

James Browning

I am passionate about language and communication, with a background in linguistics, document generation and language research. I have enthusiastic interpersonal skills tempered by time in student leadership and service industry work. I am currently developing my skills with TensorFlow to create machine learning based content moderation tools and chatbots.



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Education

BA Humanities

Stellenbosch University
2016-2019



- Majors in Psychology & Applied English
- Research assistant conducting experiments for a time perception study (2018)

BA Honours (General Linguistics) cum laude

Stellenbosch University
2020



- 6 months general linguistics, 6 months psycholinguistics specialisation
- Final project involved designing an eye-tracking experiment & creating a stimuli set for a study on co-activation of Afrikaans and English in bilinguals.

TEFL

S.U. Language Centre
2020



- 120-hour Teaching English as a Foreign Language course from Stellenbosch University
- Including 5 hours of in-class teaching

Skills

Copy Writing & Editing

Phonetic Transcription

Typesetting via \LaTeX

Research Design

Data Visualisation via seaborn and pgfplots

Work Experience

Bartender and Waiter

Aandklas Stellenbosch
Jan 2019 - Dec 2020



- Front of House at Aandklas bar & live music venue
- Helped build a vibrant & loyal community of staff, customers and local musicians

Linguistic Consultant

Productive Playhouse
Apr 2021 - Sep 2021



- Providing linguistic support in Afrikaans and working on several linguistic tasks, such as providing phonemic transcriptions for words, text normalization and verbalization, and localization.

Linguistic Consultant

Appen
Nov 2021 - present



This document was designed from scratch in \LaTeX , using no prebuilt document classes or templates, and compiled using $\text{X}\text{\LaTeX}$. I can also typeset academic papers, study material, examinations, etc.

Interests

Psycholinguistics

Pragmatics

Corpus Analysis

Natural Language Processing

Gesture

Teaching

Ecology

Cooking

Extracurricular

Mentor

Student residence mentor for first year students (2017)

Ballroom Dancing

Maties Ballroom and Latin Dance Society (2016-2018)

House Committee

Student leadership body in charge of Metanoia Residence (2018)

Languages

English

Native proficiency, South African English

Afrikaans

Limited fluency; technical knowledge and experience with phonetic transcription and localisation