

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics, Expected May 2027

Cornell University

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics & Music, May 2022

- *Minor in Computer Science*

Research

University at Buffalo, CaLiCo Lab

(Buffalo, NY), Jan 2023 – Dec 2023

- Investigating word shortening effects due to repetition
- Preparing stimuli and building experiments in PsychoPy and jsPsych

Synfonica Speech

(Ithaca, NY), Summer 2019, June 2020-August 2021, Summers 2022-24

- Modeling natural speech using synthesis software
- Analyzing corpus data for use in syntax and prosody prediction
- Studying acoustic perception of gender and body size in synthesized speech

Presentations

March 2024. *Acoustic Gender Cues in Singing*. [Poster]. Phonetics/Phonology in Upstate New York. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Teaching

Instructor

University at Buffalo

LIN 301- The Sounds of English – Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant

University at Buffalo

LIN 205 – Introduction to Linguistics - Fall 2022

Professional Service

- Linguistics Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo - Vice President 2023-2024
- Mark Diamond Research Fund Committee Member, Summer 2023

Professional Affiliations

- Linguistics Society of America

- Committee for LGBTQ+ Issues in Linguistics (COZIL)

Research interests

- Sociophonetics, phonetics of singing, LGBTQ+ linguistics

Skills

Languages

- English, native
- Yiddish, advanced
- German, intermediate (Goethe Certificate B1)
- Spanish, basic
- Mandarin, basic

Computer

- Programming – Python, Java, OCaml
- Experiment – PsychoPy, jsPsych
- Phonetics – Praat, ELAN
- Data – R, Excel
- Typesetting - LaTeX