DARBY GRACHEK PH.D. STUDENT

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

Ph.D. in Linguistics

2021 - present

• Advisor: Stephanie Shih

Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI

M.A. in Linguistics

2018 - 2021

• Advisor: Karthik Durvasula

 Thesis: Understanding Acceptability Judgements: Grammatical Knowledge vs. Lexical Search

Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI

B.A. in Linguistics, Second degree in Japanese, Minor in TESOL

2016 - 2019

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Grachek, Darby. (2025). A Link Between Phonology and the Lexicon: Morphophonological Exceptionality and Decomposition in English Stress Shift. *Proceedings of the Annual Meetings on Phonology* 1(1).
- 2. Grachek, Darby and Kaiser, Elsi. (2024). Phonological Learning Is Asymmetrical Between Prefixes and Suffixes. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 9 (1). 5743.

Conference Presentations

Lexical decomposition variables predict phonological exceptionality: Evidence from English and Turkish

Talk at Southern California Annual Meeting on Phonology (SCAMP)

April 2025

A link between phonology and the lexicon: Morphophonological exceptionality and decomposition in English stress shift

Poster presentation at Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP)

Nov. 2024

Phonological Learning Is Asymmetrical Between Prefixes and Suffixes

Poster presentation at Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual meeting

Phonological Learning Is Asymmetrical Between Prefixes and Suffixes

Poster presentation at Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP)

Oct. 2023

Jan. 2024

Weight-sensitive prosodification of prefixes in Karuk (with Elango Kumaran)

Poster presentation at Morris Halle @ 100

Sep. 2023

Competition Between Past and Perfect(with Kerry Berres, Jett Hampton, Sarah Jones, Hollie Nusbaum, and Sarah Sirna)

Poster presentation at Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF)

April 2019

Playing with the Perfect (with Kerry Berres, Jett Hampton, Sarah Jones, Hollie Nusbaum, and Sarah Sirna)

Poster presentation at MSU Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (MSULC) April 2019

Awards and Fellowships • Nominated for University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Southern California Oct, 2024

• Summer Research Fellowship, USC East Asian Resource Center April, 2023

Teaching Experience	LING 210: Intro. to Linguistics Teaching Assistant University of Southern California Jan. 2025 - May 2025 Instructor: Deniz Rudin
	LING 115: Language in Society Teaching Assistant University of Southern California Aug. 2024 - Present Instructor: Andrew Simpson
	LING 115: Language in Society Teaching Assistant Jan. 2024 - May 2024 University of Southern California Instructor: Mary Byram-Washburn
	LING 210: Intro. to Linguistics Teaching Assistant University of Southern California Aug. 2023 - Dec. 2023 Instructor: Deniz Rudin
	LING 115: Language in Society Teaching Assistant University of Southern California Aug. 2022 - May 2023 Instructor: Andrew Simpson
	LIN 230: Languages of the World Teaching Assistant
	EPIC: English Partners in Communication Student Teacher Jan. 2018 - May 2018 <i>Michigan State University</i>
Mentoring	USC Linguistics Department Peer Mentor University of Southern California Aug. 2022 - May 2023
	MSU Phono Group Undergraduate thesis supervisor Nov. 2021 - May 2021 Michigan State University
	MSU College of Arts and Letters Advising Assistant Aug. 2020 - May 2021 Michigan State University
	MSU Child Language Acquisition Lab Research Assistant Aug. 2019 - June 2020 Michigan State University
Skills	Spoken Languages: English (native), Japanese (intermediate). Research Languages: English, Japanese, Khalkha (Mongolic), Rukiga (Bantu) Technical: R, Praat, PCIbex, ELAN, PsychoPy/Pavlovia
Academic Service	USC Graduate Students in Linguistics Colloquium Chair Aug. 2023 - May 2024 USC Working Papers in Linguistics Co-editor/organizing committee 2021 - 2024 USC Graduate Students in Linguistics Social Chair Aug. 2022 - May 2023 MSU Linguistics Student Organization Undergraduate Liaison Aug. 2020 - May 2021