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## Employment

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6/19–8/19 Postdoctoral Associate  
Advisor: Evelina Fedorenko

**Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology**

Cambridge, MA

## Education

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2019	Ph.D. Psychology Committee: Jesse Snedeker (chair), Evelina Fedorenko, Steven Pinker, Susan Carey	<b>Harvard University</b>	Cambridge, MA
2016	A.M. Psychology	<b>Harvard University</b>	Cambridge, MA
2014	M.A. Linguistics Advisor: Liina Pylkkänen	<b>New York University</b>	New York, NY
2011	A.B. German (honors) Advisor: Adele Goldberg	<b>Princeton University</b>	Princeton, NJ

## Research Interests

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Psycholinguistics, lexical semantics/event structure, language acquisition, conceptual development, neurolinguistics, syntax, discourse structure, computational language modeling

## Publications

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**Ziegler, J.**, Morato, R., & Snedeker, J. (2019). [Priming semantic structure in Brazilian Portuguese](#). *Journal of Cultural Cognitive Science*, 3(Suppl. 1), 25-37.

**Ziegler, J.**, Bencini, G., Goldberg, A., & Snedeker, J. (2019). [How abstract is syntax? Evidence from structural priming](#). *Cognition*, 193, 104045.

Kocab, A., **Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2019). [It takes a village: The role of community size in linguistic regularization](#). *Cognitive Psychology*, 114, 101227.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2019). [The use of syntax and information structure during language comprehension: Evidence from structural priming](#). *Language, Cognition, & Neuroscience*, 34(3), 365-384.

Paul, P., **Ziegler, J.**, Chalmers, E., & Snedeker, J. (2019). [Children and adults successfully comprehend subject-only sentences online](#). *PLoS ONE*, 14(1), e0209670.

Morato, R. A., & **Ziegler, J.** (2018). [The acquisition of tense and aspect: Evidence from Portuguese and Spanish](#). *Cadernos CESPUC de Pesquisa*, 33, 36-49.

**Ziegler, J.**, Snedeker, J., & Wittenberg, E. (2018). [Event structures drive semantic structural priming, not thematic roles: Evidence from idioms and light verbs](#). *Cognitive Science*, 42(8), 2918-2949.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2018). [How broad are thematic roles? Evidence from structural priming](#). *Cognition*, 179, 221-240.

**Ziegler, J.**, Snedeker, J., & Wittenberg, E. (2017). [Priming is swell, but it's far from simple](#) (commentary on Branigan & Pickering's "An experimental approach to linguistic representation"). *Behavioral & Brain Sciences*, 40, 291-300.

*Sciences*, 40, 44-45.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Pylkkänen, L. (2016). [Scalar adjectives and the temporal unfolding of semantic composition: An MEG investigation](#). *Neuropsychologia*, 89, 161-171.

## Manuscripts (\*Trainee co-author) ---

**Ziegler, J.**, \*Chai, A., & Snedeker, J. (under review). [Why baking a cake is like surprising a child: Evidence for shared conceptual structure for psychological and physical events](#).

**Ziegler, J.**, Crawford, J., & Snedeker, J. (in prep). [Tense marking in internationally-adopted children: A test of the maturational hypothesis](#).

**Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (in prep). [Linking words and syntax: The development of lexical and abstract structural priming](#).

Siegelman, M., **Ziegler, J.**, Paunov, A., & Fedorenko, E. (in prep). [Functional characterization of the high-level language-responsive area in left ventral temporal cortex](#).

## Presentations (\*Trainee co-author) ---

**Ziegler, J.**, \*Chai, A., & Snedeker, J. (2019, poster). [Evidence for shared conceptual structure for psychological and physical events](#). *32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Boulder, CO.

**Ziegler, J.**, \*Hauptman, M., Snedeker, J., & Fedorenko, E. (2018, poster). [The neural encoding of thematic roles](#). *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, Boston, MA.

**Ziegler, J.**, Goldberg, A., & Snedeker, J. (2018, poster). [Passive priming requires function word overlap](#). *31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Davis, CA.

**Ziegler, J.**, Kocab, A., & Snedeker, J. (2017, poster). [The effect of population size on intergenerational language convergence: An artificial language learning paradigm](#). *42<sup>nd</sup> Boston University Conference on Language Development*, Boston, MA.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2017, talk). [Differential effects of working memory load on structural priming for syntax vs. semantics](#). *Workshop on the Relationship between Executive Functions & Language Processing*, Cambridge, MA.

**Ziegler, J.**, Snedeker, J., & Wittenberg, E. (2017, poster). [Different paths from structure to event construal in idiomatic, semi-idiomatic, and fully transparent expressions](#). *30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Cambridge, MA.

Paul, P., **Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2017, poster). [Evidence for incremental processing of \*only\*-sentences in adults as well as children](#). *30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Cambridge, MA.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2016, poster). [Structural priming across development: The lexical boost, abstract priming, and task demands](#). *41<sup>st</sup> Boston University Conference on Language Development*, Boston, MA.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2016, poster). [On the psychological reality of linguistic event structures](#). *38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, Philadelphia, PA.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2016, poster). [Structural priming across the lifespan](#). *9<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Language Production*, San Diego, CA.

Paul, P., **Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2016, talk). [Online comprehension of subject- vs. object-\*only\* in English-speaking children](#). *Workshop on the Role of Pragmatic Factors in Child Language Processing*,

Berlin, Germany.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Snedeker, J. (2016, poster). [Toward a comprehensive view of structural priming: What gets primed when.](#) *29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*, Gainesville, FL.

**Ziegler, J.** (2014, poster). [Copy-raising and Phase Theory: Finite complementizers look like they're defective, too.](#) *88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Minneapolis, MN.

**Ziegler, J.**, & Veselinović, D. (2014, poster). [Most set-building is heterogeneous: A relook at verification strategies.](#) *88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Minneapolis, MN.

## Grants

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12/18	<b>Elsie Hopestill Stimson Fund Research Grant</b> (\$500), Harvard Psychology
11/17	<b>Graduate Student Award Grant</b> (\$3000), Harvard Mind Brain Behavior Interfaculty Initiative
10/17	<b>Elsie Hopestill Stimson Fund Research Grant</b> (\$500), Harvard Psychology
5/17	<b>Pershing Square Fund Grant</b> (\$5000), Harvard Foundations of Human Behavior Initiative
4/17	<b>Research Grant</b> (\$2700), Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science
11/16	<b>Norman Henry Anderson Graduate Psychology Fund Grant</b> (\$3500), Harvard GSAS
11/15	<b>Norman Henry Anderson Graduate Psychology Fund Grant</b> (\$3500), Harvard GSAS
11/14	<b>Elsie Hopestill Stimson Fund Research Grant</b> (\$1000), Harvard Psychology
12/09	<b>Fred Fox Class of 1939 Fund Grant</b> (\$1000), Princeton Office of Religious Life
4/09	<b>Fred Fox Class of 1939 Fund Grant</b> (\$1500), Princeton Office of Religious Life

## Awards & Fellowships

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7/19	<b>Student Travel Award</b> (\$250), CUNY 2019
3/19	<b>Travel Grant</b> (\$805), Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science
12/18	<b>Student Travel Award</b> (\$243.90), CUNY 2018
9/18–5/19	<b>Dissertation Completion Fellowship</b> , Harvard GSAS
2/18	<b>Elsie Hopestill Stimson Fund Travel Grant</b> (\$500), Harvard Psychology
9/17	<b>Certificate of Distinction in Teaching</b> (for PSY 16: Developmental Psychology: Psychology of Early Childhood), Harvard Bok Center for Teaching & Learning
6/16	<b>Elsie Hopestill Stimson Fund Travel Grant</b> (\$500), Harvard Psychology
5/16	<b>Travel Grant</b> (\$600), Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science
2/16	<b>Elsie Hopestill Stimson Fund Travel Grant</b> (\$500), Harvard Psychology
11/13	<b>Dean's Student Travel Grant</b> (\$500), NYU GSAS
11/13	<b>Conference Fund Travel Grant</b> (\$500), NYU Student Senators Council
9/12–5/14	<b>Henry H. MacCracken Fellowship</b> , NYU GSAS
12/10	<b>Mary Cunningham Humphreys Junior German Prize</b> , Princeton German
5/09	<b>German Department Book Prize</b> , German Consulate

## Invited Talks (\*Trainee co-presenter)

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8/3/22	<a href="#">Career panel, Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience</a> , Boston Children's Hospital, HMS
10/9/19	<a href="#">Careers in industry panel, Developmental Brownbag Talk Series</a> , Stanford Psychology

2/8/19 The building blocks of linguistic meaning, **Emerging Scholars of Psychological Science**, Princeton Psychology

11/20/18 Evidence for shared conceptual structure for psychological and physical events, **Language Lab (TedLab)**, MIT BCS

10/25/18 You can “enter a garage” but can you also “crab-walk a garage”? Evidence for flexible linguistic encoding in Chinese, English, Portuguese, and Spanish, **Psychology Program Colloquium**, Bard College

11/17/17 The neural encoding of linguistic meaning (w/ \*Miriam Hauptman), **Language Learning Lab**, BC Psychology

11/6/17 Using structural priming to ask questions about semantics, **Language Lab (TedLab)**, MIT BCS

5/9/17 Investigating semantic structure with structural priming, **Center for Research in Language**, UCSD

3/23/17 Meaning matters: Semantic structure revealed through structural priming, **Cognition, Brain, & Behavior Research Seminar**, Harvard Psychology

12/8/16 Charting the development of syntax, **Child Language Lab**, BU Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences

2/3/15 Scalar adjectives and the temporal unfolding of semantic composition, **Language & Cognition Research Workshop**, Harvard Psychology

## Teaching

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Sum. 2019 Teaching Assistant for Elizabeth Phelps, **PSYC S-1: Introduction to Psychology**, Harvard Summer School

Spr. 2019 Grader for Max Krasnow, **PSY 1305: Evolution & Cognition**, Harvard

Spr. 2018 Teaching Fellow for Jason Mitchell, **SLS 20: Psychological Science** (=undergrad intro to psychology), Harvard

F. 2017 Teaching Fellow for Patrick Mair, **PSY 1900: Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences**, Harvard

Spr. 2017 Teaching Fellow for Jesse Snedeker, **PSY 16: Developmental Psychology**, Harvard

F. 2016 Teaching Fellow for Patrick Mair, **PSY 1900: Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences**, Harvard

Spr. 2014 Teaching Assistant for Anna Szabolcsi, **LING-UA 1.001: Language** (=undergrad intro to linguistics), NYU

## Mentorship

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**Thesis Students:** Lily Feinberg, BC (2018-19); Tiwalayo Eisape, BC (2018-19); Miriam Hauptman, Tufts (2018-19)

**Research Assistants:** Parker Robbins, Northeastern (9/18–12/18); Romy Dolgin, Harvard (9/18–12/18); Kailee Zhu, Harvard GSE (5/18–10/18); Nafisa Syed, MIT (2/18–8/18); Tiwalayo Eisape, BC (2/18–5/19); Claudia Hui, Boston U. (2/18–4/18); Sadie Pate, Harvard (9/17–12/17); Miriam Hauptman, Tufts (9/16–5/19); Madison Schmitt, Harvard (9/16–5/17); Jared Hawn, UMass Boston (2/16–5/17); Arthur

Grayson III, Harvard Extension (9/15–5/16); Sophie Welsh, Harvard (7/15–12/15); Cara Vinclette, Northeastern U. (2/15–6/15); Jamie Ye, Boston U. (2/15–5/15)

**Summer Interns:** Annie Chai, UCSD (6/18–8/18); Miriam Hauptman, Tufts (6/17–8/17); Anthony Yacovone, UMass Amherst (6/16–8/16); Brian Leonard, U. of Rochester (6/15–8/15)

## Professional Service

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Ad Hoc Reviewing	<b>Linguistics Vanguard</b> (2019), <b>Journal of Cultural Cognitive Science</b> (2018–19), <b>Journal of Psycholinguistic Research</b> (2018), <b>Brain &amp; Language</b> (2017–18), <b>CogSci</b> meeting (2017), <b>CUNY</b> conference (2017–18)
8/18–5/19	Co-organizer (w/ Shari Liu), <b>Laboratory for Developmental Studies Seminar Series</b> , Harvard
8/16–5/19	Co-organizer (w/ Dorothy Ahn, Yujing Huang, Melissa Kline, Annemarie Kocab, Tanya Levari, Anthony Yacovone), <b>Language &amp; Cognition Research Workshop</b> , Harvard
6/16–8/16	Co-organizer (w/ Annemarie Kocab), <b>Syntactic Categories (SynCat) Reading Group</b> , Harvard
1/16–5/16	Organizer, <b>Events in Language (EviL) Reading Group</b> , Harvard
6/13–5/14	Webmaster/co-organizer, <b>Semantics &amp; Linguistic Theory (SALT) 24</b> , NYU
5/13–5/14	President, <b>Linguistics Association of New York University</b> , NYU