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Valentina Lunardi

Education

2018–ongoing	**Program in Indo-European Studies**, *University of California, Los Angeles*
	Thesis: The impact of Christianity on Latin vocabulary: a computational approach to semantic change
	Doctoral committee chairs: Professor David Goldstein, Professor Brent Vine
2023	**Graduate certificate in Linguistics**, *University of California, Los Angeles*
2016–2017	**MPhil in Classics**, *University of Cambridge*
	Caucus: Classical and Comparative Philology and Linguistics (E)
	Thesis: The Latin of St. Patrick | Supervisor: Professor James Clackson
2013–2016	**BASc Arts and Sciences**, *University College London*, First Class Honours
	Major: 'Cultures', with a focus on Classics
	Minor: 'Sciences and Engineering', with a focus on Mathematics

Non-degree education

Summer 2023	**Digital Humanities and the Ancient World: the role of digital technologies in preserving, investigating and revitalizing antiquity**, *Lake Como School of Advanced Studies*
Summer 2019	**4th Naxos Summer School**, Language Variation and Change in Ancient and Medieval Europe
Summer 2018	**13th Summer School in Languages and Linguistics**, *Universiteit Leiden*

Teaching appointments

AS INSTRUCTOR:

Summer 2024	*Linguistics 20: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Summer 2023	*Linguistics 20: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Summer 2022	*Linguistics 110: Introduction to Historical Linguistics*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Fall 2021	*Latin 1: Elementary Latin*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Classics
Fall 2019	*Latin 1: Elementary Latin*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Classics

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT:

Spring 2024	*Linguistics 170: Introduction to Sociolinguistics*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Winter 2024	*Linguistics 120B: Syntax I*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Spring 2023	*Linguistics 119A: Applied Phonology*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Winter 2023	*Linguistics 120B: Syntax I*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Fall 2022	*Linguistics 120B: Syntax I*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Spring 2022	*Classics 30: Classical Mythology*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Classics

Winter 2022	*Linguistics 120B: Syntax I*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Spring 2021	*Linguistics 20: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Winter 2021	*Linguistics 20: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Linguistics
Winter 2020	*Classics 185: Origin and Nature of English Vocabulary*, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Department of Classics

Research appointments

Summer 2020	**Reseach Assistant**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Professor David Goldstein, Department of Linguistics
Spring 2020	**Reseach Assistant**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Supervisors: Professor Giulia Sissa, Professor Peter Cowe
Summer 2015	**Research Assistant**, *University of Cambridge*, Faculty of Classics Research Project: *Greek in Italy*, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council Principal Investigator: Professor James Clackson

Conference Presentations

December 2024 *upcoming*	'Semantic extension' and semantic change: were translators of the Old Latin Bible L1 speakers of Greek? (poster) *Fourth AMC Symposium: Contact and language change*, Edinburgh, UK
September 2024 *upcoming*	A computational approach to the study of semantic change in Latin: the case of Christian Latin vocabulary *Latin vulgaire – Latin tardif XV*, Munich, Germany
January 2024	New Perspectives on Messapic Language and Culture, *with *Michele Bianconi, Marta Capano, Federica Fanizzi, Marcello Gelone, and Simona Marchesini* *Society for Classical Studies 155th Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL
September 2022	The role of Christian Latin in the development of Romance vocabulary: a lexical study of the Peregrinatio Egeriae *Latin vulgaire – Latin tardif XIV*, Ghent, Belgium
November 2021	Person hierarchy effects and Old Irish infix and suffix pronoun distribution *32nd Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, Los Angeles, CA
April 2018	Was St Patrick a non-native speaker of Latin? (poster) *Variation and Contact in the Ancient Indo-European Languages*, Pisa, Italy

Publications

2023	φ-feature Hierarchy and Old Irish Object Pronoun Distribution. In Goldstein, D. M., Jamison, S. W., and Vine, B. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 32nd Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, 199-220. Hamburg: Buske Verlag

Awards

2024-2025	**CMRS-CEGS Dissertation Research Fellowship**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, $30,000

2023	**Mellon Foundation Pre-dissertation Fellowship**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, $8,000
2022	**CMRS-CEGS Graduate Student Summer Fellowship**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, $2,500
2021	**Graduate Summer Research Mentorship**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, $6,000 Mentor: Professor David Goldstein
2020	**CMRS Graduate Student Summer Fellowship**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, $1,000
2019	**Graduate Summer Research Mentorship**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, $6,000 Mentor: Professor Brent Vine
2015	**Arts & Sciences BASc Internship Bursary**, *University College London*

Departmental service

2021-2023	**Reading Room Curator for the *Program in Indo-European Studies***
2018-2022	**Co-organiser of the *Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference***

Outreach

June 2024	Language contact: an introduction Talk given at Champlain Valley Union High School, Hinesburg, VT (*online*)
January 2022	Il mio percorso dopo la scuola (tr.: My journey after school) Video recording for Liceo Classico Europeo, Villa del Poggio imperiale (*alma mater*), Firenze, Italy
March 2018	Il latino e i suoi vicini (tr.: Latin and its neighbours) Talk given at Liceo Classico Machiavelli, Firenze, Italy

Languages

Modern

- Native: Italian
- Fluent: English
- Reading: French, German, Spanish

Ancient

- Latin
- Ancient Greek
- Sanskrit
- Hittite
- Old Irish
- Middle Welsh

Technical Skills

OPERATING SYSTEMS
- macOS
- Windows
- Basic Command Line skills

MARKUP
- LaTeX

PROGRAMMING
- Python 3
- C (basic)

Research Interests

- Latin and other Italic Languages
- Old Irish and other Celtic Languages
- Digital Humanities
- Language contact
- Sociolinguistics
- Comparative Indo-European Linguistics
- Syntactic theory

References

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  Department of Linguistics and Program in Indo-European Studies
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○ Professor James Clackson, *University of Cambridge*, Faculty of Classics
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