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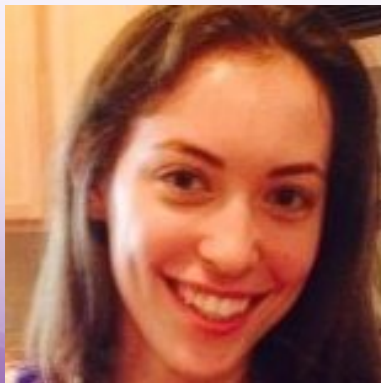
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Tyler Perrachione (*B.A. 2007, M.A. 2007*) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at Boston University. He is the Director and Principal Investigator of the Communication Neuroscience Research Laboratory. He has been published in many academic journals.



Natalie Friend (*B.A. 2011*) pursued her M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology at Northwestern. She now works in a school as a Speech Pathologist, teaching language to children with autism.



Minna Zhou (*B.A. 2012*) is a Twin-Cities-based Radio Producer, Writer, and Researcher. She has written for various publications, including Pitchfork, MTV Iggy, and FADER. She has produced radio and DJ'd, interned with American RadioWorks, and conducted sociolinguistics fieldwork as a Fulbright Fellow to Senegal. In 2011, she interned with Smithsonian Folkways Recordings.

Jeff Schecter (*B.A. 2011*) worked as a Spam and Abuse Analyst at Google from 2011-2014. He then became the Data Scientist and Data Engineer at financial technology startup Level Money. Jeff is currently a Data Scientist / Master Software Engineer at Capital One.



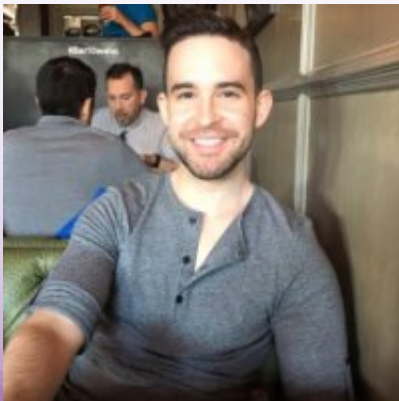


Joel Nierman (*B.A. 2004*) is the Strategic Advisor at MediaLink, where he develops hypotheses, does in-market research with industry experts to test those hypotheses, and delivers recommendations based on qualitative research. He notes the parallels between linguistics and the field of advertising and marketing.

Page Piccinini (*B.A./M.A. 2009*) is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California San Diego in the Linguistics Department. Her advice to current students is to become directly involved in research.



Steve Kleinedler (*B.A. 1989*) works as the Executive Editor of the American Heritage Dictionary. His love for language inspired him to major in linguistics.



John Lee (*B.A. 2010*) is currently completing his master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology at Northwestern. He decided to pursue this degree due to his interest in the scientific, psychosocial and neurological bases of language.



Daniel Speirs (*B.A. 2002*) works for the management-consulting firm Gap International. A course in phonetics in his freshman year inspired him to learn more about the field.



Sherry Vernon (*B.A. 2015*) currently works as a Program Assistant supporting the Weinberg fundraising team within Northwestern's Alumni Relations and Development department.



Brett Blake (*M.A. 1989*) is a Professor at St. John's University, where she is also a Research Fellow in the Vincentian Center for Social Justice and Poverty. She has worked with the with the Chicago Public Schools, and she recently received her 8th book contract.

Evan Bradley (*B.A. 2005*) is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Penn State Brandywine. He got his graduate degree in linguistics because it was the perfect combination between language and science.



Dana Lossia (*B.A. 2001*) went to Law School after completing her linguistics degree and is now a partner at a labor and employment law firm in New York City.



Jenna Luque (*M.A. 2012*) received her Ph.D. in communication sciences and disorders and now owns a private practice focusing on accent modification. She is also a Visiting Instructor at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee.



Kelly Kahle (*B.A. 2012*) is in Medical School at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She is set to graduate this spring and will continue her training in a family medicine residency.

Katrina Hood (*B.A. 1987*) taught English in Japan for a year. She then went to medical school and joined the U.S. Navy to complete her residency. She is now in private practice as a pediatrician in Lexington.





Jennifer Gies (*B.A. 2001*) has worked in the music industry for many years and is also an English as a Second Language Teacher for adults in Tennessee, Chicago, and Los Angeles. She aspires to write a hit screenplay.



Camille Lamoureux (*B.A. 1989*) is the Co-Founder of a children's edutainment software called Headbone Interactive. She was the Technical Director for 10 years. She is now a photographer and just finished her first novel.



Lena Winters (*M.A. 2000*) went to Northwestern Law School where she now teaches and has worked in family law and criminal defense firms as a trial attorney. She now has her own family law practice.



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Lauren Cohen (*B.A. 1993*) is the Head of Business Development National for Koss Resource. She was also a real estate capital service provider and originator of debt and equity transactions.



Maria Nasrallah (*B.A. 2006*) works in life insurance and partnered with her husband on two business ventures, one in the landscape industry and the other in a car dealership.



Jeffrey Geiger (*B.A. 2012*) is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Chicago.



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Alexa Carreno (*B.A. 2013*) is in her last semester of Law School at Chicago-Kent College of Law. She has interned for many organizations, including Region 5 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Humane Society of the United States in Washington, D.C.

Nancy Rogers (*B.A. 1987*) is a Professor of Music Theory at Florida State University, where she received FSU's Undergraduate Teaching Award in 2013. She is a Co-Author of *Music for Sight Singing*, the leading sight-singing textbook in North America.



Vance Schaefer (*B.A. 1986*) is an Assistant Professor of TESL and Applied Linguistics in the Department of Modern Languages at the University of Mississippi.



Ellen Barton (*M.A. 1983, Ph.D. 1985*) is a Professor in the Linguistics Program and Department of English at Wayne State University, where she has been since receiving her Ph.D. in 1985.

Denise Neapolitan (*B.A. 1986*) studied cognitive development at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She joined the University of Kansas' Center for Research on the Influences of Television on Children. She then led the "Magic School Bus" software series at Microsoft.

Lindsay Hagerman (*B.A./M.A. 2002*) worked in two international sales jobs. She now works in her family business in e-commerce and importing.

Allison Rosenberg (*B.A./M.A. 2005*) has been a Commercial Real Estate Attorney for 7 years, splitting her career between New York and Tokyo.

Faithe Thomas (*B.A. 1990*) worked for six years in Africa helping to establish indigenous publication centers. She owns Master Design Publishing. She also started Master Design Marketing and FaitheThomas.com.

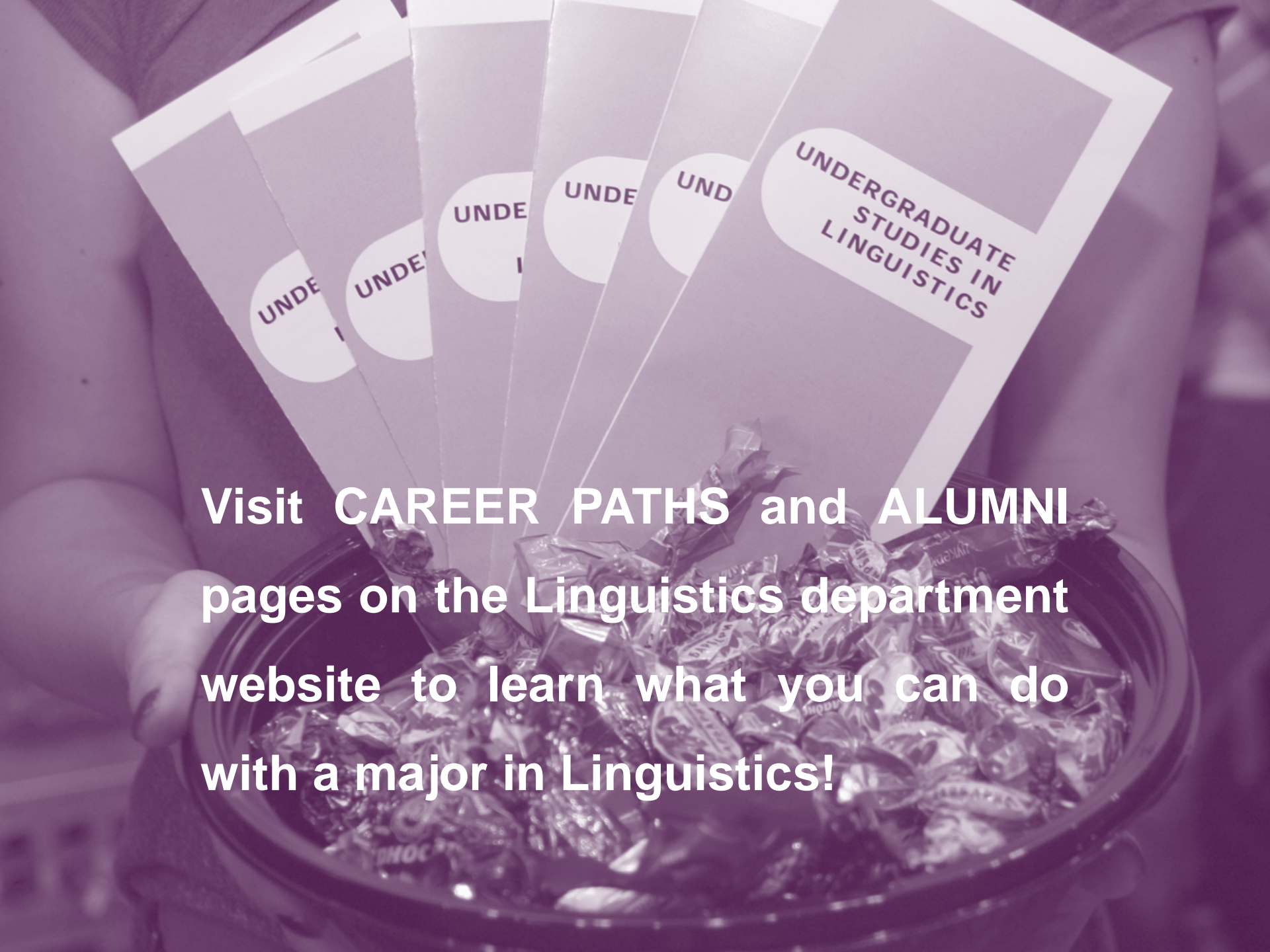
Amy Millar (*B.A. 2007*) graduated with an MD from Rush Medical College. She is finishing her specialty training in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Minnesota.

Kathy Pendleton (*B.A. 2012*) was a Scholarship and Study Abroad Coordinator for Rotary International. She then worked as a Student Advisor at the University of Michigan Department of Linguistics.

Tom Hayden (*B.A. 2011*) went to law school at Vanderbilt and is now a Real Estate Transactions Attorney at Fidelity National Financial.

Liz Coffey (*B.A.1997*) works as a Senior Implementation Manager for a financial software company.

Susan Goldstein (*B.A. 1975*) is a Nonpartisan Attorney for the Washington State Legislature. Linguistics introduced her to many subjects through words and the structure of language.

A hand is holding a fan of five brochures, each with a white oval containing the text 'UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN LINGUISTICS'. Below the brochures is a dark bowl filled with wrapped candies. The entire image has a purple tint.

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