

University of Kansas

Department of Linguistics



Message from the Chair

2012 was a hectic but very rewarding year for the department. The spring semester was consumed by our job searches. A total of 7 job candidates visited the KU campus. Each gave two talks (research and teaching), met with students, faculty, and administrators, had dinner with the search committee and a party with the department as a whole. By mid March, we had hired three new faculty! Prof. Jason Kandybowicz specializes in syntax, particularly of African languages; Prof. Andrew McKenzie works on semantics and Native American languages; and Prof. Annie Tremblay focuses on second language acquisition. Spring Break helped us all to catch up and recuperate from an intensive search process. The three new Assistant Professors started in August 2012. We are grateful to the administration for this unprecedented growth which brings the total number of faculty to 12! We see this as the result of a number of factors, including our increased enrollments, our very positive external evaluation, and our dramatic rise in the rankings of doctoral programs by the National Research Council.

In the Spring of 2012, we also celebrated the promotion of Professor Robert Fiorentino. Prof. Fiorentino was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Prof. Fiorentino specializes in Neuro- and Psycholinguistics and has successful-

ly managed to combine his research in his ERP lab on the Lawrence campus and at the Hoglund Brain Imaging Center at the KU Medical School in Kansas City.

The fall was dominated by two local conferences. In mid October, the department hosted *GALANA* (Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America) a bi-annual conference devoted to research on all aspects of language acquisition. This is a major conference, previously hosted by the University of Hawaii (2004), McGill (2006), Connecticut (2008), and Toronto (2010). Profs. Fiorentino, Gabriele, and Minai were instrumental in bringing *GALANA* to Lawrence and secured sizable funding from the National Science Foundation for a special session entitled "Psycholinguistic and Neurolinguistic Approaches to Language Development" with major speakers from the U.S. and abroad. At the end of October, the fall meeting of the *Acoustical Society of America* took place in Kansas City. Profs. Sereeno, Vitevitch (Psychology), Zhang, and I organized the contributed papers in Speech Communication and hosted a special session. Both conferences provided an ideal opportunity to put KU on the map and to showcase our faculty and students. Across the two conferences, the department contributed 21 presentations (12 for the ASA, 9 for *GALANA*).

Special points of interest:

WELCOME!

New Faculty —
Jason Kandybowicz
Andrew McKenzie
Annie Tremblay

CONGRATULATIONS!

New Associate Professors—
Robert Fiorentino

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Message from the Chair continued

As you read this, Prof. Sereno and I are on sabbatical leave at the University of Western Sydney, Australia. Prof. Zhang has generously agreed to serve as Interim Chair and Prof. Gabriele has taken over as Director of Graduate Studies. The implications for the department of the KU Core with its new curriculum requirements are unclear at this point. What is clear is that the KU Core will go into effect in the fall of 2013. I hope to provide you with an update in next year's newsletter.



Allard Jongman

2012 Frances Ingemann Lecture—March 27th



Prof. LouAnn Gerken is Professor of Psychology, Linguistics, and Cognitive Science from the University of Arizona and a world-renowned expert on language acquisition. She delivered the 5th Frances Ingemann Lecture on Tuesday, March 27th at 4:00 pm in 100 Stauffer-Flint. The title of her talk was "Statistics and Grammars in Infant Language Development" and the abstract is listed below:

The last two decades of research on language development have inspired not one, but two revolutions in our view of how young language learners approach their task. First, we have discovered that infants are amazingly good at keeping track of what's statistically typical vs. unusual in their input. For example, infants learning English seem to determine that words typically start with stressed syllables. Second, and more recently, we have discovered that infants and young children approach many aspects of their world as scientists and attempt to generate explanations for the patterns of data that they encounter. In the case of language development, such explanations constitute facets of linguistic grammars. In my talk, I will discuss findings from our lab that support the grammar-learner-as-scientist view. I will also discuss some new ideas about how infants' sensitivity to input statistics might motivate them to explain the input by inducing a grammar.

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Faculty News

Prof. Naima Boussofara presented: "Competing Discourses in the Tunisian Revolution: A Tapestry of Words and Panoply of voices" at the Interdisciplinary International Conference (December 5-7, 2012) in Tunis, Tunisia, titled "Changing Times, Changing Exchanges". She chaired a panel at the same conference: "Revolutions in the media" and started collaboration with the conference organizer to work on the next conference.

Prof. Robert Fiorentino presented work with students and collaborators at a number of conferences, including the 2012 *Neurobiology of Language Conference*, the 2012 *Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting*, the 164th *Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America*, the 6th *Conference on Mismatch Negativity (MMN) and its Clinical and Scientific Application*, the Spring 2012 *American Association of Teachers of Japanese conference*, and the 5th *Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition-North America (GALANA) Conference*, which Prof. Fiorentino co-organized here at KU in October, 2012. Prof. Fiorentino also had manuscripts with faculty and student collaborators accepted for publication in the journals *Brain Research*, *The Mental Lexicon*, *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism*, and *Neuroscience Letters*. Prof. Fiorentino continues working on his NIH-funded project, *Timing and Neural Bases of Complex Word Recognition: Electrophysiological Studies*, and Profs. Fiorentino and Gabriele continue working on their NSF-funded project, *Examining Development and Ultimate Attainment in Second Language Processing: An ERP Investigation*.

Prof. Alison Gabriele continued her work on the second language acquisition of syntax and semantics. She published two papers, one co-authored with Robert Fiorentino and José Alemán Bañón in *Brain Research* and one co-authored with former graduate student Valeria Kulundary in a John Benjamins volume on third language acquisition. She also published a paper in the proceedings of the *Boston University Conference on Language Development* with Beatriz Lopez Prego. With students José Alemán Bañón, Beatriz Lopez Prego, and Joleen Chu as well as colleagues Robert Fiorentino and Utako Minai, she presented at various conferences including *Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition-North America* and the *Neurobiology of Language conference*. She was also invited to speak at the 2012 *TESOL Convention* during a special session on brain imaging and second language acquisition. Profs. Gabriele, Fiorentino, and Minai organized a special session on *Psycholinguistic and Neurolinguistic Approaches to Language Development* at the *Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition-North America conference*, which was held at the University of Kansas in October 2012. In the fall of 2012, Gabriele was one of eleven faculty members across the university to offer a First Year Seminar, a new type of course designed to introduce freshmen to college and develop their research and writing skills. The course focused on multilingualism.

Prof. Allard Jongman published an article on the psychological reality of locus equations in the *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* with Ariane Rhone, a former undergraduate who is currently a postdoc at the University of Iowa. He also published a paper co-authored with graduate student Hyunjung Lee on laryngeal distinctions in the non-tonal Seoul and tonal Kyungsang dialects of Korean in the *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*. He also wrote the entry on Acoustic Phonetics in the new *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. Prof. Jongman joined the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Phonetics*. Prof. Jongman was part of the organizing committee for the Fall meeting of the *Acoustical Society of America* in Kansas City. With colleagues Profs. Sereno, Vitevitch, and Zhang, some 170 papers were organized into 6 sessions. At this meeting, Prof. Jongman (with Prof. Sereno) organized a special session entitled *The nature of lexical representations in the perception and production of speech* and also presented three papers, with graduate students Jiang Liu, with Hyunjung Lee and Stephen Politzer-Ahles, and with Goun Lee, respectively.

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Prof. Jason Kandybowicz is honored and excited to be joining the KU Linguistics faculty this year. His research encompasses formal comparative syntax, the syntax-phonology interface and field linguistics, with an empirical focus on the languages of West Africa. Together with Dr. Clifton Pye, he is co-director of the new KU Field Linguistics Laboratory and teaches courses ranging from Syntax and Typology to Field Methods. Prof. Kandybowicz gave several talks in 2012, including an invited talk on African language endangerment for University of Texas' "Endangered Languages Week", a talk on the syntax and semantics of emphasis in Nupe at the 43rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 43) at Tulane University and a co-authored talk with Dr. Harold Torrence at ACAL 43 on interrogative patterns in four Volta languages: Asante Twi, Bono, Krachi and Wasa. In 2012, Prof. Kandybowicz published an article in *Lingua* on emphatic assertion in Nupe and a co-authored article with Dr. Torrence in the *Proceedings of the 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* on syntax-prosody interactions in Krachi *wh-* in-situ constructions. Another co-authored article with Dr. Torrence on comparative interrogative syntax in Krachi and Bono was recently accepted for publication in *Selected Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics* and will appear in 2013.

Prof. Andrew McKenzie joined the department from a fellowship position at the University of Texas at Arlington. In 2012, he earned his Ph.D. From the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He specializes in semantics and Native American languages, especially Kiowa. This fall he also joined the Indigenous Studies program as affiliate faculty. He has submitted a chapter to a volume on semantic fieldwork, and presented a paper at the recent meeting of SSILA in Boston.

Prof. Utako Minai Utako Minai has published co-authored articles in *Journal of Child Language* with Nobuyuki Jincho, Naoto Yamane and Reiko Mazuka (RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Japan), *Journal of Memory and Language* with Kiwako Ito (Ohio State University), Nobuyuki Jincho, Naoto Yamane and Reiko Mazuka (RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Japan), *Neuroscience Letters* with Lamar Hunt III, Stephen Politzer-Ahles, Linzi Gibson and Robert Fiorentino (KU), and *BUCLD 36 Proceedings* with Naoko Takami (KU). She also made two poster presentations, one with Chia-Ying Chu and Alison Gabriele (KU) and the other with Miwa Isobe (Tokyo University of the Arts) and Reiko Okabe (Nihon University), at the 5th Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America conference (GALANA 5) held at KU, for which she also served as a co-organizer. As part of the K-12 Outreach Program administered by the Center for East Asian Studies, she visited English classes at Free State High School (10th grade), South Middle School (7th grade) in Lawrence, and De Soto High School (12th grade) in De Soto, delivering lectures on the linguistic similarities and differences between English and Japanese.

Prof. Clifton Pye continued his research on the acquisition of Mayan languages. This year he focused on documenting the acquisition of the Mayan language Huastec. He made the following conference presentations: La adquisición de la fonología del teenek de San Luis Potosí. 14^o Encuentro de Adquisición del Lenguaje. El Colegio de México, Mexico City. October 19, 2012. The Acquisition of Subject Properties in Mam Maya in the

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symposium on Psycholinguistic Research on Less-Studied Languages. Linguistics Society of America annual meeting, Portland, Oregon, January 7, 2012. With Barbara Pfeiler he presented the following: The Acquisition of Pronominal Clitics in Teenek Maya (hua). Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition-North America 5, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. Poster, October 12, 2012. The Acquisition of Pronominal Clitics in Teenek (Wastek). 54th International Congress of Americanists, Vienna, Austria, July 16, 2012.

Prof. Joan Sereno continues her research examining speech processing in second language learners. Her specific research on processing Mandarin tone is funded by a 3-year NSF grant (*The contribution of speaking rate, talker and coarticulation to lexical tone processing: Effects of language background and training*). For this research, two Graduate Research students, Hyunjung Lee and Goun Lee worked on the grant and analyzed perception and production data from over 200 native speakers of Mandarin (data collected in Beijing). Prof. Sereno also became the co-Editor (with Prof. Michael Vitevitch) of the journal *Language and Speech*. She is also on the Editorial Board of *Applied Psycholinguistics*, and is an elected Member-at-Large of the *American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)*, Section Z (Linguistics and Language Sciences). This year, Prof. Sereno presented her research at the 6th Conference on Mismatch Negativity (MMN) in New York City and presented two research projects at the 164th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America (*Lexical tone in Mandarin spoken word processing*, with Hyunjung Lee; *High variability training increases mismatch negativity responses to L2 contrast*, with Wendy Herd and Prof. Fiorentino). At the Kansas City ASA meeting, Prof. Sereno (with Prof. Jongman) also organized a special session entitled *The nature of lexical representations in the perception and production of speech*. Prof. Sereno was the Director of Undergraduate Studies (Fall 2012) and was also the 2011-12 Budig Teaching Professorship in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Prof. Sereno also participated in the Rock Chalk Roadshow (Office of Admissions), flying on the KU jet to speak to parents and prospective students at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kansas.

Prof. Harold Torrence in 2012, presented two talks at the Annual Conference on African Linguistics in New Orleans, one solo (*Focus, Relativization and Extraction in Seereer*) and one joint with Dr. Jason Kandybowicz (*Comparative Tano Interrogative Syntax: Typological and Genetic Implications*). Through June and July, Torrence attended the Cooperative Language Institute (CoLang) held at KU and took courses related to language documentation and description. In the summer Torrence was awarded a grant from the General Research Fund for travel to Senegal for his project "A Descriptive and Analytical Study of Seereer Syntax".

Prof. Annie Tremblay continued her research on second language speech and sentence processing. She co-wrote four articles that appeared or are in press in *Acta Psychologica* (native morphological processing, with Dr. Sonia Kandel, Dr. Elsa Spinelli, Dr. Helena Guerassimovitch, and Dr. Carlos Alvarez), *Applied Psycholinguistics* (second language morphological processing, with graduate student Caitlin Coughlin), *Journal of Laboratory Phonology* (use of prosodic cues in second language speech segmentation, with graduate students Caitlin Coughlin, Carly Bahler, and Stéphanie Gaillard), and *Language and Cognitive Processes* (use of distributional cues in native speech segmentation, with Dr. Elsa Spinelli). She also co-wrote four articles that appeared or are in press in *Proceedings of the 14th Australasian Conference on Speech Science and Technology* (use of prosodic cues in second language speech segmentation, with Dr. Mirjam Broersma, Dr. Taehong Cho, and Dr. Sahyang Kim, and with graduate students Caitlin Coughlin and Jui Namjoshi) and in the *Selected Proceedings of the Second Language Research Forum 2011* (second language morphological processing, with Dr.

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Robert Reichle and graduate students Caitlin Coughlin; prosodic cues in second language sentence processing, with Stéphanie Gaillard and Jui Namjoshi). With these researchers, Prof. Tremblay gave presentations the 37th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, the 14th Australasian Conference on Speech Science and Technology, the 2012 Bilingualism Forum, the 2012 Conference on Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing, the 5th Conference on Generative Approach to Language Acquisition North America, the 2012 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, the 164th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, and the 2012 Second Language Research Forum. Prof. Tremblay also helped organize the 5th Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (with Prof. Robert Fiorentino, Prof. Alison Gabriele, and Prof. Utako Minai), and she joined the editorial boards of *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition* and *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.

Prof. Jie Zhang is in the process of wrapping his NSF-funded project on the productivity of tone sandhi patterns in Chinese dialects. The results on Shanghai Wu were presented at the 86th annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America in Portland, Oregon and the 3rd International Symposium on Tonal Aspects of Languages in Nanjing, China, and he is collaborating with a graduate student Hanbo Yan on the tone sandhi pattern of another Wu dialect of Chinese - Wuxi. Additional experiments on Taiwanese tone sandhi were also conducted in Taiwan and Los Angeles with the help of KU alumni Yuwan Lai and Craig Sailor. The range of dialects covered by the project represents a comprehensive typology of tone sandhi patterns observed in China. He secured a General Research Grant from KU to study the interaction between tonal and phonation contrasts in Shanghai, and the grant provided full-time support for Hanbo Yan. Acoustic studies were conducted in Shanghai in the summer of 2012 and perceptual experiments are currently being developed. His collaboration with graduate student Hyunjung Lee on the pitch accent system of South Kyungsang Korean will be published in *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*, and his work with another graduate student Stephen Politzer-Ahles on the phonological representation of tone sandhi in Mandarin Chinese has been presented at the 164th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in Kansas City as an invited talk as well as the 3rd International Symposium on Tonal Aspects of Languages.

2012-2013 GTA's

- ◆ Kelly Berkson—LING 305
- ◆ Joleen Chu—LING 106
- ◆ Philip Duncan—LING 106
- ◆ Lamar Hunt—LING 325 & 312
- ◆ Robert Lewis—LING 106
- ◆ Maria Teresa Martinez-Garcia—LING 110
- ◆ Matt Orzulak—LING 106
- ◆ Stephen Politzer-Ahles—LING 435
- ◆ LeAnn Swallow—LING 110
- ◆ Zhiyan Zhang—LING 106
- ◆ Zhen Qin—LING 106

2012-2013 Frances Ingemann Scholarship

The recipient was **Joleen Chu**, a second-year Ph.D. student with a research focus on first language acquisition. She is both an excellent student, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, and a strong researcher. Her dissertation project ties together language development and cognitive development, focusing on children's mastery of demonstrative words, whose meaning is highly abstract and whose actual interpretation is determined both by the linguistically inherent meanings of the words themselves and by the contextual information incorporated from outside the linguistic representation. In particular, she is comparing child performance on English demonstratives with those in Mandarin, taking into consideration factors coming from the fact that Mandarin demonstratives contain classifiers while those in English do not. She has served both as a teaching assistant for Ling 106 Introductory Linguistics and a research assistant in Prof. Utako Minai's Developmental Psycholinguistics Laboratory.

Graduate Student News

Mohammed Almalahmeh presented a paper at the conference Arizona linguistics Circle 6 (ALC6) at the university of Arizona at Tucson entitled, *The semantics of Deverbal Agentives in Jordanian Arabic*. He also presented a paper at the conference Illinois Symposium on Semitic Linguistics at Urbana Champaign University, Illinois entitled, *Evidentiality and Habituality in Jordanian Arabic: The case of Deverbal Agentives*.

Kelly Berkson successfully defended her dissertation, *Phonation Types in Marathi: An Acoustic Investigation*, December, 2012, (Advisor: Jie Zhang and Allard Jongman). She presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas in Portland, OR in January and at the 164th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in Kansas City in October (poster presentation). She was awarded a Vassar Fellowship for graduate study for the 2012-13 Academic Year.

Jon Coffee presented a conference talk on multiple modal constructions in Appalachian English entitled *You might could say that: multiple modal constructions in Appalachian English* at the SouthEast Conference on Linguistics (SECOL 79) in Lexington, KY. He was awarded a FLAS fellowship to study Uyghur for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Kate Coughlin gave conference talks at the 5th Conference on Generative Approach to Language Acquisition North America (GALANA), and the 37th Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD), and presented posters at the 164th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, GALANA, and BUCLD. Her work with Dr. Robert Reichle and Dr. Annie Tremblay was also presented at the *Second Language Research Forum 2012* and the *2012 Bilingualism Forum*, and her work with Dr. Annie Tremblay, Dr. Elsa Spinelli, and graduate student Jui Namjoshi was presented at the 2012 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. She co-authored 2 journal articles that went to press in *Applied Psycholinguistics* (with Dr. Annie Tremblay), and in *Laboratory Phonology* (with Dr. Annie Tremblay and graduate students Carly Behler and Stéphanie Gaillard). She also wrote a paper to appear in the *Selected proceedings of the Second Language Research Forum 2011*, and co-authored papers to appear in the *Selected proceedings of the Second Language Research Forum 2011* with Dr. Robert Reichle and Dr. Annie Tremblay, and in the *Proceedings of the 14th Australasian Conference on Speech Science and Technology* with Dr. Annie Tremblay.

Graduate Student News

Philip Duncan published *The discursive protection of national interests: Indigenous erasure in Internet news revisions* in the *Journal of Language and Politics*. He presented *Morphological and Syntactic Aspects of Indefinite Pronouns in Iliatenco Me'phaa* at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America in Portland, OR, and presented *Remembering the Future: Constructing Potential Worlds in Christian Zionist Discourses* at the 2012 Mid-America Humanities Conference in Lawrence, KS. He also continued his research in Me'phaa and Mixtec, and began work on Kaqchikel with support as a 2012-2013 FLAS fellow.

Hiba Gharib successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, *A semantic analysis of 'cut' and 'break' in verbs in Sorani Kurdish*, November 2012, (Advisor: Clifton Pye).

Lamar Hunt III with Steve Politzer-Ahles, Robert Fiorentino and Utako Minai, submitted (and was accepted) a study on the processing of pragmatics to the journal *Neuroscience Letters*.

Adrienne Johnson successfully defended her masters thesis, *Processing of wh-movement by second language learners*, December 2012, (Advisor: Alison Gabriele and Robert Fiorentino).

Hyunjung Lee was awarded the Graduate Studies Dissertation Fellowship for 2012-2013. She presented two papers at the 164th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in Kansas City, Missouri. One with Dr. Allard Jongman and Steve Politzer-Ahles; *Speakers of tonal and non-tonal Korean dialects use different cue weightings in the perception of the three-way laryngeal stop contrast* (first author) and another with Dr. Sereno; *Lexical tone in Mandarin spoken word processing* (second author). Hyunjung also presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America in Boston, Massachusetts: with Drs. Jie Zhang and Allard Jongman; *Evidence for sound change in the phonology of lexical pitch accent in Kyungsang Korean* (first author). She published *Speakers of tonal and non-tonal Korean dialects use different cue weightings in the perception of the three-way laryngeal stop contrast* in the *Journal of Phonetics* (Volume 41, Issue 2). Hyunjung successfully defended her doctoral dissertation *Evidence of diachronic sound change: A comparative acoustic study of Seoul and Kyungsang Korean*, March 2012, (Advisor: Allard Jongman).

Jiang Liu presented a paper, *A Production and Perception Study of Tonal Neutralization in Nanchang Chinese*, at The Third International Symposium on Tonal Aspects of Languages, Nanjing, China. He also presented with Prof. Allard Jongman a paper, *American Learners' Acquisition of L2 Chinese affricates /ts/ and /tsh/*, and a paper with Prof. Jie Zhang, *A Production and Perception Study of Tonal Neutralization in Nanchang Chinese*, at the 164th meeting of Acoustical Society of America, Kansas City, USA.

Beatriz Lopez Prego presented her major paper in poster format at the 2012 GALANA conference and in talk format at the Second Language Research Forum in Boston.

Stephen Politzer-Ahles published papers in *Brain Research* (with Robert Fiorentino, Xiaoming Jiang, and Xiaolin Zhou), *Neuroscience Letters* (with Lamar Hunt III, Linzi Gibson, Utako Minai, and Robert Fiorentino), and *Proceedings of the 3rd Symposium on Tonal Aspects of Languages* (with Jie Zhang). He gave a talk (with Jie Zhang) at the Symposium on Tonal Aspects of Languages in Nanjing, China, for which he received a Student Award from the International Phonetic Association; he also gave an invited talk (with Jie Zhang) at the Acoustical Society of America in Kansas City. He presented posters at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society in Chicago (with Xiaoming Jiang, Robert Fiorentino, and Xiaolin Zhou), the Acoustical Society of America in Kansas City (with Hyunjung Lee and Allard Jongman), and at the Neurobiology of Language conference in San Sebastian, Spain (one with Xiaoming Jiang, Robert Fiorentino, and Xiaolin Zhou; one with Robert Fiorentino and Natalie Pak). He passed his Ph.D. oral comprehensive exam with honors, and received funding from the Doctoral Student Research Fund from University of Kansas Graduate Studies.

2012 Graduations — Congratulations!

Bachelor of Arts

MAJORS

- ◆ Jamie Albers
- ◆ Cory Archer
- ◆ Anna Baer
- ◆ Anna Birmingham
- ◆ Josiphene Black
- ◆ Grace Choe
- ◆ Keegan Cole
- ◆ Sonya Eberlein
- ◆ Mary Felton
- ◆ Enaam Gettino
- ◆ Mitchel Haverty
- ◆ Ryan Hood
- ◆ Kevin Ingraham
- ◆ Jimena Jimenez
- ◆ Sean Kennedy
- ◆ Jessica Lipp
- ◆ Corrie Lundberg
- ◆ Ian Maatta
- ◆ Patrick Mankus
- ◆ Cindy Martinez
- ◆ Matthew Moore
- ◆ Meng Shen
- ◆ Samantha Spurlock
- ◆ Joseph Stallman
- ◆ Spencer Wagner
- ◆ Joshua Williams
- ◆ Adam Winnet

MINORS

- ◆ Adam Herpolsheimer
- ◆ Clay Larson
- ◆ Nicholas Renaud
- ◆ Jamie Vanderhofe
- ◆ Claire Vowels

Master of Arts

- ◆ **Adrienne Johnson**, “The processing of wh-movement by second language learners”, (Advisors: Alison Gabriele and Robert Fiorentino)
- ◆ **Mark Allen Lanfranca**, “An acoustic study of underspecified vowels in Turkish”, (Advisor: Allard Jongman)
- ◆ **Goun Lee**, “Acoustic characteristics of Korean fricatives and affricates”, (Advisor: Allard Jongman)
- ◆ **Beatriz Lopez Prego**, “Examining the nature of variability in native and nonnative Spanish”, (Advisor: Alison Gabriele)
- ◆ **Naoko Takami**, MA Exam
- ◆ **Eun Sun Tark**, “An experimental study on Korean rhythm structure on the basis of rhythm metrics”, (Advisor: Allard Jongman)

Doctor of Philosophy

- ◆ **Atef Atallah Eid Alsarayreh**, “The licensing of negative sensitive items in Jordanian Arabic”, (Advisor: Clifton Pye)
- ◆ **Jose Aleman Banon**, “The native and nonnative processing of number and gender agreement in Spanish: an ERP investigation”, (Advisors: Alison Gabriele and Robert Fiorentino)
- ◆ **Hiba Gharib**, “A semantic analysis of ‘cut’ and ‘break’ verbs in Sorani Kurdish”, (Advisor: Clifton Pye)
- ◆ **Sok-Ju Kim**, “The syntax and acquisition of negative polarity items in heritage Korean”, (Advisor: Harold Torrence)
- ◆ **Alonso Canales Viquez**, “The online processing of wh-dependencies in English by native speakers of Spanish”, (Advisors: Alison Gabriele and Robert Fiorentino)

Welcome New Graduate Students!

Yu-Fu Chien—Taiwan—MA in Linguistics from National Chengchi University—Research: psycholinguistics and phonetics

Caitlin Coughlin—United States—MA in French language learning from University of Illinois—Research: second language acquisition and psycholinguistics

Longcan Huang—China—BA in English from Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology—Research : language acquisition

Lamar Hunt III—United States—BA in Linguistics from University of Kansas—Research: neurolinguistics

Mingxing Li—China—M Phil. in Linguistics from Chinese University of Hong Kong—Research: phonology

Zhen Qin—China—M Phil. in Linguistics from Chinese University of Hong Kong—Research: phonetics and language acquisition

Maria Rangel—United States—BA in Anthropology from Northern Illinois University—Research: phonetics and phonology

Ethan Skinner—United States—BA in Linguistics from University of Kansas—Research: second language acquisition and syntax

LeAnn Swallom—United States—BA in Linguistics from University of Kentucky—Research: phonetics and phonology

Faculty Promotions



Robert Fiorentino was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Professor Fiorentino is a neurolinguist and the Director of the Neurolinguistics and Language Processing Laboratory in the Department of Linguistics. His research concerns the basic nature of linguistic representations and the operations they undergo, with a major focus on how these ingredients of language are neurally implemented and recruited in real-time processing. He addresses these issues primarily using psycholinguistic and neurolinguistic research methods, with an emphasis on the application of brain imaging techniques such as MEG, EEG, and fMRI to linguistic research. During his tenure at KU, Professor Fiorentino has created a state-of-the-art neurolinguistics laboratory, developed and maintained a federally funded research program, attracted and mentored undergraduate and graduate students, and provided service to the department, the university, and the profession. His promotion and tenure were an apt recognition for his contributions in all these areas, and we wish him a long and prosperous career at KU!

New Faculty Profiles



Dr. Jason Kandybowicz received his Ph.D from UCLA and has taught at The University of Texas at Arlington and Swarthmore College. His specialization lies within formal comparative syntax and is guided by the Bio-linguistic approach to language. His research interests broadly

center on issues concerning the syntax-phonology interface and its implications for our understanding of the language faculty and its architecture. Empirically, his work is informed by fieldwork on West African languages, specifically, Nupe (a central Nigerian minority language), Twi (a vibrant southern Ghanaian language), and Krachi (an endangered language spoken along the Ghana-Togo border).



Dr. Andrew McKenzie earned his PhD at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. His research interests include semantics, the grammar of discourse, and Native American languages.



Dr. Annie Tremblay obtained her PhD in Second Language Acquisition from the University of Hawai'i in 2007. From 2007 to 2012, she worked as Assistant Professor in the Department of French at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prof. Tremblay specializes in adult

second language speech and sentence processing. Her work focuses on speech segmentation, on the processing of inflectional morphology, and on the linguistic and cognitive factors that predict individual variability in second language speech and sentence processing. She is originally from Québec, Canada.

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