Wednesday Bushong

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RESEARCH INTERESTS language processing & production, information theory, cue integration, statistical learning, statistical methods in cognitive science

EDUCATION

Ph.D Student, Brain and Cognitive Sciences

2015 -

University of Rochester

B.A. Linguistics, with Distinction

2011 - 2015

B.S. Cognitive Science, specialization in Neuroscience, with Distinction

University of California, San Diego

Publications

Bicknell, K., **Bushong, W.**, Tanenhaus, M., and Jaeger, T. F. (in preparation). Listeners can maintain and rationally update uncertainty about prior words.

Bushong, W., and Jaeger, T. F. (in preparation). Expectation adaptation to word order alternations.

Conference Proceedings **Bushong, W.**, and Jaeger, T. F. (2017). Maintenance of perceptual information in speech perception. In *Proceedings of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Conference Presentations **Bushong, W.**, and Jaeger, T. F. (2017, March). Expectation adaptation to high-level linguistic constraints on word order. Talk presented at the 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Cambridge, MA.

Bushong, W., Bicknell, K., and Jaeger, T. F. (2017, March). Listeners maintain uncertainty about linguistic input. Poster presented at the 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, Cambridge, MA.

Bushong, W. and Jaeger, T. F. (2016, October). *Processing the relative ordering of definite and indefinite noun phrases.* Poster presented at the Dimensions of D Workshop, Rochester, NY.

Bushong, W., Morgan, E., Yen, M., and Levy, R. (2015, September). *Compositional and holistic representations in multiword expressions*. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Conference on Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Valletta, Malta.

Bushong, W., Ürgen, B. A., Miller, L. E., and Saygin, A. P. (2015, May). *Influence of form and motion on biological motion prediction*. Poster presented at Vision Sciences Society 15th Annual Meeting, St. Pete, Florida.

Theses

Bushong, W. (2015). Compositional and holistic processing in novel and attested multiword expressions. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Department of Linguistics, UC San Diego. (advisor: Roger Levy)

Bushong, W. (2015). Influence of form and motion on biological motion prediction. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego. (committee: Ayşe Saygin, Seana Coulson, Burcu Ürgen)

INVITED TALKS

Bushong, W.. Maintenance of Perceptual Information in Speech Perception. Invited talk at University of Rochester NRT Mini-Conference, Rochester, NY, September 26, 2017.

Teaching

Teaching Assistanceships

EXPERIENCE BCS 152: Language & Psycholinguistics

August 2017 – December 2017

Department of Brain & Cognitive Sciences, University of Rochester

- Duties: Write quiz and exam material; hold office hours; hold exam review sessions; grade

homework and exams

CSP 519: Data Analysis II: General Linear Models

Jan 2017 - May 2017

Department of Clinical & Social Psychology, University of Rochester

– Duties: Prep & teach weekly labs using R; hold office hours; grade homework assignments and exams

BCS 111: Foundations of Cognitive Science

Aug 2016 - Dec 2016

Department of Brain & Cognitive Sciences, University of Rochester

- Duties: Grade writing assignments and exams; hold office hours; lead exam reviews

COGS 14A: Introduction to Research Methods

Sep 2013 – Dec 2013

Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego

- Duties: Prep & teach 50 minute weekly discussion sections; hold office hours; grade exams

Programming

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Skills Python

MATLAB/Octave

Church (& other LISP-inspired languages)

Javascript

AWARDS AND HONORS NSF National Research Training (NRT) Fellow

2016 - 2018

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention

2015

Provost Fellowship, University of Rochester Outstanding Graduate in Linguistics, UC San Diego $2015 - 2017 \\ 2015$

Chancellor's Scholarship, UC San Diego

2011 - 2015

Research

Current Mentors

EXPERIENCE

2015 - current: T. Florian Jaeger (Department of Brain & Cognitive Sciences, University of

Rochester)

 $Previous\ Mentors$

2013 – 2015: Roger Levy (Department of Brain & Cognitive Sciences, MIT) 2014 –2015: Ayse Saygin (Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego)

2014: Noah Goodman (Department of Psychology, Stanford)

2013 –2014: Marta Kutas (Department of Cognitive Science, UC San Diego)

Mentoring

At University of Rochester

EXPERIENCE

2017 – current: Bethany Gardner 2016 – 2017: Evan Hamaguchi 2015 – 2016: Christopher Langfield

SERVICE

Ad-Hoc Reviewing

2017: The Thirty-Ninth Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society

GRADUATE

At University of Rochester:

Coursework

- BCS 501: LanguageBCS 502: Cognition
- BCS 505: Perception & Motor Systems
- BCS 508: Cognitive Neuroscience
- BCS 511: Behavioral Methods in Cognitive Science
- BCS 512: Computational Methods in Cognitive Science
- CSP 519: Data Analysis II: General Linear Models
- DSC 530: Methods in Data-Enabled Research into Human Behavior and its Cognitive and Neural Mechanisms
- DSC 531: Practicum In Data-Eanabled Research into Human Behavior and its Cognitive and Neural Mechanisms

At UC San Diego:

- COGS 260: Neural Oscillations
- LIGN 221: Syntax
- LIGN 225: Experimental Syntax
- LIGN 247: Bayesian and Game-Theoretic Semantics and Pragmatics
- LIGN 282: Biology and Environment in Language Acquisition

Clubs & Organizations

 $At\ University\ of\ Rochester$

S IT Officer, Graduate Student Association Jun 2016 – May 2018

 $At\ UC\ San\ Diego$

Vice President, Cognitive Science Student Association

Reviewer, Impulse Undergraduate Neuroscience Journal

Professional Chair, Cognitive Science Student Association

President, Linguistics Undergraduate Association

Jun 2014 – Jun 2015

Nov 2013 – Jun 2015

Dec 2013 – Jun 2014

President, Linguistics Undergraduate Association

Jun 2013 – Jun 2015