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Education

- M.A. 2026 (expected), Linguistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Thesis: *Sonority Faithfulness: Evidence from Bolognese Vowel Reduction*.
Committee: Brian Hsu (chair), Jennifer L. Smith, Elliott Moreton.
- B.A. 2024, Linguistics (*Phi Beta Kappa*), University of Utah.
Undergraduate Research Journal: *An Analysis of Vowel Reduction in Bolognese*.
Faculty Mentors: Aaron F. Kaplan, Edward J. Rubin
- B.A. 2024, World Languages & Cultures: Italian (*Phi Beta Kappa*), University of Utah.
Certificate, 2022, Coursework in Advanced Italian Language, Inlingua Verona.

Professional Experience

- 2025–, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. *LING 165: Exploring the World's Languages*.
- 2024–2025, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Linguistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2024, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Linguistics, University of Utah.

Publications

- Osgan, Brandon. 2024. An Analysis of Vowel Reduction in Bolognese. *RANGE: Journal of Undergraduate Research* (2024) 25(1).

Presentations

- Jan. 2026, Osgan, Brandon. *Vowel Reduction is Conditioned by Quality and Quantity Interactions: Evidence from Bolognese*. Talk to be presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Nov. 2025, Osgan, Brandon. *Quality and Quantity Contribute Independently to Sonority: Evidence from Bolognese Vowel Reduction*. Talk presented at the Western Conference on Linguistics. Hosted online by Pázmány Péter Catholic University.

April 2024, Osgan, Brandon. *An Analysis of Vowel Reduction in Bolognese*. Poster presented at the College of Humanities Research Poster Fair. University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT.

April 2024, Osgan, Brandon. *An Analysis of Vowel Reduction in Bolognese*. Poster presented at the University of Utah Student Conference in Linguistics. University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT.

April 2024, Osgan, Brandon. *An Analysis of Vowel Reduction in Bolognese*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT.

Professional Service and Membership

2025–, President, Linguistics Graduate Student Association, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2025–, Co-organizer, Department of Linguistics Annual Spring Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2025–, Faculty Liaison, Department of Linguistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2024–, Member, Linguistic Society of America.

2024–, Member, the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

2025, Contributor, Careers for Linguistics Majors event, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2024, Contributor, the University of Utah Student Conference in Linguistics, University of Utah.

2023–2024, Student Ambassador, College of Humanities, University of Utah.

2023–2024, President, the Italian Club, University of Utah.

Awards and Honors

2025, Graduate Travel and Research Award, Department of Linguistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2025, Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2024, Graduate Research Assistantship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2024, Undergraduate Research Assistantship, Department of Linguistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2024, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Grant, Office of Undergraduate Research, University of Utah.

2023, Student Ambassador Grant, College of Humanities, University of Utah.

2021–2024, Dean’s List, College of Humanities, University of Utah.

Languages

English (*native*)

Praat (*working knowledge*)

Italian (*advanced*)

R Studio (*working knowledge*)

Japanese (*novice*)

Bolognese (*working knowledge*)