

Dr Christin Kirchhübel: Summary Curriculum Vitae

Dr Christin Kirchhübel (BA MSc PhD) is a full-time forensic consultant in speech analysis and she is the founder of Soundscape Voice Evidence. She has worked on over 600 cases in the areas of forensic speaker comparison, transcription and disputed utterance analysis as well as other miscellaneous cases. She regularly provides evidence as an expert witness in court. She has taken instructions from police forces across the UK, the National Crime Agency, the Crown Prosecution Service and defence solicitors. Almost all of her work takes place within the jurisdictions of England and Wales and Northern Ireland, but she has been instructed in international cases too - Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Switzerland. She has authored and co-authored scientific articles and book chapters and actively engages with the academic research community. She is involved in the supervision of postgraduate students and she frequently delivers lectures and presentations to universities and other audiences.

Positions

Forensic Consultant, Soundscape Voice Evidence, Lancaster: March 2019 - present

Forensic Consultant, J P French Associates, York: January 2013 – February 2019

Associate Lecturer, Department of Language and Linguistic Science, University of York: January 2013 – February 2019

Qualifications

PhD Electronics (Forensic Speech Science), University of York

MSc Forensic Speech Science (Distinction), University of York

BA English Language and Linguistics (1st Class Hons), Lancaster University

Graduate Diploma in Law (with Distinction), BPP University

Memberships

Member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences

Member of the International Association for Forensic Phonetics and Acoustics

Member of the British Association of Academic Phoneticians

Notable Cases

R v Matthew Moseley. Instructed by the Crown. Trial for murder. Preston Crown Court. **Transcription and speaker comparison:** <https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/r-v-moseley.pdf>

R v Umar Ahmed Haque and others. Instructed by the Crown. Trial for the preparation of acts of terrorism (amongst others). Central Criminal Court. **Speaker comparison:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-43172379>

R v Ammar Kahrod & Aaron Kahrod. Instructed by the Crown. Trial for murder. Birmingham Crown Court. **Transcription:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-42918732>

R v Gareth Dack. Instructed by the Crown. Trial for murder. Middlesborough Crown Court. **Speaker comparison:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tees-38824711>

R v Mohamed Bhegani and others. Instructed by the NCA. Trial for conspiracy to import drugs and firearms. Preston Crown Court. **Speaker comparison:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-35773389>

Testimonials (selected)

'I thought the evidence you gave whilst under aggressive cross examination was excellent and your calm professional manner shone through as did your clear and obvious knowledge on the subject.' – HMRC

'Not only were our counsel extremely impressed by you but I hear that numerous defence counsel were too.' – HMRC

'Your evidence in this case was absolutely key and the manner in which you presented it to the court was commented on favourably by the Judge.' – Officer from Police Service in Northern Ireland.

Publications

Klug, K., Kirchhübel, C., Foulkes, P., French, P. (2019) 'Analysing breathy voice in forensic speaker comparison: Using acoustics to confirm perception.' In Sasha Calhoun, Paola Escudero, Marija Tabain and Paul Warren (eds.) *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, 5-9 August 2019, Melbourne. Australasian Speech Science and Technology Association Inc., 795-799. http://intro2psycholing.net/ICPhS/papers/ICPhS_844.pdf

McDougall, K., R. Rhodes, R., Duckworth M., French, J. P., Kirchhübel, C. (2019) 'Application of the 'TOFFA' framework to the analysis of disfluencies in forensic phonetic casework.' In Sasha Calhoun, Paola Escudero, Marija Tabain and Paul Warren (eds.) *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*, 5-9 August 2019, Melbourne. Australasian Speech Science and Technology Association Inc., 731-735. http://intro2psycholing.net/ICPhS/papers/ICPhS_780.pdf

Kirchhübel, C., Howard, D. M., and Stedmon, A. (2015). Deception and speech: A theoretical overview to inform future research. In A. Stedmon and G. Lawson (Eds.). *Hostile Intent and Counter-Terrorism: Human factors theory and application*. Ashgate, Farnham, pp. 295-316.

Kirchhübel, C., Howard, D. M., and Stedmon, A. (2013). Analysing deceptive speech. In D. Harris, (Ed.). *EPCE'13 Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Engineering Psychology and Cognitive Ergonomics*. Springer-Verlag Berlin, Heidelberg, pp. 134—141.

Kirchhübel, C. and Howard, D. M. (2013). Detecting suspicious behaviour using speech: Acoustic correlates of deceptive speech - an exploratory investigation. *Applied Ergonomics*, 44(5), 694—702.

Kirchhübel, C. and Howard, D. M. (2011) Acoustic correlates of deceptive speech: an exploratory study. In D. Harris (Ed.). *EPCE'11 Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Engineering Psychology and Cognitive Ergonomics*. Springer-Verlag Berlin, Heidelberg, pp. 28-37.

Kirchhübel, C. and Howard, D. M. (2011) Investigating the acoustic characteristics of deceptive speech. *Proceedings of the 17th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Hong Kong*, pp. 1094-1097.

Kirchhübel, C., Howard, D. M., and Stedmon, A. (2011) Acoustic correlates of speech when under stress: research, methods and future directions. *International Journal of Speech, Language and the Law*, 18, 75-98.

Kirchhübel, C. (2010). The effects of Lombard speech on vowel formant measurements. The effects of Lombard speech on vowel formant measurements. *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* 128, 2395.

Presentations (selected)

Kirchhübel, C. (2018). Working as a forensic speech consultant. *Germanic Society Forensic Linguistics (GSFL) Roundtable*, York, UK, 1-4 August. **[invited]**

Kirchhübel, C. Forensic speech and audio analysis. Staffordshire University **[invited annually since 2014]**

Kirchhübel, C. (2016). Understanding of forensic speaker comparison conclusions in the legal setting. *GSFL Roundtable*, Mainz, Germany, 27-29 August. **[invited]**

Kirchhübel, C., Bhagdin, A., French, P., Harrison, P., Rhodes, R. and Wormald, J. (2016) Understanding of forensic speaker comparison conclusions in the legal setting. *IAFPA conference*. University of York, 27th July.

French, J. P., Harrison, P. T., Kirchhübel, C. & Rhodes, R. (2015) Standards for Forensic Speaker Comparison samples. *Methodological Guidelines for semi-automatic and automatic speaker Recognition for case assessment and interpretation*; Meeting of the ENFSI Monopoly project in Warsaw, Poland; 22nd – 23rd September.

Kirchhübel, C. (2014). Advances in Forensic Speech and Audio Analysis. Forensics Europe Expo, London UK.