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Associate Professor, Specializing in Language and Linguistics

Biography

Broadly, I am interested in speech perception and production, and there is a strong theme of cross-linguistic and cross-dialectal inquiry in my work. More specifically, my research program focuses on the role of experience and exposure to phonetic and phonological knowledge, how social knowledge may be manifested phonetically, and the mental representation of phonetic and phonological knowledge. A significant portion of my work explores how interacting language systems influence one another on a phonetic level. I have investigated this within bilingual speakers (English and Northern Paiute), across dialects (Australian and New Zealand Englishes), and within dialects (American English). I also have a strong interest in language documentation and description; with colleagues at University of California, Berkeley, I conducted fieldwork on Northern Paiute (Numic; Uto-Aztecan).

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, International Affairs, Media - Print, Publishing, Writing and Editing, Research

Areas of Expertise

Speech Intelligibility, Phonetic Sciences, Speech Accommodation, Sociology and Speech Perception, Accents, Voices, Speech, Speech perception

Education

University of California, Berkeley
PhD Linguistics

University of California, Berkeley
MA Linguistics

Accomplishments

Lab Director
Lab director of Speech in Context Lab at UBC

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