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## EDUCATION

- current Ph.D. candidate in LINGUISTICS at UC BERKELEY · advisor: Hannah Sande Berkeley, CA  
thesis: METRICAL STRESS AND GLOTTAL STOPS IN A'INGAE: A STUDY OF CYCLICITY AND DOMINANCE AT THE INTERFACE OF PHONOLOGY AND MORPHOLOGY
- fall 2019 B.A. in LINGUISTICS and LOGIC at BROWN UNIVERSITY Providence, RI  
*magna cum laude* · honors · Sigma Xi · advisor: Scott AnderBois

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

- to appear THE APPREHENSIONAL DOMAIN IN A'INGAE ..., as 1<sup>st</sup> auth., w/ AnderBois. In: a LangSci volume.
- 2025 LARGE LINGUISTIC MODELS: INVESTIGATING LLMs' ..., as 2<sup>nd</sup> auth., w/ Beguš & Rhodes. *IEEE TAI*.
- 2025 A Q-THEORETIC SOLUTION TO A'INGAE POSTLABIAL ROUNDING. *Linguistic Inquiry*, pp. 1–14.
- 2025 THE SEMANTICS AND EXPRESSION OF APPREHENSIONAL MODALITY, as 2<sup>nd</sup> auth., w/ AnderBois. *LLC*.
- 2025 THE BLURRING HISTORY OF INTERVOCALIC DEVOICING, as 2<sup>nd</sup> auth., w/ Gašper Beguš. *J. Linguist.*
- 2024 THE PHONOLOGY OF A'INGAE. *Language and Linguistics Compass* 18(3), e12512.
- 2024 COMPLEX DIACHRONIES OF FINAL NAS. IN AUSTRON. AND DAKOTA, as 1<sup>st</sup> auth., w/ Beguš. *Glossa* 9(1).
- 2024 RATIONALE AND PRECAUTIONING CLAUSES: INSIGHTS FROM A'INGAE, as 1<sup>st</sup> auth., w/ AnderBois. *JoS*.
- 2024 TWO GRAMMARS OF A'INGAE GLOTTALIZATION: A CASE FOR COPHONOLOGIES BY PHASE. *NLLT* 42(2).
- 2021 DOMINANCE IS NON-REPRESENTATIONAL: EVIDENCE FROM A'INGAE VERBAL STRESS. *Phonology* 38(4).
- 2021 A'INGAE (ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA) – LANGUAGE SNAPSHOT. *Lang. Docum. and Description* 20.

## VOLUME EDITOR

- proposed NEW PERSPECTIVES ON PHONOLOGICAL DOMAINS, as editor, with Eirini Apostolopoulou, Martin Krämer, and Hannah Sande. Topics in Phonological Diversity. Language Science Press.

## ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

- 2019 – now A'INGAE FIELD MATERIALS. 2020-19. California Language Archive, SCOIL. UC Berkeley.  
· depositing over 57h of AV narrative recordings (over 16h transcribed and translated)  
· depositing elicitation data, including fieldnotes and over 220h of audio recordings

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- to appear MORPHOLOGICAL BOUNDARY GLOTTALS IN A'INGAE: A NEW ARGUMENT ... In: *Proceedings of NELS* 55.
- 2025 PHASAL STRENGTH IN A'INGAE CLASSIFYING SUBORDINATION. In: *Proceedings of AMP 2023/2024*.
- 2025 DEGLOTTALIZING CONTAMINATION IN A'INGAE HISTORICAL ... In: *Proceedings of the LSA* 10(1).
- 2024 LARYNGEAL FEET IN A'INGAE: IMPLICATIONS FOR METRICAL THEORY. In: *Proceedings of WCCFL* 39.
- 2023 A'INGAE REDUPLICATION IS PHONOLOGICALLY OPTIMIZING. In: *Suppl. Proceedings of AMP 2022*.
- 2023 POSTLABIAL RAISING AND PARADIGMATIC LEVELING IN A'INGAE: ... In: *Proceedings of the LSA* 8(1).
- 2022 PARAGUAYAN GUARANÍ AND THE TYPOLOGY OF FREE AFFIX ORDER. In: *Proceedings of the LSA* 7(1).
- 2022 PROSODY DRIVES PARAGUAYAN GUARANÍ SUFFIX ORDER. In: *Suppl. Proceedings of AMP 2021*.
- 2021 THE MORPHOPHONOLOGY OF A'INGAE VERBAL STRESS. In: *Proceedings of WCCFL* 38.
- 2020 A'INGAE =SA'NE 'APPR' AND THE SEMANTIC ..., w/ AnderBois. In: *Proceedings of SALT* 30.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- in prep. BOUNDARY GLOTTALS AND A'INGAE INFORMATION STRUCTURE: ... at *SMircle*, Stanford.
- 2025 THE ARCHITECTURE OF PHONOLOGY AND ITS INTERFACES: INSIGHTS FROM A'INGAE. Seminar at HKU.
- 2023 A'INGAE STRESS AND GLOTTALIZATION AT THE INTERFACE ... Keynote at *BUGLE 2*, Brown.
- 2023 A'INGAE CLASSIFYING COMPLEMENTIZERS: A CASE FOR PHASE-INDEXED ... at *P-interest*, Stanford.
- 2022 TWO GRAMMARS OF A'INGAE GLOTTALIZATION: A CASE FOR ... at *Atelier de phonologie*, Paris 8.
- 2022, 21 EVIDENCE OF ACCURATE LOGICAL ... at *LiMe Lab*, Cornell and *ESM Lab*, UPenn (w/ Feiman).

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2025, ... 21 California Language Archive's OSWALT ENDANGERED LANGUAGE GRANTS for A'ingae fieldwork ×5  
2024 APS LEWIS AND CLARK FUND for work on *Stress and glottalization across lexical classes in A'ingae*  
2023 NSF 20-538 DDRIG #2314344 for *Nominal and deverbal morphology in an endangered language*

## EMPLOYMENT

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BERKELEY SPEECH AND COMPUTATION LAB *summer 2023 – present* · University of California, Berkeley  
GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER (STEP I, II) · investigates theoretical linguistic abilities of large language models  
· Project CETI: investigates the phonetic properties of sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) communication  
· investigated complex diachronies and unusual patterns in Austronesian languages and Dakota

A'INGAE LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION PROJECT *spring – summer 2020* · Brown University, Providence, RI  
LAB MANAGER · trained 9 undergraduate research assistants in data collection and linguistic analysis  
· coordinated a Yucatec Maya documentation project w/ the Eastern University in Valladolid, Yucatán  
· managed the development of annotated multilingual audiovisual corpora for A'ingae and Yucatec Maya

## TEACHING

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- fall 2025 GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR (STEP II) · PHONOLOGY (LX 111) UC Berkeley  
fa22, sp23, su25 GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR (STEP I, II) · INTRO TO LINGUISTIC SCIENCE (LX 100) UC Berkeley  
summer 2019 INSTRUCTOR · INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS (short course) Collegium Invisibile, Cracow, PL

## FIELDWORK

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A'INGAE (or COFÁN, isolate, ISO 639-3: con) *2017 – present* · Sucumbíos, EC and remote  
· carries out ongoing research on phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and their interfaces  
· conducted community workshops and trained six research assistants in language documentation

## OTHER LANGUAGES

- fall 2021 GARÍFUNA (Arawakan, ISO 639-3: cab) · described grammatical relations, stress, wordhood  
2020 – 2021 PARAGUAYAN GUARANÍ (Tupian, ISO 639-3: gug) · analyzed typologically rare free suffix order

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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- 2025 CHATBOTS DEMONSTRATE LANGUAGE MASTERY. *ITNOW* 67(3). DOI: [10.1093/itnow/bwaf083](https://doi.org/10.1093/itnow/bwaf083).  
2025 WIE BESONDERS IST DER MENSCH? *Die Zeit* 36. URL: [zeit.de/2025/36/sprachwissenschaft-...](https://www.zeit.de/2025/36/sprachwissenschaft-...)  
2025 CHATBOTS GET LANGUAGE ON A SURPRISINGLY DEEP LEVEL. *IEEE Spectrum* 8. URL: [spectrum...](https://spectrum...)

## SERVICE

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- 2025 conference ANNUAL MEETING ON PHONOLOGY, UC Berkeley · GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZER  
2024 workshop PHONOLOGICAL DOMAINS ..., UC Berkeley · GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZER  
2021 – 2023 BERKELEY PHONETICS, PHONOLOGY, AND PSYCHOLINGUISTICS FORUM · ORGANIZER  
· invited over 40 guest speakers for weekly talks; organized conference practice talks  
2017 – 2019 BROWN LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT UNDERGRADUATE GROUP · LEADER  
· identified professional opportunities for students; promoted visibility of linguistics

## OTHER

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- AFFILIATIONS Cognitive Science Society (member), Linguistic Society of America (student member),  
Collegium Invisibile (a Polish liberal arts society, an elected member)  
SKILLS L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Fieldworks Language Explorer (FLEX), Praat, ELAN, Arbil, and Ixex;  
intermediate knowledge of R, Python, Scala, Java, HTML, and GIMP  
LANGUAGES Polish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Na'vi (intermediate), A'ingae (fieldwork)  
INTERESTS psychology, conlanging, translation, philosophy of science, fashion, metaphysics