

# THOMAS SOSTARICS

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Department of Linguistics  
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## EDUCATION

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**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL

Ph.D., Linguistics

(Expected) Jun 2024

M.A., Linguistics

Jan 2023

**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

B.A. Linguistics

Jun 2018

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Phonetics; Phonology; Prosody; Prosody-Pragmatics Interface

## APPOINTMENTS & EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant**

2020 – Present

*Department of Linguistics*

*Northwestern University*

- Experimental Pragmatics (Winter 2023 with E. Ronai)
- Introduction to Computational Linguistics (Fall 2021 with R. Voigt)
- Introduction to Programming and Text Processing for Linguists (Winter 2021 with R. Voigt)
- Introduction to Laboratory Phonology (Fall 2020 with J. Cole)

**English Instructor**

2021 – 2022

*English Language Programs*

*Northwestern University*

**Research Assistant**

2018 – 2019

*Language Processing Lab*

*The University of Chicago*

## GUEST LECTURES

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Praat for Prosody Research for *Graduate Prosody Seminar* (Winter 2023)

Introduction to Intonational Meaning for *Experimental Pragmatics* (Winter 2023)

NLP Applications for Intonational Meaning for *Graduate Prosody Seminar* (Winter 2023)

Introduction to Praat for *Introduction to Laboratory Phonology* (Fall 2020)

Phonological Perspectives on Aphasia for *Introduction to Laboratory Phonology* (Fall 2020)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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Walenski, M., **Sostarics, T.**, Mesulam, M., & Thompson, C. (n.d.). Adjective use by individuals with agrammatic primary progressive aphasia. in progress

**Sostarics, T.** Cole, J. (n.d.). The pragmatics of the LLL tune in American English (working title). in progress

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Sostarics, T.**, & Cole, J. (2021b). Epistemic Meaning and the LLL Tune in American English. In *Proc. 1st international conference on tone and intonation (tai)* (pp. 11–15). doi:10.21437/TAI.2021-3

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Sostarics, T., & Cole, J. (2023).** *Tonal center of gravity predicts variation in the interpretation of rising and falling intonation in american english.* Poster presentation at 184th Acoustical Society of America.

**Sostarics, T., & Cole, J. (2022a).** *Exploring the voice quality of nuclear tunes.* Poster presentation at 27th Mid-Continental Conference on Phonetics and Phonology.

**Sostarics, T., & Cole, J. (2022b).** *What listeners can tell us about epistemic meaning and the LLL tune in american english.* Oral presentation at 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America.

**Sostarics, T., & Cole, J. (2021c).** *Epistemic meaning and the LLL tune in american english.* Poster presentation at 1st International Conference on Tone and Intonation.

**Sostarics, T., & Cole, J. (2021a).** *Assessing contrasts in intonation through contrasts in speaker commitment.* Oral presentation at 26th Mid-Continental Conference on Phonetics and Phonology.

**Sostarics, T., Walenski, M., Mesulam, M., & Thompson, C. (2020a).** *Adjective use by individuals with agrammatic primary progressive aphasia.* Poster presentation at Society for the Neurobiology of Language 2020.

**Sostarics, T., Walenski, M., Mesulam, M., & Thompson, C. (2020b).** *Adjective use by individuals with agrammatic primary progressive aphasia.* Oral presentation at Academy of Aphasia 2020.

Arkipova, L., **Sostarics, T.**, Law, R., Xiang, M., & WingYee, C. (2019). *'Nonetheless' can reverse predictions immediately: Evidence from ERPs.* Poster presentation at AMLAP 2019

## INVITED TALKS

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**Sostarics, T. (2021).** *Pragmatic contributions of the L\*L-L% contour in american english.* Language Evolution, Acquisition, and Processing Workshop. The University of Chicago.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

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**Sostarics, T. (2022).** *Understanding how it's said: Speech and its melodies.* Taste of Science Chicago.

## SERVICE

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**Graduate Student Liaison** 2022 – 2023  
*Department of Linguistics* Northwestern University

**Admissions Committee** 2020 – 2022  
*Department of Linguistics* Northwestern University

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

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**Northwestern University**  
Graduate Research Grant (\$2970) December 2022  
Dept. of Linguistics Graduate Research Grant (\$490) October 2022  
Dept. of Linguistics Graduate Research Grant (\$435) October 2022  
Data Science Fellowship (\$12,500) September 2019

**University of Chicago**  
Sapir Scholar Award (\$500) March 2018  
Sapir Scholar Award (\$500) January 2018

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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**University of Potsdam** August 2021  
Summer School on Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology: Introduction to Bayesian Data Analysis