Joshua Lieberstein

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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz (2021–Present)
BA, Linguistics, June 2025
MA, Linguistics, Expected June 2026

Tulane University (2025)
Mayan Language Institute, Advanced K'iche', Summer 2025

Research Interests

Broad: Syntax & its interfaces; Connecting Spirituality and Language
Narrow: Verbless Clauses, Tense/Aspect, Negation

Research Experience

2024-Present   Fieldwork, Chichicastenango K'iche' (Central Mayan)
2022-2024   Research Assistant, IntERPrET Lab, UC Santa Cruz, (Advisor: Dr. Liv Hoversten)
2022-2023   Research Assistant, Sentence Processing Lab, UC Santa Cruz, (Advisor: Dr. Stephanie Rich)

Presentations

Talks

T1.   **Lieberstein, Joshua**. *Cláusalas sin verbo en el k'iche' chichicasteco: un enfoque (no) copulativo*, Guatemalan Scholars Network (GSN). 2025.

Posters

P1.   **Lieberstein, Joshua**. *Ambiguity Advantage in Wh-Questions*, Human Sentence Processing (UMD). Mar. 2025.

P2.   **Lieberstein, Joshua**. *Verbless Clauses in K'iche' (Mayan): A (Non)-Copular Investigation*, Linguistics Undergraduate Research Colloquium (UC Santa Cruz). May 2025.

P3.   **Lieberstein, Joshua**, Karasso, S. & Green, S. *Ambiguity Advantage in Wh-Questions*, Linguistics Undergraduate Research Colloquium (UC Santa Cruz). June 2023.

Awards & Honors

2022-2024	Dean's Honors, University of California, Santa Cruz
2025	FLAS Fellowship (Summer), Vanderbilt University ($8500)
2025	The Humanities Institute Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz ($1000)

Teaching

UC Santa Cruz

Fall 2025	Teaching Assistant, Intro to Linguistics (LING50) Instructor: *Matt Wagers*
Fall 2024	Tutor, Syntax 1 (LING112) Instructor: *Roumyana Pancheva*
Winter 2024	Tutor, Syntax 1 (LING112) Instructor: *Maziar Toosarvandani*
Winter 2023	Tutor, Syntax 1 (LING112) Instructor: *Ivy Sichel*

Academic Service

2024-Present	**Member**, Linguistics Events Planning Committee, *UC Santa Cruz*
2024	**Volunteer/Student**, INEPAS, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Spanish Language School/Social Work

Skills

Languages

- English (native)

- Spanish (advanced)

- K'iche' (research)

Technical Skills

LaTeX, R, Python, PCIbex

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