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Positions & Education

U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

Sept 2018–present **Cognitive Scientist, Army Research Directorate (formerly Computational and Information Sciences Directorate)**

Dec 2017–Sept 2018 **Post-doctoral fellow, Computational and Information Sciences Directorate**

Oct 2014–Dec 2017 **Post-doctoral fellow, Human Research and Engineering Directorate**

École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France

Oct 2013–Sept 2014 **Post-doctoral researcher, Laboratoire de Sciences Cognitives et Psycholinguistique**

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Jan 2013–Aug 2013 **Lecturer, Center for Language Education**

2010–2013 **Ph.D., Cognitive Science**

Thesis: *Quantification and (un)certainty* [PDF]

Advisor: Kyle Rawlins

2007–2009 **M.A., Cognitive Science**

Thesis: *Form, Meaning, and Comprehension/Production Asymmetries in Agreement* [PDF]

Advisor: Geraldine Legendre

2003–2007 **B.M., Trumpet**

Publications

to appear Chandrasekaran, A. and **E. Zaroukian**. Understanding the Limitations of Large Language Models in Credibility-Tracking Tasks. In *Proceedings of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) International*.

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- to appear Kumar, P., **E. Zaroukian**, D. Summers-Stay, A. Raglin, and J. Richardson. Directions for computational theory of mind: Data, Metrics, Models and Theoretical Formalization. In *Proceedings of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) International*.
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- 2022 Rodriguez, S. S., **E. Zaroukian**, J. Hoye, and D. E. Asher. Mediating Agent Reliability with Human Trust, Situation Awareness, and Performance in Autonomously-Collaborative Human-Agent Teams. *Journal of Cognitive Engineering and Decision Making*. [\[LINK\]](#)
- 2022 **Zaroukian, E.** Theory of Mind and Metareasoning for Artificial Intelligence: A Review. DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory Memo Report ARL-MR-1054. [\[LINK\]](#)

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- 2020 Osgood, J. M., S. E. Kase, **E. G. Zaroukian**, and P. J. Quartana. Online intervention reduces hostile attribution bias, anger, aggressive driving, and cyber-aggression: results of two randomized trials. *Journal of Cognitive Therapy and Research*. [\[LINK\]](#)
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- 2019 **Zaroukian, E.**, J. Caylor, M. Vanni, and S. Kase. Human Interaction with the Output of Information Extraction Systems. In *Proceedings of Advances in Artificial Intelligence, Software and Systems Engineering. Applied Human Factors and Engineering. Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing, vol 965*. Springer, Cham, Ed. T. Ahram, 456-466. [\[PDF\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#)
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- 2019 Barton, S., N. Waytowich, **E. Zaroukian**, and D. Asher. Measuring collaborative emergent behavior in multi-agent reinforcement learning. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Human Systems Engineering and Design (IHSED): Future Trends and Applications*, Ed. W. Karwowski, T. Ahram, 422-427. [\[LINK\]](#) [\[LINK\]](#)
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- 2017 Preece, A., W. Webberley, D. Braines, **E. Zaroukian**, and J. Bakdash. SHERLOCK: Experimental Evaluation of a Conversational Agent for Mobile Information Tasks. In *IEEE Transactions on Human-Machine Systems*, 1-12.* [\[LINK\]](#)
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- 2016 Preece, A., W. Webberley, D. Braines, **E. Zaroukian**, and J. Bakdash. Human Computer Collaboration at the Edge: Enhancing Collective Situation Understanding with Controlled Natural Language. In *Proceedings of the 21st International Command and Control Research and Technology Symposium (ICCRTS)*.* [\[PDF\]](#)
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- 2016 **Zaroukian, E.** Human Understanding of Controlled Natural Language in Simulated Tactical Environments. In *IEEE International Inter-Disciplinary Conference on Cognitive Methods in Situation Awareness and Decision Support (CogSIMA)*, 126-130. IEEE.* [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2016 Legendre, G., M. Putnam, H. de Swart, and **E. Zaroukian** (Eds). Optimality-theoretic syntax, semantics & pragmatics: From uni- to bidirectional optimization. Vol. 61. Oxford University Press. [\[LINK\]](#)
- 2015 Mott, D. and **E. Zaroukian** Studies in the Human Use of Controlled English. In *Annual Fall Meeting of the International Technology Alliance*. [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2015 Preece, A., W. Webberley, D. Braines, N. Hu, T. La Porta, **E. Zaroukian**, and J. Z. Bakdash. SHERLOCK: Simple Human Experiments Regarding Locally Observed Collective Knowledge. In *Annual Fall Meeting of the International Technology Alliance*. [\[PDF\]](#)

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- 2014 Legendre, G., J. Culbertson, **E. Zaroukian**, L. Hsin, I. Barrière, and T. Nazzi. Is children's comprehension of subject-verb agreement universally late? Comparative evidence from French, English, and Spanish. In *Lingua (Special Issue), How children learn to detect and interpret agreement morphology: A cross-linguistic perspective*, Ed. A. Pérez-Leroux, 21-39.* [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2014 **Zaroukian, E.** and C. Beller. Licensing by modification in two classes of verbs. In *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, 619-633. [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2013 **Zaroukian, E.** and C. Beller. Not all *have*-clauses are alike. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 17 (online)*, ed. E. Chemla, V. Homer, and G. Winterstein, 635-652. Paris: ENS Paris. [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2012 **Zaroukian, E.** and C. Beller. Evaluating singular indefinites. In *Proceedings of the 40th Western Conference on Linguistics*, Ed. C. Galeano, Görgülü, E., Presnyakova, I., 127-138. California State University at Fresno. [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2012 **Zaroukian, E.** Gradable predicates and the distribution of approximators. In *Proceedings of the 40th Western Conference on Linguistics*, Ed. C. Galeano, Görgülü, E., Presnyakova, I., 115-126. California State University at Fresno. [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2012 Beller, C. and **E. Zaroukian**. Stage-level evaluativity is desiderativity. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 16*, ed. A. Aguilar-Guevara, A. Chernilovskaya, and R. Nouwen, 71-84. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working Papers in Linguistics. [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2012 **Zaroukian, E.** Approximative Inversion Revisited. In *Proceedings of the 19th annual workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics*, ed. J. F. Bailyn, E. Dunbar, Y. Kronrod, and C. LaTerza, 146-160. Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Slavic Publications.* [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2012 **Zaroukian, E.** Homophony and Russian copular constructions. In *Proceedings of the 8.5th European Conference on Formal Description of Slavic Languages*, ed. M. Ziková and M. Dočekal, 255-268. Frankfurt: Peter Lang.* [\[PDF\]](#)
- 2011 **Zaroukian, E.** Divergent approximators. In *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 15*, ed. I. Reich, E. Horch, and D. Pauly, 677-690. Saarbrücken, Germany: Universaar – Saarland University Press. [\[PDF\]](#)

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Manuscripts

- 2023 Shek, C., X. Wu, W. A. Suttle, C. Busart, **E. Zaroukian**, D. Manocha, P. Tokekar, and A. S. Bedi. LANCAR: Leveraging Language for Context-Aware Robot Locomotion in Unstructured Environments. [\[LINK\]](#)
- 2014 Bakdash, J., S. Hutchinson, **E. Zaroukian**, L. Marusich, S. Thirumuganathan, C. Sample, B. Hoffman, G. Das. Malware in the Future? Forecasting Analyst Detection of Cyber Events. [\[LINK\]](#)
- 2014 **Zaroukian, E.** Uncertainty, prosody, and their interaction: a case of modal concord?. [\[PDF\]](#)

Teaching

Instructor, Johns Hopkins University

- Summer 2013 **Semantics I**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Co-instructor: Mike Oliver
- Summer 2013 **Listening & Speaking**, *Center for Language Education*
- Spring 2013, **Accent Reduction**, *Center for Language Education*
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- Intersession 2011, **Inventing Language**, *Cognitive Science Department*
2012, 2013

Teaching Assistant, École Normale Supérieure

- Spring 2014 **Formal Semantics**, *Institut d'Étude de la Cognition*
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Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University

- Fall 2012 **Semantics I**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Instructor: Kyle Rawlins
- Spring 2011 **Cognitive Neuroscience**, *Cognitive Science Department/Neuroscience*
Instructor: Brenda Rapp
- Spring 2011 **World of Language**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Instructor: Geraldine Legendre

- Fall 2010 **Intro to Cognitive Development**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Instructor: Barbara Landau
- Spring 2010 **Language and Advertising**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Instructor: Kyle Rawlins
- Fall 2009 **Syntax I**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Instructor: Geraldine Legendre
- Spring 2009 **Language & Mind**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Instructor: Joan Chen-Main
- Fall 2008 **Formal Methods in Cognitive Science: Language**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Instructor: Kyle Rawlins
- Spring 2008 **Phonology I**, *Cognitive Science Department*
Instructor: Colin Wilson

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