

Adam Leif

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## Education

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### UCLA

PHD STUDENT IN LINGUISTICS

Los Angeles, CA  
September 2024 - Present

- Focused on syntax, computational linguistics, and sentence processing
- MA Thesis in progress

### Northwestern University

BA LINGUISTICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE

Evanston, IL  
September 2020 - June 2024

- Successful completion of double major through Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
- Various honors (Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in Linguistics)

## Publications

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### PUBLISHED

Grace LeFevre, Qingcheng Zeng, **Adam Leif**, Jason Jewell, Denis Peskoff, Rob Voigt (2025). "Good Intentions Beyond ACL: Who Does NLP for Social Good, and Where?" *Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*.

### IN PREP

**Adam Leif**, Masaya Yoshida (202X). "Investigating N-Movement in English".

## Presentations

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### CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

**Adam Leif**, Masaya Yoshida. 2024. Investigating N-Movement in English: Presence and Proposals. Poster Presentation. SCAMS 4, Claremont, CA.

**Adam Leif**, Masaya Yoshida. 2024. Investigating N-Movement in English: Presence and Proposals. Oral Presentation. Northwestern Undergraduate Research and Arts Expo, Evanston, IL.

**Adam Leif**, Masaya Yoshida. 2024. Investigating N-Movement in English: Presence and Proposals. Poster Presentation. Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Seminar, Chicago, IL.

## Research

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### Northwestern University - Department of Linguistics

ADVISORS: DR. MASAYA YOSHIDA, DR. ESZTER RONAI

Evanston, IL  
Spring 2023 - 2024

- Honors Thesis in Linguistics (Syntax): "Investigating N-Movement in English: Presence and Proposals"

### Northwestern University - Department of Linguistics

SUPERVISOR: DR. ROB VOIGT

Evanston, IL  
Summer 2021 - 2023

- Research Assistant
- 2023: worked on "Real Estate Signals from Rental Advertisements" (Peskoff et al.), collected and prepared articles, article information, and full texts of ACL authors' works for future research
- 2022: scraped, cleaned, and prepared Craigslist housing ads for future research
- 2021: wrote webscrapers, worked with Twitter and Reddit APIs, and prepared the lab for incoming students

## Teaching

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UCLA (TEACHING ASSISTANT)

Winter 2026    **LING 120B: Syntax I**  
Fall 2025      **LING 20: Introduction to Linguistic Analysis**

NORTHWESTERN (SPLASH)

Winter 2024    **Grammar Rules Are Fake: An Introduction To Intro Syntax**  
Winter 2023    **Grammar Rules Are Fake: An Introduction To Intro Syntax**  
Spring 2022    **Grammar Rules Are Fake: An Introduction To Intro Syntax**

#### **Awards, Fellowships, & Grants**

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2024            **Honors in Linguistics;** Northwestern University Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences  
2024            **Phi Beta Kappa (Alpha Chapter);** Northwestern University  
2024            **Abraham Demoz Prize in Linguistics;** Northwestern University Department of Linguistics  
2024            **Top Poster in Fine Arts, Humanities, and Linguistics;** Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium