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POSITIONS

2022 - Present Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Neurology
Georgetown University Medical Center

EDUCATION

2017 - 2022 Ph.D., Linguistics, New York University (NYU)
2015 - 2017 M.A., Linguistics, California State University - Northridge (CSUN)
2007 - 2011 B.A., Linguistics & International Affairs, University of Georgia (UGA)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Bilingualism Syntactic theories on code-switching, neural bases of bilingual language processing, attitudes and perceptions
Acquisition Bilingual language development, acquisition of morpho-/syntax
Methods Magnetoencephalography (MEG), Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI), Eye-tracking, 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

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

in prep **Phillips, S.F.** Code-switching elicits differences in acceptability and processing measures.
submitted Lai, M.C.H., Abrams, E., Bou Dargham, S., Fallon, J., Goldman, E., Hauptman, M., Parrish, A., **Phillips, S.F.**, Reinoso, A. & Pylkkänen, L. Developmental changes in auditory evoked responses at different levels of linguistic processing: An MEG study.

¹Workshop cancelled due to COVID-19

- submitted **Phillips, S.F.** & Sedarous, Y. Building code-switching nominals from the noun up.
- 2021.11 **Phillips, S.F.** & Pykkänen, 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

- 2023.04.18 *Looking for lateralization during language learning.* Georgetown Research Opportunities Workshop, Georgetown University.
- 2023.03.03 *What can bilinguals teach us about executive control?* Speaker Series, Department of Psychology, University of New Mexico.
- 2023.02.03 *When processing meets theory: A general strategy for building code-switching expressions.* Integrated Language Sciences and Technology Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2022.04.01 *Composing across grammars in the bilingual mind.* Early Career Colloquium Series, Department of Cognitive Science, Johns Hopkins University.
- 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.
- 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

- 2023.03 **Phillips, S.F.**, & Cournane, A. *Grammatical gender uninformative during bilingual language comprehension.* Poster presented at the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing.
- 2022.03 **Phillips, S.F.**, Sedarous, Y., & Reinoso, A. *Investigating ordering restrictions on code-switching.* Poster presented at the Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC46), held virtually due to COVID-19.
- 2021.11 **Phillips, S.F.** & Pykkänen, 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, Tromsø, Norway.³
- 2020.10 **Phillips, S.F.**, Abrams, E., Parrish, A., Geguera, R., Hauptman, M., & Pykkänen, 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.

²Selected for the SfN Press Conference

³Originally scheduled for May 2020 but later cancelled 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 *Turns out your brain is primed to be bilingual!* (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

Lead Instructor

Summer 2022 LING-UA 1: Language

Guest Lecturer

- 2023.02.27 *Understanding how diverse linguistic experiences affect the neural bases of language*. Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, University of Florida, Spring 2023.
- 2023.02.24 *Bilingual Processing*. LING 413: Psycholinguistics, Georgetown University, Spring 2023.
- 2022.3.31 *Neuroscientific approaches to investigating code-switching*. LING 001: Introduction to Language and Linguistics, Swarthmore College, Spring 2022.
- 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.
- 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.

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

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
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SERVICE & APPOINTMENTS

Ad Hoc	Reviewer, National Science Foundation [Grant], Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council [Grant], <i>Applied Psycholinguistics</i> [Journal], <i>Second Language Research</i> [Journal]
2022.12.12	Panelist, Dimensions in Sciences Career Panel, Women in Bio DC Chapter
Summer 2022	Mentor, Diversity Undergraduate Research Incubator, NYU College of Arts and Sciences
2022.02.25	Panelist, “Life of a PhD Student” Webinar, NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences x HSI Pathways to the Professoriate
2022.02.10	Breakout Leader, “Creating Connections: What graduate students of color need to know about mentorship” Webinar, NYU Graduate Admissions
2022-2024	Networking & Mentorship Subcommittee Co-Chair, LSA Committee on Ethnic Diversity in Linguistics
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), Film Processing (C-41 Color, Black & White)

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