

RESEARCH IN AUTISM

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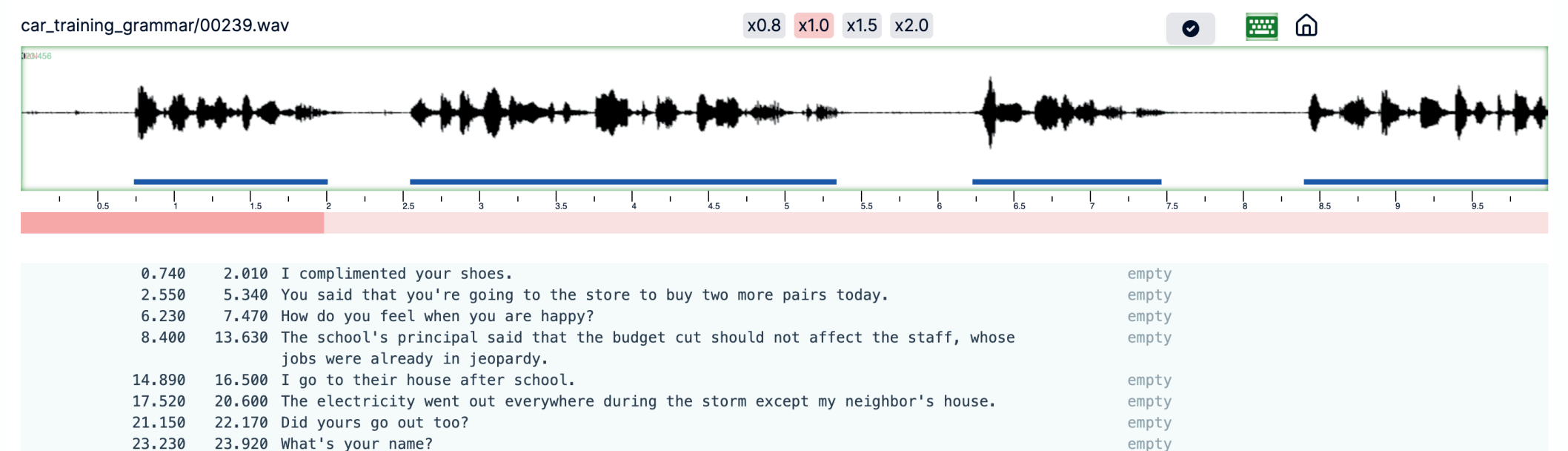
OVERVIEW

This semester, I worked at Dr. Julia Parish-Morris's Social Attention and Language Lab (SoAL) at the Center for Autism Research. The SoAL lab at CHOP focuses on clinical language and social attention in kids with neurodevelopmental or psychiatric differences. The lab aims to quantify social communication, with a focus on understudied subgroups like autistic girls.

RESEARCH STUDIES

I mainly worked on Charting Sex-Specific Developmental Trajectories in Autistic Children (SAGA) study.

The goal of this research study is to investigate early development and sex differences in children



An example of a file I transcribed as a part of my training!

TAKEAWAYS

Value for Social Justice: I realized that this work is a part of serving a population that has been underrepresented. It is about advocating for justice through research and further valuing the identity of the participants we work with.

Importance of Research: Science is what we are doing right now, moving forward and investigating questions despite the conditions, and creating hope for people who do not have the same access as you do.

EXPLORATION

Working in the SoAL lab, especially on projects like SAGA, deepened my interest in underrepresented groups like autistic girls.

It showed me how research gaps, like diagnostic tools based mostly on male samples can lead to under diagnosis and real health impacts.