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EDUCATION

2017 - Present Ph.D., New York University (NYU), Linguistics
Advisor: Liina Pylkkänen

2015 - 2017 M.A., California State University - Northridge (CSUN), Linguistics

2007 - 2011 B.A., University of Georgia (UGA), Linguistics & International Affairs

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Bilingualism Code-switching, neural bases of bilingual language processing, attitudes and perceptions, magnetoencephalography (MEG), eye-tracking

Acquisition Bilingual language development, acquisition of morpho-/syntax, corpus analysis

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

2021 Bilingualism and the Brain Workshop Travel Award¹

2020 NYU College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award
LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics (CEDL) Travel Award

2019 Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference Travel Award
NYU Graduate School of Arts & Science Dean's Student Travel Grant

2017 BUCLD 42 Diversity Enhancement Award

2017-2023 NYU MacCracken Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

2021.11 **Phillips, S.F.** & Pylkkänen, L. Composition within and between languages in the bilingual mind: MEG evidence from Korean/English bilinguals. *eNeuro*, 8(6). <<https://doi.org/10.1523/ENEURO.0084-21.2021>>²

INVITED TALKS

2021.10.23 *How our brains compose words from different languages.* NYU Alumni and Parents Weekend, New York University.

2021.9.27 *Investigating the syntactic processing of code-switching expressions.* Colloquium Series, Department of Linguistics, Boston University.

¹Workshop cancelled due to COVID-19

²Selected for the SfN Press Conference

- 2021.9.8 *Toward a linguistically inclusive model of language processing.* Speaker Series, NLP with Friends, Virtual.
- 2021.2.26 *Code-switching isn't special as far as composition is concerned.* Speaker Series, Department of Linguistics/TESL, California State University - Northridge.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021.11 **Phillips, S.F.** & Pylkkänen, L. *Switching orthographies, not languages, incurs processing costs: An MEG investigation into the processing of Korean-English code-switching.* Paper to be presented at the Bilingualism and the Brain Workshop, Trømsø, Norway.³
- 2020.10 **Phillips, S.F.**, Abrams, E., Parrish, A., Geguera, R., Hauptman, M., & Pylkkänen, L. *Evaluating laterality of spoken word recognition and basic composition in adults and children with MEG.* Poster presented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, held virtually due to COVID-19.
- 2020.5 **Phillips, S.F.** & Pylkkänen, L. *Code-switching during composition: MEG evidence from Korean-English bilinguals.* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting for the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, Massachusetts, United States.⁴
- 2020.1 **Phillips, S.F.** *Using more than just grammars during offline and online tasks by Spanish-English bilinguals.* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.
- 2019.9 **Phillips, S.F.** & Pylkkänen, L. *Investigating the neural effects of code-switching on combinatorial processing with MEG.* Talk presented at the Conference on Multilingualism, Leiden University, Netherlands.
- 2019.8 **Phillips, S.F.** & Pylkkänen, L. *Are neural effects of composition sensitive to code-switching?* Poster presented at the 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Helsinki, Finland.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2021.11.8 *Title TBD* (Live Radio Interview). The Elias Makos Show.
- 2021.6.16 *'I'm willing to fight for it': Learning a second language as an adult* (Audio podcast episode). NPR Short Wave.
- 2020.8.7 *Spreading warm bread with socks* (Audio podcast episode). NPR Short Wave.

TEACHING

Guest Lectures

- 2020.12.1 *Code-switching: Re-imagining the linguistically diverse.* LIN213: Language and Mind, Queen Mary University of London, Fall 2020.
- 2020.11.4 *Bilingual Language Processing.* LING 50.01: Psycholinguistics, Dartmouth University, Fall 2020.

³Originally scheduled for May 2020 but later cancelled due to COVID-19

⁴Originally scheduled for March 2020 but delayed due to COVID-19

2020.9.30 *Korean & English: A tale of two languages co-existing in the bilingual mind.*
ML82-138: “Crazy” Linguistically Rich Asian Languages, Carnegie Mellon University, Fall 2020.

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2021 LING-UA 43: Neural Bases of Language (with Liina Pykkänen)
Spring 2021 LING-UA 1: Language (with Anna Szabolcsi)
Spring 2020 LING-UA 59/PSYCH-UA 300: First Language Acquisition
(with Ailís Cournane)
Fall 2019 LING-UA 3/PSYCH-UA 27: Language and Mind
(with Anna Szabolcsi, Brian McElree)
Fall 2018 LING-UA 15: Language and Society (with Laurel MacKenzie)

Course Assistant

Fall 2020 LING-UA 23: African-American English (with Renée Blake)
2018-2021 SCHOL-UA 20: Sophomore Scholars Program (with Renée Blake)

ADVISING

Project Advisor

2020-2022 Niamh McCarthy, Fontbonne Hall Academy

SERVICE & APPOINTMENTS

2021.10.28 **Panelist**, “Is Graduate School Right for You” Webinar,
NYU College of Arts and Sciences
Summer 2021 **Dean Search Committee - PhD Student Representative**,
NYU Graduate School of Arts & Science
Curriculum Development Graduate Assistant,
NYU Department of Linguistics
Spring 2021 **Internship Partner**, exalt (exaltyouth.org)
2019 - 2020 **Lab Manager**, NYU Sociolinguistics Lab
Summer 2019 **Student Affairs Graduate Assistant**,
NYU College of Arts & Science Dean’s Office
Fall 2018 **Media Communications Coordinator**,
New Ways of Analyzing Variation Conference (NWAV47)
2018 - 2020 **Volunteer**, NYU are Women in Science (NYUrWIS)
Spring 2017 **Co-organizer**, CSUN Linguistics in Practice Institute
Search and Screen Committee - Student Representative,
CSUN College of Humanities

2008 - 2010 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, UGA ATLAS Project

MEMBERSHIPS

2021 - Present Society for Neuroscience (SfN)

2019 - Present Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL)

2016 - Present Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 - 2017 **Instructional Support Assistant**, CSUN Learning Resource Center

2016 - 2017 **Textbooks Sales and Marketing Specialist**, SAGE Publishing

2014 - 2016 **Textbooks Sales Representative (Canada/U.S.)**, SAGE Publishing

SKILLS

Languages English, African-American Language (Native), Korean (Near-Native), Spanish (Basic)

Technology Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, R, Python, LaTeX, Psychopy, SR Experiment Builder, Gorilla Experiment Builder, Qualtrics, Amazon Mechanical Turk, Praat, HTML & CSS (Basic)

Photography Digital & Film (135mm, 120mm), Rotary Processing (C-41, Black & White)

New York City, November 2021