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### **EMPLOYMENT**

University of British Columbia	Full Professor	Psychology	Since 1994
University of British Columbia	Associate Professor	Psychology	1989–1994
University of British Columbia	Assistant Professor	Psychology	1986–1989
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### **AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS**

- Pickering Award for Outstanding Contribution to Developmental Psychology in Canada, 2017
- University Killam Professor, University of British Columbia, Since 2016
- Gold Medal Impact Award, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2015
- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Since 2014
- Fellow, Cognitive Science Society, Since 2013
- Ann L. Brown Prize in Developmental Psychology, University of Iowa, November 2010
- Ida Cordelia Beam Distinguished Visiting Professor, DeLTA Center, University of Iowa, April 2010
- Honourary Member, DeLTA Center, University of Iowa, Since 2010
- Fellow, Association for Psychological Science, Since 2009
- Maryland-Blackwell Lectures, University of Maryland, November 2008
- Distinguished Visitor, Catholic University of Santiago, Chile, December 2007
- Jacob Biely Research Prize, University of British Columbia, 2007
- Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Since 2006
- Senior Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Since 2004
- Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Since 2001
- Fellow, Royal Society of Canada, Since 2001
- Distinguished Visiting Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, March 2001
- Fellow, Canadian Psychological Association, Since 1996
- Killam Research Prize, University of British Columbia, 1991
- Killam Leave Fellowship, University of British Columbia, 1990-1991
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Journal Publications**

- Danielson, D.K., Bruderer, A.G., Kandhadai, P., Vatikiotis-Bateson, E., & Werker, J.F. (2017) The organization and reorganization of audiovisual speech perception in the first year of life. *Cognitive Development, 42*, 37-48.
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- Gervain, J., Werker, J.F., Black, A., & Geffen, M.N. (2016). The neural correlates of processing scale-invariant environmental sounds at birth. *Neuroimage, 133*, 144-50.
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- Kandhadai, P., Danielson, D.K., & Werker, J.F. (2014). Culture as a binder for bilingual acquisition. *Trends in Neuroscience and Education, 3*, 24-7.
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## **RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- Werker, J.F. (2017, June 15). *Perceptual foundations of language acquisition in monolingual- and bilingual-learning infants*. Keynote speaker at the Workshop on Infant Language Development (WILD), Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language, Bilbao, Spain.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, May 24). *Perceptual Foundations of Language Acquisition in Infancy*. Invited Speaker at the Grand Rounds of the BC Neuropsychiatry Program, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, May 18). *Language Acquisition in Monolingual & Bilingual Learning Infants*. The 2017 Annual Pickering Public Lecture, Pickering Centre for Human Development, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, April 22). *Perceptual foundations of language acquisition in monolingual- and bilingual-learning infants*. Keynote Speaker; Symposium on Early Language and the Brain, Brain and Mind Institute, Macau.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, April 21). *Perceptual foundations of language acquisition in monolingual- and bilingual-learning infants*. Distinguished Scholars Lecture in Bilingualism and Human Complexity, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, HK.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, April 13). *First steps in language acquisition*. Invited presentation to the Board of Governors, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, January 13). *Experience and plasticity in speech perception development*. Invited speaker for the Exploring the Mind Speaker Series, Center for Mind and Brain, University of California, Davis, CA, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, November 18). *Are there Critical Periods in Speech Perception Development?* Annual Macnamara Lecture, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, September 19). *Perceptual foundations of language acquisition: Surprising new findings*. Invited Speaker for the Panel on “Child Development: Ears and Brains” at the 33<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Audiology (WCA), Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, September 17). *Perceptual Foundations of Language Acquisition*. Keynote Speaker; International Mind, Brain and Education Society (IMBES) Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, September 1). *Critical periods in speech perception development*. Instructor in the International School of Neuroscience Workshop: Early Experience and Sensitive Periods in Development, Organized by P.F. Ferrari, N.H. Fox, C.A. Nelson & C.H. Zeanah. The Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture, Erice, Sicily, Italy.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, July 25). *Experience and plasticity in speech perception*. Instructor in the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Course on Genetics & Neurobiology of Language, Organized by S. Fisher & K. Watkins. Lloyd Harbor, NY, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, June 16). *Infant Speech Perception: First Steps in Language Acquisition*. Keynote Speaker; International Clinical Phonetics and Linguistics Association Conference, Halifax, NS, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, May 28). *The Challenge to Think Deeply, and Truly Developmentally*. Invited Speaker at the Symposium ‘In Honor of Gerald Turkewitz: His Scientific Legacy’, International Conference on Infant Studies (ICIS), New Orleans, LA, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, March 18). *Critical Periods in Speech Perception Development*. Invited Colloquium, UC Berkeley, Institute of Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Berkeley, CA, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2015, December 11). *Critical Periods in Speech Perception Development*. Invited Speaker, Neuroscience Seminar Series, Institut Neurosciences Cognition, Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France.
- Werker, J.F. (2015, October 10). *Critical Periods in Speech Perception Development*. Invited Plenary at the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society Meeting, Columbus, OH, USA.

- Werker, J.F. (2015, October 6). *Perceptual foundations of language acquisition*. B-Debate on Brain Health: From Genes to Behavior, Improving our Life. Co-Organized by the International Center for Scientific Debate and the Guttman Institute, Barcelona, Spain.
- Werker, J.F. (2015, August 15). *Visual and motor influences on auditory speech perception in infancy*. Auditory Development: From Cochlea to Cognition, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2015, August 7). *Using Near Infrared Spectroscopy to Probe Language Processing in the Infant Brain*. Guest Speaker at Dr. Fidel Vila-Rodriguez's Non-Invasive Neurostimulation Therapies (NINET) Lab, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2015, June 6). *Critical periods in speech perception development*. Invited Plenary at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Neuroplasticity & Change, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2015, May 23). *Understanding the foundations of language development by studying the infant brain*. Canadian Association for Neuroscience Public Lecture, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Neuroscience Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2015, March 12). *Becoming a Native Listener: Biological Constraints and Experimental Influences*. Latin American School for Education, Cognitive, and Neural Sciences, San Pedro de Atacama, Chile.
- Werker, J.F. (2014, September 16). *Becoming a Native Listener: Biological Constraints and Experiential Influences*. Invited Colloquium, UBC Department of Psychology. Vancouver, BC.
- Werker, J.F. (2014, June 5). *Initial biases and experiential influences on infant speech perception development*. Invited presentation at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association. Vancouver, BC.
- Werker, J.F. (2014, June 2). *Becoming a Native Listener: First Steps in Language Acquisition*. Invited presentation to the UBC Board of Governors in celebration of Stephen Toope's 8 years as President. Vancouver, BC.
- Werker, J.F. (2014, May 10). *Multisensory Integration in Speech Perception*. Invited target discussion paper presented to: Multisensory Perception Workshop (organized by Mohan Matthen), Network for Sensory Research, University of Toronto. Toronto, ON.
- Werker, J.F. (2014, May 8). *Baby bilinguals: How do babies acquire two first language simultaneously?* Keynote Speaker; Development 2014 Conference, Carlton University, Pickering Centre for Research in Human Development. Ottawa, ON.
- Werker, J.F. (2013, November 29). *Initial biases and experimental influences on infant speech perception development*. The Bilingual Brain: Language and Music, The Neuroscience & Mental Health Program at the Hospital for Sick Children, Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning. Toronto, Ontario.
- Werker, J.F. (2013, November 6). *Initial biases and experiential influences on infant speech perception development*. Keynote Speaker, Elizabeth Bates Memorial Lecture, Neurobiology of Language Conference. San Diego, CA.
- Werker, J.F. (2013, October 22). Workshop on precursors to language development for the Language Development, Identity, and Assessment group, University of Lethbridge. Lethbridge, Alberta.
- Werker, J.F. (2013, October 21). *Initial biases and experiential influences on infant speech perception development*. Invited Colloquium, Society for Neurosciences Traveling Lectureship, University of Lethbridge. Lethbridge, Alberta.
- Werker, J.F., (2013, September 19). *Prenatal exposure changes language attunement in infancy*. BRAINGLOT. Barcelona, Spain.
- Werker, J.F., (2013, September 17). *The effects of experience on infant speech perception*. Basque Centre for Brain, Cognition, and Language, External Speaker Series. San Sebastian – Donostia, Spain.
- Werker, J.F., (2013, June 14). *Understanding the effects of experience on infant speech perception*. Canada-Israel Symposium on Neuroplasticity. London, Ontario.
- Werker, J.F., (2013, April 5). *The effects of experience on language development*. The Waisman Center, Mayor Paul Memorial Lecture, Madison.

- Werker, J.F., (2013, February 14-18). *Infant speech perception: biological beginnings and experiential influences*. The language organ: the bases of human language in human biology, 2013 AAAS Annual Meeting, Boston.
- Werker, J.F., (2012, November 16). *Environmental factors shape language acquisition starting very early in life*. The New Science of Child Development, The Royal Society of Canada Symposium, Ottawa, Canada.
- Werker, J.F., (2012, October 16). *Prenatal Exposure Modulates Language Attunement in Infancy*. The Society for Neuroscience, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Invited Presidential Lecture, New Orleans.
- Werker, J.F., (2012, July 23). *One language or two? First steps in infancy toward language acquisition*. International Congress of Psychology 2012, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Werker, J.F. (2012, March 30-Apr 1). *How bilingual infants separate and learn about two languages simultaneously*, Bilingual and Multilingual Interaction Conference, Keynote Speaker, Bangor Wales.
- Werker, J.F. (2011, December 8-10). *Opportunity and adversity in becoming a native listener*. National Academy of Sciences, Arthur M. Sackler Colloquia, Biological Embedding of Early Social Adversity: From Fruit Flies to Kindergartners, Beckman Center, Irvine, CA, USA.  
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- Werker, J.F. (2011, September, 19). *Growing up bilingual: Perceptual foundations in infancy*. Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.
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- Werker, J.F. (2011, June 21) Guest speaker, McDonnell Foundation Consortium Meeting: Critical Periods Revisited. *Influences on the timing and plasticity of developmental changes in speech perception*. Montreal, PQ.
- Werker, J.F. (2011, March 9), *Learning in bilinguals: Foundations in speech perception*, Latin American School for Education, Cognition, and Neural Sciences, San Pedro de Atacama, Chile.
- Werker, J.F. (2011, February 18), *Perceptual foundations of bilingual acquisition*, AAAS Symposium on Bilingualism, AAAS Meetings, Washington, DC.
- Werker, J.F. (2011, January 27). *Opening and Reopening Plasticity in Perceptual Systems: Pharmacological Influences*; Health Psychology Brown Bag, UBC

## CURRENT GRANTS

<b>UBC</b>	University Killam Professorship	\$100,000	2016-2017	J.F. Werker
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<b>UBC Faculty of Arts</b>	Research Support Funds, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair	\$120,000	2015-2019	J.F. Werker
<b>SSHRC</b>	Gold Medal Impact Award	\$100,000	2015-2016	J.F. Werker
<b>NSERC</b>	The role of multisensory redundancy in infant speech perception and language acquisition	\$550,000	2015-2020	J.F. Werker
<b>SSHRC</b>	The influence of linguistic and cultural context on first steps in language acquisition	\$347,259	2014-2019	J.F. Werker
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