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EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Computational Linguistics <i>The University of Georgia – GPA 3.96</i>	Athens, GA August 2024 – Present
Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics <i>The University of Georgia – GPA 3.4</i>	Athens, GA August 2018 – May 2022

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

The Classic Journal <i>Contributing Author</i>	Fall 2019
Dante Smith. The Unrealized Universality of Phrase Structure: An Analysis of Similarities Between Japanese and English. <i>The Classic Journal</i>, 5(2), 2019.	
The Linguistics Conference at UGA (LCUGA) <i>Presenter</i>	Spring 2025 UGA, Athens, GA
- Presented <i>The Ratchet Persona and Linguistic Resistance</i>. - Received positive feedback for my presentation.	

CLASSES

Courses: Computer Science, Natural Language Processing, Quantitative Methodology, Text and Corpus Analysis, Generative Syntax, Compositional Semantics, Morphology, Sociolinguistics, Language Race and Ethnicity in the U.S., Japanese

TEACHING PORTFOLIO

Introduction to Linguistics – LING 2100 <i>Instructor of Record</i>	Fall 2025 UGA, Athens, GA
Introduction to Linguistics – LING 2100 <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Fall 2024/Spring 2025 UGA, Athens, GA

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

The Linguistics Society at UGA (LSUGA) <i>Vice President</i>	August 2025 – Present UGA, Athens, GA
- Organized multiple events, including an informational session on how to use Latex and student only/student-faculty socials. - Recorded minutes for all meetings and created flyers for events. - Assisted/supported the president in any capacity needed.	
Working Papers in Linguistics (UGA) <i>Executive Editor</i>	August 2025 – Present UGA, Athens, GA
- Organized an editorial board, meetings, and sought out and internal/external reviewer for the publication. - Sent out formal call for papers to hundreds of universities across the world. - Organized all papers for review, redacting identifying information for a double-blind editorial approach. - Independently completed final formatting and typesetting in preparation for publication.	
The Linguistics Society at UGA (LSUGA) <i>Member</i>	August 2024 – Present UGA, Athens, GA
- Welcomed incoming graduate students during orientation. - Participated in occasional student only and student-faculty socials, in addition to body meetings.	
UGA Student Government Association, 32nd Administration <i>Disability Resource Center Liaison</i>	March 2019 – January 2020 UGA, Athens, GA

- Reorganized stanchion layout in dining halls to allow for better flow of traffic and accommodation of guests with physical disabilities.
- Cooperated with UGA EITS and maintenance department to map all gender bathrooms across campus.
- Created and implemented the 'Global Buddy' program: created the application, surveys.
- Responsible for weekly newsletter and planned semesterly banquets.

Japanese Conversation Club

August 2019 – May 2022

Member

UGA, Athens, GA

- Met weekly to speak with other students in Japanese about various specific topics.

UGA First-Year Connect

September 2018 – January 2019

Member

UGA, Athens, GA

- Participated in weekly meetings consisting of planning for outreach and events, in addition to professional development.

EXPERIENCE

UGA Linguistics Department – Dr. Keith Langston 706-542-5099

May 2025 – June 2025

ELIC Forced Aligner

UGA, Athens, GA

- Listened to assigned audio and corrected boundaries at the word and utterance level in Praat.
- Communicated presumed errors in transcriptions and/or forced alignment with supervisor when necessary.

UGA Linguistics Department – Dr. Keith Langston 706-542-5099

August 2024 – Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant

UGA, Athens, GA

- Instructor of record for Introduction to Linguistics (LING 2100) – created syllabus, weekly lesson plans, and test material.
- Assisted and shadowed professors in the classroom – substituted in the absence of the professor on occasion.
- Held weekly study sessions to review material in preparation for tests.

KACE – Nancy Piaz 909-556-9130

February 2023 – June 2024

Non-standard English Title III Monitor

Ashburn, VA

- Used various computer software to interpret and analyze live audio, SMS, and data intercepts in support of ongoing criminal investigations.
- Synopsized intercepts in a timely manner and complete transcripts according to company and case-specific formatting guidelines.
- Worked closely with special agents, law enforcement, and other technical personnel, providing language analyses and professional recommendations related to various trafficking investigations.
- Complied with active non-disclosure agreement to keep all investigation related matters confidential on and off the project site, with no exceptions.

CopyTalk – John Lubeski 706-433-2022

July 2022 – February 2023

Transcriptionist

Athens, GA

- Efficiently scribed client's dictations with 100% accuracy while adhering to company standards for formatting and applying any additional dictated formatting/style requests.
- Responsible for adhering to company policies, especially those related to technology and information security standards.
- Maintained knowledge of common paralegal and accounting terminology, common names and places, and relevant corporations.
- Excellent communicator regarding client complaints, requests, and company procedures.

Sister Louisa's Church – Jon McCrae 706-850-3667

May 2021 – August 2023

Bartender

Athens, GA

- Operated as sole bartender upon opening and cooperated with on bartender mid-shift, keeping the bar clean and well-stocked throughout each shift.
- Promoted a fun yet safe environment by providing patrons their order with accuracy and speed, and playing music that suited the crowd.
- Performed weekly inventory to assist the manager/owner with weekly product and supply orders.
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Georgia Center – Jas Phillips 706-548-1311

October 2019 – March 2020

*Banquet Server**UGA, Athens, GA*

- Referenced guest registry to plan event layouts and collaborated with fellow coworkers to execute break-down and setup of events.
- Took orders, served, and bussed up to 50 guests at a time during served meals.
- Assisted with sound, lighting, AC, and efficiently fulfilled all technology requests during high profile served meals.
- Trained new recruits in all banquet scenarios.

University of Georgia – Jayde Nelson 706-542-1473

May 2019 – July 2019

*Resident Assistant**UGA, Athens, GA*

- Supervised the condition of units for over 700 residents according to university policy.
- Immediately responded to all maintenance requests while on call, notifying emergency services when necessary.
- Checked residents in and out, assessing the state of the unit, documenting damages, and submitting repair requests when necessary.
- Planned, budgeted, and executed events each month, with a special focus on facilitating and upholding a sense of community.

Piedmont Rockdale Medical Center – Alicia Cunningham 770-918-3619

August 2017 – May 2018

*Student Apprentice**Conyers, GA*

- Shadowed nurses and paramedics, assisting them with transfer, baths, ambulatory exercises, and assisting patients in any other way under my scope of practice.
- Took vitals and EKGs of over a dozen patients per shift in the ER.
- Awarded apprentice of the year 2018.

AWARDS**UGA Computer Science Department Conference Funds**

March, 2025

- Awarded funds from the Department of Computer Science based on the abstract submitted for a conference.

SKILLS & INTERESTS**Skills:** Python, Java, R, Latex, Microsoft Office, Praat**Interests:** Computational (NLP, Quantitative, and Corpus) Methodology, Distributed Morphology – Generative Syntax, Compositional Semantics, Raciolinguistic ideology and perspectives