
The Language Sciences Research Lab takes advantage of the extraordinary strength of the Ohio State University’s community of language scholars and researchers to create a unique exhibit at the Center of Science and Industry (COSI). COSI visitors have the opportunity to participate in research with world renowned experts studying cutting-edge topics as well as to engage in interactive learning activities with the lab’s student trainees. The lab/exhibit has gained national recognition as an extraordinary research space, as an innovative training ground for undergraduate students, and as a leader in museum-university partnerships.
The Language Sciences Research Lab is proud to have been awarded a National Science Foundation grant making it a Research Experience for Undergraduates Site (Wagner and Campbell-Kibler, PIs). The “Science of Language and Language of Science” summer program selectively recruits an annual cohort of interns from diverse backgrounds. Affiliated lab faculty mentor them to conduct research projects and create formal presentations. Unique among these NSF REU Sites, the lab also trains the interns to communicate science to the public through outreach demonstrations with COSI visitors.

Last year’s cohort presented their research at national venues including the Emerging Researchers National Conference and the SACNAS National Conference. To learn more about this program, visit bln.osu.edu/REU_Main.htm
With a supplemental grant from the NSF, the Language Sciences Research Lab joined outreach teams from around the country – the University of Maryland, the University of Arizona, the University of Massachusetts, Gallaudet University, the University of California-Berkeley, the University of California-San Diego, Georgetown University – at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Family Science Days event. We sponsored the largest language sciences booth ever, and helped introduce many new researchers to the fun of language outreach.
Thank you to our previous and ongoing sources of financial and material support.

The Language Sciences Research Lab has excelled at creating a multi-layered, integrated experience and its influence is being felt beyond the boundaries of COSI. For example:

• The lab’s Ohio State training course in science outreach was shortlisted for a Wharton-Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Reimagine Education award.

• The lab’s educational director (Moore) is leading a study of science and children’s museum programs and practices for preschool dual language learners. The project is operated in partnership with COSI and is funded by NSF’s Advancing Informal STEM Learning (AISL). To learn more about this project, visit u.osu.edu/expandingrepertoiresinformalscience/
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