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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

UBC	PhD	Psychology	07/1979 -11/1982	Dr. Richard Tees
UBC	MA	Psychology	09/1976 - 06/1979	Dr. Richard Tees
Harvard University	BA cum laude	Psychology & Social Relations	09/1972 - 06/1974	Drs. Sheldon White & John Whiting

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
Dalhousie University	Assistant Professor	Psychology	1982–1986

Awards & Distinctions

- Member, National Academy of Sciences, Since April 2020
- William James Fellow Award, Association for Psychological Science, 2019
- Killam Prize in the Social Sciences, Canada Council for the Arts, 2018
- Officer of the Order of Canada, Since 2017
- 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
- Alumni Prize for Research in the Social Sciences, University of British Columbia, 1990

Research Interests

My research focuses on understanding the roots of language acquisition, by studying speech perception in infancy, the mechanisms by which native speech sound categories are acquired, and how speech perception supports early word learning and other facets of language acquisition. The work is positioned within a cascading critical/sensitive period perspective, which involves broad collaboration. In my lab we study infants from hours after birth up to toddler-hood using behavioral, electrophysiological (ERP), and non-invasive optical neural imaging using near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS). We study infants growing up in different language environments, infants growing up bilingual, and infants with, or at risk for, developmental disabilities. Adult studies focus on speech perception and lexical processing of both spoken language and visual speech, and involve behavioral and neuroimaging studies. Increasingly, our focus is much more contextualized, studying speech perception development as a multisensory, multimodal activity embedded in a social-cultural context. This research would not have been possible without the exceptional graduate students (25 to date) and postdoctoral fellows (31 including those current) I have supervised.

Continuing Education & Community Outreach (Last 5 years)

- Werker, J.F. (2020, December 5). *Foundations of language acquisition in monolingual- and bilingual-learning infants*. Invited speaker to the JYMB Parenting Webinar Series, Vancouver, BC, Canada (Virtual).
- Werker, J.F. (2020, September 24). *Babies growing up bilingual*. Invited Speaker to the UBC Parent Council Speaker Series, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada (Virtual).
- Werker, J.F. (2019, May 25). Round-table discussion with students at the *Champions of Psychological Science*, sponsored by the APS Student Caucus at the 31st Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2019, March 22). “Lunch with Leaders” Round-table discussion with students at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA.
- Gysi, S. (2018, May 30). *Babies’ brains are equipped to handle more than one language*. Interview with Dr. Janet F. Werker on monolingual and bilingual language acquisition for the Blog on Learning and Development (BOLD), an interdisciplinary initiative for parents. BOLD is supported by the Jacobs Foundation and dedicated to spreading the word about how children and young people develop and learn. [<https://bold.expert/babies-brains-are-equipped-to-handle-more-than-one-language>]
- Werker, J.F. (2018, May 27). *Language acquisition begins long before the first word*. Invited guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting of KidCareCanada, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, November 17). *The Language of Success: Innovation in Early Child Development*. Invited guest speaker at Joyce Murray’s MP Breakfast Connections Series, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, April 28). *Perceptual Foundations of Language Acquisition in Monolingual- and Bilingual-learning Infants*. Lecture and guided tour of the Infant Studies Centre. Pre-Conference: Supporting Practice, Advocacy, Research, and Knowledge (SPARK): The Early Years, Early Childhood Education Program and the Institute for Early Childhood Education and Research, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, March 3). *Baby Talk*. [Introduction]. Public viewing at Vancity Theatre of the documentary *Babies* with an introduction by Dr. Janet F. Werker, part of the “Movies for Mommies” event series in Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, March 3). Guided tour of the Infant Studies Centre for Aboriginal students from École Mission Senior Secondary School (Mission, BC, Canada), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

- Werker, J.F. (2017, January 23). *Baby Talk: How language learning begins before birth*. Public viewing at Vancity Theatre of the documentary *Babies* followed by a Q&A session with the audience lead by Dr. Janet F. Werker (UBC) and colleague Dr. Byers-Heinlen (Concordia University), Vancouver, BC, Canada. Presented by UBC's VPRI Office and Office of the Provost & VP Academic in partnership with the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies and Alumni UBC.
- Werker, J.F. (2016, May 12). *Bilingual Babies*. Public lecture at Telus World of Science; Sponsored by the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Arts and Department of Psychology in recognition of Dr. Werker's SSHRC Gold Medal Award, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Publications

Journal Articles

- The ManyBabies Consortium, with Werker J.F. and 27 others (accepted). A multi-lab study of bilingual infants: Exploring the preference for infant-directed speech. *Journal of Child Language*.
- Choi, D., Batterink, L., Black, A., & Werker, J.F. (2020). Prelingual infants discover statistical word patterns at similar rates as adults: Evidence from neural entrainment. *Psychological Science*, *31*(9), 1161-1173.
- de la Cruz Pavía, I., Gervain, J., Vatikiotis-Bateson, E. & Werker, J.F., (2020). Coverbal speech gestures signal phrase boundaries: A production study of Japanese and English infant- and adult-directed speech. *Language Acquisition*, *27*(2), 160-186.
- de la Cruz Pavía, I., Werker, J.F., Vatikiotis-Bateson, E. & Gervain, J. (2020). Finding phrases: The interplay of word frequency, phrasal prosody and co-verbal visual information in chunking speech by monolingual and bilingual adults. *Language and Speech*, *63*(2), 264-291.
- The ManyBabies Consortium, with Werker J.F., and 148 others (2020). Quantifying sources of variability in infancy research using the infant-directed speech preference. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, *3*(1), 24-52.
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- de la Cruz Pavía, I., Gervain, J., Vatikiotis-Bateson, E., & Werker, J.F. (2019). Finding phrases: On the role of co-verbal facial information in learning word order in infancy. *PLOS ONE*, *14*(11), e0224786.
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- Choi, D., Black, A., & Werker, J.F. (2018). Cascading and multisensory influences on speech perception development. *Mind, Brain, & Education*, *12*(4), 212-223.
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Invited Presentations (Last 5 years)

- Werker, J.F. (2020, November 12). *Perceptual beginnings to first language acquisition: Critical periods and multi-sensory influences*. Invited Speaker to the MIT Colloquium on the Brain and Cognition, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, USA (Virtual).
- Werker, J.F. (2020, July 30). *Perceptual beginnings to language acquisition: Critical periods and multi-sensory influences*. Invited Plenary Speaker at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (Virtual).
- Werker, J.F. (2020, February 28). *First steps in language acquisition in infancy: Surprising influences*. Invited presentation to the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2020, January 22). *Ready and Able: Multisensory Foundations of Language Acquisition in Infancy*. Invited Speaker for the inaugural 'From the Minds of Babes' Symposium, Institute for Innovations in Developmental Sciences, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2019, December 5). *The importance of rhythm: Early child development and the acquisition of language*. Invited Speaker to Aux Sources du Rythme: Rencontres Intersectorielles del' Université de Montréal, Sur Le Rythme, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2019, May 25). *How Babies Begin Learning Their Native Language*. Invited Speaker [William James Fellow Award Address] at the 31st Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, May 23-26, Washington, DC, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2019, April 29). *Multisensory foundations of infant speech perception and early word learning*. Afternoon Colloquium (MAC) presented at the MARCS Institute for Brain, Behavior and Development, University of Western Sydney, Sydney, Australia.
- Werker, J.F. (2019, February 1). *Multisensory Foundations of Infant Speech Perception and Early Word Learning*. Invited Speaker for the Neuroscience & Cognitive Science (NACS) Seminar Series, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2018, August 9). *From Speech Perception to Language Acquisition: Building on the Legacy of Peter Jusczyk*. The Inaugural Peter Jusczyk Lecture Series, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2018, April 5). *Critical periods in language perception as a form of memory*. Memory Symposium, Collège de France, Paris, France.
- Werker, J.F. (2018, January 4). *Multisensory foundations of speech and language processing in infancy*. The 33rd Annual Mortimer D. Sackler Winter Conference in Developmental Psychobiology, Kohala Coast, Hawaii, USA.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, November 9). *Multisensory influences on infant speech perception*. Invited Address at the Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action Meeting (APCAM), Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Werker, J.F. (2017, October 16). *Speech perception and early word learning: Multisensory foundations*. The 2017 Steer Lecture at Purdue University, Department of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences, West Lafayette, IN, USA.
- 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 33rd 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, 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.

Research Grants (Last 5 years)

SSHRC Partnership Grant	Ensuring Full Literacy in a Multicultural and Digital World	\$2,500,000	2020-2027	J.F. Werker (PI) & International Team (Co-Is)
CFI	Ensuring Full Literacy in a Multicultural and Digital World	\$199,969	2020-2025	J.F. Werker (PI) & M. Abdul-Mageed (Co-I)
NSERC	Comparing two phonemic category learning mechanisms in infancy and the factors that modulate their efficacy	\$390,000	2020-2025	J.F. Werker (PI)
CIFAR Catalytic Grant	Understanding language development in infants using AI (Child Brain Development Program)	\$30,000	2020-2022	J.F. Werker & S. Mostafavi (PIs)
UBC VP Research & Innovation	Grant for Catalyzing Research Clusters: Language Sciences Initiative	\$230,000	2020-2021	J.F. Werker (PI), B. Gick, S. Fels, D. Rosenblum, G. Li, T. Herdman, & M. Abdul-Mageed (Co-Is)
CIFAR	Research Support from the Brain, Mind & Consciousness Program	\$5,000	2019-2020	J.F. Werker (PI)
CIFAR Catalytic Grant	Detecting the contents of consciousness in infants (Brain, Mind & Consciousness Program)	\$40,000	2019-2021	J.F. Werker & A.M. Fyshe (PIs)
SSHRC Partnership Grant; Stage 1	Ensuring Full Literacy in a Multicultural and Digital World	\$20,000	2019-2020	J.F. Werker (PI), & International Team (Co-Is)
SSHRC Insight Grant	Bilingualism as a lens for understanding lexical development in infancy	\$312,710	2019-2024	J.F. Werker (PI) & D.G. Hall (Co-I)
PetSmart Charities Of Canada	PetSmart BabySmart (Shared Postdoctoral Fellow Support for Dr. Nicole Sudgen)	\$40,000	2019-2020	J.F. Werker (PI)

Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Research	Does opera training sculpt the brain to learn?	\$424,000	2019-2021	J.F. Werker, L. Boyd, N. Hermiston, R. Weber & A. MacKay (PIs)
UBC VP Research & Innovation	Grant for Catalyzing Research Clusters: Language Sciences Initiative	\$171,864	2019	J.F. Werker (PI), B. Gick, S. Fels, B. Norton, L. Boyd, & M. Turin (Co-Is)
CIFAR Catalytic Grant	Babies, bugs, and brains: How the early microbiome influences infant brain and behavior development (Brain, Mind & Consciousness Program)	\$50,000	2018-2019	J.F. Werker, B. Finlay & L. Trainor (PIs)
CIFAR Catalytic Grant	Exploring critical period timing across ontogeny (Child Brain Development Program; Support for Dr. Rebecca Reh, PDF)	\$50,000	2018-2019	J.F. Werker & T.K. Hensch (PIs)
Kids Brain Health Network	Towards implementation of EEG and NIRS in the clinic: A national team approach	\$100,000	2018-2020	S. Lippé & A. Gallagher (PIs), J.F. Werker, L. Trainor, et al. (Co-Is)
SSHRC Connection Grant	Envisioning a Language Science of Literacy	\$24,993	2018-2019	J.F. Werker (PI), S.H. Deacon, M. Turin & A.M. Fyshe (Co-Is)
UBC, VP Research & Innovation	Language Sciences: UBC and Beyond (Grant for Catalyzing Research Clusters)	\$200,000	2018	J.F. Werker (PI), B. Gick, S. Fels, S. Muehlmann, B. Norton & L. Boyd (Co-Is)
UBC	University Killam Professorship	\$100,000	2016-2017	J.F. Werker
UBC, VP Research & Innovation	Language Sciences: UBC Transdisciplinary Research Framework (Grant for Catalyzing Research Clusters)	\$60,000	2016-2017	J.F. Werker (PI) B. Gick, S. Fels, S. Muehlmann, B. Norton & L. Boyd (Co-Is)
UBC Faculty of Arts	Research Support Funds, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair	\$160,000	2015-2021	J.F. Werker
SSHRC	Gold Medal Impact Award	\$100,000	2015-2016	J.F. Werker

NSERC	The role of multisensory redundancy in infant speech perception and language acquisition	\$550,000	2015-2020	J.F. Werker
SSHRC	The influence of linguistic and cultural context on first steps in language acquisition	\$347,259	2014-2019	J.F. Werker
CIFAR	Brain, Mind & Consciousness; and Child Brain Development	\$90,000	2015-2018	J.F. Werker
Alva Foundation & CIFAR	Shared Postdoctoral Fellow Support for Dr. Rebecca Reh	\$100,000	2015-2018	J.F. Werker (PI) T.K. Hensch (Co-I)
NIH (US)	Multisensory foundations of speech perception in infancy	\$295,534	2013-2017	J.F. Werker (PI) B. Gick (Co-I)

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CIFAR = Canadian Institute for Advanced Research

NIH = National Institutes of Health

NSERC = Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

SSHRC = Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada