, X., Fiorentino, R., & Zhou, X. Individual differences in

logical ability predict ERP responses to underinformative sentences. 4th Neurobiology of Language Conference. San Sebastian, Spain, 25-27 October

2012

2012	Fiorentino, R., Politzer-Ahles, S. , & Pak, N. Probing the dynamics of complex word recognition: An ERP investigation of the processing of novel compounds. 4 th Neurobiology of Language Conference. San Sebastian, Spain, 25-27 October
2012	Lee, H., Jongman, A., & Politzer-Ahles, S. Speakers of tonal and non-tonal Korean dialects use different cue weightings in the perception of the three-way laryngeal stop contrast. 164 th Acoustical Society of America. Kansas City, United States, 22-26 October
2012	Politzer-Ahles, S., Jiang, X., Fiorentino, R., & Zhou, X. Independence of pragmatic and lexico-semantic processing in picture-sentence verification. 19 th Cognitive Neuroscience Society. Chicago, United States, 31 March – 3 April
2012	Fiorentino, R., Politzer-Ahles, S. , Popescu, E., & Popescu, M. The role of morphological juncture identification in complex word processing: an MEG investigation. 41 st Society for Neuroscience. Washington, United States, 12-16 November
2011	Politzer-Ahles, S. , Fiorentino, R., Jiang, X., & Zhou, X. Event-related potential investigation of scalar implicature processing using picture-sentence verification. 3 rd Neurobiology of Language. Annapolis, United States, 9-11 November
2011	Hunt, L., Politzer-Ahles, S. , Minai, U., & Fiorentino, R. N400 is elicited by pragmatic as well as semantic anomalies: a visual-world study of scalar implicatures. 3 rd Neurobiology of Language. Annapolis, United States, 9-11 November
2011	Politzer-Ahles, S. , Fiorentino, R., Jiang, X., & Zhou, X. Online processing of scalar implicatures in Chinese as revealed by event-related potentials. 18 th Cognitive Neuroscience Society. San Francisco, United States, 2-5 April

TEACHING

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

2016-9	Psycholinguistics [bachelor and masters]
2016-9	Contrastive Analysis of Chinese and English [bachelor and masters]
2018-9	Techniques in Language Sciences [bachelor]
2018	Foundations in Behavioural and Social Sciences II [masters]
2018	Advanced Theories in Psycholinguistics [doctoral]

University of Kansas

2013 Psycholinguistics [bachelor], teaching assistant

Mentoring

2016-7	Master of Speech Therapy programme final projects [The Hong Kong Polytechnic
	University]
2017-19	Bachelor of Arts programme final projects [The Hong Kong Polytechnic
	University]

Ad hoc

2017	Workshop on ERP experiment design and data analysis [Shandong University of
	Finance and Economics], 30 May – 2 June
2016	Workshop on mixed-effects modeling in R [Linguistics, University College
	London], 18-20 May

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2010-2013	Graduate research assistant, Neurolinguistics and Language Processing
	Laboratory – University of Kansas (PI: Robert Fiorentino)
2008-2009	Graduate research assistant, Department of Anthropology – University of Kansas
	(PI: Arienne Dwyer)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Ad-hoc grant reviewing

FWO - Flanders National Science Foundation Research Grants Council (Hong Kong) Swiss National Science Foundation

Ad-hoc article reviewing

Bilingualism: Language and Cognition

Brain and Language

Cognition

Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience

Cognitive Psychology

Developmental and Cognitive Neuroscience

Developmental Neuropsychology

Developmental Science

Frontiers in Psychology

Frontiers in Neuroscience

JASA Express Letters

Journal of Chinese Linguistics

Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition

Journal of Memory and Language

Language and Speech

Language, Cognition and Neuroscience

NeuroImage

Neuropsychologia

Psychonomic Bulletin and Review Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology Scientific Reports Yearbook of the Poznań Linguistic Meeting

Ad-hoc conference reviewing

Cognitive Science Society
Experimental Pragmatics
Human Brain Mapping
Neurobiology of Language
Poznań Linguistic Meeting
Linguistic Society of America
Tonal Aspects of Languages

Conference organizing committee

2018 32nd Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC 32)

Workshop facilitator

2018	"Using Universal Design for Learning to Improve Classroom Activities and
	Curricula for All Students" [Educational Development Centre, The Hong Kong
	Polytechnic University]
2017-8	"Tips for Publishing Peer-Reviewed Articles in Linguistics and Sociology"
	[Educational Development Centre, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University]

Departmental and institutional service

2018-2019	Deputy chair of Departmental Learning and Teaching Committee, Hong Kong
	Polytechnic University
2018	Member of committee to create new BA programme, Bachelor of Arts in
	Linguistics and Translation, to replace previous BA programme Bachelor of Arts
	in Chinese and Bilingual Studies
2018-2019	Member of Language and Communication Requirements sub-committee, Hong
	Kong Polytechnic University
2013-2014	Member of post-doc council and representative to faculty council, New York
	University Abu Dhabi
2010-2012	President of Linguistics Graduate Student Association, Department of Linguistics
	– University of Kansas
2010-2011	Editor of Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics –
	University of Kansas
2008-2010	Student representative for Linguistics Graduate Student Association, Department
	of Linguistics – University of Kansas

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Software

Data analysis and statistics: R, MATLAB, SPSS, Microsoft Excel / OpenOffice Calc

Electrophysiological and neuroimaging: EEGLAB, FieldTrip, Neuroscan Edit, BESA, Brain

Vision Analyzer, CTF DataEditor, FreeSurfer, MNE

Experimental control: Presentation, Paradigm, Experiment Builder

Acoustic: Praat, MultiSpeech, Audacity

Other: Transcriber, GNU Image Manipulation Program, Apache

Programming, markup, and typesetting languages

Python, Perl and Perl CGI, C++, TCL, Windows cmd, Unix (bash, tcsh), LaTeX, HTML, MediaWiki

Languages

English (native), Mandarin (advanced), French (intermediate), Uyghur (basic), Hindi (barebones), Northern Monguor (bare-bones)