# Tyler Zarus Knowlton

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### Education

Ph.D. (expected) Linguistics
Advisors: Jeffrey Lidz and Paul Pietroski
University of Maryland, College Park, MD

B.A. Cognitive Science (with honors)
Minors in Linguistics, Philosophy, and Psychology
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

### **Awards and Honors**

| NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, "Doctoral Dissertation Research: The mental representation and acquisition of the universal quantifiers" (NSF #BCS-2017525) (with Jeffrey Lidz) | 2020 |
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| Jerrold J. Katz Young Scholar Award  | 2019 |
| Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant  | 2018 |
| Fellow, NSF-NRT Training Program, "NRT-DESE: Flexibility in Language Processes and Technology: Human- and Global-Scale" (NRT $\#1449815$ )   | 2017 |
| Maryland Language Science Fellowship   | 2017 |
| Owen Scholars Fellowship (declined)  | 2016 |
| Phi Beta Kappa   | 2015 |
| Cognitive Science Departmental Honors  | 2015 |
| Johns Hopkins University Honors  | 2015 |
| Provost's Undergraduate Research Award   | 2014 |

### **Publications**

**Knowlton, T.**, Hunter, T., Odic, D., Wellwood, A., Halberda, J., Pietroski, P., and Lidz, J. (under review) *Pieces of word meaning: How language impacts vision and action.* 

**Knowlton, T.**, Pietroski, P., Halberda, J., and Lidz, J. (under review) *The mental representation of universal quantifiers*.

### Presentations

#### Conference Talks

- Knowlton, T. and Lidz, J. (2020) Genericity signals the difference between "each" and "every" in child-directed speech.. Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 45, Boston University.
- Knowlton, T., Pietroski, P., Williams, A., Halberda, J., and Lidz, J. (2020) Memory for cardinality supports a one-set account of conservativity. Experiments in Linguistic Meaning (ELM) 1, University of Pennsylvania.
- Cesana-Arlotti, N., **Knowlton, T.**, Lidz, J., and Halberda, J. (2020) An investigation of the origins of logical quantification: infants' (and adults') representations of exhaustivity in collective or individual complex actions. Symposium on Learning 'hard words', XXII International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS) Biennial Congress, Glasgow, Scotland.
- **Knowlton, T.**, Pietroski, P., Williams, A., Halberda, J., and Lidz, J. (2020) Conservative meanings with only one set: evidence from verification. 33rd CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- Knowlton, T., Pietroski, P., Halberda, J., and Lidz, J. (2019) The mental representation of universal quantifiers: evidence from verification. 32nd CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, CU Boulder.
- Knowlton, T., Halberda, J., Pietroski, P., and Lidz, J. (2018) Acquiring the universal quantifiers: every part together or each part on its own? Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 43, Boston University.

#### Conference Posters

- Cesana-Arlotti, N., **Knowlton, T.**, Lidz, J., and Halberda, J. (2020) An investigation of the origins of logical quantification: infants' (and adults') representations of exhaustivity in collective or individual complex actions. Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP) 46th Annual Meeting, Princeton.
- Knowlton, T., Pietroski, P., Williams, A., Halberda, J., and Lidz, J. (2020) Determiners are 'conservative' because their meanings are not relations: evidence from verification. Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 30, Cornell.
- Cesana-Arlotti, N., **Knowlton, T.**, Lidz, J., and Halberda, J. (2020) Who's chasing whom? Adults' and infants' engagement of quantificational concepts ("each" and "all") when representing visual chasing events. Vision Sciences Society (VSS) 20th Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- Cesana-Arlotti, N., **Knowlton, T.**, Lidz, J., Pietroski, P., and Halberda, J. (2019) Concepts of universal quantification ("each" and "all") may support infant and adult understanding of collective and distributive actions. Cognitive Development Society (CDS) 2019 Biennial Meeting, Louisville, KY.
- Knowlton, T., Halberda, J., Pietroski, P., and Lidz, J. (2019) A novel memory task reveals early understanding of quantifier meanings. Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) 2019 Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- Knowlton, T., Pietroski, P., Halberda, J., and Lidz, J. (2019) Representational format and universal quantifiers. Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting 2019, New York, NY.
- Perkins, L., **Knowlton, T.**, Williams, A., and Lidz, J. (2018) *Matching number vs. linking roles:* Using 3-participant scene percepts to understand infants' bootstrapping. Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 43, Boston, MA.

- Knowlton, T., Perkins, L., Williams, A., and Lidz, J. (2018) Getting a grip on infants' event representations: participant number in TAKE and PICK-UP. XXI International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS) Biennial Congress, Philadelphia, PA.
- Knowlton, T., Wong, A., Halberda, J., Pietroski, P., and Lidz, J. (2018) Different determiners, different algorithms: Two majority quantifiers in Cantonese bias distinct verification strategies. 31st CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, UC Davis.
- Knowlton, T., Halberda, J., Pietroski, P., and Lidz, J. (2017) Sentences, centers, and sets: Set selection and the meanings of more and most. Cognitive Development Society (CDS) Biennial Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Knowlton, T., Halberda, J., Pietroski, P., and Lidz, J. (2017) Distinguishing first-from second-order specifications of each, every, and all. Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM) 7, Georgetown.
- Knowlton, T., Halberda, J., Pietroski, P., and Lidz, J. (2017) Set selection and storage reflect differences in quantifier meanings. McDonnell Network Plenary Workshop on "The Ontogenetic Origins of Combinatorial Thought", UCSD.
- Perkins, L., **Knowlton, T.**, Hirzel, M., Dudley, R., Williams, A., and Lidz, J. (2017) *Linguistic and conceptual structure in verb learning*. McDonnell Network Plenary Workshop on "The Ontogenetic Origins of Combinatorial Thought", UCSD.

#### **Invited Talks**

- **Knowlton, T.** (2019) The psychological treatment of (universal) quantification. Integrated Language Sciences and Technology Seminar, University of Pennsylvania.
- **Knowlton, T.** (2018) Are natural language quantifiers first- or second-order? McDonnell Network Focused Workshop on "The Development of Set and Quantifier Representations", Johns Hopkins.

### Teaching and Mentorship

### Teaching Experience

University of Maryland

Instructor, Language and Thought (LING449T)
Designed and taught 10 student seminar

Spring 2020

TA, Grammar and Meaning (LING410; Instructor: Valentine Hacquard) Fall 2019 Duties: grading, office hours, reviewing p-sets in class, once teaching ~25 student lecture

TA, Child Language Acquisition (LING444; Instructor: Jeffrey Lidz) Spring 2019 Duties: grading, office hours, helping write exams, once teaching ~20 student lecture

TA, Language and Mind (LING240; Instructor: Tonia Bleam) Fall 2018 Duties: grading, office hours, review sessions, twice teaching ~50 student lecture

TA, Introductory Linguistics (LING200; Instructor: Tonia Bleam) Spring 2018 Duties: weekly discussion section of ~30 students, grading, office hours

# Mentorship

| Mentorship   |         |
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| University of Maryland   |         |
| High school summer intern mentor, Project on Children's Language Learning<br>Responsible for mentoring high school research assistant S. Chervenak<br>and supervising his final paper & science fair poster presentation   | 2019    |
| Undergraduate mentor, Project on Children's Language Learning<br>Responsible for mentoring undergraduate research assistants M. Lauchman,<br>M. Aiyad, D. Lahori, T. Hudson, M. Griffith, & S. Deshpande<br>and supervising their end-of-term poster presentations | 2018-   |
| Johns Hopkins University   |         |
| Undergraduate mentor, Vision and Cognition Lab<br>Responsible for mentoring undergraduate research assistants A. Wong,<br>S. Akmal, A. Vadaparty, I. Perone, & L. Grau and supervising their term papers   | 2015-16 |
| Research Experience  |         |
| Research Assistant, Project on Children's Language Learning, College Park, MD  | 2016-   |
| PURA Fellow, Language Processing and Development Lab, Baltimore, MD  | 2014-16 |
| Lab Manager, Vision and Cognition Lab, Baltimore, MD   | 2014-16 |
| Research Assistant, Vision and Cognition Lab, Baltimore, MD  | 2012-13 |
| Research Intern, Coriell Institute for Medical Research, Camden, NJ  | 2012    |
| Academic Activities  |         |
| Service  |         |
| Mayfest 2020: Hindsight Organizing Committee   | 2019-   |
| Linguistics Colloquium Committee   | 2019-   |
| Developmental Science Workshop Co-Organizer (with Z. Ovans & M. Hirzel),<br>Endless Possibilities: The Development of Possibility and Necessity in Cognition,<br>Language, and Society   | 2018-19 |
| Chair, Language Science Outreach Committee   | 2018-19 |
| Winter Storm 10 Planning Committee   | 2017-18 |
| Co-chair (with S. Thivierge), Linguistics Graduate Student Association   | 2017-18 |
| Career fair coordinator, Language Science Outreach Committee   | 2016-18 |
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2016-17

2016-17

Winter Storm 9 Planning Committee

SALT27 Organizing Committee

### Ad Hoc Reviewer

Language Learning and Development Cognitive Science Society Journal of Memory and Language

### **Professional Memberships**

| Cognitive Science Society                 | 2020- |
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| Society for Research in Child Development | 2019- |
| International Congress of Infant Studies  | 2017- |
| Cognitive Development Society             | 2017- |
| Linguistic Society of America             | 2015- |

# Skills

Technical: R, PsychoPy (python), LATEX, Linger, PsyToolkit,

Habit, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Psychtoolbox (MATLAB), Adobe Premiere, Git, PsyScope X,

PsyCode

Experimental: Visual Psychophysics, Habituation-switch, Self-

paced reading (including with eye-tracking)

[updated 7/21/2020]