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### Education:

- 2010-16     **Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders**  
School of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
McGill University, Montreal, QC  
Thesis: *On the nature of the natural referent vowel bias*  
Committee: Drs. Linda Polka (Advisor), Lucie Ménard & Vincent L. Gracco
- 2007-10     **B.A. in Linguistics**  
College of Literature, Science & the Arts  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
Advisors: Drs. Patrice Speeter Beddor & Andries W. Coetzee

### Academic Appointments:

- 2020-present     **Assistant Professor**  
Director, Laboratory for the Study of Cognition, Action, and Perception of Speech  
Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences  
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2017-19     **Postdoctoral Research Associate**  
Speech Neuroscience Laboratory  
Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences  
Boston University, Boston, MA  
Advisor: Dr. Frank H. Guenther
- 2016-17     **Postdoctoral Research Associate**  
Metcalf Infant Research Laboratory  
Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences  
Brown University, Providence, RI  
Advisor: Dr. James L. Morgan

### Awards and Honors:

- 2020     New Investigators Research Grant, American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation
- 2019     Early-career Acousticians Retreat, 178<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA
- 2019     Women in Acoustics Young Investigator Travel Award, sponsored by the Acoustical Society of America
- 2014     Community Leader Award, Center for Research on Brain, Language, and Music, McGill University
- 2014     Association for Laboratory Phonology Student Travel Award

2014 Student Travel Award, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, McGill University

2012 Student Travel Award, Center for Research on Brain, Language, and Music, McGill University

2010-16 International Doctoral Award, McGill University (tuition costs)

2010 Undergraduate Student Commencement Speaker, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

## Research Funding:

### *Federal*

NIH NIDCD R21 Masapollo (PI) Pending  
 Initial exploration of speech motor control in talkers with cochlear implants  
 Role: Co-PI (with S. Nittrouer)  
 The goal of this exploratory R21 is to investigate inter-articulator speech production in congenitally deaf individuals who received cochlear implants.  
 \$263,692 direct + \$138,438 indirect = \$402,130

NIH NIDCD ECR R21 Masapollo (PI) Pending  
 Mechanisms of speech motor sequence learning  
 Role: PI  
 The goal of this project is to elucidate governing mechanisms involved in learning to sequence and execute speech movements in neurotypical adult speakers using electromagnetic articulography.  
 \$142,500 direct + \$157,500 indirect = \$300,000

### *Foundation*

American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation 2020-21  
 Mechanisms of speech motor sequence learning  
 Role: PI  
 The goal of this project is to characterize mechanisms underlying changes in motor control of the vocal tract during speech sequence learning using electromagnetic articulography.  
 \$10,000 direct + \$0 indirect = \$10,000

### *Intramural*

Dudley A. Sargent Research Fund, Boston University Masapollo (PI) 2019-20  
 Motor chunking processes in speech sequencing  
 Role: PI  
 The goal of this project is to determine whether continual speech motor practice builds stabilized coordination patterns among articulatory gestures affiliated with temporally adjacent phonemes using electromagnetic articulography.  
 \$3,970 direct + \$0 indirect = \$3,970

Graduate Scholar Fund, CRBLM, McGill University Polka (PI) 2014-15  
 Does access to infant speech signals influence infant vocal behavior? An investigation using acoustic, visual and ultrasound measures  
 Role: Trainee  
 The goal of this project is to determine whether pre-babbling infants are more articulatorily active during concurrent perception of infant versus adult speech signals using ultrasound.

\$3,000 direct + \$0 indirect = \$3,0000

### **Manuscripts under review:**

4] Polka, L., Molnar, M., Zhao, C.T., **Masapollo, M.** (*under review*). Neurophysiological correlates of asymmetries in vowel perception: an English-French cross-linguistic ERP study. Special issue in *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, entitled, “*Phonological Representations and Mismatch Negativity Asymmetries.*”

3] Frankford, S.A., Heller Murray, E.S., **Masapollo, M.**, Shanqing, C., Tourville, J., Nieto-Castañón, A., & Guenther, F.H. (*under revision*). The neural circuitry underlying the “rhythm effect” in stuttering. *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*.

2] **Masapollo, M.**, Segawa, J.A., Beal, D., Tourville, J., Nieto-Castañón, A., Heyne, M., Frankford, S., & Guenther, F.H. (*under revision*). Neural correlates of speech motor sequence learning in stuttering and neurotypical adult speakers: an fMRI investigation. *Neurobiology of Language*.

1] **Masapollo, M.**, Smith, D.J., & Guenther, F.H. (*revising to resubmit*). Dissociation between phonological working memory structures and motor programming units during speech motor sequence learning. <https://psyarxiv.com/35y47/>

### **Refereed Journal Publications (\*=joint 1<sup>st</sup> author):**

11] Liu, Y.Y., Polka, L., **Masapollo, M.**, & Ménard, L. (*accepted, pending minor revisions*). Disentangling the roles of formant proximity and stimulus prototypicality in adult vowel perception. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, Express Letters*.

10] **Masapollo, M.**, & Guenther, F.H. (2019). Engaging the articulators enhances perception of concordant visible speech movements. *Journal of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences*, 62, 3679-3688.

9] Zhao, T.C., **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Ménard, L., & Kuhl, P.K. (2019). Effects of formant proximity and stimulus prototypicality on the neural discrimination of vowels: Evidence from the auditory frequency-following response. *Brain and Language*, 194, 77-83.

8] \*Segawa, J.A., \***Masapollo, M.**, Tong, M., Smith, D.J. & Guenther, F.H. (2019). Chunking of phonological units in speech sequencing. *Brain and Language*, doi: 10.1016/j.bandl.2019.05.001

7] **Masapollo, M.**, Zhao, T.C., Franklin, L., & Morgan, J.L. (2019). Asymmetric discrimination of non-speech tonal analogues of vowels. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 45(2), 285-300.

6] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Ménard, L., Franklin, L., Tiede, M., & Morgan, J.L. (2018). Asymmetries in unimodal visual vowel perception: The roles of oral-facial kinematics, orientation and configuration. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Human Perception and Performance*, 44(7), 1103-1118.

5] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2017). A universal bias in adult vowel perception – By ear or by eye. *Cognition*, 166, 358-370.

4] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Molnar, M., & Ménard, L. (2017). Directional asymmetries reveal a universal bias in adult vowel perception. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 141(4), 2857-2869.

3] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2016). When infants talk, infants listen: Pre-babbling infants prefer infant speech. *Developmental Science*, doi: 10.1111/desc.12298.

2] Polka, L., **Masapollo, M.** & Ménard, L. (2014). Who's talking now? Infants' perception of vowels with infant vocal properties. *Psychological Science*, 25(7),1448-1456.

1] Demuth, K., Patroliia, M., Song, J.Y., & **Masapollo, M.** (2012). The development of articles in children's early Spanish: Prosodic interactions between lexical and grammatical form. Linguistic interfaces and language acquisition in childhood, J. Rotham & Pedro Guijarro-Fuentes (Eds.), *First Language*, 32, (1-2), 17-37.

### **Book Chapters:**

1] Polka, L., Ruan, Y., & **Masapollo, M.** (2019). Understanding vowel perception biases: a meta-analytic approach. *A Sound Approach to Language Matters – In Honor of Ocke-Schwen Bohn, Nyvad, A.M., Hejna, M., Hojen, A., Jespersen, A.B., & Hjortshoj, M. (Eds.)*, p. 561-582.

### **Conference Abstracts:**

43] **Masapollo, M.** (2020). Setting the stage for speech production: pre-babbling infants prefer speech sounds with infant vocal resonances, Acoustical Society of America, Florida Chapter, Gainesville, FL. [remote poster presentation]

42] Molnar, M., Polka, L., Zhao, C.T., Masapollo, M., & Steinhauer, K. (accepted). Asymmetric processing of between-category and within-category vowel contrasts in English and French listeners as reflected by the mismatch negativity and theta band oscillations. Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Virtual Meeting. [remote poster presentation]

41] Frankford, S., Cai, S., Tourville, J.A., Nieto-Castañón, A., **Masapollo, M.**, Heller Murray, L.S., & Guenther, F.H. (accepted). The neural circuitry underlying the “rhythm effect” in stuttering. 12<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Speech Production, Providence, RI.

40] \*Cheng, H.-S., \***Masapollo, M.**, Hagedorn, C., & Buchwald, A. (accepted). Gestural coordination in non-native onset clusters: An electromagnetic articulography study, 12<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Speech Production, Providence, RI.

39] Polka, L., **Masapollo, M.**, & Ménard, L. (accepted). Setting the stage for speech production: Infants prefer listening to speech sounds with infant vocal properties. 12<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Speech Production, Providence, RI.

38] **Masapollo, M.**, & Guenther, F.H. (accepted). Dissociation between phonological working memory structures and motor programming units during speech motor sequence learning, 6<sup>th</sup> Florida Linguistics Yearly Meeting, Gainesville, FL. [podium presentation]

37] **Masapollo, M.**, & Guenther, F.H. (2020). Dissociation between phonological working memory structures and motor programming units during speech motor sequence learning, Acoustical Society of America, Florida Chapter, Gainesville, FL. [remote poster presentation]

- 36] Frankford, S., Cai, S., Tourville, J.A., Nieto-Castañón, A., **Masapollo, M.**, Heller Murray, L.S., & Guenther, F.H. (2020). The neural circuitry underlying the “rhythm effect” in stuttering. 20th Conference on Motor Speech. Santa Barbara, CA. [podium presentation]
- 35] Liu, Y.Y., **Masapollo, M.**, Ménard, L., & Polka, L. (2019). Factors shaping vowel perception biases in adults, 178<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America [poster], San Diego, CA. [poster presentation]
- 34] Irwin, J., Lotto, A., Ryherd, K., & **Masapollo, M.** (2019). Does dynamic visual information in talking faces influence the perceptual restoration of phonemes?, 178<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA. [poster presentation]
- 33] **Masapollo, M.**, & Smith, D.J., & Guenther, F.H. (2019). On the nature of working memory structures in speech sequencing, 178<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA. [poster presentation]
- 32] **Masapollo, M.** (2019). Acoustic versus articulatory accounts of asymmetries in vowel perception. Special Session, Speech Communication Technical Committee, Universal and Experiential Influences on Phonetic Perception, 178<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA. [podium presentation]
- 31] **Masapollo, M.**, & Smith, D.J., & Guenther, F.H. (2019). On the nature of working memory structures in speech sequencing, Boston Speech Motor Control Symposium, Boston, MA. [poster presentation]
- 30] **Masapollo, M.**, & Guenther, F.H. (2019). Somatosensory inputs from the vocal tract enhance perception of visible speech movements, Boston Speech Motor Control Symposium, Boston, MA. [poster presentation]
- 29] Zhao, T.C., **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2018). Effects of formant proximity and language experience on subcortical neural encoding of vowels in adulthood, 176<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Victoria, BC. [poster presentation]
- 28] **Masapollo, M.**, & Guenther, F.H. (2018). Articulatory suppression enhances visual discrimination of speech, Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Québec City, QC. [poster presentation]
- 27] **Masapollo, M.**, Zhao, T.C., Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2018). Neurophysiological correlates of directional asymmetries in adult vowel perception: An auditory brainstem study, Society for the Neurobiology of Language [poster], Québec City, QC. [poster presentation]
- 26] **Masapollo, M.**, Segawa, J.A., Tong, M., & Guenther, F.H. (2018). Evidence for the consonant cluster as a basic unit of speech motor sequencing. Representing Phonotactics, 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association for Laboratory Phonology, Satellite Workshop, Lisbon, Portugal. [podium presentation]
- 25] Polka, L., & **Masapollo, M.**, Noriega, P., & Liu, Y.Y. (2018). Directional asymmetries reveal a universal bias in infant auditory vowel perception. 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association for Laboratory Phonology, Lisbon, Portugal. [podium presentation] (acceptance rate = 7%)

- 24] Polka, L., & **Masapollo, M.**, Noriega, P., & Liu, Y.Y. (2018). A universal bias in the perception of vowels by young infants. International Conference on Infant Studies, Philadelphia, PA. [poster presentation]
- 23] **Masapollo, M.**, Franklin, L., Morgan, J.L., & Polka, L. (2018). Asymmetries in vowel perception arise from phonetic encoding strategies. 175<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Minneapolis, MN. [poster presentation]
- 22] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Morgan, J.L., Franklin, L., & Ménard, L. (2017). Asymmetric discrimination of phonetically-incongruent audio-visual vowels. 174<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, New Orleans, LA. [poster presentation]
- 21] **Masapollo, M.**, Franklin, L., Morgan, J.L. & Polka, L. (2017). Articulatory peripherality modulates relative attention to the mouth during visual vowel perception. 173<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Boston, MA. [poster presentation]
- 20] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Ménard, L., Morgan, J.L. & Tiede, M. (2017). Oral-facial kinematics and configuration drive asymmetries in adult visual vowel perception. 173<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Boston, MA. [poster presentation]
- 19] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2016). The role of visual-phonetic information from lip movements on the natural referent vowel bias. 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association for Laboratory Phonology, Ithaca, NY. [poster presentation]
- 18] Polka, L., **Masapollo, M.**, & Ménard, L. (2016). Infants prefer vowels with infant vocal resonances: Evidence for an “articulatory filter” bias. 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association for Laboratory Phonology, Ithaca, NY. [poster presentation]
- 17] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2016). Visual influences on the natural referent vowel bias. 171<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Salt Lake City, UT. [poster presentation]
- 16] Polka, L., **Masapollo, M.**, & Ménard, L. (2016). That sounds like me: Infants prefer vowels with infant vocal resonances. 171<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Salt Lake City, UT. [poster presentation]
- 15] Polka, L., **Masapollo, M.**, & Ménard, L. (2016). Young infants’ listening preference for infant vowels: The role of voice pitch. XX International Conference on Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA. [podium presentation]
- 14] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2015). Infants’ preference for infant speech over adult speech suggests an experience-based “articulatory filter.” 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Boston University Child Language Development Conference, Boston, MA. [poster presentation]
- 13] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2015). Asymmetries in vowel perception: Effects of formant convergence and category “goodness.” 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Phonetic Sciences [lecture], Glasgow, Scotland. [podium presentation]

- 12] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2015). Asymmetries in vowel perception: Effects of formant convergence and category “goodness”, 169<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Pittsburgh, PA. [poster presentation]
- 11] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Rvachew, S., & Ménard, L. (2014). Insights into the development of perceptual-motor linkages for speech – a new view from data on pre-babbling infants’ processing of infant speech, 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association for Laboratory Phonology, Satellite Workshop, entitled, “Gestural coordination within and between speakers in first language phonological acquisition,” Tokyo, Japan. [poster presentation]
- 10] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2014). Pre-babbling infants prefer infant speech: A launch pad for the perception-production loop? 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Association for Laboratory Phonology, Tokyo, Japan. [podium presentation] (acceptance rate < 20%)
- 9] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Vouloumanos, A., & Ménard, L. (2014). Look who’s talking now: Intermodal matching of infant faces and voices by infants, XIX International Congress of Infant Studies, Berlin, Germany. [poster presentation]
- 8] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2014). When infants talk, infants listen: Pre-babbling infants prefer infant speech. XIX International Congress of Infant Studies, Berlin, Germany. [poster presentation]
- 7] **Masapollo, M.**, & Polka, L. (2014). Asymmetries in vowel perception: Do they arise from focalization, perceptual magnets, or both? 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Providence, R.I. [poster presentation]
- 6] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Vouloumanos, A., & Ménard, L. (2014). Infants’ perception of source size in vowels, 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Providence, R.I. [poster presentation]
- 5] Masapollo, M., Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2014). Pre-babbling infants prefer listening to infant speech: Implications for vocal learning in humans, 167<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, Providence, R.I. [podium presentation]
- 4] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., Ménard, L., & Vouloumanos, A. (2013). Infant recognition of infant vocal signals, 21<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Acoustics, Montreal, Canada. [poster presentation]
- 3] Polka, L., **Masapollo, M.**, & Ménard, L. (2013). Infants’ categorization of vowels with infant vocal properties, 21<sup>st</sup> International Congress on Acoustics, Montreal, Quebec. [poster presentation]
- 2] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L., & Ménard, L. (2013). Who’s talking now? Infants’ perception of vowels with infant vocal tract parameters, 18<sup>th</sup> Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. [podium presentation]
- 1] **Masapollo, M.**, Polka, L. & Ménard, L. (2012). Infants’ perception of infant vowels, XVIII International Congress of Infant Studies, Minneapolis, MN. [poster presentation]

## **Invited Talks:**

- 15] “Mechanisms of speech motor sequence learning,” Medical Speech-Language Pathology Grand Rounds, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, March 2020.
- 14] “Universal biases in infant and adult perception of vowel elements in speech,” Brain and Language Talk Series, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, February 2020.
- 13] “Mechanisms of speech motor sequence learning,” Rehabilitation Science Graduate Program Seminar, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, February 2020.
- 12] “Speech motor sequence learning: timing, specificity, and neural substrates,” Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, Boston University, Boston, MA. September 2019.
- 11] “Speech production: mapping from sequences of phonological units to vocal tract articulations,” Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, University of Florida, July 2019, Gainesville, FL.
- 10] “Mapping from phonological units to vocal tract articulations: Nature and role of working memory capacity,” Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Delaware, January 2019, Newark, DE.
- 9] “Multi-sensory motor interactions in speech processing,” Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, State University of New York at Buffalo, December 2018, Buffalo, NY.
- 8] “Effects of working memory capacity on speech motor chunking,” Boston Speech Motor Control Working Group, Boston University, Boston, MA, June 2018.
- 7] “Speech perception in adults and infants: Some universal characteristics and constraints,” Center for Research in Sensory Communication and Emerging Neural Technology, Boston University, Boston, MA, April 2018.
- 6] “Reading lips: Sensitivity to visual articulatory information in speech perception, Postdoctoral Seminar Series, Boston University, Boston, MA, March 2018,
- 5] “On the nature of vowel perception biases,” Staff Talks, Haskins Laboratories, January 2017, New Haven, CT, January 2017.
- 4] “On the nature of vowel perception biases,” LingLangLunch Seminar Series, Brown University, Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Science, Providence, RI, October 2016.
- 3] “On the nature of vowel perception,” University of Washington, Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences, Seattle, WA, September 2015.
- 2] “Who’s talking now? Infants’ perception of vowels with infant vocal properties,” with L. Polka and L. Ménard, Canadian Conference for Linguistics Undergraduates [keynote address], McGill University, Montreal, QC, March 2014.
- 1] “Setting the stage for speech production: Infants’ perception of infant vowels”, with L. Polka and L. Ménard, Staff Talks, Haskins Laboratories, May 2013, New Haven, CT, May 2013.



## Teaching:

SPA 3003 Phonetic Theory and Transcription (undergraduate, 3 credits) College of Public Health & Health Professions, University of Florida	Fall 2020
Speech Science (graduate, 3 credits) Faculty of Medicine, McGill University	Spring 2015

## Research Advising:

### Undergraduate Thesis Mentor

**Emily Zezas**, BHS in Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Thesis: “On the time course of speech motor sequence learning”

TBD

**Cassandra Chappell**, BHS in Communication Sciences and Disorders.  
Thesis: “Effects of motor training on speech motor and perceptual function”

TBD

### Undergraduate Student Mentor

Nicholas Salazar, BS in Computer Science, UF	2020-present
Grecia Tragodara, BS in Computer Science, UF	2020-present
Jessica Smith, BHS in Communication Sciences and Disorders, UF	2020-present
Sophia Benson, BHS in Communication Sciences and Disorders, UF	2020-present
Ariel Gordon, BHS in Communication Sciences and Disorders, UF	2020-present
Abigail Cragin, BHS in Communication Sciences and Disorders, UF	2020-present
Angelise Bulit, BA in Linguistics, UF	2020-present
Allison Gaukel, BHS in Communication Sciences and Disorders, UF	2020
Farwa Faheem, BS in Neuroscience, Boston University	2017-19
Ellen Macaruso, BS in Neuroscience, Brown University	2016

## University Service:

### *Department-level Service*

Member, UF PHHP/SLHS Chair Search Committee	2020
Member, UF PHHP/SLHS Graduate Admissions Committee	2020

### *College-level Service*

Mentor, UF Multicultural Mentor Program (UMMP)	2020-21
Co-Organizer, Florida Speech Motor Control Working Group	2020-present
Organizer, UF Hearing Research Center, Spring Workshop	2021
Organizer, UF Hearing Research Center Seminar Series	2020-21
Member, UF Hearing Research Center	2020-present
Judge, Student Poster Competition, UF PHHP 33 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Research Day	2020

## Professional Service:

### *Conferences, workshops, and journals*

Ad hoc Reviewer, Journal of the Acoustical Society of America,	2016-present
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Journal of Phonetics, Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences,  
 First Language, Language and Speech

Cochair [w/ Drs. Patricia K. Kuhl and T. Christina Zhao], Special Session, 2020  
 Speech Communication Technical Committee, Development of Sensory-  
 Motor Connections for Speech, 180<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of  
 America, Seattle, WA (to be held June 2021).

Reviewer, 12<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Speech Production, Providence, RI 2020

Judge, Speech Communication Student Poster Competition, 178<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2019  
 of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA

Cochair [w/ Dr. Linda Polka], Special Session, Speech Communication 2019  
 Technical Committee, Universal and Experiential Influences on Phonetic  
 Perception, 178<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Diego, CA

Volunteer, Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 2017-19

Paper Screening Committee, International Congress on Acoustics 2013

**Media Coverage:**

*Coverage of Masapollo et al., 2018, JEP:HPP* 2018  
 Brown University Science News  
 “Study reveals vision’s role in vowel perception”  
 NeuroscienceNews.com  
 “Study reveals vision’s role in vowel perception”  
 ScienceDaily  
 “Vision’s role in vowel perception”  
 EurekaAlert! The Global Source for News (AAAS)  
 “Vision’s role in vowel perception”

*Coverage of Masapollo et al., 2015, Developmental Science* 2015  
 CNN  
 “Global ‘goo-goo’: What baby talk sounds like around the world”  
 The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Leader  
 “Babies want to listen to other babies”  
 Smithsonian.com  
 “The many ways baby talk gives infant brains a boost”  
 The McGill University Newsroom  
 “Baby talk: babies prefer listening to their own kind”  
 CBC Toronto  
 “‘Goo goo gaa gaa’: Infants prefer baby talk, research shows”  
 The Daily Mail UK  
 “Shhh, mummy! Babies prefer each other’s voices because it helps them learn to talk,  
 researchers claim”

Huffington Post

“Babies prefer listening to each other than to adults – as it helps them learn to speak”