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RESEARCH INTERESTS

social speech perception, eye-tracking, bi-/multilingual variation, experimental methods, Slavic linguistics

EDUCATION

Degree seeking:

Georgetown University

Expected graduation: 2025

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Elizabeth Zsiga, Dr. Lourdes Ortega, Dr. Lacey Wade, Dr. Sarah Phillips

The Ohio State University

2017 - 2020

M.A. in Slavic Linguistics

Advisors: Dr. Don Winford, Dr. Morgan Liu, and Dr. Angela Brintlinger

Thesis: Perceptions and social implications of non-native accents in Russia

University of Pittsburgh

2013 - 2017

B.A. in Russian

B.A. in Linguistics

Certificate in Russian and Eastern European Studies

Non-Degree seeking:

Crete Linguistics Summer School *Crete, Greece*

July 2022

Courses: Bilingualism over the Lifespan; Intro to Neurolinguistics; Language, Gender, and Sexuality; Computational Phonology

Herzen State Pedagogical University *St. Petersburg, Russia*

July 2019

Russian as a Foreign Language: Theory and Methods of Teaching for Non-native Teachers

Tallinn University *Tallinn, Estonia*

July 2018

Tallinn Summer School – Advanced Russian

Summer Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh *Pittsburgh, PA*

June - July 2015

Advanced Intensive Russian

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant, Georgetown University

Fall 2020 - Present

- Developing perception experiments for pitch variation in Štokavian dialects (Supervisor: Dr. Elizabeth Zsiga; Fall 2024)
- Researched and conducted shortcut language proficiency exams at AELRC (Supervisor: Dr. Meg Montee; Spring 2023 - Spring 2024)
- Organized Georgetown University Round Table/SyntaxFest 2023 (Supervisor: Dr. Amir Zeldes; Spring 2023)
- Managed social media and coordinated events to support linguistics students in both academic and professional tracks (Supervisor: Dr. Alex Johnston; Fall 2022)
- Managed the Linguistics Lab (Spring 2022; Fall 2024)

- Conducted experiments and managed data for computer-mediated speech (Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Nycz; Fall 2020)

Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University

Spring 2021 – Present

- TA for LING 001: Intro to Linguistics (Spring 2025)
- TA for LING 402: Forensic Linguistics (Spring 2022)
- TA for LING 001: Intro to Linguistics (Fall 2021)
- TA for LING 284: Language and Society (Spring 2021)

Student Drill Instructor, Georgetown University

Fall 2021

- Recitation instructor for CHIN111-05 Intensive Second Lev Chinese I

Instructor, The Ohio State University

Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

- RUSS 1101 (Fall 2017 - Fall 2019)
- RUSS 1102 (Spring 2019)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Linguist Contractor, National Institute of Standards and Technology

Jun 2022 – Present

- Annotate ultra fine-grained entities, events, and relations for the RUFEEERS (Recognizing Ultra Fine-grained Entities, Events, and Relations) project, creating structured datasets to train and evaluate machine learning systems in understanding the 5 Ws of events.
- Perform high-accuracy entity annotation, classification, and coreference linking for the RUFUS (Recognizing Ultra Fine-grained Entities) project, developing gold-standard datasets for fine-grained entity recognition and evaluation.

Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Pittsburgh

Jan – May 2017

- Contributed to experimental design for a study on bilingual processing and its implication on nonlinguistic cognitive skills.
- Administered eye-tracking experiments to participants, ensuring consistent application of protocols and accurate data collection (Supervisor: Dr. Melinda Fricke)

Part-time Research Staff, LTI at Carnegie Mellon University

Jul – Aug 2016

- Annotated morphosyntactic information in news-wired Uyghur texts for enhancement of Named Entity Recognition models.
- Compiled and analyzed other lower resource language data.

Linguistics Intern, LTI at Carnegie Mellon University

Jan – Jul 2016

- Developed and tested methods to optimize information acquisition for low-resource languages, enhancing efficiency for both human annotators and machine learning systems.
- Contributed to the LORELEI DARPA project by employing computational linguistic techniques to analyze language typologies, transcriptions, and translations, supporting low-resource language data processing.
- Conducted interviews with a native Indonesian informant, transcribing and translating target words to create accurate linguistic datasets.
- Investigated languages lacking geographical and historical documentation, compiling comprehensive, computer-readable datasets to bridge information gaps and support linguistic research.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant , Georgetown University 1250 USD	<i>Fall 2024</i>
GSAS Travel Grant , Georgetown University 400 USD	<i>Fall 2024</i>
Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant , Georgetown University 1000 USD	<i>Spring 2024</i>
GSAS Travel Grant , Georgetown University 400 USD	<i>Fall 2023</i>
GSAS Travel Grant , Georgetown University 300 USD	<i>Spring 2023</i>
Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant , Georgetown University 500 USD	<i>Spring 2023</i>
Second place in Three Minute Thesis (3MT) , Georgetown University 150 USD	<i>Spring 2023</i>
CEDL Travel Grant , Linguistics Society of America Travel grant awarded to students' participation in annual LSA conference.	<i>Jan 2023</i>
Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship , U.S. Department of Education A year-long scholarship and stipend awarded through The Ohio State University for the study of the Uzbek language.	<i>2019 – 2020</i>
Summer Teacher Training Fellowship , American Councils Full scholarship awarded to 12 U.S.-based Russian language teachers for one month of intensive pedagogical training at the Herzen State Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg, Russia.	<i>Jul 2019</i>
Merit Award , Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association Awarded for service in promoting foreign language studying and cultural awareness in the Greater Pittsburgh community.	<i>Spring 2016</i>

PUBLICATIONS

- Lin, K.** 2024. Perceived L1 Status on VOT convergence: Evidence for Enhanced Convergence towards the Non-native Speaker. *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 31.1: Proceedings of PLC 48*
- Lin, K.** 2023. Can L2 Speakers Perceive Sociopragmatic Nuances at the Sound Level? Exploring Chinese Listeners' Perceptions of (ING). *Proceedings of the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, Prague, 2023
- Littell, P., Mortensen, D. R., **Lin, K.**, Kairis, K., Turner, C., & Levin, L. (2017). Uriel and lang2vec: Representing languages as typological, geographical, and phylogenetic vectors. *Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Volume 2, Short Papers* (pp. 8-14).

PRESENTATIONS

- Lin, K.** & Phillips, S. 2024. *Eye-tracking social influences on stop voicing perception in L2 listeners*. Poster presented at the 52nd New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV52), Miami, Nov.9.

- Lin, K.** & Wade, L. 2024. *Cross-Modal cue-weighting: talker information on bilinguals' VOT sensitivity and voicing contrast perception*. Paper presented at the 52nd New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV52), Miami, Nov.8.
- Lin, K.** 2024. *VOT in the bilingual mind: the role of talker information in L2 listeners' voicing contrast perception*. Poster presented at the 12th International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE12), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Jul. 10.
- Lin, K.** 2024. *Ethnographic linguistic landscape analysis of Uyghur restaurants in the DMV*. Paper presented at the 15th Linguistic Landscape (LL15) workshop, Wellington, New Zealand, Jun. 21.
- Lin, K.** 2024. *Cross-modal cue-weighting: social influence on bilinguals' VOT sensitivity and voicing contrast perception*. Poster presented at MASC-SLL2024, John Hopkins University, Maryland, May. 3.
- Lin, K.** 2024. *Perceived L1 Status on VOT convergence: Evidence for Enhanced Convergence towards the Non-native Speaker*. Paper presented at The 48th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC48), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Mar. 16.
- Lin, K.** 2024. *Methods in assessing VOT convergence patterns in L2 English speech*. Poster to be presented at 2024 LSA Annual Meeting, New York City, Jan. 5.
- Lin, K.** 2023. *You are not a native speaker, but I want to sound like you: Unveiling alternative VOT convergence patterns in L2 English speech*. Paper to be presented at the 51st New Ways of Analyzing Language (NWAV51), Queen's College, New York City, Oct. 14.
- Lin, K.** 2023. *Can L2 Speakers Perceive Sociopragmatic Nuances at the Sound Level? Exploring Chinese Listeners' Perceptions of (ING)*. Paper presented at the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS 2023), Prague, Aug. 8-11.
- Lin, K.** 2023. *Variation across audiences: VOT Convergence for Mandarin L2 speakers of English*. Poster presented at the 5th Variation in Language Acquisition (ViLA5), Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Jun. 1-2.
- Lin, K.,** Evered, C. 2023. *Variation across audiences: a study investigating VOT convergence for Mandarin L2 speakers of English*. Paper presentation at WiGL17, University of Madison-Wisconsin, Wisconsin, Mar. 24-25.
- Lin, K.** 2022. *Variation across styles and audiences: a pilot study investigating VOT convergence for Mandarin L2 speakers of English*. Poster presented at the 4th CreteLing Conference, Univeristy of Crete, Rethimno, Jul. 27.
- Lin, K.** 2019. *Демонстрация и обсуждение коммуникативной методики при введении нового лексического и грамматического материала*. Talk given at The International Conference on Problems of Teaching Russian Abroad, Herzen University, St. Petersburg, Jul. 12.
- Lin, K.** 2019. *Russian Equivalents of English Verb + for predicates: Semantic and Pragmatic Factors in their Collocability*. Paper presented at Midwest Slavic Conference 2019, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Apr. 5-7.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Professional Membership

The Linguistics Society of America

Dec 2022 – Present

The International Phonetics Association

Apr 2023 – Present

Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC49)

Apr 2025

Reviewer

GURT/Education Abroad Language, Learners, and Communities Student volunteer	<i>Mar 2024</i>
East Coast Organization of Language Testers (ECOLT) Student volunteer	<i>Oct 2023</i>
New Ways of Analyzing Language (NWAV 51) Reviewer Chair of a session on "Perceptual Phonetics"	<i>Oct 2023</i>
KOPIKON: A Conlang Conference , Georgetown University Student volunteer	<i>Sept 2023</i>
GURT/SyntaxFest2023 , Georgetown University Student organizer	<i>Spring, 2023</i>
Variation Lab , Georgetown University President of this Reading and Research Group.	<i>Fall 2022 – Present</i>
Undergraduate mentoring , Georgetown University Chloe Evered, Department of Linguistics, mentorship resulted in presentation at WiGL17	<i>Fall 2022 - Spring 2023</i>
Graduate Linguistics Student Association , Georgetown University Vice President of Engagement; organized professional development workshops and social events for graduate students; managed finances	<i>Fall 2021 – Fall 2023</i>
GradGov Senate , Georgetown University Represented Graduate Linguistics Student Association in discussion on student advocacy and funding distributions	<i>Fall 2020 – Spring 2021</i>
Language and Culture Workshop with US Army , The Ohio State University Conducted culture workshops and interpreting training	<i>Apr, Sep 2019</i>
Russian Olympiada , The Ohio State University Judge; administered and evaluated tests for high school participants	<i>Feb 2018, 2019</i>

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages

Native	Mandarin, English
Advanced	Russian
Basic	French, Uzbek
Reading	Latin, Old Church Slavonic
Research	Arabic, Czech, Serbian, Hausa, Turkish, Uyghur

Technical skills

Markup

Programming

Software

L^AT_EX

R, Python

ELAN, Praat, Audacity, Montreal Forced Aligner, PsychoPy,
PCIbex