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Senior Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences, Boston University

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

2005–2010

Ph.D., Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology

Speech and Hearing Bioscience and Technology Program

Thesis: The role of linguistic contrasts in the auditory feedback control of speech

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA B.S., Brain and Cognitive Sciences 2001-2005

2011-2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Boston University Aphasia Research Laboratory, Boston, MA Senior Postdoctoral Associate	2015–present
UCSF Biomagnetic Imaging Laboratory, San Francisco, CA Postdoctoral Scholar	2010–2015
MIT Speech Communication Group / BU Speech Lab, Cambridge, MA Graduate Research Assistant	2005–2010
MIT Computational Cognitive Science Lab, Cambridge, MA Undergraduate Research Assistant	2003–2005
CNRS Laboratoire de Neurosciences Cognitives, Marseille, France Research Assistant	2004

AWARDS AND GRANTS

NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) K99 Grant (PI): 1K99DC014520 Title: Neural markers of speech error detection and correction abilities in aphasia NSF Cognitive Neuroscience Program BCS-1262297 (personnel) Title: Function of auditory feedback processing during speech

NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA)

F32 Grant (PI): 1F32DC011249

Title: Phonetic influences on auditory feedback control

UCSF Scientific Leadership and Management scholarship
J. David Gladstone Institutes, Course in Scientific Management

NIH Training Grant 2005–2009 Harvard-MIT Speech and Hearing Bioscience and Technology program

Martha Gray Prize for Excellence in Research
Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology Forum
Best Poster: Imaging and Optics

MIT Kelly-Douglas Traveling Fellowship 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (in preparation). Task-dependent auditory predictions of self-produced speech. To be submitted to *The Journal of Neuroscience*.

Martin, C.D., Niziolek, C.A., Duñabeitia, J.A., Perez, A., Hernandez, D., Carreiras, M., and Houde, J.F. (in preparation). How to explain individual variability in speech motor control. To be submitted to the *Journal of Speech*, *Language*, and *Hearing Research*.

Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (submitted). A goal-based model of auditory error in speech production. In review at *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*.

Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2015). The contribution of auditory feedback to corrective movements in vowel formant trajectories. In *The Scottish Consortium for ICPhS 2015* (Ed.), Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. Glasgow, UK: the University of Glasgow. ISBN 978-0-85261-941-4.

Houde, J.F., Niziolek, C.A., Kort, N.S., Agnew, Z.K., and Nagarajan, S.S. (2014). Simulating a model of state feedback control of speaking. *Proceedings of the 10th Intl. Seminar on Speech Production*, Cologne, Germany, 2014.

Niziolek, C.A. and Guenther, F.H. (2014). When BED goes BAD: how the brain can fix mistakes in speech while they happen. *Frontiers in Neuroscience for Young Minds* 2:1.

Sitek, K., Mathalon, D.H., Roach, B.J., Houde, J.F., Niziolek, C.A., and Ford, J.M. (2013). Auditory cortex processes variation in our own speech. *PLOS ONE* 8(12):e82925.

Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2013). What does motor efference copy represent? Evidence from speech production. *The Journal of Neuroscience* **33**(41):16110–16116.

Niziolek, C.A. and Guenther, F.H. (2013). Vowel category boundaries enhance cortical and behavioral responses to speech feedback alterations. *The Journal of Neuroscience* **33**(29):12090–12098.

Chang, E.F*, **Niziolek**, C.A.*, Knight, R., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2013). Human cortical sensorimotor network underlying feedback control of vocal pitch. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* **110**(7):2653–2658. *equal contribution

Houde, J.F., Kort, N.S., Niziolek, C.A., Chang, E.F. & Nagarajan, S.S. (2013). Neural evidence for state feedback control of speaking. In *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics* (ICA 2013 Montreal) 19:060178.

Patel, R., Niziolek, C., Reilly, K.J., and Guenther, F.H. (2011). Prosodic adaptations to pitch perturbation in running speech. *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research* 54(4):1051–1059.

INVITED TALKS

Niziolek, C.A. (2015). Auditory cortical predictions of vocal feedback are task-dependent. Cognitive Neuroscience Society satellite symposium, "Neural Bases of Speech Production," San Francisco, California. March 27th, 2015.

Niziolek, C.A. (2014). Correcting errors before they happen: cortical monitoring of auditory targets during speech. Harvard Medical School / Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary Eaton-Peabody Laboratories Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts. April 8th, 2014.

Niziolek, C.A. (2014). Auditory self-monitoring catches speech errors before they happen. VA Northern California Colloquium series, Martinez, California. February 11th, 2014.

Niziolek, C.A. (2013). Speech error correction in correct speech. Acoustical Society of America satellite symposium, "Neural Bases of Speech Production," San Francisco, California. December 1st, 2013.

Niziolek, C.A. (2012). Neural mechanisms of auditory feedback control in normal and perturbed speech. Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language, San Sebastian, Spain. October 30th, 2012.

Houde, J.F. and Niziolek, C.A. (2012). How is auditory feedback processed during speaking? GIPSA-lab (Grenoble Images Parole Signal Automatique), Grenoble, France. October 24th, 2012.

Niziolek, C.A. (2011). The role of linguistic contrasts in speech feedback control. UC Berkeley Phonetics and Phonology Forum. February 7th, 2011.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2015). Auditory predictions of self-produced speech are task-dependent. Program No. 16.10. 2015 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Chicago, IL: *Society for Neuroscience*, 2015. Online.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2015). The contribution of auditory feedback to corrective movements in vowel formant trajectories. Presented at the *18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. Glasgow, Scotland. August 10, 2015.
- Niziolek, C.A. (2015). Auditory self-monitoring catches speech errors before they happen. UCSF Postdoctoral Neuroscience Seminar Series, San Francisco, California. February 9th, 2015.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2013). Feedback-driven corrective movements in speech in the absence of altered feedback.* Oral presentation given at the 166th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America, San Francisco, California.
 - *Lay-language paper invited for submission to the ASA World Wide Press Room
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2012). Speaking-induced suppression in auditory cortex is determined by deviance from speech production targets. Program No. 14.09. 2012 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. New Orleans, LA: *Society for Neuroscience*, 2012. Online.
- Chang, E.F., Niziolek, C.A., Knight, R.T., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2012). Auditory and premotor cortex modulation predicts compensatory responses to pitch perturbation. Program No. 14.14. 2012 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. New Orleans, LA: *Society for Neuroscience*, 2012. Online.
- Niziolek, C.A., Houde, J.F., and Guenther, F.H. (2011). Feedback alterations across vowel category space. Oral presentation given at the *6th International Conference on Speech Motor Control*, Groningen, Netherlands.
- Patel, R., Niziolek, C.A., Reilly, K.J., and Guenther, F.H. (2010). Prosodic compensations to pitch perturbations in running speech. Oral presentation given at the *Fifteenth Biennial Conference on Motor Speech*, Savannah, Georgia.

POSTERS

Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2015). Auditory predictions of self-produced speech are task-dependent. Poster to be presented at the *Society for the Neurobiology of Language*, Chicago, Illinois.

- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2015). Neural encoding of auditory speech targets is task-dependent. Poster presented at the 21st Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Agnew, Z.K., Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2015). Evidence for shared mechanisms for compensation for and adaptation to speech errors. Poster to be presented at the 21st Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2015). Real-time speech feedback technologies for understanding motor control and as a training tool. *Entertainment Software and Cognitive Neurotherapeutics Society* (ESCoNS) Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2015). Shared mechanisms for speech error correction and sensorimotor learning. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, California.
- Martin, C.D., Niziolek, C.A., Duñabeitia, J.A., Carreiras, M., and Houde, J.F. (2015). How to explain individual variability in speech motor control. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, California.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2014). Sensorimotor adaptation in speech and its effects on auditory monitoring. Program No. 631.14. 2014 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Washington, DC: *Society for Neuroscience*, 2014. Online.
- Martin, C.D., Duñabeitia, J.A., Niziolek, C.A., Carreiras, M., and Houde, J.F. (2014). What affects auditory feedback in speech motor control? Poster presented at the 21st Annual Meeting of the *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2014). Auditory self-monitoring catches speech errors before they happen. Poster presented at the 1st *Bay Area Postdoctoral Research Symposium*, San Francisco, California.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2013). Internal vs. external deviations from auditory targets in speech. Program No. 751.09. 2013 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: *Society for Neuroscience*, 2013. Online.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2013). Internal vs. external deviations from auditory targets in speech. Poster presented at the *Society for the Neurobiology of Language*, San Diego, California.
- Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2013). Internal predictions and auditory goals for speech. Poster presented at the 19th Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Seattle, Washington.

Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2013). Goal-based auditory predictions of self-produced speech. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, California.

Sitek, K.R., Roach, B., Mathalon, D.H., Houde, J.F., Niziolek, C.A., and Ford, J.M. (2013). Speakers process their own utterances relative to the preceding utterance. Poster presented at the 40th Annual Scientific and Technology Conference of the American Auditory Society, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2012). Neural predictions of auditory vocal feedback are task-specific. Poster presented at the Neurobiology of Language Conference, San Sebastian, Spain.

Niziolek, C.A., Nagarajan, S.S., and Houde, J.F. (2011). Feedforward vocal predictions characterized by speaking-induced suppression of auditory cortex. Poster presented at the *Neurobiology of Language Conference*, Annapolis, Maryland.

Niziolek, C.A. and Guenther, F.H. (2010). Phonetic categories influence auditory feedback control of speech. Program No. 593.7. 2010 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience, 2010. Online.

Chang, E.F., Nagarajan, S., Niziolek, C.A., Knight, R., and Houde, J. (2010). Cortical mechanisms of auditory feedback underlying speech motor control. Program No. 275.25. 2010 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience, 2010. Online.

Niziolek, C.A. and Guenther, F.H. (2009). The influence of perceptual categories on auditory feedback control during speech. Poster presented at the 15th Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, San Francisco, California.

Patel, R., Campellone, P., Reilly, K.J., Niziolek, C.A., and Guenther, F.H. (2008). Prosodic compensations to pitch perturbation during running speech. Poster presented at the Fourteenth Biennial Conference on Motor Speech, Monterey, California.

TEACHING AND OUTREACH

Guest Lecturer, Dept. of Health Sciences, Boston University 2015 SAR HS361/CAS NE360: Introduction to Computational Neuroscience of Speech, Language, and Hearing Course Director: Prof. Jason Bohland

"The role of feedback in speech: delayed and altered feedback studies"

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Neuroscience, UCSF

2015

NS219: Neuroscience of Speech Perception and Production

Course Directors: Profs. Christoph Schreiner & John Houde

Assisted with selection of course readings; led discussion of perception-production interactions.

Organizer, Future of Research symposium, Boston

2015

Served on the organizational committee for the symposium, which addressed critical challenges affecting the biomedical research enterprise through seminars and moderated discussions.

Review Editor Mentor, Frontiers in Neuroscience for Young Minds

2013-2015

Mentored young students in reviewing kid-focused scientific manuscripts.

Mentor, UCSF Biomagnetic Imaging Laboratory

2011-2015

Megan Thompson, graduate student in bioengineering (2014–2015)

Hardik Kothare, research assistant (2014–2015)

Roshni Ravindran, undergraduate research assistant (2014)

Will Schuerman, visiting graduate student in psycholinguistics (2013–2014)

Noriko Tonigawa, research assistant (2012–2015)

Jeevit Gill, undergraduate research assistant (2011–2014)

Ben Dichter, graduate student in bioengineering (2013)

Kesshi Jordan, graduate student in bioengineering (2012–2013)

Christopher Constantine, undergraduate research assistant (2012)

Chiara Bertolini, speech-language pathology student (2012)

Laura Visentin, speech-language pathology student (2012)

Lecturer and Lesson Planner, Bio&Chem Teach Program

2012

UCSF Science & Health Education Partnership

Developed and taught a week of lessons and labs for high school biology students.

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Neuroscience, UCSF

2011

NS219: Neuroscience of Speech Perception and Production

Course Directors: Profs. Christoph Schreiner & John Houde

Led discussions of scientific articles in speech perception, production, and modeling.

Teaching Fellow, Dept. of Neurobiology, Harvard University

2007-2008

NB101: Auditory Neurobiology of Language and Music

Course Directors: Profs. Mark Tramo & Jonathan Matsui

Taught weekly 1.5-hour sections, lectured, wrote problem sets and final exam, gave final grades.

Guest Lecturer, Dept. of Health Sciences and Technology, Harvard-MIT

2006-2008

Tutorial: Cognitive Neuroscience and Psychology

Lectured and gave lab demonstrations as part of a tutorial series for first-year graduate students.

Associate Advisor, Freshman Arts Seminar Advising Program, MIT

2002-2008

Volunteered as a peer advisor to first-year undergraduate students.

REVIEW

Reviewer, Proceedings of the Royal Society B Reviewer, Frontiers in Neuroscience

2014–present

2014-present

Reviewer, The Journal of Neuroscience	2014-present
Review Editor, Frontiers in Human Neuroscience	2013–present
Review Editor Mentor, Frontiers in Neuroscience for Young Minds	2013–present
Reviewer, NeuroImage	2013–present
Reviewer, Psychological Science	2013–present
Reviewer, Journal of the Acoustical Society of America	2013–present
Judge, Acoustical Society of America Student Poster Competition	2013
Reviewer, Organization for Human Brain Mapping	2012-present
Reviewer, Society for the Neurobiology of Language	2011–present

COMPUTER SKILLS

Linux and Windows operating systems, Matlab, Scheme, HTML/CSS, neuroimaging analysis (SPM, FreeSurfer, FSL, Nipype, NUTMEG), audio analysis (Praat, Audacity), version control (Git, Github, Mercurial, Subversion), Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Flash), common applications (MS Office, emacs, etc.)

I wrote and maintain the code for FUSP lite, a software library for the Feedback Utility for Speech Processing system developed by John Houde: github.com/carrien/fusp_lite and for wave_viewer, a speech analysis GUI: github.com/carrien/wave_viewer

OTHER PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, & INTERESTS

My hobbies include graphic design, letterpress printing, rock climbing, sailing, singing (a cappella and in a rock band), and volunteer mentoring. I speak French and can bake a mean profiterole.

Future of Research Boston (futureofresearch.org) Symposium organizer	2015-present
Society for the Neurobiology of Language, logo design Design competition winner	2011–present
Topiary Press, typographic design and letterpress printing Shop owner/artist	2011–present
Society for Neuroscience, Hearing and Balance Social musical entertainment Singer, <i>The Gamma Band</i>	2010, 2012
The Linux Foundation, musical score (<i>Challenges at the Office</i>) "We're Linux" contest finalist	2009
Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology, shirt design Design competition winner	2009
Ultrasonic Rock Orchestra Singer, A Night at the Rock Opera, Wilbur Theatre, Boston	2007–2008