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**Employment**

CORNELL UNIVERSITY Ithaca, NY  
July 2021 - Present  
Lecturer, Departments of Human Development, Linguistics, and Psychology, and Program in Cognitive Science

CORNELL UNIVERSITY Ithaca, NY  
May, 2018 - June 2021  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Human Development

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO Chicago, IL  
August, 2015 - June 2017  
Lecturer, Department of Linguistics

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO Chicago, IL  
August, 2013 - August 2015  
Program Manager, LSA Summer Linguistic Institute

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY Stony Brook, NY  
August, 2011 - August 2013  
Assistant Professor of Linguistics

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOLINGUISTICS Nijmegen, NL  
August, 2008 - July 2011  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Neurobiology of Language Group

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Stanford, CA  
May 2006 - August 2007  
Assistant to the Director, LSA Summer Linguistic Institute

**Education**

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Stanford, CA  
January, 2009  
Ph.D. in Linguistics  
Dissertation: *Experimental Investigations of Sociolinguistic Knowledge*

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Stanford, CA  
August, 2004  
Master of Arts in Linguistics

POMONA COLLEGE Claremont, CA  
May, 2002  
Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* with departmental honors in Linguistics

## Grants and Awards

2020 Cornell Center for Social Sciences, Cornell University, *Toward preventing racial bias: the role of dialect*, Co-PI  
2011 Stony Brook Univ. Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Individual Grant  
2007 Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship  
2007 Stanford Graduate Research Opportunity Grant  
2002 Stanford Graduate Fellowship in Science and Engineering  
2002 Glass Linguistics Prize, Pomona College  
2002 Phi Beta Kappa

## Teaching

2025 - Introduction to Cognitive Science, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
2023 - Cognitive Neuroscience of Language, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
2022-23 - Introduction to Linguistics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
2022 - How to Think Like a Scientist, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
2021-26 - Language and Power, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
2017 - Language and the Human, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
2017 - Experimental Methods in Linguistics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
2015-16 - Introduction to Sociolinguistics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
2011-13 - Language in the USA, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY  
2012-13 - Grad Introduction to Sociolinguistics, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY  
2012-13 - Introduction to Sociolinguistics, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY  
2012 - Workshop on Empirical Methods in Cognitive Linguistics, Cleveland, OH  
2002 - Languages of the World (with John Fought), Pomona College, Claremont, CA

## Papers

Beltrama, A. and Staum Casasanto, L. (2021). The Social Meaning of Semantic Properties. In Lauren Hall-Lew, Emma Moore, and Robert J. Podesva (eds.), *Social Meaning and Linguistic Variation: Theorizing the Third Wave*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Casasanto, D., Staum Casasanto, L., Gijssels, T., and Hagoort, P. (2020). The Reverse Chameleon Effect: Negative Social Consequences of Anatomical Mimicry. *Frontiers in Psychology*. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2020.01876

Rosen, R. K., Staum Casasanto, L., Singh, A. and Casasanto, D. (2018). Black Dialect Activates Violent Stereotypes. In *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Austin, TX, Cognitive Science Society.

Beltrama, A. and Staum Casasanto, L. (2017). "Totally tall" sounds totally younger. Intensification at the socio-semantics interface. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 21(2), 154-182.

Gijssels, T., Staum Casasanto, L., Jasmin, K., Hagoort, P., and Casasanto, D. (2016). Speech Accommodation Without Priming: The case of pitch. *Discourse Processes*, 53(4), 233-251.

Staum Casasanto, L., Grondelaers, S. and van Hout, R. (2015). Got class? Community-shared conceptualizations of social class in evaluative reactions to sociolinguistic variables. In *Responses to Language Varieties: Variability, processes and outcomes*. (Eds.) A. Prikhodkine and D. Preston. Amsterdam, John Benjamins Co.

Hofmeister, P., Staum Casasanto, L., and Sag, I. A. (2014). Processing effects in linguistic

judgment data: (Super-)additivity and reading span scores. *Language and Cognition* 6(1), 111-145.

Yap, D.F., Staum Casasanto, L., and Casasanto, D. (2014). Metaphoric iconicity in signed and spoken languages. *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*, 1808-1813. (Eds.) P. Bello, M. Guarini, M. McShane, and B. Scassellati. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Hofmeister, P., Staum Casasanto, L., and Sag, I. A. (2013). Islands in the grammar? Standards of evidence. In *Experimental Syntax and Island Effects*, 42-63. (Eds.) J. Sprouse and N. Hornstein. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2013). Down the Rabbit Hole. In *The Core and the Periphery: Data-driven Perspectives on Syntax Inspired by Ivan A. Sag*, (Eds.) P. Hofmeister and E. Norcliffe.

Hofmeister, P., Staum Casasanto, L., and Sag, I. A. (2012). How do individual cognitive differences relate to acceptability judgments? A reply to Sprouse, Wagers, and Phillips. *Language*, 88(2), 390-400.

Hofmeister, P., Staum Casasanto, L., and Sag, I. A. (2012). Misapplying working memory tests: A reductio ad absurdum. *Language*, 88(2), 408-409.

Staum Casasanto, L., Jasmin, K., and Casasanto, D. (2010). Virtually accommodating: Speech rate accommodation to a virtual interlocutor. *Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Staum Casasanto, L., Hofmeister, P., and Sag, I.A. (2010). Understanding acceptability judgments: Additivity and working memory effects. *Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2010). What do Listeners Know about Sociolinguistic Variation? *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*, 15.2: *Selected Papers from NAWAV* 37.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2009). How is Sociolinguistic Knowledge Represented? In N.A. Taatgen and H. van Rijn (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 31st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2008). Does Social Information Influence Sentence Processing? In B. C. Love, K. McRae, and V. M. Sloutsky (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 30th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Staum Casasanto, L. and Sag, I.A. (2008). The Advantage of the Ungrammatical. In B. C. Love, K. McRae, and V. M. Sloutsky (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 30th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2008). Using Social Information in Language Processing. *Proceedings of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, February 8-10 2008, Volume 34*, 305-316. (Eds.) S. Berson, A. Bratkievich, D. Bruhn, A. Campbell, R. Escamilla, A. Giovine, L. Newbold, M. Perez, M. Piqueras-Brunet, and R. Rhomeux.

Brenier, J., Coppock, L., Staum, L. and Michaelis, L. (2006). ISIS: It's not a disfluency, but how do we know that? *Proceedings of the Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*.

## Presentations

- Staum Casasanto, L., Rosen, R., Singh, A. and Casasanto, D. (2022). *A new paradigm for implicit language attitudes research: the auditory WIT*. Presented at Sociolinguistic Symposium 24. Ghent, Belgium.
- Beltrama, A. and Staum Casasanto, L. (2017). *The social meaning of semantic properties. From markedness to discourse*. Presented at NWAV 46. Madison, Wisconsin.
- Staum Casasanto, L., Rosen, R., Singh, A., and Casasanto, D. (2017). *Is that a gun? Race, dialect and violence stereotypes*. Presented at NWAV 46. Madison, Wisconsin.
- Yap, D. F., Staum Casasanto, L., and Casasanto, D. (2016). *Metaphoric iconicity in signed and spoken languages*. Presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- Beltrama, A. and Staum Casasanto, L. (2015). *Intensification, gradability and social perception. Totally at the sociosemantics interface*. Presented at Gradability, Scale Structure, and Vagueness: Experimental Perspectives in Madrid, Spain.
- Yap, D.F., Staum Casasanto, L., and Casasanto, D. (2014). *Metaphoric iconicity in signed and spoken languages*. Presented at the 6th Conference of the International Society of Gesture Studies in San Diego, CA.
- Hofmeister, P. and Staum Casasanto, L. (2013). *Individual differences and acceptability judgments*. Presented at Structure and Evidence in Linguistics in Stanford, CA.
- Staum Casasanto, L. (2012). *Processing Difficulty and the Envelope of Variation*. Presented at NWASV 1 in Nijmegen, NL.
- Staum Casasanto, L., Gijssels, T., and Casasanto, D. (2011). *Isolating the role of language in linguistic accommodation*. Presented at NWAV 40 in Washington, DC.
- Staum Casasanto, L., Jasmin, K., and Casasanto, D. (2010) *Interaction or Identity? Accommodation to a virtual interlocutor*. Presented at Sociolinguistics Symposium 18 in Southampton, UK.
- Staum Casasanto, L, Jasmin, K., and Casasanto, D. (2010) *Virtually accommodating: Speech rate accommodation to a virtual interlocutor*. Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society in Portland, OR.
- Staum Casasanto, L, Hofmeister, P., and Sag, I.A. (2010) *Understanding acceptability judgments: Additivity and working memory effects*. Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society in Portland, OR.
- Staum Casasanto, L. (2009). *How is Sociolinguistic Knowledge Represented?* Presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society in Amsterdam, NL.
- Staum Casasanto, L. (2009). *The role of sociolinguistic variation in phonological processing*. Presented at the 2009 LSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- Staum Casasanto, L. (2008). *What do listeners know about sociolinguistic variation?* Presented at NWAV 38 in Houston, TX.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2008). *Social Knowledge in Language Use*. Presented at Language, Communication and Cognition in Brighton, UK.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2008). *Does Social Information Influence Sentence Processing?* Presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society in Washington, D.C.

Staum Casasanto, L. and Sag, I.A. (2008). *The Advantage of the Ungrammatical*. Presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society in Washington, D.C.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2008). *Using Social Information in Language Processing*. Presented at CUNY 2008 in Chapel Hill, NC.

Staum Casasanto, L. (2008). *Using Social Information in Language Processing*. Presented at BLS 34 in Berkeley, CA.

Staum, L. and Casasanto, D. (2007). *Should liberals use conservatives' metaphors? Cognitive Linguistics meets Sociolinguistics*. Presented at NDCL 2 in Cardiff, Wales.

Staum, L. and Casasanto, D. (2006). *Cognitive Linguistics meets Language Ideologies: Should liberals use conservatives' metaphors?* Presented at NWA 36 in Columbus, OH.

Brenier, J., Coppock, L., Staum, L. and Michaelis, L. (2006). *ISIS: It's not a disfluency, but how do we know that?* Presented at BLS 32 in Berkeley, CA.

Jaeger, T.F. and Staum, L. (2005). *That-Omission Beyond Processing: Stylistic and Social Effects*. Presented at NWA 34 in New York, NY.

Staum, L. and Jaeger, T.F. (2005). *Using gradient acceptability judgments to investigate a syntactic construction*. Presented at the 2005 LSA Annual Meeting in Oakland, CA.

Eckert, P. and Staum, L. (2003). *From kid talk to adolescent talk: Vowels on the preadolescent heterosexual market*. Presented at NWA 32 in Philadelphia, PA.

## Posters

Beltrama, A. and Staum Casasanto, L. (2015). *Totally tall sounds totally younger: A socio-semantic study*. Presented at NWA 44 in Toronto, Canada.

Calma, N., L. Staum-Casasanto, D. Finer, R. Miranda, M. T. Ullman, and J. E. Drury. (2015). *Familiarity effects on language/music P600 interactions*. Presented at the Society for the Neurobiology of Language Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL Oct15-17.

Calma, N., Staum Casasanto, L., Finer, D., Miranda, R., Ullman, M.T., and Drury, J.E. (2014). *Music and language: Familiarity effects on (shared) processing*. Presented at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

Calma, N., Staum Casasanto, L., Finer, D., Miranda, R., Ullman, M.T., and Drury, J.E. (2013). *Revisiting Shared Resources for Language and Music*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language in San Diego, CA.

Staum Casasanto, L., Grondelaers, S., van Hout, R., van Berkum, J.J.A., and Hagoort, P. (2013). *Got class? Language attitudes and symbolic representations of social class*. Presented at the 2013 LSA annual meeting in Boston, MA.

Staum Casasanto, L., Gijssels, T., and Casasanto, D. (2011). *The Reverse-Chameleon Effect: Negative social consequences of anatomical mimicry*. Poster presented at CogSci 2011 in Boston, MA.

Staum Casasanto, L., Jasmin, K., and Casasanto, D. (2010). *Virtually Accommodating: Aligning speech with a virtual interlocutor*. Poster presented at CUNY 2010 in New York, NY.

Hofmeister, P., Staum Casasanto, L. and Sag, I.A. (2010). *Understanding acceptability judgments: distinguishing effects of grammar and processing*. Poster presented at CUNY 2010 in New York, NY.

Staum Casasanto, L., Futrell, R. and Sag, I.A. (2009). *Parallels between Production and Comprehension of Multiple That: What's good for the goose....* Poster presented at CUNY 2009 in Davis, CA.

Staum Casasanto, L., Futrell, R. and Sag, I.A. (2008). *Non-repeated extra complementizers increase syntactic predictability*. Poster presented at AMLaP 14 in Cambridge, U.K.

Staum Casasanto, L. and Sag, I.A. (2008). *Antilocality in Ungrammaticality: Nonlocal grammaticality violations are easier to process*. Presented at CUNY 2008 in Chapel Hill, NC.

Staum, L. and Sag, I.A. (2007). *The Advantage of the Ungrammatical: Processing 'extra THAT'*. Presented at AMLaP 2007 in Turku, Finland.

Staum, L. and Sag, I.A. (2007). *Multiple That: A strategy for reducing integration costs*. Presented at CUNY 2007 in La Jolla, CA.

Jaeger, T.F., Snider, N., Staum, L. and Jurafsky, D. (2006). *(In)dependence of lexical and syntactic production: that-reduction and omission in spontaneous speech*. Presented at CUNY 2006 in New York, NY.

### **Invited Talks**

2021 Colloquium, Cornell University Linguistics Dept.

2018 Workshop on Socially Situated Language Processing, Berlin.

2014 BILS, University of Milan, Bicocca.

2014 Language Variation and Change Workshop, University of Chicago Linguistics Dept.

2013 Wisdom Research Forum on Education, Chicago, IL.

2013 Colloquium, University of Chicago Linguistics Dept.

2012 Colloquium, CUNY Graduate Center Linguistics Dept.

2012 Symposium: *Variation of Language Attitudes: Mechanisms and stakes*, Lausanne.

2011 Colloquium, University of Edinburgh Linguistics Dept.

2011 Colloquium, University of York Linguistics Department.

2010 Symposium: *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Sociolinguistic Meaning*, OSU.

2010 Colloquium, University of Oregon Linguistics Dept.

2010 Colloquium, Stony Brook University Linguistics Dept.

2010 Symposium: *Entertaining Interacting Minds*, Radboud University Nijmegen.

2008 Lunch Talk, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics.

2008 Colloquium, University of Hawai'i at Manoa Linguistics Dept.

2007 Stanford Psychology of Language Tea, Stanford University.

2007 Stanford Language Users Group, Stanford University Psychology Dept.

**Service** 2012-2013 PhD Admissions Committee (Stony Brook Linguistics Department)  
2011-2012 MA Admissions Committee (Stony Brook Linguistics Department)  
2011-2012 Colloquium Committee (Stony Brook Linguistics Department)  
2007-2008 Faculty Search Committee (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2007-2008 Representation Roundtable Organizer (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2006-2008 Stanford Psychology of Language Tea Organizer  
2006-2007 Director's Assistant, LSA Summer Institute 2007  
2006-2007 Phonetics Lab Committee (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2005-2006 Graduate Admissions Committee (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2003-2008 Sociorap Organizer (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2003-2004 Graduate Representative to the Faculty (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2003-2004 QPFest Planning Committee (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2002-2003 Social Committee (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2002-2003 NWAWE Planning Committee (Stanford Linguistics Department)  
2001-2002 Faculty Search Committee (Pomona College Linguistics Department)  
2001-2002 Student/Faculty Liaison (Pomona College Linguistics Department)

**Reviewing** Ad hoc reviewer for *Journal of Memory and Language*, *Language and Cognition*, *Language Variation and Change*, *Frontiers in Cognitive Science*, Cognitive Science Society  
Program Committees: NWAV, AmLAP, CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing

**Languages** French - Advanced  
Swahili - Beginner  
Italian - Intermediate  
Dutch - Beginner