

Adam Leif

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Education

UCLA

PHD STUDENT IN LINGUISTICS

Los Angeles, CA
September 2024 - Present

- Focused on syntax, computational linguistics, and sentence processing

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

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

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

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

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

UCLA (TEACHING ASSISTANT)

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

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