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 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 won a National Science Foundation grant making it a Research Experience for Undergraduates Site (Wagner and Campbell-Kibler, PI’s). The “Science of Language and Language of Science” summer program brings in an annual cohort of students from diverse backgrounds and affiliated lab faculty mentor them through research projects. Unique among these NSF programs, the lab also trains the students to communicate their science to the public through outreach demonstrations with COSI visitors.

Last year’s cohort presented their research findings at national venues and brought their outreach activities to a national stage at the AAAS event (see next page).
With the help of a supplemental grant from the NSF, the Language Science Research lab joined outreach teams from around the country – UMD, UAZ, UMass, Gallaudet, UC-Berkeley, UC-San Diego, Georgetown – at the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) Family Sciences Days event. We sponsored the largest language sciences booth ever, and helped introduce many new researchers to the fun of language outreach.
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The Language Sciences Research Lab has excelled at creating a multi-layered, integrated experience and it’s 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 Reimagine Education award.
- The lab’s educational director (Moore) is a Co-PI along with COSI staff on an NSF grant developing best practices for early science education among dual language learners.
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