Welcome Back!!!!
Message from Dr. Mira Goral, Executive Officer

Welcome to the Fall 2020 semester! I am excited about seeing all of you in our upcoming meetings, seminars, and talks, and individually in my office hour or when you’d like to meet with me. I know meeting online is not quite the same as getting together in person, but we make it work! I am committed to trying to make this semester a good one for all of us – students, faculty, staff – despite the challenges we all face. Amid the isolation many of us may feel, I am hopeful that we can maintain physical distancing but minimize social isolation by communicating, supporting each other, and collaborating. I would like to reiterate that our program is committed to providing a safe and just environment to all, maximizing inclusion and speaking out against any signs of racism. Let’s rededicate our efforts toward this goal!
SLHS IN ACTION

Screenshots from Erin Reilly’s Defense on April 29, 2020

Photos from Deepti Wadhera’s Defense on July 16, 2020

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• Mom, Papa, and Siddharth
• Nana and Nana
OUR NEW STUDENTS

Please welcome the following students who have begun our program in the Fall. Thank you to everyone who helped us welcome this cohort on August 28th at the New Student Orientation.

Stephani Feinstein. Stephani Feinstein is interested in learning about speech and language development, particularly in the early stages, and multilingualism and its effects on cognition. She will tentatively be working in Dr. Klara Marton's lab.

Yuliya (Julie) Kovalenko. Julie is interested in learning about aphasia, dementia, bilingualism and language in the aging brain and will tentatively be working in Dr. Mira Goral's lab.

Danilo Lombardo. Danilo is interested in learning about speech perception and production, the phonetics-phonology interface, and bilingualism and will tentatively be working in Dr. Doug Whalen’s lab.

Genevieve Medina. Genevieve is interested in pediatric bilingualism and will tentatively be working in Dr. Valarie Shafer’s lab.

Rivka Zelikovitz. Rivka is interested in learning about the articulation, accents, and prosody in young bilingual Yiddish speakers and will tentatively be working in Dr. Doug Whalen's lab.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date!

Colloquia Series
Date: 9/16, 9/23, 10/28, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2
Place: via Zoom
Time: 2:45pm-4:00pm

Open House- Meet the Faculty
Date: October 9, 2020
Place: via Zoom
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Open House- Webinar and Lab Tours
Date: October 28, 2020
Place: via Zoom
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

End of Semester Potluck
Date: December 4, 2020
Place: via Zoom
Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

FUTURE EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Alumni Event
April, 2021 (tentative)
An email will be sent when there is a confirmed date.

If you have events, job postings, workshops, conferences, etc. that you would like our students, faculty and alumni to know about, you are welcome to send those announcements to the Assistant Program Officer, Andre Perez, aperez3@gc.cuny.edu
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Dissertation Defenses

Dr. Erin Reilly
“Visual perspective taking in autism spectrum disorders.”
April 29, 2020
Chair: Dr. Richard Schwartz

Dr. Deepti Wadhera
“Working Memory Training: Cognitive and Linguistic Implications in Adult English Language Learners.”
July 16, 2020
Chair: Dr. Klara Marton

Completion of Second Exam

Thorfun Gehebe passed on May 15, 2020.
Katherine Paulino passed on June 1, 2020.
Bernadette Ojukwu passed on June 4, 2020.
Gerald Imaezue passed on June 17, 2020.
Hyungi Chun passed on September 9, 2020.

Advancements to Level II

Katarina Antolovic passed her first exam with her paper entitled “Interpretation and neural plasticity: Evidence from language brokers.” and advanced to level II on June 1, 2020.
PUBLICATIONS


**In Press**


Rysling, A., **Bishop, J.,** Clifton, C., & Yacovone, A. (accepted). Preceding syllables are necessary for the accent advantage effect. *JASA Express Letters.*

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**Bishop, J., Intlekofer, D.** (2020, July). *Is the intermediate phrase the basic unit of speech production planning? Evidence from individual differences.*
17th Conference on Laboratory Phonology
Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic.

**Bishop, J., Intlekofer, D.** (2020, May). *Lower working memory capacity is associated with shorter prosodic phrases: Implications for speech production planning.*
10th International Conference on Speech Prosody 2020
Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Virtual Voice Symposium: Care of the Professional Voice.

26th Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP) Conference
Potsdam, Germany.

Motor Speech Conference
Santa Barbara, CA

American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) Virtual Happy Hour
Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic.
Bilingualism Matters Research Symposium
Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic.

10th International Conference on Speech Prosody 2020
Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Motor Speech Conference
Santa Barbara, CA

Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day, Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, NY (Invited presentation).

Levy, E.S., Moya-Gale, G., & Fox, C.M. (2020). Webinar on Crosslinguistic exploration of LSVT LOUD for Parkinson’s disease: Is a universal speech treatment approach plausible?
New York, NY (Invited webinar).

Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting
Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Brainmap Seminar, MGH Martinos Center
Boston, MA (Invited talk)

Motor Speech Conference
Santa Barbara, CA

Conference on Multilingualism
Virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic.


*Below are conferences for which our community had abstracts accepted. However, due to safety concerns in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference was cancelled.*


San Diego, CA (convention cancelled).

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**AWARDS AND HONORS**

*Alahna Cogburn* received the 2020-2021 Dean K Harrison Fellowship from the Graduate Center totaling $10,000.

*Bernadette Ojukwu* received the 2020-2021 Dean K Harrison Fellowship from the Graduate Center totaling $10,000.

*Dr. Froma P. Roth* received the Honors of the Association from ASHA.

*Dr. Erika S. Levy* received the **Clinical Research Grant** from the American Speech, Language, Hearing Foundation totaling $75,000 for her work, “Predictors of intelligibility changes in children with cerebral palsy”. Role: PI

*Dr. Erika S. Levy* received the **Interdisciplinary Preparation Grant** from the **US Department of Education** amounting $1,240,585 for her work, “Columbia Collaborate: Cross-disciplinary opportunities to improve communication outcomes”, OSEP, H325K190018. Role: Co-PI (PI: Wang, Co-PI: Hartman)

*Dr. Erika S. Levy* was named an ASHA Fellow.

*Dr. Eve Higby* was accepted into the 2020 ASHA Pathways grant mentorship program.

*Dr. Jet Vonk* will graduate from a MSc. in Epidemiology from Utrecht University in September, and has started a second PhD in Epidemiology at Utrecht University (expected to defend in 2022).

*Dr. Jet Vonk* has been awarded an NIH NIA K99/R00 Award (1K99AG066934-01) ($1,008,539) "Preclinical markers of Alzheimer's disease using psycholinguistic semantic measures" and will carry out this research at Columbia University for at least the first 2 years of this 5-year grant. This also means she will be promoted from Postdoc to Associate Research Scientist at Columbia University.

*Dr. Maryam Naghibolhosseini* received the ASHA Early Career Contributions in Research Award.
Dr. Maryam Naghibolhosseini received a Heiss Endowment Award ($5,000), an Academic Communications Fellowship, a Trifecta Initiative Facilitating Funds Award ($4,000) and an MSU-DFI Discretionary Funding Initiative ($50,000) from Michigan State University. In addition, Dr. Maryam Naghibolhosseini has been appointed as an Affiliated Faculty for the Health and Risk Communication Center at Michigan State University.

Dr. Maryam Naghibolhosseini received a Research Scientist Career Development Award (K01, $700,000) from NIH NIDCD.

Dr. Mira Goral received a research award of $6,000 from PSC CUNY for their work “Processing negation in aphasia: a cross-linguistic investigation” (PIs: Goral, M. and Alxatib, S.).

**Other News**

Dr. Erin Reilly was appointed as Assistant Professor at Molloy College.

Dr. Jason Bishop was promoted to Associate Professor, with tenure, at the College of Staten Island.

Dr. Jose Centeno was appointed to the Inaugural Diversity Leadership Council, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion, Biomedical and Health Sciences at Rutgers University.

Dr. Luca Campanelli started a postdoctoral position in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Georgia (supervisor: Dr. John Hale) in August 2020.

Dr. Luca Campanelli will start a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Communicative Disorders at The University of Alabama in August 2021.

Dr. Maria Mody was elected to the Leadership Council of the Joint Committee on the Status of Women (JCSW) at Harvard Medical School. The JCSW is a standing committee of the Dean focused on encouraging leadership by and in support of women.

Dr. Valerie Shafer has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Monolingual and Bilingual Speech.

**SLHS Doctoral Student Fellowship Awards**

Thank you to all who have contributed and who continually contribute donation to the Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences Doctoral Student Fellowships. The fellowships and the discretionary funds allow the program to help students every year.

We’ve added a new fund with which we can help support our students; the Florence Award. The Florence Award supports outstanding women of color completing their doctoral education through the Child Language Laboratory at the CUNY Graduate Center. The award is intended as an annual stipend for each year of enrollment until completion of the dissertation defense. The
candidates, nominated by the Speech and Hearing Sciences Department, are expected to remain in good standing each academic year. The Florence Award was founded by Dr. Cecelia Davidson, class of 1998, in honor of her mother Florence Bushnell Davidson. Born in rural West Virginia in 1928, she always valued education despite the limited opportunities. “Women need education in order to develop understanding. Wisdom from understanding brings true independence.”

Four funds have been set up to honor three colleagues who contributed importantly to our program: Professors Moe Bergman, Arthur Bronstein, Martin Gitterman, and Cecelia Davidson.


- Moe and Hannah Bergman Scholarship for Conference Travel: The Moe and Hannah Bergman Award makes funds available to students who travel to present research papers at conferences.

- Martin Gitterman Excellence in Teaching Award: The Martin Gitterman Teaching Award gives awards for Excellence in Teaching.

- The Florence Award for outstanding women of color completing their doctoral education through the Child Language Laboratory at the CUNY Graduate Center.

The recipients for 2020 are:

Professor Arthur J. Bronstein and Elsa Bronstein Fellowship

Deepti Wadhera, Working Memory Training: Cognitive and Linguistic Implications in Adult L2 Learners of English

Moe and Hannah Bergman Scholarship for Conference Travel

Stanley Chen, Academy of Aphasia (China, November 2019)

Lia Pazuelo, ASHA Annual Convention (Orlando, FL., November 2019)

Martin Gitterman Excellence in Teaching Award

Lia Pazuelo, Brooklyn College

Stanley Chen, Lehman College

Florence Award

Katherine Paulino

Bernadette Ojukwu

Thorfun Gehebe

These awards are given to a number of students each year. To contribute to these funds, please go to the program’s website: http://www.gc.cuny.edu/SLHSciences and click on “Support the GC” or send a check payable to The Graduate Center Foundation (see below). All checks should include account number 212731. Please indicate this number as well as the name of the award in which you want your contribution placed (e.g., Bergman, Bronstein, Gitterman, and/or Florence)
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