# MICHELLE ALISON FULLWOOD

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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**EDUCATION** 

2010–present Massachusetts Institute of Technology

PhD program in Linguistics

Expected graduation 2015 · Current research: Bayesian inference of

non-concatenative morphology

2000–2004 Cornell University

B.A. (Linguistics and Mathematics)

Magna cum laude (Linguistics) · Magna cum laude (Mathematics) Study Abroad: Budapest Semesters in Mathematics, Fall 2003 Thesis: Inflected Infinitives in Hungarian: A Relational Grammar Analysis

Advisors: Prof. Wayne Harbert & Prof. Carol Rosen

### WORK EXPERIENCE

2008-2009

2008–2010 Web Developer, Imperial Consulting

Imperial Consulting (Boston) Developed Django-powered web applications for clients in education, biomedical and finance fields.

External Consultant, CSIT

Centre for Strategic Infocomm Technologies (Singapore) Advised client on issues pertaining to speech and natural language processing.

2004–2007 R&D Engineer, later Consultant, CSIT

Researched techniques and built engines for speech recognition, language and speaker identification, cross-language information retrieval and entity extraction. Managed projects to evaluate and acquire systems.

Summer 2004 Intern, PARC

Palo Alto Research Center Engineered a computational Lexical Functional Grammar to cover basic sentences of Modern Standard Arabic. Developed a root-and-pattern-based finite state morphological analyzer for Arabic words.

### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications Michelle A. Fullwood (to appear). Asymmetric correlations between English

verb transitivity and stress. In *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Meeting of the* 

Berkeley Linguistics Society.

Michelle A. Fullwood (2014). The perceptual dimensions of sonority-driven epenthesis. In *Supplemental Proceedings of the 2013 Meeting on Phonology*.

Michelle A. Fullwood and Timothy J. O'Donnell (2013). Learning

non-concatenative morphology. In Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Workshop on

Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics (CMCL).

Michelle A. Fullwood and Suyeon Yun (submitted). Urarina verbal morphology.

Conference Presentations Feb 2014 · Berkeley Linguistics Society

Asymmetric correlations between English verb transitivity and stress

Nov 2013 · Phonology 2013 (UMass Amherst)

The perceptual dimensions of sonority-driven epenthesis (poster)

May 2013 · Manchester Phonology Meeting (MFM) *The perceptual dimensions of sonority-driven epenthesis* 

Workshop Presentations Aug 2013  $\,\cdot\,\,$  Cognitive Modeling and Computational Linguistics Workshop

(CMCL) at the Association of Computational Linguistics (ACL) *Learning non-concatenative morphology* (with Timothy O'Donnell)

Oct 2012 · Northeast Computational Phonology Workshop (NECPhon) Learning non-concatenative morphological units via Bayesian inference

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2011 · 24.901 Introduction to Phonology · Teaching Assistant
Fall 2012 · 24.900 Introduction to Linguistics · Teaching Assistant

#### SKILLS

Programming Languages

Python, Javascript, R, Perl, Matlab/Octave, Church (Lisp-based probabilistic

programming language)

Development

Django, Flask, SQL, jQuery, Git, Mercurial

Linguistics

Praat, OTSoft, MaxEnt learner (Hayes & Wilson 2008), xfst

Languages

English · Native

French · Advanced (conversationally fluent)

Mandarin · Advanced (written and spoken)

ARABIC · Intermediate (written MSA, spoken Levantine and Egyptian)

Japanese · Elementary
Hungarian · Elementary
Latin · Elementary

## OTHER INFORMATION

Awards

2011 · National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2004 · Merrill Scholar, Cornell University

2004 · Achievement Award for Excellence in Intermediate Arabic, Cornell

2003 · Dean's Scholar Summer Research Grant, Cornell University

2003  $\cdot$  Achievement Award for Excellence in Elementary Arabic, Cornell

2001 · College Scholar, Cornell University

2000 · Public Service Commission Overseas Merit Scholarship

2000 · Pauline and Irving Tanner Dean's Scholarship, Cornell University

2000–2004 · Dean's List, Cornell University

Service 2013–2014 · Student Representative, MIT Linguistics

2013

· Organising committee, Japanese/Korean Linguistics 23

2011–2013 · Whamit! departmental newsletter editor

2003–2004 · Undergraduate representative to the Cornell Library Board

Other Activities

2013-present · Volunteer instructor, PyLadies Boston

2013-present · Founding member, language@MIT