

# Valentina Lunardi

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## 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
- 2024–2025 **Visiting research student in Digital Humanities, King's College London**  
Supervisor: Dr. Barbara McGillivray
- 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

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## 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 **4<sup>th</sup> Naxos Summer School, Language Variation and Change in Ancient and Medieval Europe**
- Summer 2018 **13<sup>th</sup> Summer School in Languages and Linguistics, Universiteit Leiden**

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## 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*

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## Research appointments

- Summer 2020 **Research Assistant**, *University of California, Los Angeles*, Professor David Goldstein, Department of Linguistics
- Spring 2020 **Research 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

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## Conference Presentations

- December 2024 ‘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 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  
*32<sup>nd</sup> 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

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## 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 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference*, 199–220. Hamburg: Buske Verlag

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## 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*

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## 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*

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## 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

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## Languages

### MODERN

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

### ANCIENT

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

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## Technical Skills

### OPERATING SYSTEMS

- macOS
- Windows
- Command Line Tools (basic)

### MARKUP

- $\text{\LaTeX}$
- HTML (basic)

### PROGRAMMING

- Python 3
- C (basic)
- SQL (basic)

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## Research Interests

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