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EMPLOYMENT

2018 - **Senior Research Associate**, School of Psychology, University of East Anglia
Supervisor: Prof. John P. Spencer
Project: Probing the neural basis of visual working memory in development (NIH).

EDUCATION

2014 - 18 **DPhil**, Experimental Psychology - University of Oxford, United Kingdom
Advisors: Prof. Kim Plunkett & Dr E. Matthew Husband
Dissertation: The Development of Colour Word Knowledge in Infants and Toddlers
Funding: Rhodes Scholarship

2011 - 13 **MA (Research and Coursework)**, Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, - Nanjing Normal University, PR China
Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Liang DanDan
Dissertation: A Comparative Study of the Use of the Perfective Aspect Under Narrative Conditions of English and Mandarin Children
Funding: Chinese Scholarship Council

2010 - 11 **Cert Lang**, Mandarin Chinese, - Nanjing Normal University, PR China

2009 **Grad Cert**, Asian Studies, - University of Tasmania, Australia

2006 - 08 **BA**, Japanese and Mandarin, - University of Tasmania, Australia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014 - **Webmaster** Oxford University BabyLab
- Managed Lab website and social media sites

2015 - 17 **Graduate Mentor** Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford
- Mentored 2 first-year DPhil students each year

2015 - 16 **President** Brasenose College Hulme Common Room (HCR)
- Responsible for overseeing graduate common room of approximately 250 members

2013 - 14 **Executive Assistant to the Arts** St Michael's Collegiate School, Tasmania
- Responsible for administration in Arts faculty of leading girl's school

PUBLICATIONS

- Under Review** Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. The role of colour labels in mediating infant visual attention. *Cognition*.
- Under Review** Fu, X.W., Forbes, S.H., & Liang, D.D. High functioning autistic children's abilities in scalar implicature of the term "Some". *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*.
- In Press** Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. Infants show early comprehension of basic colour words. *Developmental Psychology*.
- In Press** Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. Linguistic and cultural variation in early color word learning. *Child Development*.
- 2017** Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. (2017). Early colour word learning in British infants. *Proceedings CogSci*, 367-372.
- 2015** Liang D.D., Song, Y.Q., Forbes, S.H. (2015). A contrastive study of the perfective aspect use in English and Chinese children's narratives. *Foreign Language Teaching and Research* 7(1), 81-93.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- June 2018** Expanding the Field 2018: Multi-disciplinary Developmental Dynamics, Norwich
Poster Mosteller, S., Samuelson, L.K., Wijekumar, S., Forbes, S.H., Ghose Coveney, S., Grewal, J., Johns, E. & Spencer, J.P. Neural mechanisms of spatial coordination during interactive word learning in early development
- May 2018** The 48th Annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Amsterdam
Talk Mosteller, S., Samuelson, L.K., Forbes, S.H., Wijekumar, S. & Spencer, J.P. Shared Space and Neural Coherence in Early Word Learning.
- Aug. 2017** 2nd Lancaster Conference on Infant and Child Development (LCICD), Lancaster
Poster Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. The Role of Labels in Understanding Contextual Information.
- July 2016** 39th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London
Talk Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. Early Colour Word Learning in British Infants
- July 2016** 39th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, London
Poster Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. The Development of Visual Closure in Infancy
- Aug. 2016** 1st Lancaster Conference on Infant and Child Development (LCICD), Lancaster
Talk Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. The Development of Colour Word Knowledge in Infants and Toddlers
- May 2016** 2016 International Conference on Infant Studies (ICIS), New Orleans
Poster Forbes, S.H., & Plunkett, K. The Development of Colour Word Knowledge in Infants and Children

TEACHING

- 2015 -** **Tutor** Department of Experimental Psychology, Oxford
- Responsible for tutoring groups of 3 students in *Language and Cognition*
- Tutored for 3 colleges (Brasenose, St Hilda's, & St John's)
- 2011 - 13** **Lecturer & Course Co-ordinator** Faculty of National Education, NJNU
- Designed and lectured 2 units per year to both of 3rd and 4th year undergraduates
- Responsible for examination and grading of students

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

July 2016 **UNIQ Summer School**

- Presented an interactive introduction and workshop on testing infants
- For outstanding State School students interesting in studying at Oxford

Feb. 2016 **Oxford Making Links** St Catherine's College, Oxford

- Presented a portion of research to teachers involved in early years teaching

Sep. 2015 **Belfast Baby Day**

- Presented two invited talks to mothers and researchers at inaugural Belfast Baby Day

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistics **R** Bayesian hierarchical modeling, mixed effect modeling, survival analysis

- Familiar with STAN, JAGS, R, Rcmdr, ggplot2, etc

Coding **R, Matlab, L^AT_EX**

Testing **Infant & Adult Eye-tracking, fNIRS, Head-mounted eye-tracking**

FUNDING AND AWARDS

2016 - **Brasenose College Senior Hulme Scholarship** for outstanding DPhil performance

2014 - **Rhodes Scholarship** Tasmania

2010 - 13 **Chinese Scholarship Council Award** for 4 years' study in PRC

2007 - 08 **Japan Student Services Organization Award** for 1 year exchange in Japan