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Leading expert in the field of emoji studies.

Biography

Dr. Weissman's research focuses on meaning in conversation from a cognitive and linguistic perspective. With a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Dr. Weissman has conducted research at the intersections of pragmatics, psycholinguistics, and experimental linguistics. His dissertation investigated the effects of context and different types of linguistic meaning on lie judgments; current research expands on this topic. In addition, Dr. Weissman has become one of the leading researchers in the growing topic of emoji studies, with research on how emojis get processed in the brain and combine with words to convey meaning in text-based conversations. At RPI, Dr. Weissman works with students in introductory Cognitive Science and Linguistics classes as well as advanced Psycholinguistics.

Areas of Expertise

Pragmatics, Emoji, Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, Lie Judgements

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Ph.D. Linguistics

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Masters Linguistics

College of William and Mary
Bachelor's Linguistics

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