

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 Southern Bantu syntax, whistled Akan, designing a school curriculum for Northern Pomo revitalization efforts in California, and on documentation of Lahuac 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
Research Assistant

2018

Advisor: Dr. Gregory Guy

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

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

Northern Pomo Revitalization Project.

2021

- Helped create a website with learning materials
- Designed lesson plans for a high school class
- Quality assurance for audio and orthography

Boston University Conference on Language Development
Organizing Committee & Hospitality Chair

2020

- 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
Organizing Committee & Hospitality Chair

2019

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

New York University Bobst Library
Librarian Assistant

2018

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

LANGUAGES

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