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Employment

6/19–8/19	Postdoctoral Associate Advisor: Evelina Fedorenko	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge, MA
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Education

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

Research Interests

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

Publications

- 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, 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.](#) 32nd 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.](#) 25th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.

Ziegler, J., Goldberg, A., & Snedeker, J. (2018, poster). [Passive priming requires function word overlap.](#) 31st 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.](#) 42nd 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.](#) 30th 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.](#) 30th 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.](#) 41st Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.

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

Ziegler, J., & Snedeker, J. (2016, poster). [Structural priming across the lifespan.](#) 9th 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.](#) 29th 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.](#) 88th 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.](#) 88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Minneapolis, MN.

Grants

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

Awards & Fellowships

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

Invited Talks (*Trainee co-presenter)

8/3/22	Career panel , Laboratories of Cognitive Neuroscience , Boston Children's Hospital, HMS
10/9/19	Careers in industry panel , Developmental Brownbag Talk Series , 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

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

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 Vincelette, 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

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