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## EDUCATION

**Queen Mary, University of London**                      **September 2015 – September 2017**  
**MA Linguistics, Distinction**

**University College London**                              **September 2010 – June 2014**  
**BA Linguistics (International Programme), First Class Honours**  
*Included an exchange year at Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Germany*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Sociolinguistics** – CMC, language and gender, LGBT linguistics, creole linguistics, language policy

**Other fields** – pragmatics, especially relevance theory; multimodality; understudied languages; field methods

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**MA thesis** – “Decreolisation in Martinican creole: a perceptual study”. Supervised by Dr Jonathan Kasstan

- Presented and defended experiment plans to academics and PhD researchers in the department
- Undertook three weeks of fieldwork, in French, on Martinique
- Collected perception data through experimental methods
- Compiled and statistically analysed quantitative data

### **Other MA classes**

- Collected object order data on Fijian and Russian to test claims from a paper
- Analysed data on the use of “like” by different genders and age groups
- Performed a multimodal deconstruction of a Science Museum poster

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(2018, August) Decreolisation in Martinican creole: a perceptual study. Poster presentation given at the SCL 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference, Heredia, Costa Rica.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(2019, June) Pride Month Special: Language, Sexuality & Identity. From Linguistics Research Digest Blog: <https://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/2019/06/pride-month-special-language-sexuality.html>

(2019, May) Like, it's just like a joke, no? From Linguistics Research Digest Blog: <https://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/2019/05/like-its-just-like-joke-no.html>

(2019, March) Authenticity in the Hood, From Linguistics Research Digest Blog: <https://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/2019/03/whether-its-in-friends-designerhandbags.html>

(2019, January) Don't thank us for this post, it's really "no problem". From Linguistics Research Digest Blog: <https://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/2019/01/dont-thank-us-for-this-post-its-really.html>

(2018, September) Creoles in Costa Rica – the 22nd Biennial SCL Conference. From The Philological Society Blog: <https://blog.philsoc.org.uk/2018/09/24/creoles-in-costa-rica-the-22nd-biennial-scl-conference/>

(2018, August) What do hashtags mean? From Linguistics Research Digest Blog: <https://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/2018/09/what-do-hashtags-mean.html>

(2017, August) Uptalk? From Linguistics Research Digest Blog: <https://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/2017/08/one-of-comedian-adam-hills-better-known.html>

(2017, July) Good morning customer, how may I help you? From Linguistics Research Digest Blog: <https://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/2017/07/good-morning-customer-how-may-i-help-you.html>

(2017, May) OMG! Is texting wrecking our language? From Linguistics Research Digest Blog: <https://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/2017/05/omg-is-texting-wrecking-our-language.html>

## FUNDING AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

**2018** – awarded £600 by the Philological Society from the **Martin Burr Fund** to contribute towards travel costs.

**2017** – awarded the **MA in Linguistics Prize** by QMUL for best performance in the year.

## OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

**University College London** **February 2018 – September 2018**

***Undergraduate Programme Administrator***

Administration for 300 Geography students, including extenuating circumstances, exams, and attendance. Assisted professors with field trips, dissertation allocation, and course evaluations.

**Royal Veterinary College** **May 2016 – February 2018**

***Programme Support Coordinator***

Student administration for two MSc courses, including timetabling, organising field trips, communicating coursework feedback, and designing and maintaining online learning resources.

**Académie de Martinique** **October 2014 – April 2015**

***Language Assistant***

Teaching assistant in two French schools, running classes, extracurricular activities, and small-group revisions sessions. Developed learning materials and planned activities according to ability level.

**University College London** **September 2013 – July 2014**

***Transition Mentor/Offer Holder Mentor***

Mentored international exchange students and prospective students. Ran weekly sessions on topics, including student living and academic writing. Developed resources and proof-read for students.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Philological Society (since December 2016)

Society for Caribbean Linguistics (since August 2018)

## SKILLS

### LANGUAGES

English – native

French – C1/2 reading, writing, and speaking

German – C1 speaking, reading and writing

Russian – C1 speaking, B2/C1 reading and writing

### IT

Proficient at Windows and Mac OS

ECDL Level 1 qualification – advanced knowledge of the Microsoft Office suite

Good knowledge of social media networks (Facebook, Twitter)

References available on request