Laurestine Bradford

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EDUCATION

PhD in Linguistics, McGill University

2021 - present

MA in Linguistics, University of Toronto

2020 - 2021

HBSc in Mathematics and Philosophy, University of Toronto

2016 - 2020

SCHOLARSHIPS

- AND AWARDS
- Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music Student Stipend, 2021.
- Mary H. Beatty Fellowship, 2020.
- St. Michael's College Gold Medal for Academic Achievement in the Sciences, 2020.
- John J. Sebisty Scholarship, 2019.
- Norman Stuart Robinson Scholarship in Mathematics, 2018 & 2019.
- Richard Yee Memorial Scholarship, 2019.
- Jackman Scholars-in-Residence Award, 2019.
- John MacDonald Scholarship in Philosophy, 2018.
- University of Toronto Dean's Excellence Admission Scholarship, 2016.

Publications

- L. Bradford, H. Kohut, and Y. Mooroogen (2022). Large Subsets of Euclidean Space Avoiding Infinite Arithmetic Progressions (arXiv preprint).
- G. Thomas, G. Antono, A. Kiss, L. Bradford, and D. Winkelman (2021). Switch reference and its role in referential choice in Mbyá Guaraní narratives. Corpus Linquistics and Linquistic Theory, https://doi.org/10.1515/cllt-2020-0028
- L. Bradford and Y. Mooroogen (2021). CUMC: Conference for Students by the Students. CMS Notes 53(3), 7-9.
- L. Bradford and Y. Mooroogen (2020). Teaching during COVID-19: A time capsule from July 2020. CMS Notes 52(6), 12-14.

Presentations • CogSci 2022, Toronto

July 2022

Communicative Need Modulates Lexical Precision Across Semantic Domains: A Domain-Level Account of Efficient Communication. (5-minute flash talk)

- TOM14 Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop, Online Meeting May 2022 Does a Neural Network Language Model Understand De Re / De Dicto Ambiguities? (poster with Gaurav Kamath)
- AMAZONICAS VIII, Online Meeting May 2021 Switch Reference and Referential Choice in Mbyá Guaraní (30-minute presentation with Guillaume Thomas, Gregory Antono, Angelika Kiss, and Darragh Winkelman)
- Canadian Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Online Meeting August 2020 What information theory can tell us about language. (15-minute expository talk)
- CMS COVID-19 Research and Education Meeting, Online Meeting July 2020 The shifting balance of power between me, my students, and chaos. (5-minute online talk presented during the session "When a Door Closes... The Creative Fallout of the Pandemic". Invited by Professor Peter Taylor.)

• Diet Graduate Seminar in Mathematics, University of Toronto March 2020 The Dimension of the Vowel Space. (45-minute expository talk)

• Summer Phonology Forum, University of Toronto July 2019 Sound Symbolism of Gender in Personal Names: Western Armenian and Kutchi. (15-minute presentation with Gajathree Ananthathurai, Khadija Jagani, and Yoonjung Kang)

Teaching

Mathematics and English Tutor, The Study Studio

Fall 2017 - present

Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto

LIN200 - Introduction to Language Winter 2021 LIN203 - English Words Fall 2020

MAT137 - Calculus with Proofs Fall 2019 - Winter 2020

Supervised Research

Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program

Summer 2019

Fields Institute for Research in the Mathematical Sciences

Building and analyzing a random intersection graph model of interpersonal trade.

Supervised by Professor Aziz Guergachi.

Jackman Scholars-in-Residence

Summer 2019

University of Toronto

Corpus analysis and experiment on sound symbolism in personal names in Armenian and

Supervised by Professor Yoonjung Kang.

LIN496 - Digital Humanities Team Research Project

Fall 2018

University of Toronto

Annotating texts for discourse information and analyzing coreference in Mbyá Guaraní. Supervised by Professor Guillaume Thomas.

OUTREACH

North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad

McGill University Site Volunteer University of Toronto Site Coordinator 2022 - present

2018 - 2020

Society of Linguistics Undergraduates at McGill Future Week

Future Week Panel Participant

2022

University of Toronto MathPlus

Math Outreach Instructor and Workshop Designer Fall 2016 - Summer 2020

Summer Institute for Mathematics at the University of Washington

Teaching Assistant / Counselor

Summer 2018

Human Languages English (native), Spanish (advanced), Modern Standard Arabic (beginner), Japanese

(beginner), French (beginner)

Computer

Python, R, Java, Bash

LANGUAGES