# LEAH M. DUDLEY

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2016 - 2020

BA Linguistics, Digital Humanities Certificate

GPA: 3.77, Magna Cum Laude

Major GPA: 3.96

Oxford University - Keble College, Oxford, UK

Franklin College of Arts & Sciences Study Abroad

2018

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Linguistics

Sociolinguistics

Phonetics and phonology

Dialectology

Language in the Southern US

Second language acquisition

Language in minority communities

Italian

S'gaw and Pwo Karen

**Digital Humanities** 

Mapping humanities data

Quantitative methods in the humanities

#### RELEVANT COURSEWORK

\* - current

Linguistics

Phonetics & Phonology Languages in Contact

Morphology

**English Etymology** 

**Typology** 

\*Generative Syntax

**Digital Humanities** 

Intro to GIS

Quantitative Linguistics
\*Text Corpus Analysis

\*Senior Thesis

**Research Methods** 

\*Experimental Research Design

Dir. Research (4 semesters)

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Dudley, Leah M. 2018. Communicative Methods and Impact of Learning English in Refugee Communities. Presented at the **UGA Summer CURO Symposium.** 

Dudley, Leah M. 2019. *Analyzing LAMSAS: Charting Regional Dialect in the Middle and South Atlantic.* Presented at the **UGA CURO Symposium.** 

Dudley, Leah M. 2019. Communicative Methods and Impact of Learning English in Refugee Communities. Presented at the **UGA CURO Symposium.** 

Dudley, Leah M. 2019. Accent Accommodation in American Students Studying in the UK. Presented at the 6th Linguistic Conference at UGA.

Dudley, Leah M. 2019. Communicative Methods and Impact of Learning English in Refugee Communities. Presented at the Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference.

Dudley, Leah M. 2019. Communicative Methods and Impact of Learning English in Refugee Communities. Presented at the 4th Annual Berkeley Undergraduate Symposium.

Dudley, Leah M. 2019. She's So Bossy: The Impact of Gender on Lexical Usage. Presented at the UGA Linguistics Final Project Poster Conference.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

# CURO Summer Fellowship Awarded \$3,000 to conduct 300+ hours of independent summer research. UGA Foundation Incentive Scholarship Awarded \$1,000 for UGA's Oxford University study abroad. CURO Research Assistantship Awarded \$1,000 to engage in a faculty-mentored research course.

## **CURO Symposium Best Paper - Arts, Humanities, Media**

2019

Awarded for "Communicative Methods and Impact of Learning English in Refugee Communities."

CURO Travel Award 2019

Awarded \$550 for travel reimbursement for Berkeley Undergraduate Symposium.

HOPE Scholarship 2016 – 2020

Awarded by the state of Georgia for pursuing an undergraduate degree as an in-state student.

#### **University of Georgia Deans List**

2016 - 2020

Awarded five out of six semesters.

#### RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

#### **CURO Research Course**, University of Georgia

2018

Advisor: Dr. William Kretzschmar

- Introductory sociolinguistics course with an emphasis on dialect.
- Final paper focused on American and British views on the presence of the Received Pronunciation accent at the University of Oxford.

#### **CURO Summer Fellowship,** University of Georgia

2018

Advisor: Dr. William Kretzschmar, Dr. Maria Navarro

- Collected data on communication in refugee communities via field work.
- Focused on English utilization, common English acquisition mistakes, non-verbal communication, code-switching, and the impact of learning English on the community.

### Independent Research Course, Oxford University

2018

Advisor: Dr. Sandra Kotzor

- Focused on if American exchange students converged or diverged their speech patterns when interacting with British students, and if their accent was impacted by their cultural views of Britain.
- Collected independent phonetic data from American research subjects.

#### Language and Brain Laboratory, Oxford University

2018

MORPHON Project, Undergraduate Volunteer

Lab Director: Aditi Lahiri

- Administered EEG headsets to participants and observed waveforms for any inconsistencies.

#### CURO Research Assistantship, University of Georgia

2019

Advisor: Dr. William Kretzschmar

- Focused on the impact of region on accent and dialect.
- Utilized data in the Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States (LAMSAS) corpus.

## Senior Thesis, University of Georgia

2019

Advisor: Dr. William Kretzschmar, Dr. Margaret Renwick

- Focused on the effect of physiography on speech patterns in the Southern United States through the use of corpora DASS, LAMSAS, and LAGS.

 Integrated a quantitative methods capstone that used RStudio and ArcGIS to analyze the distribution of lexical items and vowel formants across the regions interviewed in the corpora.

#### Laboratory for the Study of Social Interaction, University of Georgia

2019

SP Emotions Study, Undergraduate Research Assistant

Lab Director: Dr. Dawn Robinson

Project Coordinator: Cerenity Williams

- Educated on the best practice and current praxis in experimental human research design before being assigned to a sociology research team to apply these skills.
- Oriented participants and ran the lab protocol for the SP Emotions Study.

#### SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

#### Refugee Outreach, University of Georgia

2016 - 2020

President, 2019

Vice President of Events, 2017 – 2018

Vice President of Service, 2019 – 2020

 Campus organization focused on promoting understanding of refugees, educating about ongoing refugee crises, advocating for refugee members of the community, and connecting college students with volunteer opportunities.

# Comer High School Mentoring, Comer, Georgia

2018 - 2019

Founder

- Volunteer group affiliated with Refugee Outreach at UGA aiming to connect rural high school refugees with college students.
- Focused on tutoring and educating students on life after high school, college applications, scholarship opportunities, vocational opportunities, and resume building.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

# Linguistic Atlas Project, University of Georgia

2017 - 2018

Transcriber

 Transcribed relevant linguistic data from audio recordings and thoroughly reviewed past transcriptions for any mistakes.

# Partnership for the Advancement & Immersion of Refugees (PAIR) Houston ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program (CSJP) Intern

2019

- Summer internship focused on creating and executing a camp program for middle school
- refugees.

   Integrated students into American culture, taught English, prepared for academic challenges, and instilled social skills in a fun and welcoming atmosphere.
- Invented and implemented a novel English-learning program for low-level English-speaking students at the camp drawing from my background in linguistics and ESL.

#### TRAINING AND SKILLS

#### **Computational Skills**

Praat, R & RStudio, ArcGIS & QGIS, Unix & Linux, Java, Microsoft Office

#### **CITI Training Program**

2018

Certificate in Human Research in Social & Behavioral Sciences