

# Catherine Arnett

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## Education

**PhD Candidate, Linguistics with Computational Social Science**, UC San Diego **2019-**

Committee: Farrell Ackerman, Benjamin Bergen, Leon Bergen, Victor Ferreira

**MA Chinese and Linguistics (Hons)**, University of Edinburgh **2014-2018**

Including one year exchange at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, P.R. China

## Teaching

**Graduate Teaching Consultant for International Instructors**, UC San Diego **2022-**

Instruct incoming international graduate students in teaching skills and subject-specific English

**Instructor, LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics**, UC San Diego **Summer 2023**

[Course Website](#)

**Teaching Assistant**, UC San Diego **2019-2022**

LIGN 101: Introduction to Language, Fall 2020-Spring 2022

LIDS 19: Independent Language Study, Winter 2020-Spring 2020

LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics, Fall 2019

## Publications

### Refereed Conference Proceedings

1. James A. Michaelov\*, **Catherine Arnett\***, Tyler A. Chang, Benjamin K. Bergen (2023). [Structural priming demonstrates abstract grammatical representations in multilingual language models](#). Long paper, Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP). Singapore. \*equal contribution
2. **Catherine Arnett** (2019). [Pathways of Change in Romance Motion Events: A Corpus-based Comparison](#). *Proceedings of the Thirtieth Western Conference on Linguistics (WeCOL)*. Vol 23. Fresno, CA.

### Manuscripts

1. Tyler A. Chang, **Catherine Arnett**, Zhuowen Tu, Benjamin K. Bergen (under review). [When Is Multilinguality a Curse? Language Modeling for 250 High- and Low-Resource Languages](#). arXiv preprint arXiv:2311.09205.

## Conference Presentations

1. **Catherine Arnett**, Tyler A. Chang, James A. Michaelov, and Benjamin K. Bergen (2023) [Crosslingual Structural Priming and the Pre-Training Dynamics of Bilingual Language Models](#). *The 3rd Workshop on Multilingual Representation Learning co-located with EMNLP 2023*. Singapore.

2. **Catherine Arnett** & Maho Takahashi (2022). Creating a Baseline to Evaluate Correlations Between Language and Environment. *Machine Learning and the Evolution of Language*. Kanagawa/online. [[abstract](#)] [[poster pdf](#)]
3. **Catherine Arnett** & Eva Wittenberg (2020). Multiple Meanings of Doubling Up: Mandarin Verbal Reduplication. *The 26th Architectures And Mechanisms for Language Processing Conference (AMLaP)*. Potsdam/online. [[poster pdf](#)]
4. **Catherine Arnett** & Eva Wittenberg (2020). Conceptual Effects of Verbal Reduplication in Mandarin Chinese. *North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics 32*. Storrs, CT/online.
5. **Catherine Arnett** & Eva Wittenberg (2019). Conceptual Effects of Verbal Reduplication in Mandarin Chinese. California Meeting on Psycholinguistics. Santa Cruz, California. [[poster pdf](#)]
6. **Catherine Arnett** (2018). Diachronic study of the typology of motion verbs in the Romance languages. Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain Conference, University of Edinburgh.

## Invited Talks

Writing Systems. LIGN 101: Introduction to the Study of Language

Fall 2020

## Media and Outreach

**Interview**

Jan 2024

[Code and Community: Computational Social Science Program Addresses Social Questions with Data](#)

**Author and Subject-Matter Expert,**

Sep 2022

[Cognitive Foundations, an open Textbook](#)

Update and rewrite portions of the *Language* chapter using bookdown in R.

## Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants

Yankelovich Graduate Research Funding, UC San Diego, \$3,500	2024
GPSA Travel Grant Award, UC San Diego, \$300	2023
Linguistics Department Anti-Racist Pedagogy Micro-Fellowship, UC San Diego Linguistics, \$500	2023
Summer Graduate Teaching Scholar, UC San Diego, \$1,000	2023
LaVerne Noyes Foundation Endowed Fellowship, UC San Diego, \$6,000	2022
Academic Senate Grant, UC San Diego, \$9,000	2022
Friends of the International Center Fellowship, UC San Diego, \$2000	2020
Research and Travel Grant, UC San Diego Linguistics, \$350	2019
GPSA Travel Grant Award, UC San Diego, \$500	2019
Student Opportunity Fund, University of Edinburgh, £250	2018
Eric Liddell China Saltire Scholarship, University of Edinburgh, £5,000	2016
St. Andrews Society of North Carolina Scholarship, \$37,000	2014-2018

## Certifications

Citi Program Social and Behavioral Research Best Practices for Clinical Research	2019-2022
HSK 5 Certification	2017

## Skills and Languages

### Languages

**English** - Native

**Mandarin** - Fluent

**Spanish** - Fluent

**French** - Conversational

**Latin** - Structural Knowledge

**San Juan Piñas Mixtec** - Fieldwork Experience

### Coding and Software

**R/RStudio** tidyverse, lme4, bookdown

**Python** pandas, matplotlib, seaborn, numpy, BeautifulSoup

basic SQL, basic HTML

**Software** Google Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe CC, Slack, Zoom, GitHub

### Interests

Natural language processing, psycholinguistics, corpus work, morphology

## Academic Service

### Reviewing

Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain

2020

### Departmental Service

Linguistics Department Steward

2022-2024

Linguistics Department Graduate Student Writing Club Organizer

2022-2023

Linguistics Department Social Organizer

2021-2023

Linguistics Faculty Growth Planning Committee

2021-2022

Linguistics Department BrownBag Organizer

2020-2021

Linguistics Department Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Association

2019-2020

## Mentoring

### Masters Students

Adelle Engmann, Computational Social Science

2023-2024

Xinyao Yi, Computational Social Science

2022-2023

## Undergraduate Honors Theses

Yuhan Fu, Cognitive Science B.S. Honors Thesis 2024  
 “Is There Evidence for Embodied Simulation During Language Translation?”

## Undergraduate Research Assistants

Sidney Ma	Winter 2024 -
Gwen O'Brien	Winter 2024 -
Nattida Neal	Winter 2024 -
Sarah Yu	Fall 2023 -
Livia Zhou	Fall 2023
Yoyo Wu	Fall 2023
Jiawei Lyu	Spring 2023
Jason Tran	Winter 2023 - Spring 2023
Emily Xu	Fall 2022, Spring 2023 - Fall 2023
Tiffany Wu	Fall 2022 - Winter 2023
Fiona Tang	Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
Jane Yang	Winter 2020 - Spring 2022
Zhiyi Li	Winter 2020 - Winter 2021
Xutong Zhang	Fall 2020 - Winter 2021
Annabelle Chang	Fall 2019 - Winter 2021
Jessica Luo, now Linguistics PhD Student at University of Washington	Fall 2019 - Winter 2021
Ruoqi Wei	Fall 2019 - Winter 2021
Rebecca Xu	Fall 2019 - Winter 2020

## Professional Memberships

Association for Computational Linguistics 2023