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Education

- present PhD student in Psychology, Pennsylvania State University
 Masters student in Applied Statistics, Pennsylvania State University
- 2012 M.S. in Psychology, Pennsylvania State University (University Park, Pennsylvania)
- 2008 B.A. in Psychology, Wheaton College (Wheaton, Illinois)

Fellowships & Honors

- 2012 NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes Fellow
- 2012 Mu Sigma Rho, Statistics Honor Society, Charter member Penn State chapter
- 2011 Center for Language Science PIRE Graduate Fellow
- 2009 University Graduate Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University

Other Awards & Funds

- 2012 Penn State Confucius Institute Scholarship (\$1000)
- 2011 Center for Language Science Conference Support
- 2010 Graduate School NSF-GRFP Incentive Award (\$500)
- 2010 Robert J. Glushko and Pamela Samuelson Foundation Student Travel Grant (\$460)
- 2010 Research and Graduate Office Travel Award
- 2010 Donald A. Trumbo Psychology Department Student Research Award
- 2010 Center for Language Science Conference Support
- 2009 College of Liberal Arts NSF-GRFP Incentive Award (\$1000)

Journal Articles

- Zou, L., Abutalebi, J., **Zinszer, B.**, Yan, X., Shu, H., Peng, D., Ding, G. (under revision) Second language experience modulates functional brain network for the native language production in bimodal bilinguals. Submitted to *Neuroimage*.
- Zinszer, B. D.**, Li, P., Malt, B., Ameel, E. (in prep) Modeling cross-language interaction in bilingual lexical categorization.

Refereed Conference Papers

- Zinszer, B. D.** & Li, P. (2010). A SOM model of first language lexical attrition. In S. Ohlsson & R. Catrambone (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Refereed Presentations

- Weiss, D. J., **Zinszer, B. D.**, & Aslin, R. N. When to hold and when to fold: Detecting structural changes in statistical learning. Submitted to Boston University Conference on Language Development 2012.
- Zinszer, B. D.** & Li, P. Predictors of native-like categorization in Chinese learners of English. Submitted to Second Language Research Forum 2012.
- Zinszer, B. D.** & Li, P. Bilingual categorization behavior: internally or externally emergent? Talk

presented at the 8th International Symposium of Bilingualism, June 15-18, 2011.

Zinszer, B. D. & Li, P. Cross-Language Lexical Interaction in Object Naming. Poster presented at Psychonomic Society 51st Annual Meeting, November 20, 2010.

Zinszer, B. D. & Li, P. Modeling age of onset in first language lexical attrition. Talk presented at Society for Computers in Psychology 40th Annual Meeting, November 18, 2010.

Zinszer, B. & Li, P. A SOM model of first language lexical attrition. Talk presented at the 32nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Portland, Oregon, August, 2010.

Zinszer, B. D. & Phinney, R. E. Effects of mask-to-target energy ratio on cyclopean metacontrast masking. Poster presented Vision Sciences Society 9th Annual Meeting, May 13-18 2009.

Research Experience

2012 East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute Fellow, National Science Foundation
Beijing Normal University: State Key Lab for Cognitive Neuroscience and Learning

2011 Partnership for International Research and Education Fellow, NSF
Beijing Normal University: State Key Lab for Cognitive Neuroscience and Learning

2010 - 2012 Research assistant, Penn State University
Center for Language Science: Brain, Language, and Computation Lab

2008 - 2009 Research assistant, Wheaton College
Visual Psychophysics Lab

Teaching Experience

2010-2011 Teaching Assistant, Penn State University
PSYCH 301W – Basic Research Methods in Psychology

2008 Teaching Assistant, Wheaton College
PSYC 772 – Cognition and Emotion

Ad-hoc Reviewer

Bilingualism: Language and Cognition
The Modern Language Journal

Professional Service

Finalist Round Judge – Pennsylvania Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, 2011
Web Development – Center for Language Science: PIRE (<http://www.cls.psu.edu/pire>), 2011
Webmaster – Brain, Language, and Computation Lab (<http://cogsci.psu.edu>), 2009-2011
President of Student Health Advisory Committee – Wheaton College, 2007-2008