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RESEARCH INTERESTS

sociophonetics, bilingual speech perception, eye-tracking, speech convergence, experimental phonetics, Slavic linguistics

EDUCATION

Degree seeking:

Georgetown University *2020 - Present*

Ph.D. in Linguistics

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*

- Researched and conducted shortcut language proficiency exams (Supervisor: Dr. Meg Montee)
- Organized Georgetown University Round Table/SyntaxFest 2023 (Supervisor: Dr. Amir Zeldes)
- Managed social media and coordinated events to support linguistics students in both academic and professional tracks (Supervisor: Dr. Alex Johnston)
- Managed the Linguistics Lab
- Conducted experiments and managed data for computer-mediated speech (Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Nycz)

Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University

Spring 2021 – Spring 2022

- 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)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

GSAS Travel Grant, Georgetown University
400 USD

Fall 2023

GSAS Travel Grant, Georgetown University
300 USD

Spring 2023

Linguistics Department Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown University
500 USD

Spring 2023

Second place in Three Minute Thesis (3MT), Georgetown University
150 USD

Spring 2023

CEDL Travel Grant, Linguistics Society of America
Travel grant awarded to students' participation in annual LSA conference.

Spring 2023

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
A year-long scholarship and stipend awarded through The Ohio State University for one year of study of the Uzbek language. *2019 – 2020*

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. *Jul 2019*

Merit Award, Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association
Awarded for service in promoting foreign language studying and cultural awareness in the Greater Pittsburgh community. *Spring 2016*

PUBLICATIONS

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 2023*, 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. 2024. *VOT in the bilingual mind: the role of speaker race in L2 listeners' VOT perception*. Poster to be presented at the 12th International Conference on Language Variation in Europe (ICLaVE12), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna.

Lin, K. 2024. Ethnographic linguistic landscape analysis of Uyghur restaurants in the DMV. Paper to be presented at the 15th Linguistic Landscape (LL15) workshop, Wellington, New Zealand.

Lin, K. 2024. *Perceived L1 Status on VOT convergence: Evidence for Enhanced Convergence towards the Non-native Speaker*. Paper to be presented at The 48th Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC48), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, University of Crete, Rethimno.

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.

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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Professional Membership

The Linguistics Society of America

Dec 2022 – Present

The International Phonetics Association

Apr 2023 – Present

East Coast Organization of Language Testers (ECOLT)

Oct 2023

Student volunteer

New Ways of Analyzing Language (NWAV 51)

Oct 2023

Reviewer

Chair of a session on "Perceptual Phonetics"

KOPIKON: A Conlang Conference, Georgetown University
Student volunteer

Sept 2023

GURT/SyntaxFest2023, Georgetown University
Student organizer

Spring, 2023

Variation Lab, Georgetown University
President of this Reading and Research Group.

Fall 2022 – Present

Undergraduate mentoring, Georgetown University
Chloe Evered, Department of Linguistics, mentorship resulted in presentation at WiGL17

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Graduate Linguistics Student Association, Georgetown University
Vice President of Engagement; organized professional development workshops and social events for graduate students; managed finances

Fall 2021 – Fall 2023

GradGov Senate, Georgetown University
Represented Graduate Linguistics Student Association in discussion on student advocacy and funding distributions

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Language and Culture Workshop with US Army, The Ohio State University
Conducted culture workshops and interpreting training

Apr, Sep 2019

Russian Olympiada, The Ohio State University
Judge; administered and evaluated tests for high school participants

Feb 2018, 2019

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages

Native	Mandarin, English
Advanced	Russian
Basic	French, Uzbek
Research	Arabic, Czech, Hausa, Turkish, Uyghur

Technical skills

Markup	L ^A T _E X
Programming	R, Python
Software	ELAN, Praat, Audacity, Montreal Forced Aligner, PsychoPy