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EMPLOYMENT

2016 – Language Learning Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

EDUCATION

2011 – 2016 PhD in Cognitive Science, Johns Hopkins University
Dissertation: *Active dependency completion in adults and children: Representations and adaptation*
Advisor: Akira Omaki

2013 Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Summer Institute, University of Michigan

2008 – 2010 Master of Science in General Linguistics, Georgetown University
Advisor: Donna Lardierre

2005 – 2009 Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Psychology, Georgetown University
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Second major in Linguistics
Advisor on Honors Project: Rachel Barr

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Psycholinguistics – syntactic predictions; filler-gap dependencies; priming as a learning mechanism; interaction of grammatical constraints on processing

First Language Acquisition – parser development; acquisition of syntax

Syntax – island constraints; *wh*-dependencies; agreement

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

2016 **Atkinson, E.**, Apple, A., Rawlins, K., & Omaki, A. Similarity of *wh*-phrases and acceptability variation in *wh*-islands. *Frontiers in Psychology: Language Sciences*, 6:2048. Doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2015.02048.

2010 Barr, R., Shuck, L., Salerno, K., **Atkinson, E.**, & Linebarger, D. Music interferes with learning from television during infancy. *Infant and Child Development*, 19, 313-331.

Refereed Proceedings

2015 **Atkinson, E.** Gender features on *n* and the root: An account of gender in French. In J. Smith & T. Ihsane (Eds.), *Romance Linguistics 2012: Selected papers from the 42nd Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), Cedar City, Utah, 20-22 April 2012* (229-244), Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Under Review

Atkinson, E., Wagers, M., Lidz, J., Phillips, C., & Omaki, A. Developing incrementality in filler-gap dependency processing.

In Preparation

Atkinson, E., Omaki, A., & Wilson, C. Gamma function modeling of Visual World eye-tracking data.

Atkinson, E., Lai, M., & Omaki, A. Adaptation of gap predictions in filler-gap dependency processing.

Atkinson, E., Lai, M., & Omaki, A. Production and comprehension priming of active gap filling in 5-year-olds.

PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

- 2017 **Atkinson, E.,** Clothier, K., & Vargas, C. (to be presented). *Artificial language learning of an optional grammatical marker*. Poster presented at the 23rd AMLaP conference. University of Lancaster; Lancaster, UK.
- 2016 **Atkinson, E.** & Omaki, A. (November 5). *Prepositional object gap production primes active gap filling in 5-year-olds*. Presentation at the Boston University Conference on Language Development. Boston University; Boston, MA.
- 2016 **Atkinson, E.** & Omaki, A. (March 3). *Adaptation of gap predictions in filler-gap dependency processing*. Poster presented at the 29th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. University of Florida; Gainesville, FL.
- 2016 **Atkinson, E.** & Omaki, A. (January 9). *Immature filler-gap dependency processing in 5- to 7-year-olds*. Paper presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington, DC.
- 2014 **Atkinson, E.,** Reisinger, D., & Omaki, A. (November 14). *Do small clause predicates ameliorate island violations?* Poster presented at Gradient Symbolic Computation Workshop. Johns Hopkins University; Baltimore, MD.
- 2014 **Atkinson, E.,** Omaki, A., & Wilson, C. (September 6). *Gamma function modelling of visual world eye-tracking data*. Poster presented at the 20th AMLaP conference. Edinburgh, UK.
- 2014 **Atkinson, E.** & Omaki, A. (September 6). *Grammatical faithfulness in processing of multiple dependencies?* Poster presented at the 20th AMLaP conference. Edinburgh, UK.
- 2013 **Atkinson, E.,** Apple, A., Rawlins, K., & Omaki, A. (October 19). *Wh-island amelioration at the interfaces: Syntax, processing, and semantic distinctness*. Paper presented at NELS 44. University of Connecticut; Storrs, CT.
- 2013 **Atkinson, E.,** Simeon, K., & Omaki, A. (March 23). *The time course of filler-gap dependency processing in the developing parser*. Poster presented at the 26th CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. Columbia, SC.
- 2012 **Atkinson, E.** (April 21). *Gender features on n and the root: An account of gender in French*. Paper presented at the 42nd Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL). Southern Utah University; Cedar City, UT.
- 2011 Brito, N., Barr, R., McIntyre, P., **Atkinson, E.,** Dougherty, D., & Simcock, G. (March 31). *Long-term retention and reactivation of forgotten memories from books during toddlerhood*. Paper presented as part of “Learning from picture books: from infancy to early school days” symposium at the biennial meeting of SRCO. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2009 **Atkinson, E.,** Salerno, K., Barr, R., & Linebarger, D. (March 6). *Examining how music interferes with imitation: Contrasting cognitive load with selective attention*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association (EPA). Pittsburgh, PA.

2008 Barr, R., Shuck, L., Salerno, K., **Atkinson, E.**, Linebarger, D., & Miller, N. (March 27). *Background music interferes with televised and live demonstrations during infancy*. Poster presented at the 16th Biennial ICIS. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan

2017 Experimental Syntax & Semantics

Johns Hopkins University

2017 American Dialects (1 credit); Psycholinguistics

2016 Johns Hopkins Summer Teaching Institute

Sponsored by the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL)

HONORS & HONOR SOCIETIES (induction dates)

2014 – 2015 G. Heberton Evans Jr. Graduate Fellowship

2013 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute Tuition Fellowship

2008 Psi Chi (National Psychology Honors Society)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Membership in Professional Organizations

2012 – Linguistic Society of America

Ad hoc Reviewing of Scholarly Works

Journals First Language; Journal of Psycholinguistic Research

Organizing Conferences and Workshops

2014 Gradient Symbolic Computation: The Continuous and Discrete in Sentence Processing, Johns Hopkins University (student organizer)

2013 Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning, Johns Hopkins University (student organizer)

2012 Advances in Optimality Theory: Syntax and Semantics, Johns Hopkins University (student organizer)

Other Service

2014 – 2016 Member of the JHU Cognitive Science colloquium committee