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Education and Employment

- 2015-present Assistant Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders
University of Mississippi
- 2013-2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Linguistics
University of Alberta
Supervisors: Juhani Järvi­kivi and Benjamin Tucker
- 2013 Ph.D., Linguistics, Minor: Cognitive Science
University of Arizona
Advisor: LouAnn Gerken
Dissertation committee: Rebecca Gomez, Heidi Harley, Diane Ohala
Ph.D. Thesis: *From sound to syntax: The prosodic bootstrapping of clauses*
- 2009 M.A., Linguistics, University of Arizona
- 2006 B.A., Linguistics and Psychology, Minor: Spanish
Brandeis University
Advisor: Ray Jackendoff
Honor's thesis: *The comprehension of novel N-N compounds in young children*
Summa Cum Laude, Highest Honors in Linguistics

Research Interests

Prosody in first language development and psycholinguistics. Processing foreign accented and disordered speech. Infant music cognition. Prosody and literacy in typical and atypical populations.

Publications and Manuscripts

- in prep Hawthorne, K., Mazuka, R., & Gerken, L.A. Effects of age on learning with native and non-native prosody.
- in prep Hawthorne, K., Arnold, A., Sullivan, E., & Järvi­kivi, J. Social cues modulate cognitive status of discourse referents.
- in prep Tucker, B.V. & Hawthorne, K. Medial consonant impacts processing of reduced words.

- submitted Hawthorne, K., Järvikivi, J., & Tucker, B.V. The impacts of regional accent on word segmentation.
- resubmitted Hawthorne, K., Rudat, L., & Gerken, L.A. Prosody as a cue to hierarchical structure for toddlers and adults.
- 2015 Hawthorne, K., Mazuka, R., & Gerken, L.A. The acoustic salience of prosody trumps infants' acquired knowledge of language-specific prosodic patterns. *Journal of Memory and Language*, 82, 105-117.
- 2014 Hawthorne, K. & Gerken, L.A. From pauses to clauses: Prosody facilitates learning of syntactic constituency. *Cognition*, 133(2), 420-428.

Conference Proceedings

- 2012 Hawthorne, K., Mazuka, R., & Gerken, L.A. Prosodic bootstrapping of clauses: Is it language-specific? *LSA Meeting Extended Abstracts 2012*.
- 2011 Hawthorne, K. & Gerken, L.A. Infants use prosody to learn about clauses. *LSA Meeting Extended Abstracts 2011*.

Presentations (peer-reviewed abstract)

- 2015 Tucker, B.V. & Hawthorne, K. How lexical competition unfolds in the recognition of reduced and unreduced word-medial stops. *Acoustics Week in Canada*.
- Hawthorne, K., Järvikivi, J., & Tucker, B. V. The impact of accented prosody on parsing speech. Poster presented at *Conference of the Canadian Linguistics Association*.
- Hawthorne, K., Arnhold, A., Sullivan, E., & Järvikivi, J. Visual cues to discourse reference: Narrator gaze affects pronoun resolution. Poster presented at *Conference of the Canadian Linguistics Association*.
- Hawthorne, K., Rudat, L., & Gerken, L.A. Prosody bootstraps some hierarchically-organized structures better than others. *Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*.
- 2014 Hawthorne, K., Rudat, L., & Gerken, L.A. Prosody as a cue to hierarchical structure for toddlers and adults. Poster presented at *The 39th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*.
- 2013 Hawthorne, K., & Gerken, L.A. Young versus older infants' use of prosody-like boundary cues to locate musical phrases. *Acoustical Society of America Annual Meeting*.

- 2012 Hawthorne, K., Gerken, L.A., & Mazuka, R. The changing role of prosody in syntax acquisition across ages. *The 37th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*.
- Hawthorne, K., Gerken, L.A., & Mazuka, R. The trans-linguistic robustness of prosodic cues in syntax acquisition. *International Conference on Infant Studies 2012 Biennial Meeting*.
- Hawthorne, K., Mazuka, R., & Gerken, L.A. The prosodic bootstrapping of clauses: Is it language-specific? *Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*.
- 2011 Hawthorne, K. & Gerken, L.A. Can infants use prosody to learn about syntax? *Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*.
- 2010 Forster, K., Vitela, D., & Hawthorne, K. Absence of competition between word candidates. *Pre-Psychonomics Visual Word Recognition Conference*.

Other Presentations

- 2014 Hawthorne, K. Can infants use the acoustic correlates of prosody to parse a musical melody? *28th Annual Joseph R. Royce Research Conference*.
- 2013 Hawthorne, K. Reconsidering prosodic bootstrapping. University of Calgary.

National and International Fellowships and Grants

- 2011 *East Asian & Pacific Studies Summer Institute Fellow*
National Science Foundation and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (\$14,000)
- 2008-2012 *Graduate Research Fellow*
National Science Foundation (\$90,000 + tuition and fees)
- 2002-2003 *National Merit Scholar*
National Merit Foundation (\$2500)

Institutional Fellowships and Awards

- 2014 *Postdoctoral Fellow Travel Award*
University of Alberta (\$625)
- 2013 *Carter Travel Award*
University of Arizona Interdisciplinary Program (\$600)

- 2011, 2012 *Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant*
University of Arizona (\$1500)
- 2010 *Graduate Summer Research Development Award*
Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (U of A) (\$1000)
- 2006 *Ricardo Morant Undergraduate Award for Scholarship and Breadth in Psychological Inquiry*
Brandeis University (\$100)
- 2002-2006 *Justice Brandeis Scholar*
Brandeis University (\$108,000)

Teaching and Advising Experience

- University of Mississippi Normal development of communication
- University of Alberta Research supervisor, *Centre for Comparative Psycholinguistics*
Introduction to linguistics, II
- University of Arizona Research supervisor, *Tweety Language Development Lab*
Language development/Language development (online)
Structure and meaning of English words
Language/Language (online)

Service

- ad hoc Reviewer, *Child Development*, *Linguistics Society of America Annual Meeting*,
CogSci Annual Meeting, *Mental Lexicon Annual Meeting*
- 2015-present Curriculum and Policy Committee, *University of Mississippi School of Applied Science*
- 2013-2014 VP-Finance, *University of Alberta Postdoctoral Fellows Association*
- 2014 Co-organizer, *Spring Training in Experimental Psycholinguistics*
- 2010-2011 Abstract Committee, *West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics*
- 2009-2011 Abstract Review Board, *Arizona Linguistics Circle Conference*
- 2005-2006 Editorial Assistant, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
Supervisor: Dr. Joan Maling

Professional and Honor Societies

Linguistics Society of America
International Society on Infant Studies
Acoustical Society of America
Phi Beta Kappa