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Research interests

Areas: Experimental linguistics (psycholinguistics/neurolinguistics) • Morphological theory • Morpho-phonology • Phonological theory
Topics: morphological and phonological processing • morphology-phonology interface • phonological underspecification and markedness
Languages: English • Italo-Romance • Neapolitan • Indo-European • Latin • Ancient Greek • Modern Greek

Academic appointments

2021-present *Post-Doctoral Associate*
New York University Abu Dhabi
Supervisor: Diogo Almeida
2013-2019 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*
University of Connecticut

Education

2020 *University of Connecticut*
Ph.D., Department of Linguistics
Thesis: “More than *Islands of Regularity*: An Investigation of the Sensitivity of Morphological Decomposition to Higher-level Linguistic Properties”
Advisors: Andrea Calabrese (major), Jon Sprouse(major), Jonathan Bobaljik (Harvard University)
2017 *University of Connecticut*
M.A., Linguistics
Certificate in Neurobiology of Language
2016 *University of Connecticut*
Certificate in Cognitive Science
2012 *University of Siena (Siena, Italy)*
M.A., Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences
Thesis: “What You hear is (not) xactly What You Perceive. Auditory Representations and Phonological (Under-)Specification in Speech Perception”
Advisor: Andrea Calabrese, Luigi Rizzi
2009 *University of Naples Federico II (Naples, Italy)*
B.A., Classics

Grants, honors & awards

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| Summer 2020 | <i>Department of Psychology, University of Connecticut</i> Isabelle Y. Liberman Award Finalist |
| Fall 2019 | <i>Graduate School, University of Connecticut</i> Dissertation Research Fellowship |
| Fall 2018 | <i>Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut</i> Semester Research Fellowship |
| Summer 2017 | <i>CT Institute for the Brain and Cognitive Science</i> Summer Graduate Fellowship |
| 2015 | <i>Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut</i> David Michaels Award for Excellence in Teaching (awarded yearly) |
| 2015-2019 | <i>University of Connecticut</i> Provost's Commendation for Excellence in Teaching (awarded every semester) |
| 2013-2018 | <i>Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut</i> Pre-doctoral fellowship |
| 2013-2014 | <i>The U.S.-Italy Fulbright Commission</i> Fulbright Fellowship (Graduate Study, Self-Placed Scholarships) - declined |

Publications

EDITED VOLUMES

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|------|---|
| 2018 | Petrosino, R. , Cerrone, P.C. and van der Hulst, H. (eds.). <i>From sounds to structures: Beyond the veil of Maya</i> . Mouton de Gruyter. |
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ACCEPTED PAPERS

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| (in press) | Petrosino, R. & Calabrese, A. "Palatalization in Romance". In Christoph Gabriel, Randall Gess & Trudel Meisenburg. <i>Manual in Romance Phonetics and Phonology</i> . Manuals of Romance Linguistics, 27. De Gruyter. |
| 2018 | Christopoulos, C. & Petrosino, R. . Greek root allomorphy without spans. <i>Proceedings of WCCFL 35</i> (edited by Wm. G. Bennett, Lindsay Hracs, and Dennis Ryan Storoshenko), 151-160. University of Calgary, Alberta. Cascadilla Proceedings Project. Petrosino, R. "Italian determiners at the morphology-phonology interface". In Petrosino, R. , Cerrone, P.C and van der Hulst, H., <i>From sounds to structures: Beyond the veil of Maya</i> , 295-326. Mouton de Gruyter. Petrosino, R. The left periphery fragmented: evidence from Italian. <i>Proceedings of NELS 48</i> (edited by Sherry Hucklebridge and Max Nelson), 221-231. University of Iceland, Reykjavik. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. |

MANUSCRIPTS

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| 2020 | Petrosino, R. & Sprouse, J. (<i>in prep.</i>). Dominance effects in morphological decomposition as revealed by visual masked priming. Ms., University of Connecticut. |
| 2020 | Petrosino, R. , Almeida, D., Calabrese, A. & Sprouse, J. (<i>submitted</i>). Asymmetrical Mismatch Negativities to socially-marked biological sounds. Ms., University of Connecticut. |
| 2019 | Petrosino, R. (<i>in prep.</i>). <i>On the necessity of morpho-phonology</i> . Ms., University of Connecticut. |

Talks & posters

- 2020 *Frequency-Driven Asymmetries in Morphological Decomposition as Revealed by Masked Visual Priming*. With Sprouse, J. Poster at Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 44). March 2020. University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA).
- Syntax-Driven Asymmetries in Morphological Decomposition as Revealed by Masked Visual Priming*. With Sprouse, J. Poster at Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 44). March 2020. University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA).
- 2019 *Is morphological decomposition guided by syllabification?* With Sprouse, J. Poster at Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 43). March 2019. University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA).
- 2017 *Asymmetrical MMNs to socially-marked biological sounds: a potential challenge to the phoneme underspecification hypothesis?* With Almeida, D., Calabrese, C. & Sprouse, J. Poster at LSA 2018 Annual Meeting. January 2018. Salt Lake City, UT.
- Asymmetries in the perception of linguistic and non-linguistic sounds*. With Almeida, D., Calabrese, C. & Sprouse, J. Poster at SNL 2017 Annual Meeting. November 2017. Baltimore, Maryland.
- The left periphery fragmented*. Poster at North Eastern Linguistic Society 48. October 2017. University of Iceland, Reykjavik (Iceland).
- Greek root allomorphy without spans*. Joint talk with Christos Christopoulos (UConn) at West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 35). April 2017. University of Calgary (Calgary, Alberta).
- Greek root allomorphy: Spans and linear adjacency*. Joint talk with Christos Christopoulos (UConn) at Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 41). March 2017. University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA).
- Morpho-phonological allomorphy in Neapolitan*. Talk at Penn Linguistic Conference (PLC 45). March 2017. University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA).
- The left periphery fragmented: evidence from Italian*. Talk at ConSOLE XXV. January 2017. University of Leipzig (Leipzig, Germany).
- 2016 *Allomorphy at the morphology-phonology interface*. Talk at Going Romance 30. December 2016. University of Frankfurt (Frankfurt, Germany).
- Allomorphy of the definite determiner in Neapolitan*. Talk at the 11th Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax-Morphology Meeting. July 2016. University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria).
- Allomorphy of determiners in Italian*. Poster at 42^o Incontro di Grammatica Generativa. February 2016. University of Salento (Lecce, Italy).
- 2014 *Asymmetries and phonological (under-)specification in speech perception: a MMN study*. Talk at 40^o Incontro di Grammatica Generativa. February 2014. University of Trento (Trento, Italy).
- 2013 *Rappresentazioni uditive e (sotto)specificazione fonologica nella percezione dei contrasti consonantici: uno studio elettrofisiologico* [Auditory representations and phonological (under-)specification in consonantal perception: a MMN study]. Talk at the 9^o Convegno nazionale AISV. University of Venezia Ca' Foscari (Venice, Italy).

Teaching

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| Spring 2019 | <i>Language and Mind (LING 1010)</i> , Teaching Assistant (3 sections). Instructor: Jon Sprouse. University of Connecticut. |
| Spring 2018 | <i>Language and Mind (LING 1010)</i> , Teaching Assistant (3 sections). Instructor: Jon Gajewski. University of Connecticut. |
| Fall 2017 | <i>The Science of Linguistics (LING 2010Q)</i> , Instructor of Record. Supervisor: Magdalena Kauffman. University of Connecticut. |
| Spring 2017 | <i>The Science of Linguistics (LING 2010Q)</i> , Instructor of Record. Honors section. University of Connecticut. |
| Fall 2016 | <i>The Science of Linguistics (LING 2010Q)</i> , Instructor of Record. Supervisor: Magdalena Kaufmann. University of Connecticut. |
| Spring 2016 | <i>The Science of Linguistics (LING 2010Q)</i> , Instructor of Record. Supervisor: Jon Gajewski. University of Connecticut. |
| Fall 2015 | <i>The Diversity of Languages (LING 1030)</i> , Teaching Assistant (3 sections). Instructor: Andrea Calabrese. University of Connecticut. |
| Fall 2014 | <i>The Diversity of Languages (LING 1030)</i> , Teaching Assistant (4 sections). Instructor: Andrea Calabrese. University of Connecticut. |

Memberships and services to the profession

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| 2017-2018 | Editor/Reviewer for the volume <i>From sounds to structures: Beyond the veil of Maya</i> . |
| 2016-present | Linguistic Society of America, member. |
| 2016-2017 | Graduate Student Representative. Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut. |
| 2014-present | Sprouse Lab, member & webmaster. Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut. |
| 2013-present | LingClub, member. Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut. |

Language skills

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| Standard Italian: | Native |
| Neapolitan: | Native |
| English: | professional proficiency |
| Latin: | 10+ years |
| Greek: | 10+ years |

Coding skills

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| LaTeX: | ADVANCED |
| MATLAB: | INTERMEDIATE |
| toolboxes | EEGLAB: ADVANCED |
| | ERPLAB: ADVANCED |
| | fieldtrip: INTERMEDIATE |
| Presentation: | INTERMEDIATE |
| python: | INTERMEDIATE |
| toolboxes | PsychoPy: INTERMEDIATE |
| | MNE: BEGINNER |
| javascript: | INTERMEDIATE |
| toolboxes | PsychoJS: INTERMEDIATE |
| | PCIBEX/IBEX: INTERMEDIATE |
| R: | ADVANCED |