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Research Interests

- Experimental and computational approaches to phonetic acquisition and its interaction with developing cognition and physiology
- Learning and processing of non-linear or non-local dependencies in language
- Linguistic fieldwork and documentation; Mandarin Chinese, Semitic, Zapotec

Education

- 2019 - PHD, *Linguistics*, University of California, Los Angeles
Dissertation: *Modeling the acquisition of contour tone targets by Mandarin-speaking children* (in progress)
Committee: Bruce Hayes, Megha Sundara (co-chairs), Claire Moore-Cantwell, Ben Eischens
- 2019 - 21 MA, *Linguistics*, University of California, Los Angeles
Thesis: *Aspects and arguments of the Lachirioag Zapotec verb*
Committee: Harold Torrence (chair), Ethan Poole, Pamela Munro
- 2014 - 18 BA, *Linguistics*, University of Washington
Minor in *South Asian Languages & Literature*
Thesis: *Ergative case in Hindi-Urdu*
Advisor: Edith Aldridge
Departmental honors
- NON-DEGREE TRAINING
- July 2022 *The 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics*, University of Crete
Jan. 2021 *K'iche' Winter School*, Guatemala Field Station, University of Maryland (held online)
April 2019 *Webinar on LGBTQ+ Perspectives in Linguistics*, hosted by the Linguistic Society of America
Sept. 2018 *Summer Training in Experimental Methods (STEM IV)*, Universidade de Lisboa

Publications & Manuscripts

- Submitted* Solá-Llonch, Elizabeth & Megha Sundara. Young infants' sensitivity to vowel harmony is independent of language experience. *Infant Behavior and Development*.
- 2023 Xu, Lily, Elizabeth Solá-Llonch, Huilei Wang, & Megha Sundara. A meta-analytic review of morphological priming in Semitic languages. *The Mental Lexicon*, 18(2). 300-337.
- 2021 Solá-Llonch, Elizabeth. A first look at conditional and counterfactual morphology in Lachirioag Zapotec. In *Proceedings of the 57th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*.

Presentations

- Nov. 2023 Infants' initial sensitivity to vowel harmony is experience independent (with Megha Sundara). Talk presented at the 48th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.

May 2023	Avoidance of t-sibilant sequences in Hebrew is general, but repair is morpheme-specific (with Lily Xu). Talk presented at the 30 th <i>Manchester Phonology Meeting</i> .
April 2022	Morphosyntax and phonology condition primary prefix allomorphy in Lachirioag Zapotec. Talk presented at <i>The 24th Workshop on American Indigenous Languages</i> .
Jan. 2022	Acoustics of the fortis-lenis contrast in Lachirioag Zapotec: a preliminary investigation (with Lily Xu). Talk presented at <i>Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas</i> , annual meeting.
May 2021	A first look at conditionals and counterfactual conditionals in Lachirioag Zapotec. Talk presented at <i>Chicago Linguistic Society</i> , annual meeting.
Jan. 2021	Free Relative Clauses in San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec (with Madeleine Booth and Harold Torrence). Talk presented at <i>Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas</i> , annual meeting.
Jan. 2021	Counterfactuals in San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec. Poster presented at <i>Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas</i> , annual meeting.

Honors & awards

2021, 2023	UCLA Ladefoged Scholarship Award - x2
Fall 2022	UCLA Mellon Pre-dissertation Year Fellowship
2021, 2022	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award - x2
2021 - 22	UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Award

Teaching

INSTRUCTOR, UCLA

Summer 2023	LING 103: Introduction to General Phonetics
Summer 2024	LING 103: Introduction to General Phonetics

TEACHING ASSISTANT, UCLA

Fall 2024	LING 1: Study of Language - with Giuseppina Silvestri
Spring 2024	LING C135: Neurolinguistics - with Hyun Bae
Winter 2024	LING 103: Introduction to General Phonetics - with Meg Cychosz
Fall 2023	LING C140: Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition - with Elise Bell
Spring 2023	LING 102: Applied Phonetics - with Elise Bell
Summer 2021	LING 103: Introduction to General Phonetics - with Jennifer Kuo
Spring 2021	LING 120B: Syntax 1 - with Ethan Poole
Winter 2021	LING 1: Study of Language - with Dominique Sportiche
Fall 2020	LING 20: Intro to Linguistic Analysis - with Stefan Keine

Supervision

Winter 2024-	4 undergraduate research assistants on participant recruitment and conducting the child elicited imitation experiment in Mandarin for dissertation
Fall 2022	1 undergraduate research assistant on stimulus creation for Hebrew metathesis experiment

Research Experience

EXPERIMENTAL

- 2022-
UCLA Language Lab
Ran infant experiments
- Sept. 2018-
June 2019
Language Tutor
- Supervisor: Naja Ferjan-Ramirez, Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences (I-LABS), University of Washington
 - Worked with a team to develop and implement specially designed lesson plans for classes of children ranging from 0-3 years old, as part of an ongoing investigation into second-language acquisition

FIELDWORK

- 2020-
San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec (Otomanguean)
- Independent research: *ongoing*
 - GRM award on verbal morphology with Harold Torrence: *2021 - 2022*
 - GSRM award on morphological tone with Harold Torrence: *Summer 2021*
 - UCLA Ling 210 Field Methods classes with Harold Torrence: *Winter and Spring 2020*
- 2021-
K'iche' (Maya)
- UCLA Ling 210 Field Methods classes with Harold Torrence: *Jan. 2022 - ongoing*
 - K'iche' Winter school: *Jan. 2021*

Affiliations

- 2020-
Member, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas

Skills

LANGUAGES

- English (native), Spanish (heritage), Mandarin (intermediate), Lachirioag Zapotec (basic), K'iche' (basic) - *speaking, reading, writing*
- Mandarin, Hebrew - *experimental*
- Lachirioag Zapotec, K'iche' - *fieldwork*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Labvanced, LENA, ELAN, Praat, Audacity, R, Python, Microsoft Office, \LaTeX