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## Education

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New York University

2022 – present

### PhD in Linguistics

- Qualifying Paper 2: The role of accent strength and language in the development of linguistic bias in children (chair: Prof Ailis Cournane)
- Qualifying Paper 1: What triggers linguistic bias against second-language accents? Examining the roles of accent strength, language, and group membership (chair: Prof Laurel MacKenzie)

Queen Mary University of London

2021 – 2022

### MA Linguistics (Sociolinguistic Pathway) (Distinction)

- Dissertation: Attentional Load and Language Transfer: An Investigation of Attentional Load Effects on German-English Bilingual Speech Production. (Supervisor: Dr Kathleen McCarthy)

University of Edinburgh

2017 – 2021

### MA (hons) English Language and Literature (First-Class)

- Dissertation: A Sociophonetic Investigation of (ing) Variation and the KIT Vowel in Edinburgh English. (Supervisor: Prof Lauren Hall-Lew)

## Publications – Articles & Proceedings

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Ismael, Akil, & **Jessica Göbel**. (forthcoming). ‘The clause-medial vP phase is real: Evidence from Moselle Franconian’. *NELS 55: Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, Volume One.

Cutler, Molly, Auromita (Disha) Mitra, Marc Barnard, Valentina Cojocaru, **Jessica Göbel** & Laurel MacKenzie. (forthcoming). Both (of) the variants show a couple (of) different patterns: Social conditioning of of-variation across multiple linguistic environments. *U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* 31.2.

**Göbel, Jessica**, & Kathleen McCarthy. 2023. ‘The Impact of Cognitive Load on Speech Production in German-English Bilinguals’. In: Radek Skarnitzl & Jan Volín (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences* (pp. 2427–2431). Guarant International.

Hall-Lew, Lauren, Zuzana Elliott, **Jessica Göbel**, Claire Cowie, & Nina Markl. 2023. ‘Variation in the Scottish BIT vowel: Comparing two corpora’. In: Radek Skarnitzl & Jan Volín (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences* (pp. 3681–3685). Guarant International.

**Göbel, Jessica.** 2020. ‘Don’t Glottal Stop Me Now: A Comparative Study of /t/-glottaling in Edinburgh English in the 1970s’. *Lifespans & Styles: Undergraduate Papers in Sociolinguistics*. Volume 6, Issue 2. (pp. 32-43).

## **Presentations & Posters**

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**Göbel, Jessica.** 2025. ‘What triggers linguistic bias against second-language accents? Examining the roles of accent strength, language, and group membership’. University of Lancaster, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.

Hall-Lew, Lauren, Claire Cowie, Florence Dimeo, Zuzana Elliott, **Jessica Göbel** and Nina Markl. 2025. “Changes in Indexicality at the End of a Sound Change”. UKLVC15, University of Lancaster, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.

**Göbel, Jesisca.** 2024. ‘What triggers linguistic bias against second-language accents in children?’ Lab presentation at Marjorie Rhode’s Conceptual Development and Social Cognition Lab, NYU. November 14<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Göbel, Jessica,** and McCarthy, Kathleen. 2024. ‘The Impact of Cognitive Load on Speech Production in German-English Bilinguals’. At New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 52), Miami, November 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2024. (could not attend due to extenuating circumstances)

Auromita Mitra, Molly Cutler, Marc Barnard, Valentina Cojocaru, **Jessica Goebel**, and Laurel MacKenzie. 2024. ‘Both (of) the variants show a couple (of) different patterns: Social conditioning of of-variation across multiple linguistic environments’. At New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 52), Miami, November 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Ismael, Akil, and **Göbel, Jessica.** 2024. ‘The clause-medial vP phase is real: Evidence from Moselle Franconian’. Co-presented poster at North East Linguistic Society (NELS 55), Yale University, Connecticut, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Göbel, Jessica,** and McCarthy, Kathleen. 2023. ‘The Impact of Cognitive Load on Speech Production in German-English Bilinguals’. Poster presented at International Congress of Phonetic (ICPhS) Sciences, Prague, August 7-11<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Hall-Lew, Lauren, **Göbel, Jessica,** Cowie, Claire, Markl, Nina, McNulty, Stephen Joseph, and Elliott, Zuzana. 2021. ‘Stable variation and the formality of pandemic discourse: the Scottish BIT vowel’. Co-presenter at NWAV49, University of Texas, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Hall-Lew, Lauren, **Göbel, Jessica,** Cowie, Claire, Markl, Nina, McNulty, Stephen Joseph, and Elliott, Zuzana. 2021. ‘Age-grading and stable variation in the Edinburgh KIT vowel’. Co-presenter at UKLVC13, University of Glasgow, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Göbel, Jessica.** 2021. 'Variation in (ing) and the KIT vowel in Edinburgh English'. University of Edinburgh Undergraduate Dissertation Conference, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

## Teaching

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Spring 2025	<b>LING-UA 59: First Language Acquisition</b> Instructor: Prof Ailís Cournane	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> 28 students
Spring 2024	<b>LING-UA 15: Language and Society</b> Instructor: Prof Laurel MacKenzie	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> 55 students

## Relevant Research Experience

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**Research Assistant** – Researcher under Prof Laurel MacKenzie **June 2024 – present**

- Supervise undergraduate research assistants, providing mentorship and oversight on research tasks such as transcription checking, phonetic coding, and boundary checking in Praat.
- Manage complex datasets, ensuring accuracy and organization for ongoing research projects.

**Research Assistance** – Researcher under Prof Devyani Sharma **January 2022 – May 2022**

- Contributed to enhancing NLP models to better detect and process linguistic variation across diverse dialects.
- Analysed syntactic variation in Scots through coding of orthographic transcripts.
- Designed a research framework to identify dialectal features in Scots, balancing complex and surface-level syntactic phenomena.

**Peer Reviewer** – *Lifespans & Styles* journal: **2020 – 2021**

- Served as a member of the editorial board, providing detailed and constructive peer reviews for submissions to this sociolinguistics journal.

**Research Assistant** – Researcher under Dr Claire Cowie **July 2020 – September 2020**

- Contributed to research on Asian Englishes and globalization, focusing on the TRAP-BATH vowel shift among Indian students.
- Refined orthographic and phonetic transcriptions using ELAN 5.6-FX and Praat, ensuring precision and consistency in alignment.

**Research Assistant** – Researcher under Prof Lauren Hall-Lew **May 2019 – August 2019**

- Supported the Edinburgh Speaks Project, which investigates dialectal variation in Edinburgh.
- Created orthographic transcriptions of audio files using ELAN 5.6-FX, improved segmentation accuracy, and identified Scots lexis, morphology, and syntax in transcripts.

## Community Outreach and Invited Talks

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- 2025 “Linguistic Bias in Adults and Children” Invited Talk at Queen Mary University of London’s LingLunch Series, London, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- 2025 “Developmental Sociolinguistics” Guest lecture for Prof Ailis Cournane, New York University, NY. April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 2024 “What is Sociolinguistics?” Presentation for the Brearley School Linguistics Club, NY, May 31<sup>th</sup>.
- 2024 “Language contact and multilingualism” Guest lecture for Prof Laurel MacKenzie, New York University, NY. February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Awards

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- Dean’s Conference Fund **July 2025**
- Conference funding for international & domestic travel fees awarded by the graduate school of arts and sciences at NYU.
  - Grant amount: \$500
- Principal’s Prize **January 2023**
- Awarded for outstanding academic achievement at Queen Mary University of London
  - Prize amount: £100
- MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship **2022 – present**
- Full funding for graduate research
- Barker Award **May 2017**
- Awarded for academic excellence in English literature, Hockerill Anglo-European College

## Skills

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### Technical

R, *experienced*.  
Praat, ELAN, *experienced*.  
Word, Excel, Powerpoint, LaTeX, *experienced*.

### Language

German (native speaker)  
English (native-like fluency)  
Moselle Franconian (heritage speaker)  
French (basic communication skills)

## Research Interests

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- Bilingualism and multilingualism
- Sociophonetics
- Language and cognition
- Linguistic bias
- Language acquisition
- Developmental social cognition