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Education	Ph.D. Program	Aug. 2005 – Present
	University of Pittsburgh	
	Department of Psychology and the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition	
	M.S., Cognitive Psychology, Neuroscience concentration	April 2007
	University of Pittsburgh	
	Department of Psychology and the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition	
	Thesis: <i>The Semantic Role of Gender: Grammatical and Biological Gender Match Effects in English and Spanish</i> . Advisor: Dr. Natasha Tokowicz	
	B.A. Psychology and Honor's Program, Summa cum Laude	Oct. 2000 – Aug. 2003
	University of Haifa, Israel	
Research	Graduate Student Research Assistant – University of Pittsburgh	
	Dr. Natasha Tokowicz	May 2008 - Present
	Department of Psychology and Learning Research and Development Center	
	Exploring translation ambiguity for beginner learners	
	Dr. Erik D. Reichle and Dr. Tessa Warren	Aug. 2007–Dec. 2007
	Department of Psychology and Learning Research and Development Center	
	Exploring eye movements during reading	
	Dr. Natasha Tokowicz	Aug. 2005-Aug. 2006
	Department of Psychology and Learning Research and Development Center	
	Developing & implementing an on-line French vocabulary tutor	
	Research Assistant	
	Dr. Natasha Tokowicz – University of Pittsburgh	Oct. 2004 – Aug. 2005
	Department of Psychology and Learning Research and Development Center	
	Research on second language learning and bilingualism	
	Dr. Erica Michael – Carnegie Mellon University	Oct. 2004 – Aug. 2005
	Department of Psychology	
	Research on individual differences in second language learning	

Research, Continued

Prof. Simon S. Rubin – University of Haifa, Israel

Oct. 2001 – Aug. 2003

Department of Psychology

Research on bereavement, loss, and ethics from a clinical perspective

Teaching

Teaching Fellow –Department of Psychology, University of Pittsburgh

Research Methods Lab

Fall 2009

Instructor

Teaching Assistant –Department of Psychology, University of Pittsburgh

Statistical Analysis II – Graduate level course

Spring 2007, Spring 2008

Instructor: Dr. Elizabeth Votruba-Drzal

Introduction to Psychology

Fall 2006

Instructor: Dr. Nelly SantaMaria

Manuscripts

Degani, T., & Tokowicz, N. (in press). Semantic ambiguity within and across languages: An integrative review. *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*.

Degani, T., & Tokowicz, N. (in press). Ambiguous words are harder to learn. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*.

Degani, T., Prior, A., & Tokowicz, N. (in press). Bidirectional transfer: The effect of sharing a translation. *European Journal of Cognitive Psychology*.

Tokowicz, N., & **Degani, T.** (under review). *Translation ambiguity: Consequences for learning and processing*.

Vanyukov, P.M., Reichle, E.D., Warren, T., & **Degani, T.** (in revision). *Serial vs. parallel? Using visual search to examine attention allocation during reading*.

Degani, T., Tokowicz, N., & Sánchez-Casas, R. (in prep). *The semantic role of gender*.

Presentations

Degani, T., Eddington, C., M., Tokowicz, T., & Prior, A. (2009, November). *Comparing within-language and across-language word ambiguity*. Poster to be presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Boston, MA.

Vanyukov, P., Reichle, E.D., Warren, T., & **Degani, T.** (2009, August). *Examining Attention Allocation in Gaze-Contingent Visual Search Tasks Using Diffusion Models*. Paper to be presented at 15th European Conference on Eye-Movements, Southampton, UK.

Tokowicz, N., & **Degani, T.** (2009, May). *Translation ambiguity: Consequences for learning and processing*. Paper presented at the Second Language Processing and Parsing: State of the Science conference, Lubbock, TX.

Presentations, Continued

- Degani, T.,** Prior, A., & Tokowicz, N. (2009, January). *The Similarity of brother and fireplace: Hebrew translation status affects semantic similarity ratings in English*. Poster presented at the Brain, Language, Communication conference, Israel.
- Tokowicz, N., & **Degani, T.** (2008, November). *The calf of my leg or a baby cow? Ambiguous words are harder to learn*. Paper presented at the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL.
- Vanyukov, P., **Degani, T.,** Warren, T., & Reichle, E.D. (2008, November). *Examining attention allocation in visual search tasks*. Poster presented at the Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Chicago, IL.
- Degani, T.,** Prior, A., & Tokowicz, N. (2007, November). *English words connected via Hebrew morphology – L1-L2 bidirectional effects on semantic similarity*. Poster presented at the Forty-Eight Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Long Beach, CA.
- Degani, T.,** Prior, A., & Tokowicz, N. (2007, May). *How sharing a translation affects semantic similarity: Reciprocal effects in L1 and L2*. Paper presented at the Sixth International Symposium on Bilingualism, Hamburg, Germany.
- Degani, T.,** Prior, A., & Tokowicz, N. (2006, September). *When peace and hello are one: Effects of single vs. multiple translations in Hebrew & English*. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Pitt/CMU Conference on Psychology, Pittsburgh, USA.
- Degani, T.,** Tokowicz, N., & MacWhinney, B. (2005, November). *Do Spanish tables have curves? A semantic priming investigation of linguistic relativity*. Poster presented at the Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Toronto, Canada.

Grant Awarded

Sigma Xi – The Scientific Research Society – Grant in Aid of Research Jan. 2007

Academic Awards

Department of Psychology and Learning Research & Development Dec. 2008
Center, University of Pittsburgh - Graduate Student Diversity Book Scholarship.

Professional Activities

Ad-hoc reviewer - Applied Linguistics, Applied Psycholinguistics, Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology

Conference reviewer – Annual meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

Professional Service

Diversity Committee – LRDC, University of Pittsburgh Sep. 2006–Aug. 2008

Member of the committee

Co-coordinator of the Undergraduate Research community – organizing and leading professional development workshops for undergraduate students

Professional Affiliations - Student Member

Eastern Psychological Association

Feb. 2009 – Present

Sigma Xi –The Scientific Research Society

May 2006 – Present