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EMPLOYMENT

Brain Vision LLC. Associate Scientific Consultant. 2021-

EDUCATION

PhD, University of Arizona. 2021. Co-Advisors: *Tom Bever, Vicky Tzuyin Lai*
Linguistics. Major: Psycholinguistics, Minor: Cognitive Science.
Dissertation Title: “Expressives: At the interface of language and cognition”

MA, University College London. 2012.
Linguistics (with Merit).
Dissertation Title: “The import of youth: A review and experimental study of age of acquisition in nouns and verbs”.

BA, Saint Louis University. 2011.
Spanish (with Honors) and International Studies Double Major. Biology Minor.
Study Abroad (Madrid, Spain; 2009)

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

ESSLLI, University of Toulouse, France. 2017.
Courses: Semantics, Dynamic Semantics and Pragmatic Alternatives, Modeling Conversational Exchange Using Games, Quantifiers and Cognition

Norwegian Summer Institute in Language and Mind, University of Oslo. 2016.
Courses: Syntax, Representations in Mental Systems, Semantics and Pragmatics, Acquisition and Psychological Reality

LSA Institute, University of Chicago. 2015.
Courses: Experimental Pragmatics, Language Acquisition, Neuroscience of Language, Probabilistic Pragmatics, Processing Discourse Coherence, Psycholinguistics of Grammar

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Donahoo, S.A., Pfeifer, V., & Lai, V.T. “Cursed Concepts: New insights on combinatorial processing from ERP correlates of swearing in context”. *Brain and Language*, 226.
- 2021 Donahoo, S.A. “Can Cats Pick Up Chainsaws? The Interaction of Context and Plausibility”. *Fresh Perspectives on Major Issues in Pragmatics*. In M. Kirner-Ludwig (Ed.), *Fresh Perspectives on Major Issues in Pragmatics* (pp. 29–41). Routledge.
- 2020 Donahoo, S.A. & Lai, V.T. The mental representation and social aspect of expressives. *Cognition and Emotion*, 1-16.
- 2014 Donahoo, S.A. “The Import of Youth: A Review and Experimental Study of Age of Acquisition in Nouns and Verbs”. In: *Proceedings of the fortieth Western Conference on Linguistics, Vol. 22.*, eds. Claire Renaud, Carla Ghanem, Verónica González López, Kathryn Pruitt. 25-46.

In Prep Donahoo, S.A. & Rice, L. “Evidence for defining phases and their influence on semantic agreement attraction”.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2019 The Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Fellowship \$31,000

	Linguistics Department Research Grant	\$150
	Linguistics Department Travel Award	\$200
2018	University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award	\$750
	University of Arizona GPSC Research and Project Grant	\$1,000
	The Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Fellowship	\$31,000
	American Pragmatics Association Graduate Student Travel Award	\$400
	ZAS Travel Grant	\$1,000
	Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Fellowship	\$500
	Cognitive Science Department Travel Award	\$300
	Linguistics Department Travel Award	\$400
2017	DAAD Research Grant for Doctoral Candidates	€15,000
	Studienstiftung des Abgeordnetenhauses von Berlin	€15,000 (Returned)
	Fulbright Study/Research Award	€15,000 (Returned)
	Herbert E. Carter Travel Award	\$600
	Cognitive Science Department Travel Award	\$600
	Linguistics Department Travel Award	\$400
2016	Current Trends in Figurative Language Research Travel Award	€350
	Linguistics Department Travel Award	\$400
	Fulbright Study/Research Award	Alternate
	Raphael & Jolene Gruner Research Travel Award	\$500

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 The 7th SwiSca Symposium on Swearing-Swearing and society, Reykjavík Iceland. “Express yourself! What happens when concepts are cursed” 2-3 December.
- 2020 33rd Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, Amherst, Massachusetts. “Composing expressive information in context is damn tricky” (Poster) 19-21 March. Co-presenter with *Valeria Pfeifer* and *Vicky Tzuyin Lai*
- 27th Annual Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, Boston Massachusetts. “The impact of acquisition context on the affective perception of swear words” (Poster) 14-17 March. Co-presenter with *Katherine Sendek*, *Grit Herzmann*, *Valeria Pfeifer*, and *Vicky Tzuyin Lai*.
- 2019 University of Arizona-Arizona State University Cognitive Science Conclave, Tucson, Arizona. “Concepts be damned! New insights from expressive adjectives” 7 December.
- The 6th SwiSca Symposium on Swearing, Stockholm, Sweden. “Does swearing speed us up or slow us down? A comparison of descriptive and expressive adjectives in sentence comprehension” 23-24 May.
- Encoding emotive attitudes in non-truth-conditional meaning, workshop of 41st DGfS, Bremen, Germany. “Not-at-issue processing: More than semantics” 6-8 March.
- 2018 4th International Conference of the American Pragmatics Association, Albany, New York. “Experimental evidence for defining the semantic representation of expressive content” 1-3 November.
- FB4 Workshop, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany. “NAI processing: Differential effects of descriptive and expressive adjectives” 9 July.
- 3rd Infant Studies on Language Development in Europe, Potsdam, Germany. “Processing of expressives: A neurophysiological study with adults” 11-15 June.
- International Max Planck Research School for the Language Sciences Conference, Nijmegen, Netherlands. “Processing expressives: Insights for semantic-pragmatic theory” 5-7 June.

- FameLab Germany, Dresden, Germany. “Dirty mouths and electric brains” (3 minute presentation to lay audience) 27 March.
- 31st Annual CUNY Sentence Processing Conference, Davis, California. “Brain Potentials of expressive content: New evidence for semantic theory” (Poster) 15-17 March. Co-presenter with *Vicky Tzuyin Lai*.
- 2017 What the HEL-The 5th SwiSca Symposium on Swearing, Helsinki, Finland. “Dirty Minds: Language comprehension insights from lexical decision tasks” 23-24 November.
- FB4 Workshop, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin, Germany. “Dirty Minds: Expressive language comprehension insights from a lexical decision task” 20 November.
- Integrating Approaches to Social Meaning, Toulouse, France. “Processing expressive content: Insights from swearing” 24-28 July.
- 15th International Pragmatics Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland. “When the ‘real world’ isn’t: Discourse effects in local pragmatic anomalies” 16-21 July.
- Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference, Menorca, Spain. “Going through a phase? Behavioural evidence clarifying phase theory” 28-30 June.
- 7th Biennial Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG), Köln, Germany. “What the hell? What swearing can tell us about conventional implicatures” (Poster) 21-23 June. Co-presenter with *Vicky Tzuyin Lai*.
- University of Arizona Cognitive Science Colloquium, Tucson, AZ. “The swearing brain: Language comprehension insights” 28 April.
- University of Arizona Grad Slam, Tucson, AZ. “What the hell? What swearing tells us about language in the brain” (3 minute presentation to lay audience) 20 March.
- 23rd Annual Graduate Linguistics/TESOL Symposium, Tempe, AZ. “Going through a phase? Experimental evidence for clarifying units of processing” 25 February. Co-presenter with *Leah Rice*.
- 2016 Current Trends in Figurative Language Research, Tübingen, Germany. “Figurative language processing in context” 8-9 December.
- Arizona Linguistics Circle 10, Tucson AZ. “Is phase theory really phrase theory? Psycholinguistic evidence for the debate” 2-4 December. Co-presenter with *Leah Rice*.
- American Pragmatics Association, Bloomington IN. “Reconciling context and pragmatic effects” 4-6 November.
- Graduate Student Showcase, Tucson AZ. “Can cats pick up chainsaws? Local pragmatic anomalies and context” 5 March.
- 2015 Arizona Linguistics Circle 9, Tucson AZ. “Local pragmatic anomalies—immediate or calculated?” 8 November.
- Experimental Pragmatics Roundtable (at LSA Summer Institute). “Context E/A-effects, Plausibility?” 30 July.
- SemPrag Workshop (Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft), Berlin Germany. “Context Effects and Plausibility with the Maze Task”. 22 June.
- 2014 Arizona Linguistics Circle 8, Tucson AZ. “Age of Acquisition and Sense (and Sensibility?)—Two Experimental Studies of Age of Acquisition and Sense Meaning Effects in the Mental Lexicon”. 8 October.
- 2013 Western Conference on Linguistics/AZLS, Tempe AZ. “The Importance of Youth—A Review and Experimental Study of AoA Factors in Concrete Nouns and Action Verbs”. 8 November.
- 2012 UCL Student Colloquium. “Is Gesture Communicative?” 30 January.

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2017 Presenting to Diverse Audiences, University of Arizona Grad College.
- 2016 Learning Assistant Quick Start Program, Introduction to Active Learning, University of Arizona.

- Best Practices of Teaching Online, Office of Instruction and Assessment, University of Arizona.
The Ethics of Authorship and Publication, University of Arizona.
2015 EGI Summer School Core dEEG Skills, Eugene, OR.
2013 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Human Behaviour Research.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Arizona

- Research Assistant, CogLangLab: *Tom Bever*. August 2014-2021.
Investigative research on Expressives, Phase Theory. EEG experiment design in progress. Attend weekly lab meetings on psycholinguistic topics.
- Research Assistant, Cognitive Neuroscience of Language Laboratory: *Vicky Lai*. December 2016-2021.
Investigative research on swearing. EEG data collection in progress. Attend bi-weekly lab meetings.
- Research Assistant, Psycholinguistics East: *Kenneth Forster*. August 2013-May 2016.
Investigative research on Summation Priming. Examination of mechanics of Masked Priming with respect to lexical frequency. Experimental project on number of senses of a word.
- Research Assistant, SLAB Lab: *Gayle DeDe*. February 2014-August 2014.
Investigative research on Sentence Processing. Run experiments, manage data, schedule and recruit participants.
- Research Assistant, Psycholinguistics West: *Kaitlyn Zavaleta*, under *Janet Nicol*. October 2012-June 2013.
Data Management for study on Bilingual Advantage.

University College London

- Research Assistant, Department of Linguistics.
Recorded data for children while they engaged in picture tasks. Scheduled and ran experiments for doctoral students. Designed and ran study for 20 bilinguals.
- LingSoc Executive Board Member.
Organised various social functions for students. Planned department party for 70 people.
Served on Student/Faculty board to ensure proper communication amongst students and lecturers.
- StARs (Student Academic Representative).
Sought and compiled issues of students and presented in cohesive manner. Met with university representatives to follow through with grievances. Fostered continuous dialogue among students.
- SSCC (Student/Faculty Board Member).
Ensured that recommendations of StARs were addressed. Served as liaison among the two groups.
Oversaw future course restructuring.

Saint Louis University

- Research Assistant, Department of Psychology.
Responsible for data entry and analysis of 400 respondents for anxiety surveys.
- Internship, Office of International Students and Scholars, EIU.
Academic Advising, logistics. Organised international student orientation. Assembled new student packets (80+). Student development. Made arrangements for visiting professors.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Invited Lecture 'Introduction to EEG for Language Research' University of Georgia

2021	Instructor	'Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences'	
2020	Instructor	'Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences'	
2018	Invited Lecture	'Expressive adjectives: Language comprehension insights'	MA Course, Topics in experimental pragmatics: adjectives; Humboldt University Berlin
	Guest Lecture	'Swearing and the structure and meaning of words'	The Structure and Meaning of Words
2017	Sole Instructor	'Introduction to Language Development'	
	Learning Asst.	'Research Methods'	
	Guest Lecture	'Psycholinguistics of Swearing'	Psychology of Language
	Guest Lecture	'What can swearing tell us about the structure and meaning of words?'	The Structure and Meaning of Words
2016	Sole Instructor	'Introduction to Language Development'	
	TA	'Introduction to Psychology'	
2015	TA/Grader	'Introduction to Linguistics'	
	Guest Lecture	'Experimental Pragmatics'	Introduction to Linguistics

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Editor, Graduate College Office of Fellowships and Community Engagement. Summer 2017, 2018.

Recruit and support students applying for nationally competitive external fellowships. Create various digital resources to increase accessibility for grant seekers.

Program Coordinator, University of Arizona Cancer Center. September 2013-May 2015.

Better Than Ever (arizonabte.org). Motivate 125 participants in training and fundraising for target races (5k to marathon and century rides). Create a cancer prevention dialogue. Secure grants from national foundations. Raise funds for cancer research grants. Recruit participants and volunteers. Write and coordinate dynamic training plan. Marketing and community outreach. Secure static corporate sponsors.

Substitute Teacher, TUSD, Tucson AZ. 2013-2014.

SERVICE

2020 Secondary Reviewer, CUNY Sentence Processing Conference
Secondary Reviewer, AMLap Conference

2019 DAAD Research Ambassador
Scientific Committee, Integrating Aspects of Social Meaning Workshop
Secondary Reviewer, AMLap Conference

2018 Reviewer, Arizona Linguistics Circle 12
Reviewer, Socially Situated Language Processing Conference
Secondary Reviewer, Mental Lexicon Conference
Secondary Reviewer, AMLap Conference
Secondary Reviewer, CUNY Sentence Processing Conference

2017 Reviewer, Arizona Linguistics Circle 11

Outreach, Tucson Festival of Books, Linguistics Booth volunteer. 11 March.
Academic Program External Review coordinator, Department of Linguistics. 4 March.

- 2016 Session Chair, Arizona Linguistics Circle 10. 3 December.
Reviewer, Arizona Linguistics Circle 10.
Session Chair, American Pragmatics Association
Facilitator, Noam Chomsky with Glenn Greenwald, a Showing of *Citizenfour*. 24 March.
Volunteer, “An Informal Talk on Language and Evolution”, Robert Berwick and Noam Chomsky. 23 March.
Outreach, Tucson Festival of Books, Linguistics Booth volunteer. 12 March.
Coordinator, Linguistics Colloquium Luncheons.
Secretary, LingCircle.
- 2015 Session Chair, Arizona Linguistics Circle 9. 6-8 November.
Meet Your Major Fair volunteer. 7 October.
Reviewer, Arizona Linguistics Circle 9.
Focus Group Participant, “How the LSA can Better Serve Students” at the LSA Summer Institute. 20 July.
Tucson Festival of Books, A Conversation with Noam Chomsky volunteer. 15 March.
Outreach, Tucson Festival of Books, Linguistics Booth volunteer. 14 March.
Volunteer chair, 20th Annual Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA).
23-25 January.
Secretary, LingCircle.
- 2014 Reviewer, Arizona Linguistics Circle 8.
Volunteer, Arizona Linguistics Circle 8. 3-5 October.

LANGUAGES

English	native
Spanish	fluent
German	advanced

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Pragmatics Association
International Pragmatics Association
Linguistic Society of America
Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society (inducted 2010)
Swearing in Scandinavia (SwiSca) Nordic research network

References available upon request
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