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## Areas of Specialization

cognitive science, cognitive psychology; cognitive neuroscience; speech perception; language processing; hearing; computational modeling.

## Education

- 2011 Ph.D., Psychology—Cognition and Perception, University of Iowa
- 2005 B.S., Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Honors in Research, University of Rochester

## Academic Appointments

- 2014- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychological & Brain Sciences, Villanova Univ.  
Affiliations: *Cognitive Science Program, Cognitive & Behavioral Neuroscience Program*
- 2011-2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Beckman Inst. for Advanced Science & Technology  
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2005-2011 Graduate Research Assistant, Dept. of Psychology  
Univ. of Iowa (Advisor: Dr. Bob McMurray)
- 2004 Research Assistant, Human Information Processing Branch  
NASA Ames Research Center (Advisors: Drs. Lee Stone & Brent Beutter)
- 2003-2005 Research Assistant, Dept. of Brain & Cognitive Sciences  
Univ. of Rochester (Advisor: Dr. Michael Tanenhaus)

## Honors & Awards

- 2014 Select-Speaker Award, Psychonomic Society
- 2011 Beckman Fellowship, Beckman Inst. for Advanced Science & Technology
- 2011 Don Lewis Dissertation Year Award, Univ. of Iowa, Dept. of Psychology
- 2010 Graduate College Summer Fellowship, Univ. of Iowa
- 2008 Best Student Paper in Speech Communication—2nd Prize, Acoust. Soc. of America
- 2008 Computational Modeling Prize in Perception & Action, Cognitive Science Society
- 2007 J.R. Simon Early Scholarship Potential Award, Univ. of Iowa, Dept. of Psychology
- 2006 Best Student Paper in Speech Communication—1st Prize, Acoust. Soc. of America
- 2006-2010 Travel Funds Awards (4), Univ. of Iowa Graduate Student Senate
- 2006-2007 Scholarly Presentation Awards (2), Univ. of Iowa Student Government
- 2004 Undergraduate Student Research Program, NASA Ames Research Center

## Professional Development

- 2017 Classification and Clustering Workshop, Center for Statistics Education, Villanova Univ.  
2011 Fast Optical Imaging Summer Workshop, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
2006 ERP Boot Camp, Univ. of California, Davis

## Professional Affiliations

- 2012 Psychonomic Society (Fellow: 2015)  
2008 Cognitive Science Society  
2006 Acoustical Society of America
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## Research

### Publications (\* Mentored student/trainee)

#### Journal Articles

- in press Toscano JC, Lansing CR (in press). Age-related changes in temporal and spectral cue weights in speech. To appear in *Language and Speech*.
- 2018 \*Buxó-Lugo A, Toscano JC, Watson DG (2018). Effects of participant engagement on prosodic prominence. *Discourse Processes*, 55, 305-323.
- 2017 Brown-Schmidt S, Toscano JC (2017). Gradient acoustic information induces long-lasting referential uncertainty in short discourses. *Language, Cognition, & Neuroscience*, 32, 1211-1228.
- 2017 \*Getz LM, \*Nordeen ER, \*Vrabic SC, Toscano JC (2017). Modeling the development of audiovisual cue integration in speech perception. *Brain Sciences*, 7, 32.
- 2015 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2015). The time-course of speaking rate compensation: Effects of sentential rate and vowel length on voicing judgments. *Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience*, 30, 529-543.
- 2014 Toscano JC, Allen JB (2014). Across and within consonant errors for isolated syllables in noise. *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*, 57, 2293-2307.
- 2013 Toscano JC, \*Anderson ND, McMurray B. (2013). Reconsidering the role of temporal order in spoken word recognition. *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*, 20, 981-987.
- 2012 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2012). Cue integration and context effects in speech: Evidence against speaking rate normalization. *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*, 76, 1284-1301.
- 2010 Toscano JC, McMurray B, Dennhardt J, Luck SJ (2010). Continuous perception and graded categorization: Electrophysiological evidence for a linear relationship between the acoustic signal and perceptual encoding of speech. *Psychological Science*, 21, 1532-1540.
- 2010 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2010). Cue integration with categories: Weighting acoustic cues in speech using unsupervised learning and distributional statistics. *Cognitive Science*, 34, 434-64.

2009 McMurray B, Aslin RN, Toscano JC (2009). Statistical learning of phonetic categories: Insights from a computational approach. *Developmental Science*, 12, 369-378.

2008 Toscano JC, Perry LK, Mueller KL, Bean AF, Galle ME, Samuelson LK (2008). Language as shaped by the brain; the brain as shaped by development. Commentary on Christiansen & Chater, "Language as shaped by the brain", *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 31, 535-536.

### **Book Chapters**

2015 Toscano JC, \*Buxó-Lugo A, Watson DG (2015). Using game-based approaches to increase level of engagement in research and education. In S. Dikkers (Ed.), *TeacherCraft: Using Minecraft for Teaching and Learning*. Pittsburgh: ETC Press.

2009 McMurray B, Horst, J, Toscano JC, Samuelson, LK (2009). Towards an integration of connectionist learning and dynamical systems processing: Case studies in speech perception and lexical development. In J.P. Spencer, M. Thomas, & J. McClelland (Eds.), *Toward a Unified Theory of Development: Connectionism and Dynamic Systems Theory Re-Considered* (pp. 218-249). New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Refereed Proceedings Papers**

2010 Toscano JC, Mueller, K.L., McMurray B, & Tomblin, J.B. (2010). Simulating individual differences in language ability and genetic differences in FOXP2 using a neural network model of the SRT task. In S. Ohlsson & R. Catrambone (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 2230-2235). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

2008 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2008). Using the distributional statistics of speech sounds for weighting and integrating acoustic cues. In B.C. Love, K. McRae, & V.M. Sloutsky (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 30th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 433-438). Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

### **Technical Reports & Other Manuscripts**

2011 Toscano JC (2011). Perceiving speech in context: Compensation for contextual variability during acoustic cue encoding and categorization. Doctoral dissertation, University of Iowa.

2005 Toscano JC (2005). Effect of object salience on eye movements in a visual-linguistic task. Honors thesis for the B.S. in Brain and Cognitive Sciences, University of Rochester.

2005 Toscano JC, & Beutter, B.R. (2005). Performance during visual search: Designing spacecraft with humans in mind. *University of Rochester Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 3, 8-12.

2004 Toscano JC (2004). Effect of salience on saccadic performance during visual search. NASA Undergraduate Student Research Program Technical Report.

### **Presentations** (\* Mentored student/trainee)

#### **Invited Talks and Colloquia**

2017 Toscano JC (2017, May). What does the speech system know and when does it know it? Invited talk presented at Dept. of Psychological & Brain Sciences, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.

- 2015 Toscano JC (2015, November). Encoding continuous acoustic cues in speech: An approach for understanding speech perception and development. Invited talk presented at Nemours duPont Hospital for Children, Translational Science Seminar, Wilmington, DE.
- 2014 Toscano JC (2014, October). The time-course of spoken word recognition: Continuous cues operating continuously in time. Invited talk presented at the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2014 Toscano JC (2014, October). The neural organization of speech perception. Invited talk presented at the *Beckman Institute 25th Anniversary Symposium*.
- 2014 Toscano JC (2014, October). Continuity in spoken word recognition revealed in the time-course of processing. Invited talk presented at the Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 Toscano JC (2014, April). The time-course of spoken word recognition. Invited talk presented at the Volen National Center for Complex Systems, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.
- 2013 Toscano JC (2013, May). Computing the reliability of acoustic information in speech. Invited talk presented at the Dept. of Linguistics, Northwestern Univ., Evanston, IL.
- 2013 Toscano JC (2013, April). Computational approaches to speaker adaptation and perceptual learning. Invited paper presented at the *Workshop on Current Issues and Methods in Speaker Adaptation*, Department of Linguistics, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2013 Toscano JC (2013, February). Acquiring and adapting phonological categories: Insights from computational modeling approaches. Invited talk presented at the Department of Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.
- 2005 Toscano JC (2005, November). Category acquisition through statistical learning using a mixture of Gaussians model. Invited talk presented at the University of Rochester Speech Group, Rochester, NY.

### **Conference Symposia**

- 2017 Toscano JC (2017, August). Using statistical learning to acquire speech categories: A computational framework for studying phonological development. Invited talk presented at the *13th International Conference for Cognitive Neuroscience*, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2016 Toscano JC, Allen JB. Idiosyncratic effects in speech-based hearing tests. In J. Toscano, B. McMurray, E. Myers, & M. Goldrick, *Unifying principles and individual differences: What should we focus on to understand speech? 15th Annual Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action Meeting*, Boston, MA.
- 2012 McMurray B, Toscano JC (2012, October). The consequences of lexical sensitivity to fine grained detail: Solving the problems of integrating cues and processing speech in time. In A. Jongman & J. Sereno (Chairs), *The nature of lexical representations in the perception and production of speech*. Symposium presented at the *164th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, Kansas City, MO.
- 2010 McMurray B, Apfelbaum KS, Toscano JC, Samuelson, LK (2010, March). Something old and something new: Word learning as the interaction of statistical association and dynamic competition. In C. Yu (Chair), *Modeling statistical word learning*. Symposium presented at the *International Conference on Infant Studies*,

Baltimore, MD.

### Conference Presentations

- 2018 \*Benecke A, Toscano JC (2018, January). How far can VOT take us? Voicing categorization with and without the use of VOT. Poster presented at *Society for Computation in Linguistics*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2018 \*Crinnion AM, Malmskog B, Toscano JC (2018, January). A graph theoretic approach for generating hypotheses about phonetic cues in speech. Talk presented at *Society for Computation in Linguistics*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2017 \*Gao YA, Pereira O, Toscano, JC (2017, November). Encoding acoustic cues in speech: Electrophysiological measurements. Poster presented at the *16th Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2017 Toscano, JC, \*Folk E (2017, November). From Sounds to Words in 90 Milliseconds: The Time-Course of Spoken Word Recognition. Talk presented at *58th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2017 Fischer-Baum S, Toscano JC (2017, November). Dissociation between lexical and indexical processing during speech perception. Poster presented at the *55th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Aphasia*, Baltimore, MD.
- 2017 \*Benecke A, Toscano JC (2017, November). Classification of English Stop Consonants: A Comparison of Multiple Models of Speech Perception. Poster presented at the *58th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Vancouver, BC. (Recipient of Psychonomic Society Graduate Travel Award).
- 2017 \*Faladays JB, Brown-Schmidt S, Toscano JC (2017, November). Long-Lasting gradient activation of referents during spoken sentence processing. Poster presented at the *58th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2017 \*Biro T, Viswanathan N, Toscano JC (2017, November). How Task Engagement Influences Speech Production: A Look at Phonetic Convergence, Poster presented at the *58th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2017 \*Getz L, Toscano JC (2017, November). Marching Bands and Butter Bombs: Semantic Association Modulates the Auditory N100 Response to Speech Sounds. Poster presented at the *58th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 \*Biro T, Toscano JC, Viswanathan N (2016, November). Phonetic convergence in an immersive game-based task. Poster presented at the *5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and Acoustical Society of Japan*, Honolulu, HI.
- 2016 \*Crinnion AM, Malmskog B, Toscano JC (2016, October). Which cues do listeners use? Discovering networks of phonetic cues for speech sound categorization using a graph theoretic approach. Poster presented at the *15th Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action Meeting*, Boston, MA.
- 2016 \*Faladays JB, Brown-Schmidt S, Toscano JC (2016, November). Time Course of Maintenance and Use of Gradient Acoustic Information During Pronoun Referent Interpretation. Poster presented at the *5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and Acoustical Society of Japan*, Honolulu, HI.

- 2016 \*Folk E, Toscano JC (2016, November). Event-related potential responses reveal simultaneous processing across multiple levels of representation in spoken word recognition. Poster presented at the *5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and Acoustical Society of Japan*, Honolulu, HI.
- 2016 \*Getz LM, \*Nordeen E, \*Vrabic S, Toscano JC (2016, October). Modeling Audiovisual Cue Integration in Speech Perception. Poster presented at the *15th Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action Meeting*, Boston, MA.
- 2016 \*Pereira O, Toscano JC (2016, November). The N1 Event-Related Potential Component as an Index of Speech Sound Encoding for Multiple Phonetic Contrasts. Poster presented at the *5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and Acoustical Society of Japan*, Honolulu, HI.
- 2016 \*Saltzman D, Rhone A, McMurray B, Toscano JC (2016, October). Listeners use sentential rate, but not envelope information, to compensate for speaking rate during spoken word recognition. Poster presented at the *57th Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Boston, MA.
- 2016 \*Tabachnick AR, Toscano JC (2016, November). High-pass filtering distorts auditory brainstem responses: Evidence from click and tone stimuli. Poster presented at the *5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and Acoustical Society of Japan*, Honolulu, HI.
- 2016 \*Pereira O, Toscano, JC (2016, August). Auditory N1 Amplitude varies across multiple acoustic and phonological dimensions in speech. Poster presented at the *38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 \*Vrabic S, \*Nordeen E, & Toscano JC. (2016, August). Speech perception across the lifespan: Using a Gaussian mixture model to understand changes in cue weighting between younger and older adults. Poster presented at the *38th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 \*Biro T, Viswanathan N, Toscano JC (2016, March). Using naturalistic and engaging tasks to measure phonetic convergence. Poster presented at the *Sociolinguistic Variation and Language Processing Conference*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
- 2015 \*Biro T, Toscano JC, Viswanathan N. (2015, November). Measuring phonetic convergence and acoustic properties of speech with engaging, naturalistic tasks. Poster presented at the *14th Annual Auditory Perception, Cognition, & Action Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 \*Curley T, Toscano JC (2015, November). Overcoming talker variability when learning speech sound categories: A computational approach. Poster presented at the *56th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Chicago, IL. (Recipient of Psychonomic Society Graduate Travel Award).
- 2015 \*Folk E, Toscano JC (2015, November). Rapid lexical processing revealed by the timecourse of ERP responses. Poster presented at the *56th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 \*Saltzman D, Rhone A, McMurray B, Toscano JC (2015, November). Artificially natural: Creating carefully-controlled acoustic cue continua from natural speech. Poster presented at the *14th Annual Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 \*Tabachnick A, \*Brooks B, Allen JB, & Toscano JC (2015, November). Speech testing using token-level error thresholds: Comparison with pure-tone audiograms. Poster presented at the *14th Annual Auditory Per-*

*ception, Cognition, and Action Meeting*, Chicago, IL.

- 2015 Zhou P, Toscano JC, Garnsey SM, Christianson K (2015, March). Structural complexity modulates “semantic P600” in sentence processing. Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Toscano JC, Anderson ND, Garnsey SM, Fabiani M, Gratton G (2014, November). Speech sound encoding in the brain measured using fast diffuse optical imaging. Paper presented at the *55th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Long Beach, CA. (Recipient of Psychonomic Society Select Speaker Award).
- 2014 Toscano JC (2014, May). Unsupervised learning of phonetic cues in speech. Paper presented at the *2014 Midwest Speech and Language Days*, Urbana, IL.
- 2014 Anderson, ND, Toscano JC, Garnsey SM, Fabiani M, Gratton G (2014, May). Gradient coding of voice onset time in posterior temporal cortex. Poster presented at the *167th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, Providence, RI.
- 2014 Anderson, N.D., Toscano JC, Garnsey SM, Fabiani M, Gratton G (2014, April). Graded representations of voice onset time: Evidence from optical imaging. Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, Boston, MA.
- 2014 Brown-Schmidt S, Toscano JC (2014, March). Continuous acoustic information trickles up; discourse information trickles down. Poster presented at the *27th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Columbus, OH.
- 2013 Toscano JC, Trevino A, Allen JB (2013, October). Assessing the assessment: Measuring listeners’ speech recognition errors for specific consonants and tokens. Poster presented at the *2013 Aging and Speech Communication Conference*, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- 2013 Buxó-Lugo, A., Toscano JC, & Watson DG (2013, March). Task effects on prosodic prominence. Paper presented at the *26th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Columbia, SC.
- 2012 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2012, November). Combining cues to recognize speech: Acoustic measurements of phonetic cues to word-medial voicing. Poster presented at the *53rd Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2012 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2012, November). An approach for manipulating the perceived gender of a talker’s voice for studies of indexical effects in speech perception. Paper presented at the *11th Auditory Perception, Cognition, & Action Meeting*, Minn., MN.
- 2012 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2012, October). Voicing in English revisited: Measurement of acoustic features signaling word-medial voicing in trochees. Poster presented at the *164th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, Kansas City, MO.
- 2012 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2012, October). Perception of continuous acoustic cues in speech revealed by the auditory N1 and P3 ERP components. Poster presented at the *2012 Neurobiology of Language Conference*, San Sebastian, Spain.
- 2012 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2012, January). Measuring perceptual encoding and categorization of speech sounds using an ERP approach. Poster presented at the *6th Annual Conference of the Auditory Cognitive*

*Neuroscience Society*, Tucson, AZ.

- 2011 Toscano JC, Anderson, N.D., & McMurray B (2011, November). The role of time in spoken word recognition: Evidence against temporal order in lexical representations. Poster presented at the *52nd Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society*, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 Toscano JC, & McMurray B (2011, November). Measuring acoustic cue encoding and categorization during speech processing using the auditory N1 and P3 ERP components. Paper presented at the *10th Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action Meeting*, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 Toscano JC, Anderson ND, McMurray B (2011, October). The role of phoneme order and phonetic detail in spoken word recognition. Paper presented at the *17th Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonetics and Phonology*, Urbana, IL.
- 2010 Clayards M, Toscano JC (2010, August). Modeling age of exposure in L2 learning of vowel categories. Poster presented at the *32nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*, Portland, OR.
- 2009 Toscano JC, McMurray B, Luck, SJ, Dennhardt J. (2009, April). Listeners' sensitivity to acoustic detail in speech at the level of both early encoding and categorization. Poster presented at the *15th International Congress on Event-Related Potentials of the Brain*, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- 2008 Toscano JC, & McMurray B (2008, November). Online processing of acoustic cues in speech perception: Comparing statistical and neural network models. Poster presented at the *156th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, Miami, FL.(Winner of Best Student Paper in Speech Communication—2nd Prize).
- 2008 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2008, October). Perception of voicing is graded all the way down: Evidence from electrophysiology. Paper presented at the *14th Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonology*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2007 Toscano JC, Galle ME, & McMurray B (2007, October). Learning positional variation and place of articulation in stop consonants from the distributional statistics of acoustic cues. Poster presented at the *13th Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonology*, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2007 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2007, October). Integrating acoustic cues to phonetic features: A computational approach to cue weighting. Poster presented at *Where Do Features Come From? Phonological Primitives in the Brain, the Mouth, and the Ear*. Paris, France.
- 2007 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2007, March). Taking statistical learning to the next level: A computational approach to the acquisition of multi-dimensional categories. Poster presented at the *2007 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development*, Boston, MA.
- 2006 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2006, October). Acoustic cue integration in natural speech: Empirical and computational results. Paper presented at the *12th Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonology*, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.
- 2006 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2006, June). A lexical locus for the integration of asynchronous cues to voicing: An investigation with natural stimuli. Poster presented at the *151st Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, Providence, RI. (Winner of Best Student Paper in Speech Communication—1st Prize).
- 2006 Dennhardt J, McMurray B, Luck, SJ, Toscano JC (2006, June). Gradient effects of continuous acoustic detail



revealed in event-related potentials. Poster presented at the *151st Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, Providence, RI.

2005 Toscano JC, McMurray B (2005, November). Statistical learning, cross-linguistic constraints, and the acquisition of speech categories: a computational approach. Paper presented at the *11th Mid-Continental Workshop on Phonology*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

2005 Beutter BR, Toscano JC, Stone LS (2005, May). Top-down and bottom-up influences on saccades in a visual search task. Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society*, Sarasota, FL.

## Research Support

### Ongoing

2016-2019 *The Sounds of Human Language*. Mendel Science Experience Postdoctoral Fellows Program, Villanova Univ. Role: Postdoc Supervisor (Laura Getz).

### Completed

2017 *Using statistical learning to acquire speech categories: A computational framework for studying phonological development*. Faculty Research & Development Grant, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Villanova Univ. Role: PI. Amount: \$2,500.

2017 *Using statistical learning to acquire speech categories: A computational framework for studying phonological development*. University Conference Travel Grant, Office of the Provost, Villanova Univ. Role: PI. Amount: \$3,741.

2016-2017 *Phonetic competition in English-Spanish bilinguals as a function of language context and age of onset*. Center for Marketing & Consumer Insights Mini-Grant, Villanova Univ. Role: PI. Amount: \$295.

2017 *Speech-based tests for diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss*. Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships. Role: PI. Supported students: Martina Vega. Amount: \$1,000.

2016 *Unifying principles and individual differences: What should we focus on to understand speech?* University Conference Travel Grant, Office of the Provost, Villanova Univ. Role: PI. Amount: \$857.

2015-2017 *Mechanisms of speech perception and effects of hearing loss*. NIH Loan Repayment Program—Clinical Research, NIDCD. Role: PI. Amount: \$49,674.

2015 *Continuous acoustic cues in speech: Implications for language processing models and hearing tests*. Villanova Univ. Summer Research Fellowship and Research Support Grant. Role: PI. Amount: \$12,200.

2012-2013 *Neural representation of speech sounds in auditory cortex*. Campus Research Board Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Role: Co-PI. Amount: \$28,960.

2011-2014 Beckman Fellowship Research Funding, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology. Role: PI. Amount: \$25,000.

2006-2007 *Listeners' use of multiple acoustic cues in speech*. Research Grant, University of Iowa Student Government. Role: PI. Amount: \$660.

## Mentored Student Support

- 2017 *Discovering networks of phonetic cues for speech sound categorization using graph theory.* Herschel-Smith Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Harvard University. Student: Anne Marie Crinnion.
- 2017 *Redundancy and variability in speech: Listeners' use of token-level phonetic cues.* Villanova Graduate Student Summer Fellowship. Student: Abigail Benecke.
- 2016 *How long can listeners maintain gradient acoustic information?* Villanova Graduate Student Summer Fellowship. Student: J. Benjamin Falandays.
- 2016 *The role of theta waves in speaking rate compensation.* Villanova Graduate Student Summer Fellowship. Student: David Saltzman.
- 2015 *Enhancing tools for measuring phonetic convergence.* Villanova Graduate Student Summer Fellowship. Student: Tifani Biro.
- 2015 *Bottom-up perceptual processes and short-term chord expectancy.* Villanova Graduate Student Summer Fellowship. Student: Beach Brooks.
- 2015 *Parallel vs. serial processing in language comprehension.* Villanova Graduate Student Summer Fellowship. Student: Emma Folk.

## Media and Outreach

- 2016 Flame Challenge Top 25 Submission, *What is Sound?* Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. Entry submitted with Neil Bardhan and Alexandra Tabachnick.
- 2016 USA Science & Engineering Festival, American Institute of Physics/Acoustical Society of America exhibit.
- 2015 *Speech recognition in a noisy world.* Presentation for Villanova Psi Chi.
- 2015 Quoted in *New York Times* article, "The white and gold (no, blue and black!) dress that melted the Internet."
- 2012 *Understanding speech: Human perception and machine recognition.* Presentation for Chambana Science Café.

## Teaching

### Instructor (Villanova Univ.)

	Course	Students	Advisees (UG)	Advisees (Grad)
Sp 2018	MSE 2701: Sounds of Human Language PSY 5250: Contemporary Issues in Psych	41 14	30	3
Fa 2017	<i>Parental leave</i>		30	3

Sp 2017	CBN 5000: Advanced Lab in Neuroscience PSY 8150: Cognition (Graduate)	23 19	30	5
Fa 2016	MSE 2701: Sounds of Human Lang (Lab) PSY 5250: Contemporary Issues in Psych	20 12	30	5
Sp 2016	PSY 3300: Perception PSY 5250: Contemporary Issues in Psych	35 15	29	4
Fa 2015	MSE 2701: Sounds of Human Lang (Lab) PSY 5250: Contemporary Issues in Psych	21 9	21	4
Sp 2015	PSY 1000: General Psychology PSY 8200: Perception (Graduate)	63 11	7	0
Fa 2014	PSY 1000: General Psychology	70	0	0

### **Instructor** (Univ. of Iowa)

	Course	Students
Fa 2008	031:014 Intro to Developmental Science	25
Su 2008	031:043 Evaluating Psych Research (Methods course)	30
Su 2006	031:043 Evaluating Psych Research (Methods course)	33

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant** (Univ. of Iowa)

	Course	Students
Sp 2011	031:010 Research Methods	44
Fa 2010	031:016 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	123
Sp 2010	031:010 Research Methods	58
Fa 2007	031:001 Elementary Psychology	120
Fa 2006	031:121 Experimental Psychology II (Lab)	23

### **Guest Lectures** (Villanova Univ.)

Fa 2017	PSY 8000 Seminar (Graduate)
Fa 2017	MSE 2701 Sounds of Human Language (two class sessions)
Sp 2017	PSY 5250 Contemporary Issues in Psychology (two class sessions)
Fa 2016	PSY 8000 Seminar (Graduate)
Fa 2016	CGS 5910 Language Processes
Sp 2016	PSY 8150 Cognitive Psychology (Graduate)
Fa 2015	PSY 8000 Seminar (Graduate)
Sp 2015	PSY 5250 Contemporary Issues in Psychology
Fa 2014	PSY 8000 Seminar (Graduate)
Fa 2014	PSY 5250 Contemporary Issues in Psychology

## Guest Lectures (Univ. of Illinois)

Sp 2013 Psych 593SG Language Comprehension (Graduate)  
Fa 2012 Psych 593SG Language Comprehension (Graduate)

## Guest Lectures (Univ. of Iowa)

2009 031:014 Intro to Developmental Science  
2005 031:118 Infant Development

## Formal Student/Trainee Supervision

	Student	Project	Outcome
2017-	Zach Oxford	M.S. Thesis Chair, "Nationalism's effect on early perceptual processing of faces." (Co-supervised with Katina Sawyer, Psychological & Brain Sciences)	In progress
2017-	Daniel Cordero	M.S. Thesis (Software Engineering) Chair, "Deep neural nets for analysis of individual differences in event-related brain potentials". (Co-supervised with Edward Kim, Computing Sciences)	In progress
2017-	Sarah Vrabic	M.S. Thesis Committee Member, "Shelter environment and parent functioning among families experiencing homelessness"	In Progress
2017	Courtney Thomas	Graduate Independent Research, "Fidelity of temporal and spectral cue encoding as an index of hearing function"	In progress
2017	Abigail Benecke	Graduate Independent Research, "Syllable-level recognition in a large-scale cue-integration classifier"	In progress
2017	Agnes Gao	Graduate Independent Research, "Fine-grained temporal and spectral cue encoding indexed by the auditory N100"	In progress
2017	Rakshana Selvarajan	Undergraduate Independent Research, "Individual differences in top-down effects during speech perception: Computational and behavioral results"	In progress
2017	Mackenzie Jorgensen	Undergraduate Independent Research, "Combining deep neural nets and normalized recurrence for word learning." (Co-supervised with Edward Kim, Computing Sciences)	In progress

2017	Sarah Vrabic	Graduate Independent Research, “Mechanisms of phonetic cue weighting across the lifespan: Effects of temporal acuity deficits on speech categorization”	In progress
2017	Jordan Rast	Graduate Independent Research, “Mondegreen: Validation of a newly developed word recognition test”	M.S.
2016	Sarah Welch	Undergraduate Independent Research, “Phonetic competition in English-Spanish bilinguals as a function of language context and age of onset”	B.S.
2016	Emily Tenuta	Undergraduate Independent Research, “Dialect-dependent overlap between speech perception and production”	B.A.
2016-	Abigail Benecke	M.S. Thesis, “Redundancy and variability in speech: Listeners’ use of token-level phonetic cues”	In progress
2016-	Laura M. Getz	Postdoctoral Fellow	In progress
2015-	J. Benjamin Falandays	M.S. Thesis, “How long can listeners maintain gradient acoustic information?”	M.S. (Ph.D. student at UC Merced with Michael Spivey)
2014-	Beach Brooks	M.S. Thesis, “Bottom-up perceptual processes and short-term chord expectancy”	In progress
2014-2016	Tifani Biro	M.S. Thesis, “Enhancing tools for measuring phonetic convergence”	M.S. (Ph.D. student at U. Kansas with Navin Viswanathan)
2014-2016	Emma Folk	M.S. Thesis, “Parallel vs. serial processing in language comprehension”	M.S. (Ph.D. student at Indiana U. with Tessa Bent)
2014-2016	David Saltzman	M.S. Thesis, “The role of the speech envelope in speaking rate compensation”	M.S. (Lab Manager at U. Conn. for Emily Myers)
2014-2016	Alexandra Tabachnick	Graduate Independent Research, “Frequency sensitivity of auditory brainstem responses”	M.S. (Ph.D. student at U. Delaware with Mary Dozier)
2014-2015	Taylor Curley	Graduate Independent Research, “Statistical learning of English vowel categories”	M.S. (Ph.D. student at GA Tech with Chris Hertzog)
2013-2014	Michael Hudgins	Senior Thesis (UIUC), “Effects of disfluent speech on attention to subsequent speech: Evidence from event-related potentials”	B.S. (Research Assistant for Karen Kirk)

2012-2014	Alexander Senetar	Senior Thesis (UIUC), “Electrophysiological responses to differences in speaking rate”; poster presented at <i>2014 American Medical Student Association Annual Convention</i>	B.S. (Medical school after graduating)
2012-2014	Paoula Dyanova	Senior Thesis (UIUC), “Comparison of category boundaries of speech and non-speech sounds”	B.S.
2012-2013	Bhavika Patel	Senior Thesis (UIUC), “Disfluencies in speech: Effects of fillers on attention”	B.S. (Ph.D. student at IA State)
2012	Stephanie Lutz	Senior Thesis (UIUC), “Listening to the silence: Effects of variation in silent intervals on listeners’ perception of speech”	B.S.
2010-2011	Lisa Vangsness	Independent Research (Iowa), “Neural evidence for gradient speech perception: Auditory N1 and P3 responses to stop consonants and vowels”	B.S. (Ph.D. student at KS State with Michael Young)

## Laboratory Research Supervision

*Graduate* (excluding students formally supervised above): 3 total; Elke Nordeen, Olivia Pereira, Stephanie Vicari.

*Undergraduate* (excluding students formally supervised above): 25 total; Olivia Hacker, Cara Colao, Ani Javaridian, Caroline Lee, Gwen Saccocia, Nicole Feeley, Pankhuri Walia, Anne Marie Crinnion, Elizabeth Day, Janice Puder, Katherine French, Carlin Welter, Christina Nashed, Claire McCann, Marissa Pharel, Sarah Welch, Nicole Johnson, Marissa Osowski, Jacklyn Coelho, Jesse Pazdera, John Kay, Christopher Burley, Brandon Henken, Grace Kerrigan, Tyler Re.

## Service

### University (Villanova Univ.)

2017 Villanova Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Review Committee, Center for Undergraduate Research

### College (Villanova Univ.)

2018- Graduate Summer Research Fellowship Committee  
2015- Faculty Committee, Cognitive Science Program  
2014-2015 Cluster Computing Task Force

### Department (Villanova Univ.)

2017- Cognitive Brown Bag, Organizer  
2015- Committee Member, Ph.D. Proposal Task Force  
2015- Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Psychology/CBN Club  
2015- Committee Member, Cognitive & Behavioral Neuroscience Undergraduate Advisory Committee  
2015- Committee Member, Psychology Undergraduate Advisory Committee

various Colloquium Committee (2014, 2016)  
2014-2015 Committee Member, Website Revision Committee

### **Department** (Univ. of Iowa)

2007-2009 Graduate Resources Committee  
2006-2007 Faculty Meeting Representative

### **Editorial Positions**

2018- Associate Editor, *Auditory Perception and Cognition*  
2017- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*

### **Grant Panels**

2016 NSF Panelist

### **Ad-hoc Reviews** (Journals)

2017 *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*  
*Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*  
*Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*  
*Language, Cognition, & Neuroscience*

2016 *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*  
*Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*  
*Journal of Phonetics*  
*Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*

2015 *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics* (3)  
*Cognition*  
*Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* (2)  
*Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*  
*Journal of Phonetics*  
*Laboratory Phonology* (2)  
*Language and Speech*

2014 *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*  
*Cognition*  
*Journal of Phonetics*  
*Journal of Memory and Language*  
*Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*  
*Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*  
*Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience*  
*Language Learning*  
*Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*

2013 *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*  
*Cognition*  
*Cognitive Science*

*Journal of Phonetics*  
*Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*

2012 *Attention, Perception, & Psychophysics*  
*Brain and Language*  
*Clinical Neurophysiology* (2)  
*Laboratory Phonology* (2)  
*Language and Cognitive Processes* (2)  
*Language & Speech*  
*Psychonomic Bulletin & Review* (2)  
*Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*

2011 *Clinical Neurophysiology*

2010 *Cognitive Science*

### **Ad-hoc Reviews** (Funding Agencies)

2017 NSF, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (Perception, Action, and Cognition)  
2016 NSF, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (Linguistics)  
2013 NSF, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (Linguistics)  
2012 NSF, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (Linguistics)  
2011 NSF, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (Cognitive Neuroscience)

### **Ad-hoc Reviews** (Conferences)

2016 CogSci 2016 (3)  
2013 CogSci 2013 (3)  
2011 CogSci 2011 (3)

### **Ad-hoc Reviews** (Book Chapters)

2006 Chapter in J.P. Spencer, M. Thomas, & J. McClelland (Eds.), *Toward a Unified Theory of Development: Connectionism and Dynamic Systems Theory Re-Considered*.

### **Conference Organization**

2016 Panel Discussion Organizer, "Unifying principles and individual differences: What should we focus on to understand speech?" *15th Annual Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action Meeting*, Boston, MA.

2015 Program Committee, Graduate Student Symposium on Literature and Psychology, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Villanova Univ.

2015 Program Committee, CogSci 2015

2006 Co-organizer, 12th Midcontinental Workshop on Phonology, University of Iowa



## Other Professional Service

- 2012-2014 Co-founder and Organizer, Chambana Science Café
- 2006- Webmaster, Praat Script Archives website (<https://sites.google.com/site/praatscripts/>)