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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014 – Present	Director of Human Imaging, Social, Life, & Engineering Sciences Imaging Center (SLEIC), Pennsylvania State University
2014 – Present	Associate Professor of Psychology, Linguistics, & Neuroscience Penn State
2010 – 2014	Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Duke University
2010 – 2014	Associate Director of the Brain Imaging & Analysis Center (BIAC), Duke University
2007 - 2010	Instructor of Radiology, Duke University
2005 - 2010	Assistant Director of the Brain Imaging & Analysis Center, Duke University

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Duke University, May 2005 Department of Psychology Certificate in Cognitive Neuroscience Advisor: Gregory McCarthy
M.A.	Duke University, May 2002 Department of Psychology Advisor: Tamara Swaab
B.A	Pennsylvania State University, May 1999 Psychology (GPA: 3.94) Advisor: Judith Kroll

CURRENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

R01 AG034138-07 (Diaz) 5/01/2010- 8/30/22
NIH/NIA

“Neuroimaging of Age-Related Changes in Language”

Adult development is often associated with physical and cognitive decline. However, semantic processing is an area of cognition in which many abilities are largely preserved. In contrast, specific deficits in phonological retrieval have been observed. This pattern of age-related changes in semantic and phonological processes suggests a fundamental difference in the cognitive organization of these two abilities. The goal of this project is to use behavioral measures, diffusion tensor imaging (DTI), and functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to investigate phonological and semantic processes in older and younger adults to elucidate patterns of sparing and decline that are associated with healthy aging.

Role: Principal Investigator

NIH/NIA T32 T32-AG049676

05/01/2016 – 04/30/2021

“Psychosocial Determinants and Biological Pathways to Healthy Aging” (PATHWAYS, PI: Almeida)

We propose to build on our established track record of successful pre-doctoral and post-doctoral training that focuses on “Psychosocial Determinants and Biological Pathways to Healthy Aging” (PATHWAYS). The PATHWAYS training program will fill a unique niche in the NIA portfolio by providing cutting-edge training to graduate students and post-doctoral scholars who are focused on understanding the linkages among behavioral, psychosocial and biological mechanisms that underlie healthy aging. Examples of these types of research topics include understanding the role daily stress plays in shaping long-term health trajectories; tracking the enduring effects of early childhood adversity and chronic stress on momentary self-regulation; elucidating the endocrine and inflammatory processes underlying cognitive aging; and linking chronic sleep deficiency to cardiometabolic outcomes. These examples illustrate that aging science is multidisciplinary and complex, requiring analytic skills that link variables measured at multiple levels of analysis (e.g., biology, behavior, social context) and across multiple timescales (e.g., moments, days, years). For these reasons, it is essential that the next generation of aging scientists be able to integrate research that spans from basic biology to complex social phenomena as well as be skilled in the application of advanced data acquisition and analytic methods.

Role: Investigator/Mentor, Member Executive Board

NSF PIRE (PIs: Kroll, Dusias, Lipski, Van Hell)

05/01/16 – 04/30/21

“Translating cognitive and brain science in the laboratory and field to language learning environments”

Research on the language and learning sciences has grown at a remarkable pace in the past decade, in part due to the contributions of cross-disciplinary approaches that merge the power of behavioral, neuroscience, and computational methods. The award of a PIRE grant in 2010 facilitated the development of a broad and sustainable international research network. That network enabled new discoveries about the consequences of bilingual and multilingual experience for learning and for the brain. The current proposal harnesses the excitement about these discoveries to ask how the basic science might be translated, to transform educational practice and policy, and to serve a changing population whose language experience is linguistically broad, culturally more diverse, and international. We will bring brain science to the classroom for children and older learners, investigate diverse language learning environments, and examine the consequences of bilingualism across the lifespan for education and health.

Role: Investigator

R01-AG043438-01A1 (Whitson)

08/01/13-07/31/18

NIH/NIA

“Cognitive Changes and Brain Connectivity in Age-Related Macular Degeneration”

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of blindness in older Americans. It is also associated with a two-fold increase in the risk of dementia, and even non-demented AMD patients exhibit strikingly poor performance on tests of verbal fluency. This suggests that AMD involves brain changes as well as eye changes. However, the extent and locus of brain changes associated with cognitive deficits in AMD is unknown. The overall objective of this project is to determine how AMD-related cognitive deficits (e.g. verbal fluency) relate to functional and structural connectivity in the brain.

Role: Investigator

SSRI Level 2 Project (Dennis)

08/15/14 – 06/30/18

Pennsylvania State University

“Behavioral, neural and genetic factors influencing motor and cognitive function in healthy older adults”

The goal of this research is to determine the relations between cognition, grip force control, brain structure, and brain function in healthy older adults. The central hypothesis is that measures of grip force

control will relate to measures of cognition, specifically working memory and planning, and that both grip force and cognition will rely on similar neural mechanisms in the frontal cortices associated with executive functioning. Moreover, task performance is predicted to vary as a function of measures of brain structure and function as well as age.

Role: Co-Investigator

PENDING RESEARCH SUPPORT

None

PAST RESEARCH SUPPORT

NSF PIRE (PIs: Kroll, Dusias, Li, Van Hell)

08/10/10 – 07/31/17

“Bilingualism, mind, and brain: An interdisciplinary program in cognitive psychology, linguistics, and cognitive neuroscience”

This PIRE project, a collaboration between three U.S. and seven foreign institutions in Europe and Asia, will investigate the cognitive and neural consequences of bilingualism to understand the ways in which multiple languages are learned and used. Recent behavioral and neuroscience evidence suggests that there are more extensive interactions between the two languages of a bilingual than previously thought, and this is true even when bilinguals are using only one language. Bilingual science therefore provides a tool for revealing fundamental principles about the mind and the brain. The next stage of research on bilingualism calls for national and international collaborations to unify our understanding of the nature of the bilingual mind and brain, the process of bilingual language development, and the consequences of bilingualism for cognition. International collaboration is essential for accessibility to widely differing bilingual populations of several spoken, written, and signed languages. This award enables an international network of collaborators with common research goals and methods to exploit unique and complementary opportunities to investigate properties of human languages. Leveraging the diverse perspectives inherent in interdisciplinary and cross-cultural research will facilitate the establishment of a world-class research context for investigating bilingualism science, enable generalization of research findings, and exploit bilingualism as a tool for investigating the representation and processing of language in the mind and brain.

Role: Investigator

R01-MH098301-01A1 (Wang)

09/15/12-06/30/17

NIH/NIMH

“Dorsal Cingulate Activity and Cognitive Decline in Late-Life Depression”

The long-term goals of the proposed project are to better understand the neural mechanisms linking depression and cognitive impairment, to establish biomarkers for early identification of depressed individuals at risk for cognitive impairment, and to understand the neural plasticity of LLD with and without cognitive impairment following prevention programs and clinical interventions.

Role: Investigator

M01 RR00030 (Voyvodic / Potkin)

12/01/06-11/30/12

NCCR

“The Function BIRN”

The overarching goal of this project is to develop fMRI into a tool suitable for large-scale clinical studies of treatment, longitudinal progression, and genetic and environmental risk factors. The aims are to: 1) develop an infrastructure for shared access and analysis of fMRI data, 2) standardize and cross-validate common activation tasks, acquisition methods, and analyses, and 3) compare the common activation tasks, methods, analyses to site-specific methods.

Role: Investigator

P01 NS41328-06 (Song)

7/01/01 – 8/31/12

NINDS

“Human Functional Brain Anatomy” – Core A

This Program Project will investigate the functional neuroanatomy of the human brain using high-field functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), electrophysiology, and behavior. The four scientific projects are strongly linked by their focus on the relationship between brain and the behavior. Core A serves as an administrative unit to supervise grant expenditures and subject enrollment.

Role: Investigator

R03HD059220-01A1 (Diaz)

05/01/09 - 04/30/11

CHHD

Neuroimaging of Metaphor Processing

Clinical, behavioral, and neuroimaging research support right hemisphere involvement in metaphor processing. However, there is debate over whether it is metaphors per se that engage the right hemisphere or if other factors that co-vary along the figurative-literal dimension elicit right hemisphere engagement. The first goal of this proposal is to use functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to investigate the influence of semantic relatedness and the influence of context on hemispheric recruitment.

Role: Principal Investigator

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

2002 – 2005

Role: Recipient

PUBLICATIONS

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2. Zhang, H.* , Eppes, A.* , & **Diaz, M.T.** (Under Review). Task difficulty modulates age-related differences in the behavioral and neural bases of language production
3. Rossi, E., Newman, S., Kroll, J.F., & **Diaz, M.T.** (Under Review). Neural signatures of inhibitory control in bilingual spoken production.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* indicates student collaborators

1. **Diaz, M.T.** (2018). Effects of task difficulty on semantic and phonological aspects of language comprehension and production in younger and older adults. Invited lecture at the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies Language Comprehension Across the Lifespan Workshop, Freiburg, Germany.
2. Karimi, H., **Diaz, M.T.**, & Ferreira, F. (2018). Encoding semantically rich words: The relative effects of head reactivation and distinctiveness. Poster presented at the 2018 CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference, Davis, CA.
3. Winter*, S.B., Rizio*, A.A., Dempsey*, J., Oktar*, K., & **Diaz, M.T.** (2017). White Matter Integrity and Language Production in Aging. Poster presentation at the 2017 meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Baltimore, M.D.
4. Gertel*, V., Oktar*, K., & **Diaz, M. T.** (2017). Graph Theoretical Approaches Show a Relationship Between Resting State Functional Connectivity in Younger and Older Adults and Phonological Aspects of Language Production. Poster presentation at the 2017 meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Baltimore, M.D.
5. Zhang*, H., Eppes*, A., Beatty-Martinez*, A., Navarro-Torres*, C., & **Diaz, M. T.** (2017). Task difficulty affects language production: Behavioral and fMRI evidence. Poster presentation at the 9th annual meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Baltimore, MD.
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8. Neely, K.A., Blouch*, S.L., Samimy*, S., Chennavasin*, A., Reynolds*, M., Dennis, N.A., & **Diaz, M.T.** (2016). Memory-guided force control in healthy older adults. Poster presentation at the 46th annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.
9. Rossi, E., Newman, S., & **Diaz, M.T.** (2016). Bilingualism impacts white-matter connectivity: evidence from DTI. Poster presentation at the 8th annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference, London, England.

10. **Diaz, M.T.**, Moyer*, K., & Rizio*. A.A. (2016). Age-related differences in language production: The neural correlates of semantic inference, phonological facilitation, and target picture frequency. Poster presentation at the 8th annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference, London, England.
11. Rizio, A.A.* & **Diaz, M.T.** (2016). Age differences in language production: The neural correlates of semantic inference, phonological facilitation, and target picture frequency. Poster presentation at the 2016 Cognitive Aging Conference, Atlanta, GA.
12. Rizio, A.A.* & **Diaz, M.T.** (2016). The effects of distracting information on language production: The neural correlates of semantic inference, phonological facilitation, and target picture frequency. Poster presentation at the 23rd meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, New York, NY.
13. Zhang, H.* , **Diaz, M.T.**, & Kroll, J.F. (2015). Effect of 3-day Language Switching Training on Cognitive Control Mechanisms. Poster presentation at the 56th annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL.
14. Rossi, E., Newman, S., **Diaz, M.T.**, Dussias, P., Ting*, C., & Van Hell, J. (2015). Inhibitory control during sentential code switching: evidence from fMRI. 10th Annual International Symposium on Bilingualism, New Brunswick, NJ.
15. Rossi, E. & Diaz, M.T. (2015). Bilingual language processing and aging: A proposal for an integrative model. Slide presentation at the Bilingualism and Cognitive Aging Conference, Groningen, the Netherlands.
16. Johnson, M.A.* , Burke, D.M., & **Diaz, M.T.** (2015). White matter integrity relates to word finding failures and resolutions. Poster presentation at the 2015 Dallas Aging and Cognition Conference, Dallas, TX.
17. Zhuang, J.* , Madden, D., Duong-Fernandez, X.* , Chou, Y., Johnson, M.* , **Diaz, M.T.**, Cousins, S., Potter, G., Chen, N., & Whitson, H. (2015). Reduced functional connectivity in neural language systems in persons with age-related macular degeneration. Poster presentation at the 22nd meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.
18. Yalcinbas, E.A.* , Johnson, M.A.* , Groh, J.M., & **Diaz, M.T.** (2014) Does aging affect multisensory integration processes in the brain? Poster presentation at the 44th annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Washington, D.C.
19. Zhuang, J.* Johnson, M.A.* , Burke, D.M., Madden, D.J., McLaughlin, M.E.* , Danehower, S.* , & **Diaz, M.T.** (2014). Differentiating competition and selection processes in prefrontal cortices. Poster presentation at the 21st meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.
20. Carter, R.M., Johnson, M.A.* , Danehower, S.* , & **Diaz, M.T.** (2014). Perceived warmth affects social cognition during game play. Poster presentation at the 7th meeting of the Social & Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS), Denver, Co.
21. Madden, D.J., Parks, E.L., Chou, Y., Cocjin, S.B.* , Hoagey, D.A.* , **Diaz, M.T.**, Potter, G.G., Chen, N.K., Cabeza, R. (2014). Frontoparietal structural and functional connectivity mediates age-related differences in cognition. Poster presentation at the 21st meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.
22. Rossi, E., Newman, S., **Diaz, M.T.**, Dussias, P.E., Ting, C., & Van Hell, J.G. (2013). Inhibitory control during sentential code-switching: Evidence from fMRI. Poster presentation at the 5th meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, San Diego, CA.
23. **Diaz, M.T.**, Johnson, M.A.* , Burke, D.M., & Madden, D.J. (2013). Age-related differences in resting state network connectivity and language. Poster presentation at the 19th meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Seattle, WA.
24. **Diaz, M.T.**, Johnson, M.A.* , Pecoraro, A.* , Burke, D.M., & Madden, D.J. (2013). Functional and behavioral age-related changes in phonological and semantic processes under distracting conditions. Poster presentation at the 20th meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
25. Johnson, M.A.* , **Diaz, M.T.**, & Madden, D.J. (2013). Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI) of cerebral white matter integrity: Global versus tract-specific effects and mediation of age-related slowing. Poster presentation at the 20th meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

26. **Diaz, M.T.**, Johnson, M.A.* , Burke, D.M., & Madden, D.J. (2012). The role of white matter integrity in explaining age-related differences in phonological and semantic processes. Slide presentation at the 4th meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, San Sebastian, Spain.
27. Rossi, E., Newman, S., **Diaz, M.T.**, & Kroll, J. F. (2012). There are no mental firewalls: fMRI evidence for global inhibition of the native language in bilingual speech. Poster presentation at the International Workshop on Language Production, New York, NY.
28. **Diaz, M.T.**, Johnson, M.A.* , Camblin, C.C.* , Burke, D.M., & Madden, D.J. (2012). Age-related differences in the neural bases of phonological and semantic processes. Poster presentation at the 19th meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Chicago, IL.
29. Camblin, C.C.* , Hogstrom, L.J.* , & **Diaz, M.T.** (2011). The influence of written word distractors on brain activity during overt picture naming. Poster presentation at the 3rd meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Annapolis, MD.
30. **Diaz, M.T.** & Hogstrom, L.J.* (2011). The influence of contextual congruence and figurativeness on hemispheric recruitment. Slide presentation at the 18th meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.
31. **Diaz, M.T.** & Hogstrom, L.J.* (2011). The influence of novelty and context on hemispheric recruitment in processing metaphors. Poster presentation at the 17th meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Quebec City, Canada.
32. **Diaz, M.T.**, He, G., Gadde, S., Bellion, C., Belger, A., Voyvodic, J.T., and McCarthy, G. (2009). Brain activity elicited by emotional stimuli during a verbal working memory task: A comparison of healthy adults and patients with chronic schizophrenia, Poster presented at the 15th meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, San Francisco, CA.
33. **Diaz, M.T.** & McCarthy, G. (2005). Face and object processing in the fusiform gyrus: A comparison of intracranial ERP recordings and functional MRI. Paper presented at the 35th Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Washington, D.C.
34. **Diaz, M.T.** & McCarthy, G. (2005). Unconscious word processing: Differential activation based on word category and imageability. Poster presented at the 12th Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, New York, NY.
35. **Diaz, M.T.** & McCarthy, G. (2004). Unconscious word processing engages a distributed network of brain regions. Paper presented at the 34th Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.
36. **Diaz, M.T.** & McCarthy, G. (2004). Content and function words differentiated by gray and white matter activations. Poster presented at the 11th Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.
37. **Diaz, M.T.** & McCarthy, G. (2003). Different neural representations for content and function words. Poster presented at the 33rd Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, New Orleans, LA.
38. **Diaz, M.T.** & Swaab, T.Y. (2002). An electrophysiological investigation of semantic and phonological aspects of spoken language. Poster presented at the 32nd Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Orlando, FL.
39. **Diaz, M.T.** & Swaab, T.Y. (2002). Electrophysiological differentiation of semantic and phonological processing during spoken language comprehension. Poster presented at the 9th Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, CA.
40. Schwartz, A., Kroll, J.F. & **Diaz, M.** (2001). Reading cognates: Mapping orthography to phonology in two languages. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Orlando, FL.
41. Schwartz, A., Kroll, J.F., & **Diaz, M.** (2000). Reading Spanish words with English word bodies: Activation of spelling-to-sound correspondences across languages. Paper presented at the Second International Conference on the Mental Lexicon, Montreal, Canada.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2012	Duke Leadership Academy, participant
2002-05	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, recipient
2000-04	James B. Duke Endowment Fellowship, recipient
1999	Student Marshall, PSU Psychology Department-student with the highest GPA in the major

1999 Evan Pugh Scholar, students in the top 0.05% of their class
1995-99 Dean's List, All Semesters

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I enjoy interacting with students and they bring fresh perspectives to current issues in cognitive neuroscience. Moreover, I find that teaching further develops one's own understanding of the material itself. Over the past 10 years, I have had the opportunity to be the primary instructor in a variety of courses. Course evaluations are available upon request.

2017 - Cognitive Psychology (Psy 521, Primary Instructor, Penn State)
2015 - Cognitive Neuroscience (Psy 497, Primary Instructor, Penn State)
2009-2013 functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Primary Instructor, Duke University)
2008-2013 Neuroscience & Reading (Primary Instructor, Duke University Focus Program)
2005-2009 Statistical Methods (Primary Instructor, Duke University)
2007 Introductory Psychology (Primary Instructor, Duke University)
2004 Developmental Psychology (Teaching Assistant, Duke University)
2003 Cognitive Science (Teaching Assistant, Duke University)
2003 Introductory Psychology (Teaching Assistant, Duke University)

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

I have had multiple opportunities to mentor students at all levels: undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, graduate, and post-doctoral. While at Duke I supervised the BIAC post-baccalaureate fellowship program at Duke for 7 years, in which post-baccalaureate students met regularly to discuss career development and research topics. I continue to advise students at Penn State in a number of capacities including my own students, the SLEIC student advisory committee, as a mentor on the NSF PIRE training grant, and as a mentor and member of the executive committee of the NIH-NIA PATHWAYS T32 training grant.

Director, BIAC post-baccalaureate fellowship program (2007-2014)

Post-doctoral Researchers

Hossein Karimi (2017 – Present)
Avery Rizio (2014 – 2016)
Jie Zhuang (2013 - 2015)
C. Christine Camblin (2011 - 2012)

Ph.D. Thesis, Committee Member

Joseph Harris (2010 - 2012), Marissa Gamble (2010 - 2014), Kinsey Bice (2014 – present), Carla Fernandez (2014 – present), Christina Johnson (2014 – present), Haoyun Zhang (2014 – present), Benjamin Schloss (2015 – present), Erin Guty (2016-present), Sara Winter (2016 – present), Victoria Gertel (2016 – present), Shlomit (Sam) Gur (2016 – present)

Post-baccalaureate Research Assistants

Anna Eppes (2016 – present)
Shaadee Samimy (2014 – 2015, currently graduate student at OSU)
Micah Johnson (2010 – 2014, currently graduate student at UCLA; awarded an NSF graduate research fellowship 2016)
Larson Hogstrom (2009 - 2011, awarded Fulbright Fellowship August 2011)

Undergraduate Honors Students

Ege Yalcinbas (2013 – 2015, currently in graduate school at UCSD, Neuroscience)
Kyle Barrett (2008 - 2009, University of Southern California law school graduate)
Anu Ganapathy (2003 - 2005, University of Maryland, medical school graduate)

Undergraduate Research Assistants

Maria Badanova (2017 – present), Annie Ryder (2016 – present), Sarah Adsit (2016 – 2017), Nikolai Kuchinos (2015 - 2016), Karlee Moyer (2014 - 2016), Wen Sun (2014 - 2016), Wenjuan Xu (2015 - 2016), Matt Downing (2014 - 2015), Caitlyn Miller (2014- 2015), Jenelle Smith (2014 - 2015), Sarah Danehower (2012 - 2014), Mary Elizabeth McLaughlin (2013 - 2014), Anthony Pecoraro (2012 - 2013), Jennifer Yland (2013), Mona Ascha (2011 - 2012), (Maria) Paula Daneri (2012), Caryn McCarthy (2012), Lucy Bell (2011 - 2012)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

My role as Director of Human Imaging at the Social, Life, & Engineering Sciences Imaging Center (SLEIC) at Penn State and my previous experience as Assistant and then Associate Director of the Brain Imaging and Analysis Center (BIAC) at Duke includes research, financial, and operational oversight of the centers. In these capacities, I participated in a variety of duties (e.g., budget planning, personnel management, center operations, resource development and allocation, grant development, etc.). Currently, I directly supervise 12 individuals and indirectly supervise many more. While at Duke, I had the opportunity to participate in two career development opportunities: the Duke Leadership Academy and the Certified Financial Manager Program. The Duke Leadership Academy focused on broad goals of leadership and work culture, while the Financial Management Program focused on best practices for fiscal and compliance management.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director of Human Imaging, Social, Life, & Engineering Sciences Imaging Center (SLEIC)
SLEIC Faculty Advisory Committee, Director
SLEIC Student Advisory Committee, Director
NIH NIA, PATHWAYS to Healthy Aging T32 Training grant, Executive Committee
Management of Core Instruments & Facilities for Research Steering Committee, Executive Committee
Penn State Research Computing and Cyberinfrastructure, Executive Committee & Advisory Member
College of Liberal Arts Research Computing Advisory Committee, Member
Penn State Institute for Neurosciences (PSIN) Steering Committee, Member
2015-2016 Linguistics Search Committee, Member

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Neurobiology of Aging, Reviewing Editor (2017 – present)
Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Poster Committee (2017 – Present)
Language and Communication Study Section (LCOM, ad hoc Nov 2014, Dec 2014; Standing Member 7/1/15 – 6/30/19)
NIDCD Communication Disorders Review Committee (ad hoc, June 2013, Nov 2014)
NIDCD Special Emphasis Panel – VSL fellowship review (Feb 2014, June 2014, Oct 2014, Feb 2015, June 2015)

REVIEWER

Applied Psycholinguistics	Brain and Language
Brain Imaging & Behavior	Brain Connectivity
Brain Research	Brain Research Bulletin
Brain Topography	Cerebral Cortex
Clinical Neurophysiology	Developmental Science
Frontiers in Neuroscience	Human Brain Mapping
Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience	Journal of Psychiatric Research
Language and Linguistic Compass	Neurobiology of Aging
NeuroImage	Neuropsychologia
Neuropsychology	Psychology and Aging
Social, Cognitive, Affective Neuroscience	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Cognitive Neuroscience Society

Society for the Neurobiology of Language

Organization for Human Brain Mapping