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EDUCATION

- Yale University**, BA in Linguistics, New Haven, CT Expected December, 2027
Coursework including: The Syntax-Morphology Interface, Subregular Linguistics, Mathematics of Language, Phylogenetic Biology, Data Structures, Bird Behavior, Primates, Evolutionary Biology, Cognitive Science, Culture & Human Evolution, Syntax II, Historical Ling. II
- John Cabot University**, Intermediate Italian, Rome, Italy August 2024
- The Institute on Collaborative Language Research (CoLang)**, Tempe, AZ June 2024
Coursework including: NLP and Speech Recognition for Indigenous Languages, FLEx, SQL, Storybook Creation, Eliciting complex semantic and pragmatic distinctions, Transcribing conversation
- Choate Rosemary Hall**, Wallingford, CT June 2023
Awards: John Dos Passos Award for Excellence in Creative Writing, Jos Hoppenbrouwers Language Prize, Choate Rosemary Hall Award for Excellence in the Study of Arabic, Member of the Cum Laude Society

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Garsten, David**. Under review. *TSL case supports delayed gratification in Arabic small clauses*. Society for Computation in Linguistics.
- Garsten, David**. Under review. *Appl's got gravity: head movement, have-raising, and the evolution of (have) got*. Chicago Linguistics Society.
- Garsten, David**. 2025. *It's Giving Nonfactive Small Clause Selection*. Yale Working Papers in Grammatical Diversity 7 (3), 1-25.
- Hampe, Anton* and **David Garsten***. 2025. *Revisiting the subregular complexity of Bengalese finch songs*. SYNC 2025. *Equal contribution

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- The Yale Grammatical Diversity Project**: writes working papers and webpages targeted at non-linguists January 2024 - Present
- The Summer Linguistic Institute for Youth Scholars (SLIYS)**: gained experience with linguistic fieldwork June 2022
- Directed Study in Linguistics**: surveyed 100+ students and wrote a paper on discontinuous phrasal verbs November 2022 - April 2023
- Published Creative Writing**: self-published a novella, printed a poetry compilation, published short stories November 2019 - Present
- Backyard Biolinguistics**: maintains a blog and youtube channel on linguistics and animal communication August 2025 - Present
- Musical Composition**: composed music for three video games, two short films, one comic December 2024 - Present
- Interactive Coding**: coded an interactive musical composition from DNA, multiple small video games, a phylogenetic analysis of the relationships between extant Pokémon species, an interactive html poem, a personal website, and more August 2024 - Present

LEADERSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

- Yale Center for Collaborative Arts and Media (CCAM)**, Temporary Expert + Digital Content Manager August 2024 - Present
- Co-writes a weekly newsletter, helps oversee website development, works in event production and gallery management
- The Cortex Collective**, Editor-in-Chief May 2024 - Present
- Curates and edits a cohesive body of collaborative multimedia sci-fi creative work each semester, interviews and recruits new members, oversees lead genre editors, upkeeps website, plans installations and speaker events
- LingLeague**, Co-founder February 2021 - February 2023
- Spoke at a NSF conference in June 2022, hosted summer tournaments for high schoolers with guest speakers such as David J. Peterson and Gretchen McCulloch, hosted events at annual LSA meetings, conferences with professors from dozens of countries, and College & Opportunities Fairs with representatives from Yale, NYU, UCLA, Brown, NSLI-Y, NACLO, and more.
- Simulanger**, Conlanger and YouTuber June 2023 - Present
- Inkberry**, Store Manager May 2025 - Present
- Yale NACLO**, Chair October 2024 - January 2025
- Amorium Labs**, Story Lead in Game Development September 2024 - May 2025
- Pok-o-MacCready**, Summer Camp Counselor June 2023 - August 2023
- Choate Ultimate Frisbee**, Co-Captain September 2022 - May 2023
- The Choate Literary Magazine**, Editor-in-Chief April 2022 - May 2023

SKILLS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Computer Skills**: Python, C, C++, HTML, JS, CSS, R, LaTeX, PyTorch, NLTK, ggplot, iqtree, FLEx, MuseScore, Ableton, DaVinci
- Language Skills**: Italian, Hebrew (conversational); Arabic, Akkadian (intermediate); Spanish, Georgian (basic)
- Fellowships**: [Turing Fellow](#) (2023-2024), [Atlas Finalist](#) (2023), [Bronfman Fellow](#) (2022)