

# Maisy Hallam

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## Education

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| 2022 – 2026 | <b>PhD in Linguistics</b><br><i>University of Edinburgh (Centre for Language Evolution)</i><br>Supervised by Kenny Smith, Simon Kirby, and Fiona Jordan (University of Bristol)  |
| 2020 – 2021 | <b>MSc with Distinction in Evolution of Language and Cognition</b><br><i>University of Edinburgh</i><br>Dissertation: Investigating the effect of communication on kinship terminology with artificial language experiments. |
| 2016 – 2020 | <b>MA with First Class Honours in Linguistics and English language</b><br><i>University of Edinburgh</i><br>Dissertation: On the behaviour of adjective-to-noun conversion in English.                                       |

## Teaching

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### TUTORING

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| 2022 – 2024 | <b>Origins and Evolution of Language</b><br>Honours and postgraduate course on core research issues in language evolution including animal behaviour, genetics, evolutionary theory, computer modelling, and archaeology.<br><br><b>Online Experiments for Language Scientists</b><br>Honours and postgraduate course on effective experimental design and building online experiments using jsPsych. |
| 2022 – 2023 | <b>PPLS Skills Centre: Writing</b><br>One-on-one consultations helping undergraduate and postgraduate students improve their academic writing.<br><br><b>PPLS Skills Centre: Introduction to Python</b><br>Short course helping students learn to implement basic programming tasks in Python.  |

### WORKSHOPS

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| 2024 | <b>Time-travelling with Statistics: an intro to phylogenetic comparative methods for linguists</b><br><i>Centre for Language Evolution annual retreat</i><br>A two-hour session introducing phylogenetic statistical analysis and its practicalities in language evolutionary research. |
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## Publications

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### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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| 2024 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Hallam, M.</b>, Jordan, F. M., Kirby, S. &amp; Smith, K. Systemic structure of kinship is shaped by evolutionary pressures. <i>Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society</i> (2024).</li><li>2. <b>Hallam, M.</b>, Jordan, F. M., Kirby, S. &amp; Smith, K. Systemic structure of kinship is shaped by evolutionary pressures. <i>Proceedings of Evolang XV</i> (2024).</li></ol> |
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## Presentations

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### TALKS

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| May 2024 |  | <b>Systemic structure of kinship is shaped by evolutionary processes</b><br><i>International Conference on the Evolution of Language (Evolang XV)</i> |
| Jan 2024 |  | <b>Learning systematicity in the structure of kinship</b><br><i>Centre for Language Evolution seminar series</i>                                      |
| Jan 2023 |  | <b>A thousand families, all alike in terminology?</b><br><i>Centre for Language Evolution seminar series</i>  |

### POSTERS

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| Nov 2021  |  | <b>The Origins of Cross-Cultural Patterns in Kinship Systems</b><br><i>Harvard Women in Psychology Trends in Psychology</i>     |
| June 2021 |  | <b>Why do you have two grandmothers but only one mother?</b><br><i>Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference</i> |

## Funding

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| 2022 – 2026 |  | <b>ESRC-funded PhD Studentship</b><br><i>Scottish Graduate School of Social Science</i>                              |
| 2023        |  | <b>National Science Foundation (NSF)</b><br><i>HRAF Summer Institute for cross-cultural anthropological research</i> |

## Academic community

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### CONFERENCE REVIEWS

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| 2023; 2024 |  | <b>Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society</b> |
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### EVENTS ORGANISATION

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| 2023 – 2024 |  | <b>Centre for Language Evolution Seminar</b><br>A weekly hybrid talk series with 20+ attendees.                        |
| Nov 2023    |  | <b>Edinburgh Lectures in Language Evolution 2023</b><br>A four-part serial hybrid talk series with over 200 attendees. |

### COPYEDITING AND PROOFREADING

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| 2019 – 2020 |  | <b>Journal for the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (JouLAB)</b> |
| 2018        |  | <b>Second Language Phonology between Cognition and Use</b> by Nadia Boucchioua   |

### OUTREACH

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| 2024        |  | <b>PPLS Perspectives (episode host)</b><br>A podcast exploring cutting edge research in philosophy, psychology and languages sciences at the University of Edinburgh. |
| 2022 – 2023 |  | <b>Language Evolves!</b><br>A pop linguistics workshop for children at local schools organised by the Centre for Language Evolution.                                  |

Awards and recognition

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2024	<b>Best Small Data-Driven Project</b> <i>Centre for Culture, Data and Society</i> For my typological work on the structure of kinship systems.
2023	<b>Three Minute Thesis University Finalist</b> <i>University of Edinburgh</i>
2020	<b>Patterson Prize for research in Old English</b> <i>University of Edinburgh</i>

Skills

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Languages	English (native), French (basic), Italian (basic)
Programming & markup	Python, R, JavaScript, HTML, $\text{\LaTeX}$
Data analysis	<code>lme4</code> , <code>tidyverse</code> , <code>pandas</code>
Experiments	<code>jsPsych</code> , Prolific
Other	Git, Microsoft Office, InDesign, Audacity