Aislinn Keogh

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Education

2023

Visiting Scholar

University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

6-week research visit with Professor Gary Lupyan in the Department of Psychology

2021 – present

PhD in Linguistics and English Language

Centre for Language Evolution, University of Edinburgh, UK

- Working title: Language production, working memory, and the evolution of linguistic structure
- Supervisors: Professors Jennifer Culbertson and Simon Kirby

2020 - 202I

MSc with Distinction in Evolution of Language and Cognition

University of Edinburgh, UK

- Dissertation: Do memory limitations provide a selective pressure for languages to develop compositional structure? An experimental investigation
- Supervisor: Professor Simon Kirby

2010 - 2013

BA with First Class Honours in Linguistics

Newcastle University, UK

- Dissertation: An evolutionary perspective on the role of memory in language processing and production
- Supervisor: Professor Maggie Tallerman

2003 – 2010 | High school education

Rugby High School, Warwickshire, UK

- A Levels: English Language (A*), French (A*), Classical Civilisation (A), English Literature (A)
- 12 GCSEs (A*-B)

Skills

Languages	English (first language), French (B1), Spanish (A2), Norwegian Bokmål (A2)
Programming	Python, R, JavaScript, Markdown, Lagar, HTML
Data analysis	Frequentist methods (lme4), Bayesian methods (brms), tidyverse, pandas, MySQL
Experiments	jsPsych, Prolific, Amazon Mechanical Turk
Other	Git, Microsoft Office

Publications

- Keogh, A., Kirby, S., & Culbertson, J. (2024). Predictability and variation in language are differentially affected by learning and production. *Cognitive Science*, 48(4), e13435.
 - **Keogh**, **A.**, & Lupyan, G. (2024). Who benefits from redundancy in learning noun class systems? *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 15th International Conference (Evolang XV)*.
- Keogh, A., Pankratz, E., Kirby, S., & Culbertson, J. (2023). Does production facilitate learning morphosyntactic generalisations? *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, 45*, 3919.
- Keogh, A., Kirby, S., & Culbertson, J. (2022). In search of a unified mechanism for regularisation of linguistic variation. *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium*, 360–366.

Presentations

Talks

- May 2024 | Who benefits from redundancy in learning noun class systems? International Conference on the Evolution of Language (Evolang XV)
- Oct 2023 | Does redundancy make language more robust to individual differences in learning? Centre for Language Evolution talk series, University of Edinburgh
- Sep 2023 | Individual differences in generalization: the role of redundant cues. Goldin-Meadow Lab, University of Chicago
- Feb 2023 *Memory limitations and the regularisation of linguistic variation: learning or production effects?* 31st Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe
- Dec 2022 In search of a unified mechanism for regularisation of linguistic variation. Workshop on Biases in Language and Cognition, 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium
- Sep 2022 | *Do memory limitations provide a selective pressure for languages to become more regular as they evolve?* Centre for Language Evolution talk series, University of Edinburgh
- Oct 2020 | Working memory and its implications for language evolution. Cognitive Linguistics Research Group, University of Edinburgh

Posters

- Jul 2023 | Does production facilitate learning morphosyntactic generalisations? Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2023)
- Apr 2023 | The role of production for morphosyntactic generalisation. 77th Language Lunch, University of Edinburgh (Winner: Best Poster)
- Dec 2022 | In search of a unified mechanism for regularisation of linguistic variation. Workshop on Biases in Language and Cognition, 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium
- Dec 2022 | Regularisation of linguistic variation arises from both learning and production biases. 76th Language Lunch, University of Edinburgh

Teaching

2023 – present

Training Fellow

Centre for Data, Culture & Society, University of Edinburgh, UK

- Contributing to the development and delivery of a training programme to grow capacity for data-led and computational research across the arts, humanities and social sciences
- Developing and teaching on courses including:
 - Introduction to Bayesian Statistics
 - Data simulation
 - Effective data visualisation
 - Open research
 - Pre-registration
 - Crowdsourcing research data
 - Introduction to Markdown
 - Version control with Git and GitHub
 - Building websites with GitHub pages

2021 - 2024

Tutor

University of Edinburgh, UK

- Online Experiments for Language Scientists
- · Simulating Language
- Origins and Evolution of Language
- Introduction to Programming with Turtles
- Intermediate Programming in Python

2021 - 2022

PPLS Skills Centre Tutor

University of Edinburgh, UK

I-I writing consultation appointments with undergraduate and masters students

Professional service

2024 | **R**

Reviewer

Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci 2024)

2023

Reviewer

International Conference on the Evolution of Language (Evolang XV)

2022

Student Organiser

Edinburgh Lectures in Language Evolution

Reviewer

1st Language and Interaction Network event, University of Edinburgh

Funding

2020 - 2024

ESRC-funded 1+3 studentship

Scottish Graduate School of Social Science

Awards

2013

Barbara Strang Award

Newcastle University

Highest overall result across all English Language and Linguistics graduates

Memberships

2021 – present | Cognitive Science Society
2024 – present | Cultural Evolution Society

Employment

Apr 2018 – Aug 2020	Senior Press Officer Office for Students, Bristol, UK
	Press and Communications Adviser Office for Fair Access, Bristol, UK
Dec 2013 – Apr 2016	Student Recruitment Officer University Centre Weston, Weston-super-Mare, UK