

# JESSICA GÖBEL

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## Education

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New York University  
**PhD in Linguistics**

2022 – present

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 and conference talks

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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'. NWAV49, University of Texas, 20 October.

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'. UKLVC13, University of Glasgow, 10 September.

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

**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.

## Relevant Research Experience

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**Research Assistance** – Researcher under Prof Devyani Sharma **01/2022 – 05/2022**

- Contributed to improving NLP models to be able to detect and deal with diverse dialects
- Coded for syntactic variation in orthographic transcripts of Scots
- Conducted research to select which dialect features of Scots to code for, a mixture of complex and surface syntactic features

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

- Member of the Editorial Board and peer reviewer for *Lifespans & Styles* journal

**Research Assistant** – Researcher under Dr Claire Cowie **7/2020 – 9/2020**

- Research Assistant for Dr Claire Cowie's research project on Asian Englishes and Globalization (investigates changes in the TRAP-BATH vowel among Indian students)
- My responsibilities: correcting and adjusting orthographic and phonetic transcriptions and alignment on Praat.

**Research Assistant** – Researcher under Prof Lauren Hall-Lew **5/2019 – 8/2019**

- Research assistant for the Edinburgh Speaks Project (examines dialectal variation in Edinburgh)
- My responsibilities: orthographic transcription of multiple audio files using ELAN 5.6-FX, adjusting previous segmentations., and identifying Scots lexis, morphology, and syntax.

## Awards

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Principal's Prize **01/2023**

- Awarded for outstanding academic achievement at Queen Mary University of London (£100)

MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship **2022 – present**

- Funding for graduate research (fully funded)

Barker Award **05/2017**

- 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
- Language change across lifespans
- Sociophonetics
- Social mobility and language change
- Child language acquisition
- Adult L2 acquisition