

# Anna Björklund

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## Education

- 2019 – 2025    📖 **PhD, University of California, Berkeley**— Linguistics  
Dissertation: *A Grammar of Nomlaki*  
Committee: Keith Johnson, Andrew Garrett, Gašper Beguš
- 2021    📖 **MA, University of California, Berkeley**— Linguistics  
Thesis: *Nomlaki Vowel Quality and Duration: An Archival Examination*  
Advisor: Keith Johnson
- 2019    📖 **BA, University of Florida**  
(1) Linguistics  
(2) East Asian Languages and Literatures–Chinese.  
Thesis: *Perceptual Bias In Lexical Tone Perception*  
Advisor: Ratree Wayland
- 2017    📖 **BA study abroad, Tsinghua University (Beijing, China)**  
(1) Advanced Chinese language

## Research interests

- 📖 **Archival phonetics; Wintuan languages, language revitalization.** I am primarily interested in leveraging archival materials for the analysis of the Wintuan languages of California. My dissertation is the first published grammar of Nomlaki, with a special emphasis on archival phonetics. As a tribal linguist for multiple Wintuan groups, I also explore how to marry theoretical linguistic interests with the practical needs and wants of community language revitalization.





## Publications

- 📖 **Björklund, Anna.** (2025). *A Grammar of Nomlaki*. Doctoral dissertation: UC Berkeley.
- 📖 Beguš, Gašper, Aleksei Nazarov, Anna **Björklund**, and Blas Puente–Baldoceda. (2025, Preprint). *Lexicon against Naturalness: Unnatural Gradient Phonotactic Restrictions and Their Origins*.
- 📖 **Björklund, Anna.** (2024). *Automatic Intonational Contour Clustering in Patwin*. Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America. 9(1).
- 📖 **Björklund, Anna.** (2024). *Archival examination of Nomlaki vowels*. Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics. 45, 0060015.
- 📖 **Björklund, Anna.** (2023). *Acoustic correlates of word-level stress in Garifuna: Tales from digital fieldwork*. In: De la Cruz-Sánchez, G, George-Michael Pescaru, Kegan Reeve, Remo Nitschke, Sumi Lee (eds.), Coyote Papers 25: Proceedings of the Arizona Linguistics Circle 16.

## Conference presentations and posters

- Jan 2025      **Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting**, Online.  
Anna Björklund, *The structure of the Nomlaki verb*. (Presentation)
- Jan 2024      **Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas Annual Meeting**, New York City, NY.  
Anna Björklund, *Towards a transcription system of Patwin intonation (PaToBI)*. (Presentation)
-  **98th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America**, New York City, NY.  
Anna Björklund, *Automatic Intonational Contour Clustering in Patwin*. (Poster)
- Oct 2022      **Arizona Linguistics Circle 16**, Tuscon, Arizona.  
Anna Björklund, *Acoustic correlates of word-level stress in Garifuna: Tales from digital field-work*. (Presentation)
- Jan 2022      **96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America**, Washington, DC.  
Anna Björklund, *Vowel Duration in Nomlaki: An Archival Examination*. (Poster)
- Nov 2021      **181st Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America**, Seattle, WA.  
Anna Björklund, *Nomlaki Vowel Quality: An Acoustical and Archival Examination*. (Poster)






## Other Manuscripts

-  *Intonational Analysis and Prosodic Transcription of Patwin*. 2023. Second Qualifying Paper, UC Berkeley. See Björklund 2024a.
-  *Nomlaki Vowel Quality and Duration: An Archival Examination*. 2021. MA thesis (First Qualifying Paper), UC Berkeley. See Björklund 2024b.
-  *A Finding Aid for the C. Hart Merriam Papers at the Bancroft Library*. With Dakota Robinson. 2021. Unpublished manuscript, UC Berkeley (prepared for the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians).
-  *A Finding Aid for the J. P. Harrington Papers at the National Museum of Natural History and National Anthropological Archives*. With Dakota Robinson. 2021. Unpublished manuscript, UC Berkeley (prepared for the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians).







## Research Appointments

- Summer 2022      **Graduate Student Researcher (GSR)**, California Language Archives (Survey of California and Other Indian Languages), UC Berkeley.
- Spring 2022      **Graduate Student Researcher (GSR)**, California Language Archives (Survey of California and Other Indian Languages), UC Berkeley.






## Employment

- 2025-present     **Linguist on Assignment @ Meta**, Tundra Technical Solutions.  
Build datasets & conduct experiments to evaluate product/integrity performance for Meta Ray-Ban Smart Glasses across all non-US English locales and stages of product performance, including red-teaming.
- 2022– present     **Tribal linguist**, Toyun-Wintu Center, Wintu Tribe of Northern California.  
Assisting in language documentation and revitalization of the Wintu language through activities such as language teaching and archival work.
- 2020– present     **Tribal linguist**, Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians  
Assisting in language documentation and revitalization of the Nomlaki language through activities such as language teaching and archival work.
- 2024-2025     **Senior Data Science Fellow**, UC Berkeley D-Lab.  
Providing more in-depth quantitative support for social science researchers through teaching workshops in deep learning (Keras), as well as programming fundamentals, data wrangling, and data visualization for Python and R.
- 2023-2024     **Data Science Fellow**, UC Berkeley D-Lab.  
Providing quantitative support for social science researchers through teaching workshops in deep learning (Keras), as well as programming fundamentals, data wrangling, and data visualization for Python and R.

## Teaching





- Spring 2024     **LING 100: Introduction to Linguistic Science**  
Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley. Primary instructor: Lev Michael.
- Spring 2022     **LING 111: Introduction to Phonology**  
Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley. Primary instructor: Gašper Beguš.
- Fall 2022     **LING 140/COG SCI 160: Quantitative Methods in Linguistics**  
Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley. Primary instructor: Susanne Gahl.
- Fall 2021, 2023     **LING 110: Phonetics**  
Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley. Primary instructor: Susan Lin.
- Spring 2021     **LING R1B: Endangered languages: Why does linguistic diversity matter?**  
Primary instructor, UC Berkeley.
- Fall 2020     **LING 5: Introduction to Linguistics**  
Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley. Primary instructor: Larry Hyman.

## Awards, fellowships, & grants

- 2023     **Data Science for Social Justice Fellow**, UC Berkeley D-Lab.
- 2022     **NSF LLiNARP (Language Learning in Native American Revitalization Programs) attendance grant**
- 2021     **Summer Community Engagement Grant**
- 2020     **Graduate Remote Instruction Innovation Fellow**
- 2019-2020     **Foreign Language Area Studies Fellow—Mandarin Chinese**



## Department-internal talks

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- Fall 2025      **Phonology, Phonetics, and Psycholinguistics Forum ("Phorum")**, UC Berkeley. *A Grammar of Nomlaki (with special phonetic phocus): PhD Exit Talk.*
- Fall 2023      **Phonology, Phonetics, and Psycholinguistics Forum ("Phorum")**, UC Berkeley. *Intonational Analysis and Prosodic Transcription of Patwin.*
- Spring 2022      **Phonology, Phonetics, and Psycholinguistics Forum ("Phorum")**, UC Berkeley. *Nomlaki Language Revitalization: Notes from the Archives.*
- Fall 2021      **Fieldwork Forum**, UC Berkeley. *Notes from the Archives: The Road to Nomlaki Language Revitalization.*





## Service

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- 2021-2022      **Berkeley Fieldwork Forum ("FForum")**, UC Berkeley  
Co-organizer (with Zachary Wellstood)
- 2020-2021      **Berkeley Phonetics, Phonology, & Psycholinguistics Forum ("Phorum")**, UC Berkeley  
Co-organizer (with Dakota Robinson)



## Professional Affiliations

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- 2023-present      **Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of America**
- 2021-present      **Acoustical Society of America**
- 2019-present      **Linguistic Society of America**
- 2017-present      **Phi Beta Kappa**

## Skills

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- Natural Languages      *Native:* English  
*Proficient:* Chinese Mandarin, Swedish  
*Coursework/intermediate:* Japanese, Spanish  
*Fieldwork:* Nomlaki, Wintu, Garifuna, Yucatec Maya, Choctaw
- Programming Languages      Python, R, SQL

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