

# ANDRE BATCHELDER-SCHWAB

## PHD STUDENT

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I'm a student at Boston University (BU) in the Graduate School of Arts and Science pursuing a doctorate (PhD) in Linguistics. My academic interests include sociolinguistics, phonetics, phonology, migration studies, and understudied languages and language varieties. My goal is to return to my home community in Fribourg, Switzerland, and work on revitalization efforts of Cuenco Arpitan, a critically endangered language which went extinct in my family at the passing of my grandmother in 2012. I am currently working on researching whistled Akan, designing a school curriculum for Northern Pomo revitalization efforts in California, and on documentation of Lihuacan Ersu and Yuexi Yi in Sichuan.

## EDUCATION

**PhD** from Boston University, Linguistics September 2019-Present  
Anticipated graduation: spring 2024

**MA** from New York University, Comparative Politics May 2019  
Thesis: "Dialectal Priming Effects in Political Call Surveys:  
The Case of Dexter, Maine."  
Advisor: Dr. Gregory Guy

**BA**, from New York University, Linguistics & German May 2018  
Minor in Middle Eastern Studies  
Minor in Politics

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Boston University Northern Pomo Lab** 2021  
Research Assistant  
Advisor: Dr. Cathy O'Connor

- Curriculum design for Northern Pomo revitalization effort
- Tonal and syntactic analysis of records and corpus

**Boston University Prosody Lab** 2020  
**Research Assistant**  
Advisor: Dr. Jon Barnes

- Linguistic reconstruction of Khoe roots
- Historical phonology, syntax, and corpus work

**New York University Sociolinguistics Lab** 2018  
**Research Assistant**

Advisor: Dr. Gregory Guy

- Transcription utilizing Praat and ELAN of Brazilian Portuguese
- Identification of complex stress and phonological processes

**New York University Sociolinguistics Lab** 2018-2019  
**Research Assistant**

Advisor: Dr. Daniel Duncan

- Transcription of sociolinguistic interviews on the St. Louis dialect
- Further development of skills in ELAN and related transcription software

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Andre Schwab. In review. "Truncation, Affection, and Pain in Southern Bantu."  
*Linguistique et Langue Africaine*, special issue.

Andre Schwab. "Inalienable kinship relations in colloquial isiXhosa: towards a syntactic analysis." 51st-52nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL). April 10, 2021.

Andre Schwab. "Alienability Distinctions in Southern Bantu." 10th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL). July 20, 2021.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Boston University Conference on Language Development** 2020  
**Organizing Committee & Hospitality Chair**

- Engaged in moving the conference to a virtual platform
- Ensured various accommodations such as for nursing mothers, disability, and translation services
- Event planning, session organization

**Boston University Conference on Language Development** 2019  
**Organizing Committee & Hospitality Chair**

- Oversaw catering, event planning, poster session organization
- Ensured accommodations for nursing mothers, disabilities, and ASL interpreters

**New York University Bobst Library** 2018  
**Librarian Assistant**

- Organizational database management, administrative responsibilities
- Customer service, cataloguing, inter-departmental communications
- Formal training in archival research materials, such as microfilm

## LANGUAGES

<b>French</b>	(native)
<b>English</b>	(native)
<b>German</b>	(fluent)
<b>Arabic</b>	(intermediate)
<b>IsiXhosa</b>	(intermediate)
<b>Spanish</b>	(intermediate)
<b>Latin</b>	(advanced)
<b>SeTswana</b>	(intermediate)
<b>TshiVenda</b>	(fieldwork)
<b>Cuenco Arpitan</b>	(fieldwork)
<b>Jakarta Indonesian</b>	(fieldwork)
<b>Damara Khoekhoe</b>	(fieldwork)
<b>Asanti Twi</b>	(fieldwork)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Boston University** Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022  
**Teaching Fellow**, Department of Linguistics

- Taught discussion sections of Introduction to Linguistics, covering phonetics, phonology, syntax, semantics, and sociolinguistics
- Developed quizzes, exams, and homework
- Coordinated grading and labs with a team of two other teaching assistants and Dr. Kate Lindsey

**Boston University** Fall 2020  
**Guest Lecturer**, Department of Linguistics

- Lectured in the Introduction to Phonetics & Phonology, taught by Dr. Kate Lindsey
- Click phonetics, typology, and phonology.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Database Management, Optical Character Recognition, SPSS, R, ArcGIS, Praat, ELAN, Transcription following Leipzig Conventions, MS Office, Translation

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Tarjimly**  
**Translator**, 2020  
Online service connecting volunteer translators to refugees in immediate need of legal documents, testimonials, and day-to-day activities; primarily translating between English and French.

**New York University Linguistics Club****President 2017-2018**

Organized a series of conference talks on various topics of interest, including professional development, graduate applications, and faculty research.

**Kav La Oved - Tel Aviv****Development Intern, 2016**

Grant proposal-writing, data management, reporting, interviews. Led publication of the 2016 annual report. Familiarization with politics, law code, and demographic relations, as well as political and social relations on the technical level such as in labor, immigration, and health legislation.

**Fur Community Center - Tel Aviv****Tutor 2016**

Tutored English and Math to a classroom of students whose primary language was either Hebrew or Fur; helped with TOEFL testing and university entrance exams in both subjects successfully.

**African Refugee Center - Tel Aviv, Israel****Tutor 2016**

Tutored English and Math in a highly independent setting; worked in organized and efficient sessions around a curriculum succeeding in achieving specific goals, such as passing TOEFL tests and preparing for university coursework.