Ali Kesserwani

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Education:

2025 - present **Emory University, PhD**
Biological Anthropology
Advisor: John Lindo

2024 - present **Georgia Institute of Technology, MS**
Computer Science

2020 - 2024 **University of Alabama at Birmingham, BA**
Double Major: Computer Science, Anthropology
Minor in ancient, medieval studies
Magna Cum Laude

Experience:

Feb. 2024 – present **LinguaBerry LLC**
- *Founder* and *creator* of the language learning app LinguaBerry. Available on the App Store, Google Play, and web.
- Mobile app built with React Native, web app built with Django + HTMX.

Jan. – Apr. 2023 **Middle Eastern Collections Intern, *Reynolds-Finley Historical Library***
- Translated and Analyzed Medieval-Early Modern Arabic Manuscripts (Ranging from Religious to Medical Texts)
- Read and analyzed 16th century Syriac Prayer Books

Publications:

2024 "An analysis of three Palmyrene funerary busts and their inscriptions at the Barracco Museum in Rome." *Maarav,* **Ali Kesserwani**, Jeremy Hutton, Konstantin Klein

2020 "Autoantibody-Negative Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy Responds to Early and Aggressive Treatment: A Case Report." *Cureus 12(4),* Dario A. Marotta, Adena Zadourian, Maxwell J. Jabaay, **Ali Kesserwani**, Hassan Kesserwani.

Professional Presentations:

"Emergence and Evolution of the Arabic Script." Presented at University of Alabama at Birmingham Annual Anthropology Conference. May 2023
Video Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r269wBZ0b289B7tofEHXS3Nr4txR-g7g/view

Technology Skills:

Languages: Python, JavaScript, Ruby, Java, C/C++
Technologies and Frameworks: HTML/CSS, ReactJS, Ruby on Rails, Django, Flask

Language Skills:

Modern Languages: Modern Standard Arabic/Colloquial Lebanese Arabic (Fluent), Spanish/French/German (Partial Written and Oral Proficiency)
Classical Languages: Biblical Hebrew (reading), Syriac/Aramaic (reading), Greek/Latin (rudiments, mostly epigraphy)

Extracurriculars:

2022 – 2023	**Middle Eastern Student Association at UAB – President**
2021 - 2022	**Middle Eastern Student Association at UAB – Treasurer**

Personal Projects:

AtlasXplorer - social media site in which users can create and share maps with geographic points. The social media site can be applied in the fields of archaeology, travel, tourism, and general geo-spatial sciences. The app was written in Django/Python (*atlasxplorer.onrender.com*)

Digital Archaeological Atlas of the Classical East - Creator and editor of an archaeological atlas that tracks lost, known, and potential classical archaeological sites in the Middle East. Full-stack Ruby on Rails site complete with CRUD functionalities, user authentication, and geo-location through open-source APIs. (*daace.explorerali.com*)

Portfolio Website - Personal website (*explorerali.com*)

Professional Memberships:

2024-present	American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR)