#### Curriculum Vitae

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Pennsylvania. Ph.D., Psychology, December, 1985.

Johns Hopkins University. M.A., Psychology, 1981.

University of Pennsylvania. B.S., Occupational Therapy, 1976.

## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS all at Northwestern University

Professor, Department of Psychology (since 1992) https://childdevelopment.northwestern.edu/

Professor, School of Education and Social Policy (by courtesy, since 1993)

Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research (since 2013)

https://www.ipr.northwestern.edu/faculty-experts/fellows/waxman.html

#### PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT

Harvard University. Associate & Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology (1989-1992)

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

- Provost Award for Exemplary Faculty Service, Northwestern University, 2021
- Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, STIAS fellowship, 2021
- Society for Improvement of Psychological Science Mission Award (for improving psychological science in the face of challenge with the ManyBabies Collaboration), 2019
- ◆ Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) Program on Brain, Mind, & Consciousness Associate Fellow, 2018 2025
- Cognitive Science Society Fellow, 2016
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences Member, 2011
- American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellow, 2011
- Louis W. Menk Chair in Psychology Endowed Chair, Northwestern University, 2011
- Harvard University Visiting Professor, 2010
- Ann L. Brown Award for Excellence in Developmental Research, University of IL, 2008
- James McKeen Cattell Award. American Psychological Society, 2007
- Guggenheim Fellowship. John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 2007
- Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris Visiting Professor, 2004
- Centre for Cognitive Science, Lyon France Visiting Professor, 1998

## SELECTED ADVISORY ROLES

- International Congress of Infant Studies, Board Member-at-Large (2018-2024).
- Northwestern University, Chair of Provost's Advisory Council on Women Faculty (2016-2019).
- NIH Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) "Bridging the Word Gap Research Network Project", Advisory Board Member (2014-2019).
- Office of Head Start's Birth to Five Early Learning Outcomes Framework. External Reviewer (2014-present).
- ◆ Chair, Institute for Innovations in Developmental Sciences Neurodevelopmental Core faculty steering committee (Aug., 2018 July, 2019)
- Founding Member and Director, Northwestern University's Innovations in Developmental Sciences: How Early Development Shapes a Lifetime

## JOURNAL EDITORSHIPS AND OTHER REVIEWING

Annual Review of Developmental Psychology, Co-editor (2018-present); Cognitive Psychology, Associate Editor (2005-2018); Frontiers in Language Sciences, Founding Review Editor; International Congress of Infant Studies, Translational Research Award Reviewer (2020); Psychological Review, Consulting Editor (2016-present), Society for Research in Child Development Social Policy Report, Editorial Board Member (2017-present).

External reviewer at National Institutes of Health; National Science Foundation; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; NSF College of Reviewers. Developmental and Learning Sciences (DLS).

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National Institutes of Health (75N94019D00005), "NIH Infant and Toddler Toolbox" (Co-I; PI Gershon, R.; \$1,464,995)		
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National Institutes of Health (3R01HD083310-03S1), Supplement to "Linking language and cognition in infancy: Entry points" (PI; \$579,434)		
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National Institutes of Health (1F32HD095580-01), "Infant attention in the context of language" (Postdoctoral sponsor for M. Novack: \$172,926)		
National Institutes of Health (R03HD067485), "Toddlers' Initial Representation of Verbs: Effects of Delay and Sleep on Verb Meaning" (PI; \$163,414)		
The When to Worry about Language Study (W2W-L): Joint consideration of developmental patterning and neural substrates for enhancing early identification of language impairment (Co-I; PIs E. Norton, L. Wakschlag; \$2,498,151)		
Northwestern Institute for Innovations in Developmental Sciences Pilot Research Initiatives, "Maternal malnutrition and implications for human milk lipids and preterm infant growth and development through early childhood" (Contributor; PI D. Robinson).		
ECHO PRO Research Resource: "A Developmentally-based Measurement Science Framework for Assessing Environmental Exposure and Child Health" (Co-PI; PI R. Gershon; \$1,094,177)		

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Bang, M., Alfonso, J., Faber, L., Marin, A., Marin, M., Medin, D., Waxman, S., & Woodring, J. (in press). Perspective taking and psychological distance in children's picture books: differences between Native and Non-native authored books. In Nelson-Barber, S. & Chinn, P. W. U. (Eds.) *Indigenous STEM Education: Perspectives from the Pacific Islands, the Americas and Asia*. New York, NY: Springer.
- Luchkina, E., Waxman, S. (in press) Acquiring abstract verbal reference: Tracing its underlying representational and social-communicative capacities in infants.

- Luchkina, E., Waxman, S. (2021) Semantic priming supports infants' ability to learn names of unseen objects. *PLOS ONE* 16(1): e0244968. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0244968
- Woodruff Carr, K., Perszyk, D. R., & Waxman, S. R. (in press). Birdsong fails to support object categorization in human infants. *PLOS ONE*
- He, A.X., Huang, S., Waxman, S. & Arunachalam, S. (2020). Two-year-olds consolidate verb meanings during a nap. *Cognition*, 198. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2020.104205
- Kadlaskar, G., Waxman, S., Seidl, A. (2020) Does Human Touch Facilitate Object Categorization in 6-to-9-Month-Old Infants? *Brain Sci.* 10(12), 940. https://doi.org/10.3390/brainsci10120940
- LaTourrette, A. & Waxman, S., (2020). Naming guides how 12-month-old infants encode and remember objects. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 202006608. https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2006608117.
- LaTourrette, A. & Waxman, S., (2020) An Object Lesson: Objects, Non-Objects, and the Power of Conceptual Construal in Adjective Extension, *Language Learning and Development*.
- Novack, M., Brentari, D., Goldin-Meadow, S., & Waxman, S. R. (2020; n.d.). Sign Language Promotes Object Categorization in Young Hearing Infants. Working Paper, Institute for Policy Research, WP-20-07.
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- Taverna, A., Medin, D.L. & Waxman, S.R. (2020). Tracing culture in children's thinking: A sociological framework in understanding nature (Rastreando la cultura en el pensamiento infantil: una socioecología para comprender la naturaleza). Infancia y Aprendizaie. *Journal for the Study of Education and Development, 1-24*.
- The ManyBabies Consortium, (2020) Quantifying Sources of Variability in Infant Research Using the Infant Directed-Speech Preference. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, 3(1) 24-52.
- Woodruff Carr, K. L., Perszyk, D. R., Norton, E. S., Voss, J. L., Poeppel, D., & Waxman, S. R. (2020). Neural indices of attention underlie the increasing precision with which infants link language and cognition. Working Paper, Institute for Policy Research, WP-20-08.
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- de Carvalho, A., Babinea, M., Trueswell, J., Waxman, S.R., & Christophe, A. (2019). Studying the real-time interpretation of novel noun and verb meanings in young children. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10, 274.
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- Waxman, S. R. (April 2005). *Generics*. Symposium discussant at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Waxman, S. R., Medin, D. L., & Anggoro, F. (April 2005). *Culture, context, and naïve biology*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Waxman, S. R. & Braun, I. E. (April 2005). *The breadth of adjective learning at 23 and 29 months of age*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Waxman, S. R. & Braun, I. E. (May 2004). Words as invitations to form categories: The importance of consistency. Paper presented at the XIVth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Chicago, Illinois.
- Waxman, S. R. & Guasti, M. T. (May 2004). Evidence for the extension of nouns and adjectives in *Italian: New cross-linguistic evidence*. Paper presented at the XIVth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Chicago, Illinois.
- Booth, A., Waxman, S. R., Huang, Y. T., & Hackenberg, J. (April 2003). *Evidence for the influence of conceptual knowledge on early word learning*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Tampa, Florida.
- Waxman, S. R. (April 2003). *Adjective acquisition: Conceptual, semantic, and syntactic matters*. Discussant for a symposium presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Tampa, Florida.
- Booth, A. E., & Waxman, S. R. (April 2002). *Object functions serve as cues to categories for Infants*. Paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Toronto, Canada.
- Waxman, S. R., Booth, A. E., & Braun, I. E. (December 2001). *The power of word learning*. Paper presented at the Early Lexicon Acquisition Conference: Normal and Pathological Development, Lyon, France.
- Waxman, S. R. (November 2001). *Not by perception alone: Conceptual and semantic factors underlying children's extension of novel adjectives.* Paper presented at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, Somerville, MA:
- Namy, L. L., & Waxman, S. R. (June 2001). *Developmental change in infant's interpretation of words and gestures*. Paper presented at the Orage Conference: Orality and Gestuality? Aix-en-Provence, France.
- Waxman, S. R. (April 2001). What is special about word learning? Presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

- Waxman, S. R. (April 2001). *The power of word learning*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- Waxman, S. R., & Booth, A. E. (March 2001). *The origins and evolution of links between word learning and conceptual organization: New evidence from 11-month-olds.* Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bisontine Conference for Conceptual and Linguistic Development in the Child from 1 to 6 years, Besancon, France.
- Waxman, S. R., & Booth, A. E. (December 1999). *Distinguishing count nouns from adjectives: Evidence from 14-month-olds' word extension*. Paper presented at the 1st Bisontine Conference for Conceptual and Linguistic Development in the Child Aged from 1 to 6 Years. Besançon, France.
- Waxman, S. R., Hall, D. G., Bredart, S. and Nicolay, A. (December, 1999). *Semantic distinctions between count nouns and adjectives in French and English.* Paper presented at the 1st Bisontine Conference for Conceptual and Linguistic Development in the Child Aged from 1 to 6 Years. Besançon, France.
- Waxman, S. R., & Booth, A. E. (November 1999). *Distinguishing count nouns from adjectives: Evidence from 14-month-olds' word extension*. Paper presented at the meeting of the 24th Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Waxman, S. R., & Klibanoff, R. S. (April 1999). *Mapping adjectives broadly: The role of contrast and multiple exemplars*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM.
- Waxman, S. R., Williams, S. E., & Booth, A. E. (April 1999). *Coordination of speech cues and word learning in 14-month-old infants*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM.
- Klibanoff, R. S., & Waxman, S. R. (November 1997). *Preschoolers' acquisition of novel adjectives and the role of basic-level kind*. Paper presented at the 22nd Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Namy, L. L., & Waxman, S. R. (November 1997). Words and gestures: The role of carrier phrases in infants' mapping of novel symbols to object categories. Paper presented at the 22nd Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Waxman, S. R., & McGregor, K. K. (May 1997). Word-learning biases in preschoolers with and without language impairment Paper presented at the Symposium on Research in Child Language Disabilities, Madison, WI.
- Waxman, S. R., & Markow, D. B. (April 1997). *Soft ice cream and soft slippers: The role of object kind in mapping adjectives to object properties.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Washington, DC.
- Waxman, S. R., & Braig, B. (April 1996). *Stars and starfish: How far can shape take us?* Paper presented at the International Conference on Infancy Studies, Providence, RI.
- Waxman, S. R., & Balaban, Marie T. (April 1996). *Ursines and felines: Novel words support object categorization in 9 month old infants*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Infancy Studies, Providence, RI.
- Saah, M. I., Waxman, S. R., & Johnson, J. (April 1996). *The composition of children's early lexicons as a function of age and vocabulary size*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Infancy Studies, Providence, RI.
- McGregor, K., & Waxman, S. R. (November 1995). *Multiple level naming abilities of children with word-finding deficits*. Paper presented at the 20th Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Balaban, M. T., & Waxman, S. R. (November 1995). An examination of the factors underlying the facilitative effect of word phrases on object categorization in 9-month-old infants. Paper presented at the 20th Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Waxman, S. R. (April 1995). Linkages between nouns and object categories in the acquisition of English, French and Spanish. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Indianapolis, IN.

- Namy, L. L., & Waxman, S. R. (April 1995). *Challenging the notion of an early thematic preference*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Indianapolis, IN.
- Waxman, S. R. (November 1994). *Characteristics of word-learners: Before and after the "vocabulary explosion."* Paper presented at the 19th Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Gentner, D., & Waxman, S. R. (June 1994). *Perceptual and conceptual bootstrapping in early word meaning*. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Conference on Infancy Studies, Paris, France.
- Waxman, S. R. (March 1993). *The emergence of specific linkages between linguistic and conceptual organization*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, New Orleans, LA.
- Waxman, S. R., & Balaban, M. T. (May 1992). *The influence of words vs. tones on infants'* categorization. Paper presented at the Eighth International Conference on Infant Studies, Miami, FL.
- Markow, D. B., & Waxman, S. R. (May 1992). *The influence of labels on 12-month-olds' category formation*. Paper presented at the Eighth International Conference on Infant Studies, Miami, FL.
- Waxman, S. R. (April 1991). *Nouns highlight superordinate category relations: Data from French- and Spanish-speaking preschool children.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.
- Waxman, S. R., & Heim, L. S. (April 1991). *Nouns highlight category relations in 13- month-old infants*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.
- Waxman, S. R. (October 1990). *Early lexical hierarchies*. Paper presented at the 15th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Waxman, S. R. (April 1990). *Relations among word meanings in early lexical development*. Paper presented at the Seventh International Conference on Infant Studies, Montreal, Canada.
- Waxman, S. R. (January 1990). Bunting Institute (Radcliffe College) Colloquium Series. Respondent to presentation by Z. Luria, *Gender: A young child's view*.
- Waxman, S. R. (June 1989). *Winding paths toward a common destination*. Invited discussant at the annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Waxman, S. R. (April 1989). *Establishing new subclasses: Angelfish have fused teeth.* Paper presented in a symposium at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Kansas City, MO.
- Waxman, S. R. (June, 1988). *The role of language in children's hierarchical systems of organization*. Symposium paper presented at the annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Waxman, S. R. (May, 1987). Chair, Early Cognitive Development session at the annual meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Waxman, S. R. (April, 1987). *Linguistic and conceptual organization in 30-month olds: A preliminary report.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.
- Waxman, S. R., & Shipley, E. S. (April, 1987). *Interactions between existing knowledge and language in subordinate classification*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.
- Waxman, S. R. (April, 1985). *Preschoolers' classification at four hierarchical levels*. Paper presented at the meeting of the society for Research in Child Development, Toronto, Canada.
- Waxman, S. R. (October, 1984). What constitutes evidence of hierarchical systems of organization: Evidence in preschool children. Invited presentation. Sloan seminar in Cognitive Science, University of Pennsylvania.
- Waxman, S. R. (April, 1983). *Superordinate classification in preschool children*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Detroit, MI.
- Waxman, S. R. (Spring, 1981). *Auditory processing of synthesized speech-like stimuli*. Paper presented at the Eastern Psychological Association meeting, New York, NY.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS — LAST FIVE YEARS

- Waxman, S.R. (2020). *Visually-Grounded Interaction and Language Workshop*. Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), Vancouver, Canada.
- Waxman, S.R. (2020). *The Cognitive Science of Concepts: Contrasting Perspectives Across the Disciplines*. Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Waxman, S.R. (2019). *How (and how early) do infants link language and cognition?*. 80th Annual National Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Waxman, S.R. (2019). *Diversity in Developmental Science*. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting. Baltimore, MD. Discussant.
- Waxman, S.R. (2019). *The acquisition of lexical concepts in infancy* Brain development and emergence of cognitive functions seminar, Collège de France, Paris, France.
- Waxman, S.R. (2018). Becoming human: How (and how early) do language and cognition come together in the infant mind? Paris Descartes University, Paris, France.
- Waxman, S.R. (2018). Becoming human: How (and how early) do language and cognition come together in the infant mind? Brown University Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences Colloquium.
- Waxman, S.R. (2018). *Influence of Media Exposure & Use on Infants and Toddlers* at Media Exposure and Early Child Development Workshop. NIH Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). Bethesda, MD. Discussant.
- Waxman, S.R. (2017). *Becoming human: How (and how early) do infants link language and cognition?*Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Winter School on the Neuroscience of Consciousness.
  Montebello, Canada. Mentor and lecturer.
- Waxman, S.R. (2017). *Becoming human: How (and how early) do infants link language and cognition?*Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Azrieli Program in Brain, Mind & Consciousness Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- Waxman, S.R. (2017). *Becoming Human: How (and how early) do infants link language and cognition?*University of Maryland Brain and Behavioral Initiative: "What can animal communication teach us about human language?" College Park, MD
- Waxman, S.R. (2017). *Linking Language and Cognition: New Insights from Young Infants* at Concepts, Actions, and Objects: Functional and Neural Perspectives, Center for Mind/Brain Sciences, University of Trento, Rovereto, Italy.
- Waxman, S.R. (2016). Cross-cultural and developmental perspectives on the evolution of human behaviour & cognition, Human Behaviour and Evolution Society. Vancouver, BC. Preconference Workshop,
- Waxman, S.R. (2016). Global Issues in Development: Thinking about nature: Across cultures, across languages and across development. International Conference on Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA. Waxman, S.R. (2015). Cognitive Development Society. Presidential Lecture.

## **ADVISEES**

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS all at Northwestern University
Joe Lau (2019-present)
Elena Luchkina (2019-present)
Kali Woodruff (2018-present)
Miriam Novack (2016-present)
Cynthia Blanco (2016-2018)
Duolingo, Pittsburgh, PA

Melanie Havy (2012-2013)

University of Geneva, Psychology

Eileen Graf (2011-2013)

NORC at the University of Chicago, Research Scientist

Sudha Arunachalam (2007-2011)

Boston University, Applied Linguistics, Assistant Professor

Marian Chen (2007-2009)

Nan McKay and Associates, Operations Management Analyst, Chicago

Erin Leddon (2006-2011)

Northwestern University, The Graduate School, Assoc. Dir. of English Language Programs Andrzej Tarlowski (2005-2007)

University of Finance and Management in Warsaw, Psychology, Assistant Professor Christopher Fennel (2005-2006)

University of Ottowa, Professor, Psychology

Tracy Lavin (2003-2005)

Directions Evidence and Policy Research Group, Research Analyst, Vancouver, Canada Amy Booth (2001-2003)

University of Texas at Austin, Psychology and Comm. Sciences and Disorders, Professor

## PH.D. STUDENTS

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# <u>Completed Ph.D.s – Northwestern University</u>

Alexander LaTourrette, PhD., 2020: University of Pennsylvania, Post-doctoral fellow, Psychology

Danielle Perszyk, PhD., 2018: Google, Mountain View, CA

Brock Ferguson, Ph.D., 2016; Strong Analytics, co-founder, data scientist, developer

Heather Norbury, Ph.D., 2013; American Institutes for Research, Education Policy Researcher, Chicago

Patricia Herrmann, Ph.D., 2011; Senior Director of Research, Senseye, Inc., Austin, TX

Tom Piccin, Ph.D., 2007; Johns Hopkins Medicine, Epic Project Leader

Florencia Anggoro, Ph.D., 2006; College of the Holy Cross, Assistant Professor, Psychology

Raquel S. Klibanoff, Ph.D., 2001; University of Chicago, Post-doctoral fellow, Psychology

Stephanie Taddei, M.A., 2001; Research consultant

Laura Namy, Ph.D., 1998; Emory University, Professor, Psychology

# Completed Ph.D.s – Harvard University

D. Geoffrey Hall, Ph.D., 1991; University of British Columbia, Professor, Psychology

Dana Markow, Ph.D., 1995; Harris Interactive, Senior Director, Youth and Education Research