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Message from the Chair



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2016 was a year of change in leadership at many levels of the university. I took over from Allard Jongman as department chair. In addition, last February, Carl Lejuez started as the new Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the summer, Neeli Bendapudi started as the new Provost. She replaced our own Sara Rosen who left her position as interim Provost to become Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia State University. The university also seeks to appoint a successor to Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little who announced that she will step down this coming summer. What we all have in common is that all of us are faced with uncertainty about the budget which makes it difficult to plan ahead.

In the spring, we celebrated the promotion of Jie Zhang to the rank of full Professor. Congratulations Jie! Jie joined the department in 2003 as the first in a string of hires which largely determined the current state of the department. We also celebrated the graduation of 25 Linguistics majors and minors, 4 M.A. students, and 4 Ph.D. students.

As we look at the year to come, we face two major events. First and foremost is the 50th anniversary of

the department on September 15-16, 2017. Please see page 6 of this newsletter for more information about all events that we have planned. Second, the department will undergo an external review of both its undergraduate and graduate degree programs. We are confident that the department has positioned itself well and look forward to this evaluation. One thing that we are not looking forward to is the implementation of concealed carry on campus. Barring any last-minute changes before July 1st, concealed carry of handguns by anyone who is 21 years of age or older shall be permitted on University campuses, including all buildings and public areas of buildings owned or leased by the University that do not have adequate security measures. Personally, I fear that the university's core mission, the free exchange of ideas, will be compromised by the presence of handguns in our classrooms, offices, and dormitories. As a linguist, I prefer the power of words.

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus for the celebration of our 50th anniversary.

Joan A. Sereno

Faculty News



Prof. Robert Fiorentino presented work with students and collaborators at a number of conferences, including the 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, the Tenth International Conference on the Mental Lexicon, and the 5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and Acoustical Society of Japan. Prof. Fiorentino published manuscripts with faculty and student collaborators in *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*, and *Frontiers in Psychology*. In Fall 2016, Prof. Fiorentino worked with Linguistics Ph.D. student Lauren Covey to develop new activities and a new course project for LING 438 (Neurolinguistics I) in order to facilitate undergraduate engagement in research, with support from the KU Graduate Research Consultant program.



Prof. Alison Gabriele continued her work on the second language acquisition and processing of syntax and semantics. She published a journal article in *Frontiers in Psychology: Linguistic Sciences* with Dr. Adrienne Johnson and Dr. Robert Fiorentino and published a commentary with Lauren Covey and Dr. Robert Fiorentino in *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*. Along with colleagues and students, she presented at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. In 2016, Gabriele and Fiorentino began an international collaboration with the *Basque Center on Cognition, Brain, and Language*; they will seek federal funding for a project that examines the extent to which variability in the native language and second language are related, testing Spanish-speaking learners of English in Spain and English-speaking learners of Spanish in the U.S. Prof. Gabriele continues to serve as an Associate Editor for the journal *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism* and is on the editorial boards of *Studies in Second Language Acquisition* and *Second Language Research*.



Prof. Allard Jongman published papers in the *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* (with Hyunjung Lee Ph.D. '13), *Phonology* (with Dr. Hyunjung Lee and Dr. Jie Zhang), *Journal of the Acoustical Society* (with Dr. Joan Sereno and colleagues from Simon Fraser University), *Language and Speech* (with graduate student Quentin Qin), and *Psychological Science* (with Dr. Bob McMurray, U. of Iowa). He also published a chapter in a Festschrift for Dr. Harvey Sussman with former graduate student Dr. Goun Lee. Prof. Jongman co-authored four presentations at the joint meeting of the Acoustical Societies of America and Japan held in Honolulu, HI, last November. Prof. Jongman stepped down as department chair last July and will be on research leave in the spring of 2017. He will spend part of that leave on the second edition of his textbook *Phonetics: Transcription, Production, Acoustics, and Perception* (co-authored with Prof. Henning Reetz). Prof. Jongman continued to serve as Associate Editor of *Phonetica*.



Prof. Isaac Gould gave conference talks at Konstanz, Amsterdam, Berkeley, and Tokyo on a variety of topics, including syntax, semantics, and acquisition. Gould, with Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine, also published a paper on the syntax and semantics of three different kinds of Japanese relative clauses in *Glossa*.



Faculty News continued



Prof. Andrew McKenzie completed a project with alumna Lydia Newkirk (B.A.'15) on modal readings of *almost*, publishing in the *Proceedings of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, and extending that work to an article now under review at *Linguistics and Philosophy*. His project on Kiowa incorporation continues, with two presentations, one at the recent Linguistic Society of America conference, and one at the meeting of the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas. He was also invited to contribute a definitive annotated bibliography on switch-reference, now published in *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. With support from a TRESTLE grant through KU's C21 Teaching Initiative, Prof. McKenzie 'flipped' the semantics course to free up class time for collaborative problem-solving. He gave a presentation on this flipping at the TRESTLE grant's workshop in May, and was pleased to see a tripling of enrollment the next year.



Dr. Andrew McKenzie presenting at the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics



Prof. Utako Minai has been awarded a 2016 – 2017 KU General Research Fund (GRF) grant for her new project on children's acquisition and processing of the meaning of the focus word *only*. She was also awarded a sabbatical leave for Spring 2017, during which she will primarily work on the aforementioned GRF-supported project, as well as her other work on child language acquisition and processing. Prof. Minai has published journal articles in *Language Acquisition* coauthored with Dr. Adrienne Johnson (Missouri Western State University) and in *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research* co-authored with Dr. Fiorentino and Dr. Yuka Naito-Billen (KU), and has two book chapters currently in press, one to appear in an edited volume published in Japan, and the other, co-authored with Naoko Nadochiy (Johnson County Community College), to appear in an edited volume on Chinese and Japanese language acquisition research. An article co-authored with undergraduate major Patrick Connelly and Dr. Gabriele will also appear in the *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics*. Prof. Minai also made a presentation at the XPRAG Workshop on the Role of Pragmatic Factors in Child Language Processing, held at Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.

Faculty News continued



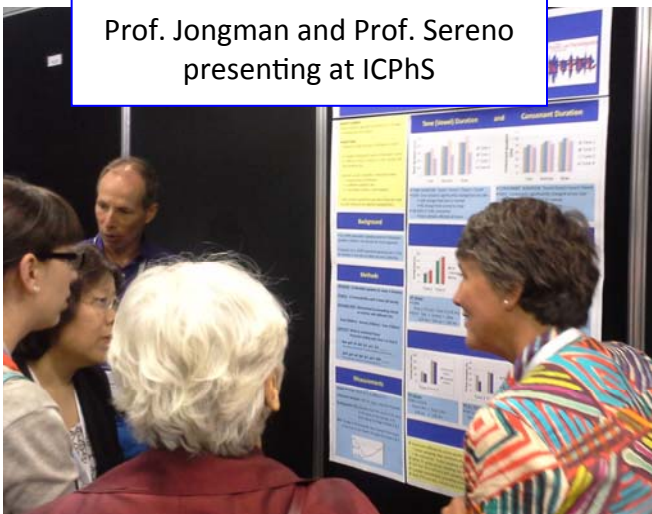
Prof. Clifton Pye continued his collaborative research on the acquisition of Mayan languages. He has completed the recording of children acquiring the Huastec and Chuj languages, and is refining the transcriptions. This is basic research that requires a significant amount of fieldwork to yield transcriptions of the children's languages. The project has resulted in a unique language acquisition database. The transcriptions are now coming online, and Prof. Pye has created an online archive for their dissemination <almaya.org>. Prof. Pye's papers and presentations this year have focused on the practical and theoretical implications of his research. He completed the second year of his project documenting the acquisition of Northern Pame (Oto-Manguean) with funding from the NSF. As community outreach for the project Prof. Pye designed and published a series of books for the Pame families with transcriptions in Pame of the recordings that were made with their children.



Prof. Joan Sereno took over from Allard Jongman as Chair of the Department of Linguistics in July. She continued her research examining acoustic changes and perceptual consequences of second language speech, with five recent articles. Two articles were research with a former graduate student (Dr. Yu-Fu Chien) and a colleague (Dr. Jie Zhang) (*Language, Cognition and Neuroscience; Language and Speech*); one article was with former graduate student Dr. Mahire Yakup (*Journal of the International Phonetics Association*); one article was part of an undergraduate Honors thesis by Lynne Lammers (*Applied Psycholinguistics*), and two articles were with colleagues at Simon Fraser University in Canada (*Journal of the Acoustical Society of America; Encyclopedia of Chinese Language and Linguistics*). With co-P.I.s (Dr. Jongman and Dr. Zhang), Prof. Sereno received a University of Kansas Research Fund (GRF) grant to study the “*The role of variability in speech categorization*”. In May, Prof. Sereno (with Dr. Zhang and Dr. Chien) presented research at the Fifth International Symposium on the Tonal Aspects of Languages in Buffalo, NY. In November, Sereno co-authored four presentations at the joint meeting of the Acoustical Society of America (ASA) and the Acoustical Society of Japan (ASJ) held in Honolulu Hawaii, with colleagues (Dr. Fiorentino, Dr. Zhang, Dr. Jongman), international collaborators (Dr. Wang), and graduate students (Chien, Qin). Prof. Sereno is an Editor of the journal *Language and Speech*. Prof. Sereno is also the Chair-Elect for the *American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS): Linguistics and Language Sciences (Section Z)*.



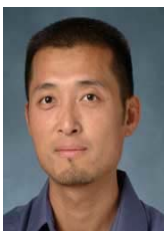
Prof. Jongman and Prof. Sereno presenting at ICPHS



Faculty News continued



Prof. Annie Tremblay continued to work with Drs. Mirjam Broersma, Taehong Cho, Sahyang Kim, and Elsa Spinelli on her NSF-funded project (*Effects of native language and linguistic exposure on non-native listeners' use of prosodic cues in speech segmentation*). She co-wrote four articles that are in press or appeared in *Applied Psycholinguistics* (second-language processing of stress, with graduate student Zhen (Quentin) Qin and alumnus Dr. Yu-Fu Chien), *Language Learning* (second-language proficiency assessment, with Dr. Stéphanie Gaillard), *Probus* (working-memory capacity in a second language, with Drs. Robert Reichle and Caitlin Coughlin), and *Frontiers in Psychology* (second-language speech segmentation, with Drs. Mirjam Broersma, Caitlin Coughlin, and Jiyoun Choi). With Drs. Isabelle Darcy and Miquel Simonet, she co-edited a special issue in *Frontiers in Psychology* (Language Sciences) entitled "Phonology in the bilingual and bidialectal lexicon". Prof. Tremblay also (co-)wrote two article |commentaries that are in press or appeared in *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition* (with Dr. Caitlin Coughlin) and *Journal of French Language*, as well as two papers in conference proceedings, one in *Proceedings of the 2016 Tonal Aspects of Language Conference* (with graduate student Katrina Connell and Dr. Jie Zhang) and one in *Proceedings of the 20th Workshop on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Dialogue* (with Drs. Jeffrey Klassen, Michael Wagner, and Heather Goad). Prof. Tremblay was invited to give a plenary talk at the 7th Conference on Tone and Intonation in Europe (University of Kent, United Kingdom), a talk at the Sound to Word in Bilingual and Second Language Speech Perception Conference (University of Iowa), as well as two workshops at the Aix Summer School on Prosody (Aix-en-Provence, France). She was also a co-author in presentations given at the 8th International Conference on Second-Language Speech (Aarhus, Denmark) and at the 5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and Acoustical Society of Japan (Honolulu, Hawai'i), among others. Prof. Tremblay finished her term as Associate Editor of *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism* and was invited to become Associate Editor of *Applied Psycholinguistics*.



Prof. Jie Zhang continued his work on the representation of tone sandhi in Hakka dialects in Taiwan in 2016 and made a field trip to Taipei in the summer. Preliminary results from the project were presented at the 5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and the Acoustical Society of Japan and the 15th Conference on Laboratory Phonology. He was a keynote speaker at the 5th International Symposium on Tonal Aspects of Languages and presented a number of papers with student coauthors at the conference. In 2016, his work appeared in print in *Journal of Phonetics*, *Journal of East Asian Linguistics*, *International Journal of Chinese Linguistics*, *Phonology*, and *Language, Cognition and Neuroscience* as well as a number of conference proceedings volumes. In collaboration with researchers in Hong Kong and Shanghai, he is currently using psycholinguistic and neurolinguistic methods to uncover how speakers encode different types of tone sandhi patterns and use them in production and perception. He is also collaborating with Dr. Allard Jongman, Dr. Joan Sereno, and doctoral student Zhen Qin on the investigation of the role of variability in categorizing linguistic tone.





50th Anniversary of the Linguistics Department

Join us on September 15-16, 2017

50th anniversary of the Linguistics Department!
60 years of instruction in Linguistics at KU!

Mark your calendars and start planning your trip to Lawrence
to celebrate these milestones in the department's history

Highlights include:

FRIDAY, September 15

- Opening reception at 5:00 pm

SATURDAY, September 16

- Lab tours/open house in the morning
- Poster session and talks by alumni, current students, and faculty in the afternoon
- Banquet at 6:00 pm

Specific details will be announced soon.

Please contact linguistics50@ku.edu for inquiries.



2016 Frances Ingemann Lecture — March 25, 2016



Brian McElree, Ph.D.
Psychology Department
New York University

ATTENTIONAL AND MEMORY CONSTRAINTS ON LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION

Studies of memory retrieval during real-time language comprehension demonstrate that the representations formed during sentence processing are content-addressable and accessed with a cue-driven direct-access operation. Retrieval is required in comprehension whenever compositional operations depend on features or constituents outside focal attention. A recent series of studies indicates that the span of focal attention in comprehension is extremely limited. These studies suggest that memory operations are more ubiquitous in comprehension than previously supposed, and that even seemingly simple expressions require the rapid shunting of information between memory and focal attention.

Graduate Student News continued



Katrina Connell finished data collection for her dissertation in Beijing, China and returned to Kansas. Since her return, she has co-authored a paper with Dr. Annie Tremblay and Dr. Jie Zhang entitled "The Timing of Acoustic vs. Perceptual Availability of Segmental and Suprasegmental Information" in the *Proceedings of the 2016 Tonal Aspects of Language Conference* and presented the work as a poster at the Tonal Aspect of Language conference in Buffalo, NY. She also present work in collaboration with Simone Hüls, Maria Teresa Martínez-García, Zhen Qin, Seulgi Shin, Hanbo Yan, & Dr. Annie Tremblay entitled "English Learners' Use of Segmental and Suprasegmental Cues to Stress in Lexical Access: An Eye-Tracking Study" at the New Sounds Conference in Aarhus, Denmark and at the ASA in Honolulu.



Lauren Covey had a commentary co-authored with Dr. Gabriele and Dr. Fiorentino appear in *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*. Her presentation titled "Facilitative processing of agreement dependencies in Hindi" won a Graduate Research Award at the KU Graduate Research Competition. Along with Xiao Yang, Lauren presented at the Cognitive and Brain Sciences proseminar in a presentation titled "Individual differences in prediction: An ERP study on word-pair semantic priming." She was selected to serve as a Graduate Research Consultant to work with Dr. Fiorentino in his Fall 2016 Neurolinguistics I class. She also received the Frances Ingemann scholarship.



Philip Duncan received a University Graduate Fellowship to continue his work on ergativity and clause structure in Me'phaa. He presented "El caso ergativo como caso dependiente y ergatividad sintáctica en K'iche' [Dependent ergative case and syntactic ergativity in K'iche']" at the 4th Form and Analysis in Mayan Linguistics meeting held in Saki' (Valladolid), Yucatan, Mexico, and "Parallel chain formation in Ibibio contrastive verb focus" at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, which was also published in the proceedings for that meeting. With Dr. Harold Torrence (UCLA), Phil presented "Wh-expressions in non-interrogative contexts in Kaqchikel" at the Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas in Washington, D. C., which is part of work also done in collaboration with Dr. Pedro Mateo Pedro (University of Maryland & Universidad del Valle en Guatemala, Campus Altiplano). As part of an ongoing project on Ibibio morphosyntax in collaboration with Travis Major (UCLA) and Mfon Udoinyang (KU African & African American Studies), Phil also presented "Verb and predicate coordination in Ibibio" 47th Annual Conference on African Linguistics held at UC Berkeley.

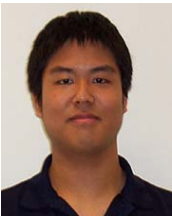


Kotoko Nakata presented a poster "Second language learners' (English-speaking learners of Japanese) perception of sound symbolism in Japanese mimetic stimuli" at the second Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum held at Ohio State University in October. She received support from the Graduate student travel fund, which enabled her to attend the conference in Ohio. The proceedings of the forum will be published online.

Graduate Student News continued



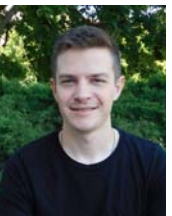
Nick Feroce presented a poster at the 2015 Second Language Research Forum and gave a talk at the 2016 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing for his undergraduate work with Dr. Edith Kaan (University of Florida) on an ERP investigation of second-language predictive processing. He received a travel grant from KU and travel funds from the Department of Linguistics for his conference trips. In the spring, he started his master's project on an ERP study of pronominal processing in native Spanish speakers. In the fall 2016 semester, he began TAing for the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at KU.



Masashi Harada published "The Preferred Readings in Japanese Multiple Sluicing" and "Japanese Pseudoclefts" in *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics: Proceedings of The 12th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL)*, and *Kansas Working Papers in Linguistics 37*. Masashi also presented his research "The Existence of Pseudoclefts in Japanese," "The Preference of the Pair-List Reading in Japanese Multiple Sluicing," and "Sluicing of Nonfinite Clauses in Japanese" at the Buckeye East Asian Linguistics Forum 2, WAFL 12, and LSA. Masashi received support from the Department of Linguistics to attend these events.



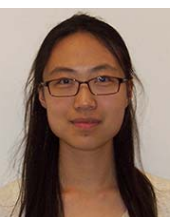
David Kummer presented a poster titled "Control and Related Constructions in Ibibio" at the 47th meeting of the Annual Conference of African Linguistics in Berkeley, CA (March 2016). He defended his Master's project "A Ton of Planks in Plankton: Examining Morpho-Orthographic Decomposition in the Early Stages of Complex Word Processing" in June 2016 with Dr. Robert Fiorentino as his advisor. He GTA'd for Ling 110 in 2016 and Ling 320 for the Spring 2017 semester.



Charlie Redmon presented three posters: Acoustic classification of velar fricatives in Asamese (Salt Lake City, UT), Source properties of dorsal fricatives (Honolulu, HI), and Quantifying the information carried in tonal contrasts in Phom (Guwahati, Assam, India). In addition, he co-authored "Cross-linguistic perception of clearly spoken English tense and lax vowels based on auditory, visual, and auditory-visual information" in Honolulu. Redmon gave a talk titled "How network structure informs the analysis of phonetic contrasts in speech" at the Red Hot Research forum at The Commons, from which he received a Stimulant Grant.



Quentin Qin was awarded an NSF dissertation improvement grant as well as a Doctoral Research Fund (\$2,000) from KU's Office of Graduate Studies to support his dissertation "How Native Chinese Listeners and Second-Language Chinese Learners Process Tones in Word Recognition: An Eye-tracking Study." He submitted a co-authored manuscript "English Learners' Use of Segmental and Suprasegmental Cues to Stress in Lexical Access: An Eye-Tracking Study." He co-presented this project at the 5th joint meeting of the ASA and Acoustical Society of Japan in Hawaii, and at New Sounds in Denmark.



Xiao Yang gave a talk titled "An EEG investigation of the role of prediction and individual differences in word-pair semantic priming" at the 2016 KU Graduate Research Competition, and at 2016 KU Cognitive Brain Science Brownbag Talk series along with Lauren Covey. Xiao also worked with Dr. Robert Fiorentino, Dr. Joan Sereno, and Dr. Yu-Fu Chien on an EEG investigation of 3rd tone sandhi in Mandarin Chinese.



2016 Graduations — Congratulations!

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

MAJORS

- ◆ Ben Bolton
- ◆ Bob Brumleve
- ◆ Rhees Carlson
- ◆ Joshua Collins
- ◆ Drew Davies
- ◆ Dallas Diaz
- ◆ John-Patrick Doherty
- ◆ Michelle Dunn
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- ◆ Emily Wurtz

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- ◆ Sean Bowman
- ◆ Nicole Cox
- ◆ Tyler Klankey
- ◆ Samuel Lamb
- ◆ Minami Levonowich
- ◆ Parker Riley
- ◆ Kendra Weinstein

2016 Linguistics Awards

Graduate Teaching Award

Jonah Bates
Yu-Fu Chien

Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award

Maite Martinez-Garcia
Kate Coughlin

Dissertation Award

Philip Duncan

Promising Linguistics Junior Award

Molly Kaup

Distinguished Linguistics Major Award

Patrick Connelly



2016 Ph.D. Hooding—Front row: Adrienne Johnson, Yingjie Li, Hanbo Yan, Yu-Fu Chien, Kate Coughlin. Back row: Maite Martinez-Garcia, Goun Lee, Prof. Annie Tremblay, Prof. Joan Sereno, Prof. Jie Zhang, Prof. Alison Gabriele, Prof. Robert Fiorentino, Prof. Allard Jongman.



2016 Graduations—Congratulations!

GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS

- ◆ **Zhou Chen** “*The syntax of ha polar questions in Wuhu Chinese*” (Advisor: Andrew McKenzie)
- ◆ **David Kummer** “*A ton of planks in plankton: Examining morpho-orthographic decomposition in the early stages of complex word processing*” (Advisor: Robert Fiorentino)
- ◆ **Xiakun Li** — Written Exam
- ◆ **Xiao Yang** “*Context-dependent meaning computation: An investigation of the effect of Question Under Discussion of scalar implicature*” (Advisors: Robert Fiorentino & Utako Minai)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

- ◆ **Yu-Fu Chien** “*The role of individual differences in the acceptance of island violations in native and non-native speakers*” (Advisors: Joan Sereno & Jie Zhang)
- ◆ **Kate Coughlin** “*Processing morphologically complex words in native and non-native French*” (Advisor: Robert Fiorentino)
- ◆ **Beatriz Lopez Prego** “*The online use of markedness information in L1 and L2 Spanish gender agreement*” (Advisors: Robert Fiorentino & Alison Gabriele)
- ◆ **Maria Martinez-Garcia** “*Tracking bilingual activation in the processing and production of Spanish*” (Advisor: Annie Tremblay)
- ◆ **Hanbo Yan** “*The nature of variation in tone sandhi patterns of Shanghai and Wuxi Wu*” (Advisor: Jie Zhang)



Linguistics would like to hear from its students and alumni!

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2016-2017 GTAs

- ◆ **Jonah Bates**—LING 106
- ◆ **Lauren Covey**—LING 110
- ◆ **John-Patrick Doherty**—LING 106
- ◆ **Longcan Huang**—LING 110
- ◆ **David Kummer**—LING 320
- ◆ **Mingxing Li**—LING 312
- ◆ **Quentin Qin**—LING 435
- ◆ **Charlie Redmon**—LING 305
- ◆ **Lena Roesner**—LING 110
- ◆ **Xiao Yang**—LING 106

In Memoriam: Bruno Tagliaferri



On January 14, 2016, Bruno Tagliaferri, husband of Associate Professor Alison Gabriele, died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 38. Bruno developed a close relationship with many students and faculty in the department through social events and through the software that he developed called *Paradigm*, which is used in many of our labs. Bruno came up with the idea to develop a new program for experimental control during his years working as a computer programmer for researchers at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York in the Speech and Hearing PhD program and at the Sackler Institute for Developmental Psychobiology at Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

Bruno and Alison met in January of 2000 in the hallway between the Linguistics department and the Speech and Hearing department at the CUNY Graduate Center. After Alison moved from New York to Lawrence to take a job in the KU Linguistics department, Bruno followed in 2008 and focused all of his efforts on starting the business. The labs in the Linguistics department at KU served as beta testing sites for *Paradigm* and Bruno worked with many of our faculty to refine its features. Bruno and his colleague Dr. Jason Zevin at the University of Southern California also received funding from the National Institutes of Health Small Business Innovation Research program to develop *Paradigm*, enabling the program to be integrated with a wide range of devices including EEG and fMRI. By 2015, *Paradigm* was voted the #1 stimulus presentation software for mobile studies, user satisfaction, and support in a user poll conducted by psycholinguists. The company was sold in 2016 to Dr. Joshua Pritchard of the Florida Institute of Technology; Dr. Pritchard will continue to sell *Paradigm* and keep the program updated.

The loss of Bruno is felt by the department in many ways. Alison and Bruno hosted many department functions over the years and Bruno always made sure that the wine selection was interesting and exciting. He corresponded with our students and faculty on a daily basis, offering help in getting our experiments up and running and figuring out how to implement complex experimental designs in an elegant manner. Bruno lives on through our memories, through *Paradigm*, and through his three-year old daughter Eliza Gabriele Tagliaferri, who is currently contributing artwork to some of our labs.



A memorial to honor Bruno's memory was developed at Eliza's school in Lawrence, Raintree Montessori School. The painting *Where We Meet* by Lawrence artist Clare Doveton, which was commissioned for the memorial, is shown above.

2016 Frances Ingemann Scholarship

Lauren Covey was the recipient of the Frances Ingemann Scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year. Lauren extends her sincere appreciation to Dr. Ingemann and to all the Linguistics faculty for this honor. She began the MA/PhD program in Fall 2013 and is advised by Dr. Alison Gabriele and Dr. Robert Fiorentino. Her research examines online processing in native speakers and second language learners, using psycholinguistic and neurolinguistic techniques to investigate the cognitive and linguistic factors that impact processing.

Lauren recently presented a poster titled “Investigating island sensitivity in the processing of wh- dependencies: An ERP study” at the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing. She also has submitted for publication a group project that began in the Neurolinguistics II seminar, titled “An ERP investigation of the role of prediction and individual differences in semantic priming,” and presented this work at the annual meeting for the Society for the Neurobiology of Language and KU’s Cognitive and Brain Sciences Proseminar along with her coauthors Dr. Robert Fiorentino, Dr. Caitlin Coughlin, Dr. Adrienne Johnson, Dr. Maite Martinez-Garcia, Xiao Yang, and Cynthia Siew. In the coming months, Lauren will collect data for her dissertation examining island sensitivity and the processing of wh-dependencies by native and non-native speakers, for which she was awarded a dissertation grant from *Language Learning*.



New Arrival—Congratulations



Congratulations to Candice Tang and Mingxing Li on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl born on September 14, 2016.

Mia Xinyi Li

Her middle name consists of 2 Chinese characters meaning “faithful” given by mom and “suitable” given by dad.

Alumni News



Dr. Maite Martinez-Garcia (Ph.D. 2016) is currently a visiting assistant professor of Spanish in the Department of Literature and Languages at Texas A&M University-Commerce. However, starting in June, she's moving to Poland to join a project on the "Impact of short-term and long-term language experience on language regulation and cognitive functions in bilinguals", working under the mentorship of Dr. Zofia Wodniecka and Dr. Antonella Sorace.



Dr. Caitlin Coughlin (Ph.D. 2016) is currently working as an Associate Researcher in the Bureau of Child Research within the Life Span Institute at the University of Kansas. Additionally, she teaches introductory-level classes for KU's Department of Linguistics.





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- ◆ Nicholas Eastwood-Tallman
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