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Research Interests Foreign-accented speech, social identity, pragmatics, individual differences in language processing

Education

University of Alberta	Edmonton, Canada
Ph.D. in Linguistics	2019 – 2025
Supervisor: Juhani Järvikivi. GPA: 4.0/4.0	

University of Wrocław	Wrocław, Poland
MA in Linguistics	2016 – 2018
Supervisor: Joanna Błaszczak. GPA: 5.0/5.0	

Publications

Sorry, you make less sense to me: The effect of non-native speaker status on metaphor processing
Puhacheuskaya, V. & Järvikivi, J. (2022)
Acta Psychologica
doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2025.104853

COVIDisgust: Language processing through the lens of partisanship
Puhacheuskaya, V., Hubert Lyall, I., & Järvikivi, J. (2022)
PLOS ONE
doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0271206

***I was being sarcastic!:* The effect of foreign accent and political ideology on irony (mis)understanding**
Puhacheuskaya, V., & Järvikivi, J. (2022)
Acta Psychologica
doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2021.103479

The influence of aspect on the countability of Polish deverbal nominalizations: Evidence from an acceptability rating study
Gulgowski, P., Błaszczak, J., Puhacheuskaya, V. (2021)
Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft
doi.org/10.1515/zfs-2020-2014

The Role of Syntactic and Semantic Constraints in Relative Clause Attachment Processing in Russian: An Eye-Tracking Study

Puhacheuskaya, V. (2020)
Generative Linguistics in Wrocław, no. 7.
ifa.uni.wroc.pl/linguistics/page=538

Conferences

AMLaP 2024 (full talk) September 4-7, 2024
No general pragmatic lenience toward foreigners: The effects of metaphorical language and person-based factors on sensibility ratings
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.

AMLaP 2024 (poster) September 4-7, 2024
The “incredibility effect” revisited: The modality of stimuli and listeners’ implicit prejudice against foreign accents modulate world knowledge integration
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.

ICPhS 2023 (poster/short talk) August 7-11, 2021
Labels speak volumes: The role of intergroup membership in accent perception
Calkins, K. (presenting author), Puhacheuskaya, V., Kim, J., and Järvikivi, J.

ACOL 2021 (poster/short talk) November 6, 2021
Labels speak volumes: The role of intergroup membership in accent perception
Calkins, K. (presenting author), Kim, J., Puhacheuskaya, V., and Järvikivi, J.

Psychonomic Society 2021 (poster/short talk) November 4-7, 2021
COVIDisgust: Language Processing at the Intersection of COVID-19, Politics, and Individual Differences
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author), Hubert Lyall, I., & Järvikivi, J.

AMLaP 2021 (full talk) September 2-4, 2021
The effect of foreign accent and political ideology on irony (mis)understanding
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.

Abstract

Video

CogSci 2021 (poster/short talk) July 26-29, 2021
Oh, the Irony!: Interpersonal Variation in the Processing of Foreign-Accented and Native Irony
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.

CogSci 2021 (poster/short talk) July 26-29, 2021
CoViDisgust: Language Comprehension at the Intersection of a Global Pandemic and Individual Disgust Sensitivity
Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author), Hubert Lyall, I., & Järvikivi, J.

	34th Annual CUNY Conference (poster/short talk) March 4-6, 2021 <i>Individual Differences in the Perception of Native and Foreign-Accented Irony</i> Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J. Abstract Video	
Scholarships & Awards	Mary Louise Imrie Graduate Student Award 2024 Value: \$2,000	
	Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship 2022-2023 Value: \$12,000	
	University of Alberta Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship 2019-2020 Value: \$5,000	
Guest Lectures & Workshops	PsychoPy 101: June 12-13, 2023 A crash course on building customized experiments Workshop STEP2023 – CCP Spring Training in Experimental Psycholinguistics University of Alberta	
	Relative Clause Attachment in Russian: April 2022 An Eye-Tracking Study Guest Lecture Ling 204 (Undergraduate Course) University of Alberta	
	Visual World Paradigm & EyeLink 1000 Plus Winter 2018 Workshop Methods in Psycholinguistics (Graduate Course) University of Wrocław	
Teaching Positions	Primary instructor (University of Alberta) Winter 2024 LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistic Analysis Creating lectures, creating and grading exams	
	Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta) Fall 2022 LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistic Analysis Grading exams, attendance at lectures, office hours for students	
	Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta) Winter 2022 LING 204 - Syntax of the World's Languages Grading exams, attendance at lectures, office hours for students	

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	Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta) LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistic Analysis Grading exams, attendance at lectures, office hours for students	Winter 2020
	Teaching Assistant (University of Alberta) LING 101 - Introduction to Linguistic Analysis Grading exams, office hours for students	Fall 2019
Research Positions	Supervisor of Research Assistants (University of Alberta) Supervising two research assistants for the EEG project (providing EEG training, assigning tasks in data analysis and stimuli recording)	Fall 2022
	Research Assistant (University of Alberta) Department's tech support	Fall 2020
	Lab Assistant (University of Wrocław) Running eye-tracking, SPRT, and EEG experiments for the faculty	Fall 2018
University Service	Colloquium Liaison Department of Linguistics, University of Alberta Assisting in organizing invited talks held by the department	Fall 2022
	Conference Chair Alberta Conference on Linguistics (ACOL) University of Alberta	November 6, 2021
	Assistant Editor <i>Questions and Answers in Linguistics (QAL)</i> Department of Linguistics, University of Wrocław Assisting in editing publications and finding reviewers for the department's journal	Fall 2017
Skills	Programming Proficient in: Python, R Familiar with: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, MATLAB	
	Languages Belarusian (native), English (fluent), Polish (advanced), French (intermediate)	

Software

EyeLink 1000+, PsychoPy, E-Prime, BrainAmp, BioSemi, jsPsych, Praat, Latex