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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Postdoctoral Fellow-SoundLab (PI: Matt Goldrick)** May 2015-Present  
Department of Linguistics  
Northwestern University

EDUCATION

**The Pennsylvania State University- University Park, PA** May 2015  
Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology  
*Thesis title:* Using Event-related potentials to track the scope and time course of inhibition in bilingual speech

**The Pennsylvania State University- University Park, PA** May 2011  
M.S. in Cognitive Psychology  
*Thesis title:* What distracting information tells us about bilingual speech planning: evidence for asymmetries in bilingual translation

**University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh, PA** April 2007  
B.S. in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant Neuroethology** Fall 2008  
Assistant for an upper division Psychology class, graded assignments, managed course web site, and held office hours.

**Teaching Assistant Psychology of Language** Spring 2009  
Assistant for an upper division Psychology class, graded assignments, managed course web site, held office hours, and led review sessions.

**Teaching Assistant Language and Thought** Fall 2012  
Assistant for an upper division Psychology class, led discussion for one lecture on Alzheimer's disease and language

**Instructor Psychology of Language** Spring 2013  
Instructor for an upper division Psychology class, directed a course investigating language from a psychological perspective. Lectured, recruited guest speakers, supervised on teaching assistant, advised students on writing projects, and wrote exams.

**Guest Lecturer Cognitive Psychology** Fall 2014  
Led one discussion on visual perception, elucidating the contribution of different encoding principles to visual processing and visual working memory.

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

### **National Institute of Health Predoctoral Training Grant**

NICHHD F31HD075545-01

*Faculty Mentors:* Judith Kroll, Eleonora Rossi

*Title:* A neurocognitive investigation of the scope and time course of inhibition in bilingual speech

*Amount:* \$87,537

Fall 2013-Fall 2014

### **National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant**

BCS-1226471

*Co-PIs and Mentors:* Judith Kroll, Eleonora Rossi

*Title:* Using ERPs to track the scope of inhibition in bilingual speech

*Amount:* \$53,442

Fall 2012- Fall 2014

### **PIRE Research Fellowship: Bangor University**

*Project Collaborators:* Guillaume Thierry, Bastien Boutonnet

*Amount:* \$2000

Fall 2011

### **PSU Psychology Department Travel Award: Beijing Normal University**

*Project Collaborators:* Taomei Guo, Bingle Chen

*Amount:* \$2000

Summer 2010

### **Ford Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**

*Project Collaborator:* Judith Kroll

*Title:* What distracting information tells us about bilingual planning speech:

Evidence for asymmetries in bilingual translation

*Amount:* \$54,000

Fall 2009 – Spring 2012

### **Bunton-Waller Fellowship - The Pennsylvania State University Center For Language Science Award- The Pennsylvania State University**

Fall 2008 - Spring 2009

Fall 2008 - Spring 2009

## TECHNICAL/LANGUAGE SKILLS

EEGLAB

E-Prime

Neuroscan Data Analysis

R Programming Language

Spanish: Reading, Speaking, Listening Comprehension

Moderate Proficiency

Advanced Proficiency

Advanced Proficiency

Moderate Proficiency

Moderate Proficiency

## VOLUNTEER & SERVICE WORK

### **The Pennsylvania State University**

BRIDGE Diversity Student Group - PSU Dept of Psychology, Member  
Center For Language Science Young Scholar Speaker Series, Organizer  
Graduate Exhibition Judge

Fall 2008 – May 2015

Fall 2009

Spring 2013

### **Northwestern University**

Phonatics Discussion Group Coordinator

(NUIN) Postdoc Affairs Committee

May 2015-

September 2015-

### **Other Service**

Literacy Works (ESL Tutor-Greater Chicago Community)

September 2015

## **Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer**

*Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*

### PUBLICATIONS

McClain, R. & Kroll, J. F. (in preparation). *Two routes to translation: Evidence for asymmetries in translation.*

McClain, R. & Kroll, J. F. (in preparation). *Just learning, but ready to speak: an event-related potential study of L2 learners' production.*

Kroll, J.F., Gullifer, J. W., McClain, R., Rossi, E., Martín, M.C. (2015). Selection and control in bilingual comprehension and production. In J. Schweiter, (Ed)., *Cambridge Handbook of Bilingualism*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Boutonnet, B., McClain, R., & Thierry, G. (2014). Compound words prompt arbitrary semantic associations in conceptual memory, *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5, 1-7.

Kroll, J. F. & McClain, R. (2013). What bilinguals tell us about culture, cognition, and language. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 110, 11219-11220.

Kroll, J. F., Bogulski, C. A., & McClain, R. (2012). Psycholinguistic perspectives on second language learning and bilingualism: The course and consequence of cross-language competition. *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism*, 2, 1-24.

### PRESENTATIONS

McClain, R., Rossi, E., & Kroll, J. F. (2015, November) *Catching inhibitory processes during speech planning on the fly*. Poster to be presented at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, Illinois.

McClain, R., Rossi, E., & Kroll, J. F. (2015, October). *ERPs reveal mechanisms of language control during L2 speech planning: Inhibitory processes observed on the Go*. Poster to be presented at the 2015 Annual Society for the Neurobiology of Language Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

McClain, R., Rossi, E., & Kroll, J. F. (2015, March) *Catching inhibitory processes during speech planning on the fly*. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, San Francisco, California.

McClain, R., Bloodgood, D., Rossi, E., & Kroll, J. F. (2014, November). *Inhibitory control during second language production: Evidence from learners*. Poster presented at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Long Beach, California.

McClain, R., Rossi, E., & Kroll, J. F. (2014, April). *A neurocognitive investigation of inhibitory processes during speech planning*. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

McClain, R., Rossi, E., & Kroll, J. F. (2013, November). *Bilinguals Control Their First Language to Speak the Second Language*. Poster presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

McClain, R., Rossi, E., & Kroll, J.F. (2013, October). *Using ERPs to investigate the scope and time course of inhibitory control in bilingual production*. Poster presented at the International Conference on Multilingualism, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

McClain, R., & Kroll, J.F. (2012, October). *What ERPs tell us about asymmetries in bilingual translation*. Poster presented at the Mental Lexicon Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

McClain, R., & Kroll, J.F. (2012, October). *What ERPs tell us about asymmetries in bilingual translation*. Paper

presented at the Second Language Research Forum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

McClain, R., & Kroll, J.F. (2012, July). *An ERP Investigation of semantic processing in forward and backward translation*. Poster presented at the International Workshop on Language Production, New York, New York.

McClain, R., & Kroll, J.F. (2012, July). *An ERP Investigation of semantic processing in forward and backward translation*. Poster presented at the International Workshop on Language Production, New York, New York.

McClain, R., Guo, T., Chen, B., & Kroll, J.F. (2011, November). *What ERPs tell us about asymmetries in cross-language translation*. Poster presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Seattle, Washington.

McClain, R., Kroll, J. F., Guo, T., & Chen, B. (2011, June). *What distracting information tells us about bilingual speech planning: Evidence for asymmetries in translation*. Paper presented at the 8th International Symposium on Bilingualism, Oslo, Norway.

McClain, R., & Kroll, J. F. (2011, January). *Ice in my eye: What distracting information tells us about how bilinguals select the language they intend to speak*. Poster presented at the Second Annual Center For Language Science Young Scholars Speakers Series, State College, U.S.

McClain, R., & Kroll, J. F. (2010, October). *Ice in my eye: What distracting information tells us about how bilinguals select the language they intend to speak*. Poster presented at the Donostia Workshop on Neurobilingualism, San Sebastián, Spain.

Kroll, J. F., Bogulski C. A., & McClain, R. (2010, June). *Psycholinguistic perspectives on second language learning and bilingualism: The course and consequence of cross-language competition*. Paper presented at the Workshop on Third Language Acquisition, Iowa City, Iowa.

Kroll, J.F., Bogulski C. A., & McClain, R. (2009, November). *On the factors that contribute to the bilingual advantage*. Paper presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

## REFERENCES

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