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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, lavender linguistics, gender and language, pidgin and creole linguistics, language contact, 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 plans for the experiment 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 to test a paper’s claims, comparing to data from that researcher as well as data from Russian
- Wrote multiple responses to papers from researchers in the linguistics department
- Analysed data on the use of “like” by different genders and age groups
- Did 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 22nd Biennial Conference, Heredia, Costa Rica.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(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 conference 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 – Present**

Undergraduate Programme Administrator

Student administration for over 300 undergraduate students in Geography, including dealing with extenuating circumstances and extensions, exam administration, and attendance records. Assisted professors with field trip organisation, dissertation allocation, and student course evaluation. Invigilated exams internal to the department.

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 students attending UCL on an exchange year, as well as prospective students on official online forums. Ran weekly sessions on assorted topics, including student living, academic research and writing skills, and other topics as requested by mentees. Developed resources and proof-read things students had written.

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

Fijian – some fieldwork experience

Martinican Creole – some fieldwork experience

IT

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

Good knowledge of social media networks (Facebook, Twitter)

Proficient at Mac OS

References available on request