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EDUCATION	PhD in Linguistics , McGill University	2021 - present
	MA in Linguistics , University of Toronto	2020 - 2021
	HBSc in Mathematics and Philosophy , University of Toronto	2016 - 2020
COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacobs Research Fund Fieldwork Group Grant (with Aaní Perkins), 2026. US\$5,992• McGill University Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, 2026. CA\$634• American Philosophical Society Phillips Fund Fieldwork Grant, 2025. US\$2,900• Jacobs Research Fund Fieldwork Group Grant (with Zlata Odribets), 2025. US\$5,995• McGill University Graduate Mobility Award, 2025. CA\$750• McGill University Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, 2024. CA\$600• McGill University Graduate Mobility Award, 2024. CA\$750• Jacobs Research Fund Group Grant (with Zlata Odribets), 2024. CA\$7,981• Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music Student Travel Award, 2023. CA\$700• Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et Culture - Bourse à la recherche, 2023. CA\$83,333• Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music Student Stipend, 2021. CA\$3,000• Mary H. Beatty Fellowship, 2020. CA\$10,000• Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program Student Stipend, 2019. CA\$5,000• Jackman Scholars-in-Residence Award, 2019. CA\$3,000	
OTHER AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Michael's College Gold Medal for Academic Achievement in the Sciences, 2020.• John J. Sebisty Scholarship, 2019.• Norman Stuart Robinson Scholarship in Mathematics, 2018 & 2019.• Richard Yee Memorial Scholarship, 2019.• John MacDonald Scholarship in Philosophy, 2018.• University of Toronto Dean's Excellence Admission Scholarship, 2016.	
LINGUISTICS PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• G. Thomas, G. Antono, A. Kiss, L. Bradford, and D. Winkelman (2021). Switch reference and its role in referential choice in Mbyá Guaraní narratives. <i>Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory</i>, https://doi.org/10.1515/c11t-2020-0028	
MATHEMATICS PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• L. Bradford, H. Kohut, and Y. Moorooogen (2023). Large Subsets of Euclidean Space Avoiding Infinite Arithmetic Progressions. <i>Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society</i> 151 (8), 3535–3545, https://doi.org/10.1090/proc/16404• L. Bradford and Y. Moorooogen (2021). CUMC: Conference for Students by the Students. <i>CMS Notes</i> 53(3), 7-9.• L. Bradford and Y. Moorooogen (2020). Teaching during COVID-19: A time capsule from July 2020. <i>CMS Notes</i> 52(6), 12-14.	
PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLA 2026, University of Calgary Radio Plays for Semantic Elicitation (20-minute talk)• TOM18 Semantics Workshop, University of Montréal Radio Plays for Semantic Elicitation (20-minute talk)	June 2026 May 2026

- NAMED 2026 , University of Québec Trois-Rivières May 2026
Motion verbs without fact of motion (20-minute talk)
- SULA-TripleA 2026 , University of British Columbia May 2026
Progressive as Motion on a Scale (poster)
- SCiL 2025, University of Oregon July 2025
Aspectual classes as lexically-conditioned predictors of aspectual choice (poster)
- CLA 2025, McGill University June 2025
Maximality versus telicity in Tlingit (20-minute talk)
- TOM17 Semantics Workshop, University of Ottawa May 2025
Cumulative closure vs. iterativity in Tlingit (20-minute talk)
- 13 SULA, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina - Brazil October 2024
A source of conativity in Tlingit pluractional verbs (20-minute talk)
- CLA 2024, Carleton University June 2024
A source of conativity in Tlingit pluractional verbs (20-minute talk)
- TOM16 Semantics Workshop, University of Toronto May 2024
A source of conativity in Tlingit pluractional verbs (20-minute talk)
- WSCLA 2024, University of Toronto May 2024
A source of conativity in Tlingit pluractional verbs (poster)
- SCiL 2023, University of Massachusetts Amherst June 2023
Does a Neural Model Understand the De Re / De Dicto Distinction? (10-minute talk with Gaurav Kamath)
- CogSci 2022, Toronto July 2022
Communicative Need Modulates Lexical Precision Across Semantic Domains: A Domain-Level Account of Efficient Communication. (5-minute flash talk)
- TOM14 Semantics Workshop, Online Meeting May 2022
Does a Neural Network Language Model Understand De Re / De Dicto Ambiguities? (poster with Gaurav Kamath)
- AMAZONICAS VIII, Online Meeting May 2021
Switch Reference and Referential Choice in Mbyá Guaraní (30-minute talk with Guillaume Thomas, Gregory Antono, Angelika Kiss, and Darragh Winkelman)
- Canadian Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Online Meeting August 2020
What information theory can tell us about language. (15-minute expository talk)
- CMS COVID-19 Research and Education Meeting, Online Meeting July 2020
The shifting balance of power between me, my students, and chaos. (5-minute online talk presented during the session “When a Door Closes... The Creative Fallout of the Pandemic”. Invited by Professor Peter Taylor.)
- Summer Phonology Forum, University of Toronto July 2019
Sound Symbolism of Gender in Personal Names: Western Armenian and Kutchi. (15-minute presentation with Gajathree Ananthathurai, Khadija Jagani, and Yoonjung Kang)

UNIVERSITY **Instructor and Course Supervisor, McGill University**
INSTRUCTION LING330 - Phonetics
LING445 - Computational Linguistics

Winter 2026
Fall 2025

	Guest Lecturer, McGill University LING201 - Introduction to Linguistics	Fall 2024
RESEARCH SUPERVISION	Research Assistant Supervisor, McGill University Jasmine Cloutier-Fournier, Charlotte Pieper, Inaya Abbasi, and Mona Liu Fiona Smith Undergraduate Research Supervisor, McGill University Fiona Smith, LING488 Independent Study Course Supervisor, Program for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics Alex Ito and Phoenix Gee-Benwell	Winter 2026 - present Fall 2025 - present Winter 2025 Winter 2024
OTHER UNIVERSITY TEACHING	Head Teaching Assistant, McGill University LING201 - Introduction to Linguistics Teaching Assistant, McGill University LING330 - Phonetics Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto LIN200 - Introduction to Language LIN203 - English Words MAT137 - Calculus with Proofs	Fall 2024 Winter 2023 - Winter 2024 Winter 2021 Fall 2020 Fall 2019 - Winter 2020
OTHER TEACHING	Mathematics and English Tutor, The Study Studio	Fall 2017 - present
SERVICE AND OUTREACH	North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad McGill University Site Coordinator McGill University Site Volunteer University of Toronto Site Coordinator Na-Dene Research and Reading Group Organizer Canadian Linguistic Association Annual Conference Organizer Panel Organizer - AI for Underrepresented Languages McGill LINGUA Future Week Panel Participant - Graduate Life Panel Toronto Oasis Speaker - Grammar and a Linguist's Approach to Language Dawson College Guest Speaker - What is linguistics? (with Massimo Lipari) Only Human Dance Collective Finance Assistant Creative Director Treasurer Choreographer Performing Member University of Toronto MathPlus Math Outreach Instructor and Workshop Designer	2022 - 2024, 2025 - 2026 2022, 2025 2018 - 2020 2024 - 2026 2025 2025 2022, 2024, 2025 2025 2025 - 2026 2024 - 2025 2023 - 2024 2023 - 2026 2017 - 2026 Fall 2016 - Summer 2020

Summer Institute for Mathematics at the University of Washington
Teaching Assistant / Counselor

Summer 2018

LANGUAGES English (native), Spanish (advanced), French (intermediate), Modern Standard Arabic (beginner), Japanese (beginner), Tlingit (beginner; fieldwork)

COMPUTER LANGUAGES Python, R, Clojure, Java, Bash