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Newsletter

February 2025



Save the Date!

SNL 2025 will be held September 12-14, 2025,
Gallaudet University, Washington DC

Upcoming virtual activities include:

[Applying for research funding in the UK](#)

Monday, March 17, 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 am EST
America/New_York

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Organized by: Katrien Segaert



[Discussing kinds of theories and boundary conditions on them in the neurobiology of language with Andrea](#)

[E. Martin](#)

Friday, March 21, 2025, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm EST America/New_York

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Organized by: Andrea E. Martin

[PREreview Club on Semantics](#)

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 1:00 - 2:00 pm EST America/New_York

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Organized by: Valentina Borghesani

[Dual-brain hyperscanning research in communication sciences](#)

Monday, April 28, 2025, 9:30 - 10:30 am EST America/New_York

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Organized by: Zhenghan Qi

[Open \(language\) science](#)

Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm EST America/New_York

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[Teaching neurobiology of language](#)

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm EST America/New_York

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[Gradients of meaning and language - Beth Jefferies](#)

Monday, July 7, 2025, 8:00 - 9:00 am EST America/New_York

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Organized by: Jonathan Peelle

[Women in language neuroscience - in collaboration with WINRepo](#)

Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm EST America/New_York

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Organized by: Valentina Borghesani

[Update & hack the consensus wiki on semantics](#)

Thursday, September 4, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm EST America/New_York

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Organized by: Valentina Borghesani

[On the evolution of language - in collaboration with the NCCR Evolving Language](#)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 12:00 - 1:00 pm EST America/New_York

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For more information visit: <https://2025.neurolang.org/virtual-activities/>



**Neurobiology
of Language**

[Neurobiology of Language](#) is the open-access journal sponsored by the Society for the Neurobiology of Language and MIT Press. Launched in March 2019, the journal provides a new venue for articles across a range of disciplines addressing the neurobiological basis of speech and language. To learn more about Neurobiology of Language and how to submit articles, go to <https://www.mitpressjournals.org/nol>.



Job Postings and Announcements

If you have a job posting, general announcement, or conference that you would like to include in the SNL Newsletter, please send it to newsletter@neurolang.org.



Job Postings

3 year Postdoctoral position in experimental linguistics at the University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway

Dear colleagues,

The Experimental Linguistics Laboratory (ELL) of the University of Agder in Kristiansand, Norway is recruiting a postdoctoral researcher as part of an ERC Synergy research project entitled *Phonological cognisance and allied linguistic representations: acquisition, bilingualism, change and script (PAAL)* 2025-2031.

This is a full time position for a period of 3 years, with a proposed start date of October 1st, 2025.

You will find all the necessary information by following the link below

[Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Experimental Linguistics Laboratory \(ELL\) \(274580\) | University of Agder](#)



Seeking Four Postdoctoral Fellows in Neuroscience of Language!

Two fully funded slots available before June 30, 2025

+ Two more slots available after July 1, 2025

Georgetown University Neuroscience of Language Training Program Washington, DC, USA

neurolang.georgetown.edu

Submit your application [HERE!](#)

The Georgetown University Neuroscience of Language Training Program is seeking outstanding postdoctoral fellows who wish to become the future leaders of our field. We aim to develop well- rounded scientists who have a broad perspective on basic and clinical neuroscience of language research, along with the skills and track-record to succeed

in their chosen career path.

We offer a rich training environment in the nation's capital where fellows conduct innovative research under the guidance of 18 faculty members studying basic and clinical neuroscience of language, along with sensory, motor, and cognitive systems as they pertain to language and communication. Fellows can work with a single faculty member or across multiple labs, including partner labs at Children's National Hospital and the George Washington University.

Fellows can also participate in clinical experiences, community engagement activities, professional development training, journal clubs, and seminars to enrich their training.

Appointments are funded at [NIH NRSA stipend rates](#) for two years, assuming fellows remain in good standing after the first year. Fellows also receive additional funds for training-related expenses, such as workshops, courses, conference travel, computers, peripherals, etc.

Eligibility: U.S. citizens or permanent residents who currently hold a doctoral degree or will have met all doctoral program requirements before enrolling are eligible. Individuals with doctoral degrees from any relevant field (Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, Linguistics, Psychology, Communication Science and Disorders, etc.) are encouraged to apply.

Admissions are rolling so applicants should inquire early about positions. Individuals from [groups recognized to be underrepresented in the sciences](#) are encouraged to apply.

Contact peter.turkeltaub@georgetown.edu with any questions.



Post-Doctoral Position at the University of Texas at Dallas

The Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) is inviting applicants for a post-doctoral fellow position in the Speech Neuroscience Lab. Our research is focused on studying the sensorimotor mechanisms of speech and their impairments in adult neurogenic populations. Excellent facilities for EEG, fMRI, and behavioral testing are available. The Research Associate will plan, conduct, and direct a wide variety of experiments and simulations using advanced equipment and applying complex techniques, methods, and procedures. The post-doctoral fellow will be responsible for the evaluation and interpretation of research data, for planning and executing the details of experiments according to research protocol. The fellow will have an exciting opportunity to pursue collaborative projects across multi-disciplinary programs at the UTD.

This position is in the department of Speech, Language and Hearing in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at UTD (bbs.utdallas.edu). UTD is the fastest growing University in Texas, is ranked number 3 in the nation among universities less than 50 years old and houses a vibrant research community. The city of Dallas is an international economic hub with a vibrant cultural atmosphere and world-class sports and entertainment in a temperate climate.

Candidates with a PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Speech and Hearing Science and other related fields (e.g., Neuroscience, Cognitive Science, Engineering and Psychology) are welcome to apply.

The salary for Post-Doctoral Research Associates in BBS is determined by years of experience per the current NIH (NRSA) stipend levels. Salary will be dependent on experience and qualifications. The dept is requesting a 1-year commitment with the possibility of renewal. Continued employment is contingent on the availability of funds.

<https://jobs.utdallas.edu/postings/28479>



POSTDOC POSITION

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral fellowship at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York. The postdoc will work with Professors Tatiana Emmanouil and Tony Ro as part of an NSF-funded AI Institute with an emphasis on vision and language. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in a relevant field (e.g., psychology, neuroscience, biology, computer science, engineering, physics) and strong quantitative and technical skills. Experience with TMS, EEG, fMRI, and/or optical imaging (e.g., fNIRS, EROS), as well as programming experience with C/C++, Python, and/or R, is highly desired. Initial appointment will be for one year with the possibility of renewal. Salary offered in the range of 62-75K, commensurate with experience.

The Graduate Center is conveniently and centrally located across from the Empire State Building in midtown Manhattan and is part of a vibrant neuroscience community within the CUNY system and New York City. To apply, please upload a PDF with a CV and statement of research interests along with the names of two references to:



Master in Cognitive Neuroscience of Language – BCBL Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language

The Master's program aims to provide specialized, comprehensive and rigorous training in the Cognitive Neuroscience of Language. The [Master's program](#) includes core courses (theoretical and methodological), advanced elective courses, and a research-based project at the end of the program. Students learn from the world-class scientists at the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain, and Language.

The Master's program is aimed at university graduates with various degrees who are interested in the Cognitive Neuroscience of Language, including previous training in psychology or linguistics, as well as language-oriented training in cognitive science, computer science, or mathematics. The duration of the program is one academic year with 60 ECTS credits. Students will develop research skills through the mentorship of experts and by completing a Master's Research Project at the end of the program. The language of instruction is English. Selecting the appropriate Masters program is the best way to start a successful research career, and in fact, several of our current PhD students began their research careers in our Master's program.

In the 12 years that we have been running our Master's program, graduates have gone on to PhD programs in places such as New York University, the Donders Center at Radboud University, UC San Diego, the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Michigan State University, the University of Bielefeld, and our own PhD program at BCBL. For more information about the master's program, visit <https://www.bcbi.eu/en/study-with-us/master-cognitive-neuroscience-language>

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Application Process

Details of application requirements can be found at: <https://www.bcbi.eu/en/study-with-us/master-cognitive-neuroscience-language>

Application Period

All applications sent to mastercni@bcbi.eu until 26 March will be considered.

The preregistration period opens from March 3 until March 26 and it is necessary to choose our master's degree as the first option. <https://www.ehu.eus/en/web/masterrak-eta-graduondokoak/university-masters-degrees/pre-enrolment-and-admission> Once it has been verified that each candidate meets all the criteria established by the university, this institution must validate the result. Graduated students will have preference.

You can find more information here: <https://www.ehu.eus/en/web/master/master-cognitive-neuroscience-language/registration>

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

to be sent by e-mail to mastercni@bcbi.eu:

1. Scanned ID (Spanish and European applicants) or Passport (international applicants)
2. Degree certificate
3. Transcripts of records
4. Résumé (CV)
5. Letters of recommendation: Either letters from two different Professors, or One letter from a Full Professor (you may also include a letter from a second Professor if you use this option, but it is not required)
6. 1 essay stating your research interests (1 page maximum, .pdf format)
7. Certificate of English level is mandatory for applicants who attended a non-English-speaking undergraduate university



Post-doc Position on an R01-funded study of language in autistic teens

The [Ready to Connect](#) Study at the University of Connecticut is recruiting applicants for a postdoctoral position. The successful applicant will play a key role in an NIH-funded research project (PI: Inge-Marie Eigsti, Ph.D.) investigating the active ingredients of conversational success in autistic and non-autistic teenagers during realistic social interactions. The successful candidate will join the intellectually rich Language Sciences community at the University of Connecticut, with opportunities to collaborate with an outstanding group of scientists and clinicians and to build an independent research program.

We are especially interested in examining acoustic and psycholinguistic predictors of language abilities and conversational success.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful incumbent will examine acoustic and psycholinguistic predictors of language abilities and conversational success. They will use machine learning to model conversational profiles based on interactional measures of linguistic processes drawn from spontaneous conversation, and standardized language assessments, and evaluate conversational success in neurotype-concordant and neurotype-discordant interactions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. PhD in a relevant field, such as Psychology or Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences.
2. A strong record of research productivity.
3. Knowledge of psycholinguistics.
4. Strong understanding of experimental design and analysis.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. Clinical experience with autism, as evidenced by Ph.D. thesis and/or publications.
2. Expertise in psycholinguistics and cognitive psychology.
3. Excellent writing and communication skills.

APPOINTMENT TERMS

This is a full-time, 12-month, annually renewable position, with a flexible start date. Salary will be consistent with NIH NRSA guidelines. For additional information on benefits, visit <http://hr.uconn.edu/benefits-summaries/>. Other rights and terms and conditions of your appointment are contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Connecticut and the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), Local 6950.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Employment of the successful candidate is contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment criminal background check.

TO APPLY

Please apply online at <https://hr.uconn.edu/jobs>, Staff Positions, Search #498917 to upload a **resume**, **cover letter**, up to **three representative publications**, and contact information for **three (3) professional references**. Referees may submit letters directly to Dr. Eigsti. Questions may be directed to inge-marie.eigsti@uconn.edu

This job posting is scheduled to be removed at 11:55 p.m. Eastern time on June 20, 2025.

All employees are subject to adherence to the State Code of Ethics which may be found at <http://www.ct.gov/ethics/site/default.asp>.

All members of the University of Connecticut are expected to exhibit appreciation of, and contribute to, an inclusive, respectful, and diverse environment for the University community.

The University of Connecticut aspires to create a community built on collaboration and belonging and has actively sought to create an inclusive culture within the workforce. The success of the University is dependent on the willingness of our diverse employee and student populations to share their rich perspectives and backgrounds in a respectful manner. This makes it essential for each member of our community to feel secure and welcomed and to thoroughly understand and believe that their ideas are respected by all. We strongly respect each individual employee's unique experiences and perspectives and encourage all members of the community to do the same. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.

The University of Connecticut is an AA/EEO Employer.

Advertised: Feb 19 2025 Eastern Standard Time

Applications close: Jun 20 2025 Eastern Daylight Time



Other

Announcement from the Association of Nonbinary and Trans Language Researchers (ANTLR)

For all trans and nonbinary language researchers: We are working to connect trans and nonbinary language researchers to one another and to provide resources for the language research

community about trans and nonbinary issues!

If you are interested in participating in this community, see our website translinguists.org and fill out our [membership form](#) to be added to our Discord server or email list-serv.

We hope to help members

- connect with trans
- and nonbinary mentors in their subfield,
- gather information
- about trans and nonbinary health resources at other institutions before moving,
- get help navigating
- visa application processes for conferences, fieldwork, etc.,
- discuss changes
- we'd like to see in linguistics about how gender is treated in research,
- publish
- community-approved sensitivity / accommodation guides for departments,
- find trans and
- nonbinary community at the next conference they attend,
- and more!

We welcome members from all areas of language research, including (but not limited to!) Linguistics, Anthropology, Sociology, Media Studies, and Literature, and of all kinds of affiliation with language research, including students of all levels (both former and current), postdocs, instructors, researchers, and faculty.

Please contact translinguistsassociation@gmail.com if you have any questions about becoming involved.



Call for Papers Cognitive neuroscience of individual differences in adult language learning: Future directions

We are pleased to announce the **2025 Language Learning roundtable conference** entitled ***Cognitive neuroscience of individual differences in adult language learning: Future directions*** (CogNeuroLDALL), to be held on **May 22-23, 2025, at the University of Illinois Chicago**.

This conference brings together linguists, psychologists, and cognitive neuroscientists who share an interest in individual differences in adult second/additional language learning and processing, with a focus on evidence from cognitive neuroscience.

Nine keynote speakers will speak in three sessions focused on (a) linguistic and cognitive individual differences, (b) individual differences stemming from social, cultural, and environmental factors, and (c) biological and genetic individual differences. These are (in alphabetical order):

Dr. Ashley Chung-Fat-Yim (Early Career Keynote; University of Manitoba)
Dr. Alison Gabriele (University of Kansas)
Dr. Sarah Grey (Fordham University)
Dr. Arturo Hernandez (University of Houston)
Dr. Christos Pliatsikas (University of Reading)
Dr. Chantel Prat (University of Washington)
Dr. Debra Titone (McGill University)
Dr. Michael Ullman (Georgetown University)
Dr. Patrick Wong (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

We are inviting submissions for 15-minute oral presentations or poster presentations. Abstracts between 300-400 words (excl. references) should be submitted through [EasyAbs](#), by March 15, 2025, 11:59pm (anywhere on earth). Decisions will be made by March 30. Note that EasyAbs will require a free account to submit.

Further information on the conference can be found on the [CogNeuroLDALL webpage](#).

This conference is sponsored by the *Language Learning* journal. Conference registration fees (including breakfast,

lunch, snacks, and morning & afternoon coffee and tea) are \$50 for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars and \$120 for faculty.

We expect the speakers to identify and present new and exciting evidence on why adult individuals vary in how they learn and process new languages, in preparation for a special issue in *Language Learning's* Cognitive Neuroscience Series.

For questions, please contact the organizers and Co-Editors of the Cognitive Neuroscience Series of *Language Learning*: Dr. Kara Morgan-Short (karams@uic.edu; University of Illinois Chicago) and Dr. Janet van Hell (jgv3@psu.edu; Pennsylvania State University).

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: March 15, 2025, by 11:59 pm (anywhere on earth)

Abstract acceptance: March 30, 2025

Conference dates: May 22-23, 2025



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