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Research Interests: Foreign accent, Implicit attitudes, Pragmatics, Individual differences

Education

- Ph.D. in Experimental Psycholinguistics (University of Alberta)** *2019-2025*
Advisor: Dr. Juhani Järvikivi
- MA in Experimental Psycholinguistics (University of Wroclaw)** *2016-2018*
Advisor: Dr. Joanna Błaszczak
- BA in Economics & Management (Belarusian State Economic University)** *2008-2013*
Advisor: Dr. Andrej Samusik

Publications

Do illegal immigrants have stronger accents? How citizenship labels bias judgments of accent strength

Calkins, K., Puhacheuskaya, V., Kim, J., and Järvikivi, J. (2025, submitted)

Language comprehension under uncertainty: The pragmatic implications of non-native accents and the role of individual differences

Puhacheuskaya, V. (2025)

Ph.D. Thesis

ualberta.scholaris.ca

Sorry, you make less sense to me: The effect of non-native speaker status on metaphor processing

Puhacheuskaya, V. & Järvikivi, J. (2025)

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

Conference Presentations

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, 2023

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

Individual Differences in the Perception of Native and Foreign-Accented Irony

Puhacheuskaya, V. (presenting author) & Järvikivi, J.

[Abstract](#) | [Video](#)

Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Fellow

Sep 2025–present

University of Alberta

Project management, experiment programming and data analysis, student supervision

Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant

2019–2025

University of Alberta

Graded exams, provided tech support with programming and running experiments, supervised undergraduate research assistants for the EEG project

Lab Assistant

Fall 2018

University of Wrocław

Running eye-tracking, SPRT, and EEG experiments for the faculty

Teaching

LING 375 - Linguistics Directed Research I

Winter 2026

Co-Instructor

University of Alberta

Introduction to Mixed-Effects Modelling with LME4

May 2025

Workshop Instructor

STEP2025 – CCP Spring Training in Experimental Psycholinguistics

University of Alberta

LING 101: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis

Jan–Apr 2024

Primary Course Instructor

University of Alberta

PsychoPy 101: Building customized experiments with Python

June 2023

Workshop Instructor

STEP2023 – CCP Spring Training in Experimental Psycholinguistics
University of Alberta

Visual World Paradigm & EyeLink 1000 Plus

Winter 2018

Workshop Instructor
Methods in Psycholinguistics (Graduate Course)
University of Wrocław

Guest Lectures

Listening with bias

Nov 2025

How we understand (and judge) non-native accents
LING 320 - Second Language Acquisition
University of Alberta

Linguistics electrified

Oct 2025

EEG in language processing
LING 375 - Linguistics Directed Research I
University of Alberta

Relative Clause Attachment in Russian

Apr 2022

An Eye-Tracking Study
Ling 204 - Syntax of the World's Languages
University of Alberta

Scholarships & Awards

Mary Louise Imrie Graduate Student Award (\$2,000)

2024

Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (\$12,000)

2022-2023

University of Alberta Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship (\$5,000)

2019-2020

University Service

AP Research Expert Advisor

2025-2026

Student: Hanhan La

Colloquium Liaison

Fall 2022

Department of Linguistics, University of Alberta
Assisted in organizing invited talks held by the department

Conference Chair

November 6, 2021

Alberta Conference on Linguistics (ACOL), University of Alberta

Assistant Editor

Fall 2017

Questions and Answers in Linguistics (QAL), University of Wrocław
Assisted in editing publications and finding reviewers for the department's journal

Certifications

Data Analysis with Python

freeCodeCamp – Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, SciPy

Certificate

July 2025

Technical Skills

Python, R, SQL, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, MATLAB, Power BI, EyeLink 1000+, PsychoPy, E-Prime, BrainAmp, BioSemi, jsPsych, Praat, LaTeX

Languages

Belarusian (native), English (fluent), Polish (advanced), French (intermediate)

References

Dr. Juhani Järvikivi

Professor and Chair

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