Nick **Ballou**

PhD Candidate in Motivational Psychology of Video Games

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Education

Queen Mary, University of London - Centre for Intelligent Games and Game Design · *London, UK*

PhD in Video Game Psychology · *Sep. 2019–2013*
- Supervisors: Dr Laurissa Tokarchuk (Queen Mary) and Dr Sebastian Deterding (University of York)
- Research area: self-determination theory and dysregulated gaming (gaming addiction)

University of Cambridge · *Cambridge, UK*

MPhil *with distinction* in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics · *Sep. 2017–Jul. 2018*
- Dissertation: Utterance Playback in the Acquisition of L2 Phonetic Features: Factors Affecting Speech Learning During First Exposure
- Supervisor: Dr Calbert Graham

Tulane University · *New Orleans, LA, USA*

BS *magna cum laude* in Linguistics and Environmental Studies · *Sep. 2012–May. 2016*
- Capstone paper: The Building Blocks of Language: Bigram Frequency in Speech Patterns of Children Ages 1;9–3;1
- Supervisor: Dr Olanike Ola-Orie

Skills

Programming	R (intermediate), LaTeX, Python (basic)
Linguistics	Phonetic Analysis, Transcription, NLTK
Languages	German (C1), Dutch (B2), French (B1)

Experience

Rainbow Primary School · *Hong Kong*

Primary English Teacher · *Aug. 2018–Jul. 2019*
- Designed and delivered varied English lessons for grades 2 and 6
- Utilized a wide range of e-learning resources
- Developed new class entitled "Gaming for Good" on the history, development, and psychology of video games

University of Cambridge · *Cambridge, UK*

Phonetics Research Assistant · *Jul. 2018–Aug. 2018*
- Assisted Drs Brechtje Post and Calbert Graham with the preparation of a special issue of *Phonetica* entitled 'Constancy and Variation'
- Conducted a comprehensive literature review for the project spanning topics in phonetics, phonology, and psycholinguistics
- Contributed to the writing and editing of the summary article

Grants

2019–23	**£63k**, EPSRC PhD Funding - CDT in Intelligent Games and Games Intelligence (IGGI)	*Queen Mary University of London*
2012–16	**$108k**, Presidential Merit Scholarship	*Tulane University*
2015	**$1k**, Devlin Internship Grant	*Tulane University*
2018	**€7k**, (declined) AIPHES Pre-doctoral Training Grant	*Universität Heidelberg*

Publications

Journal Articles

Khan, A. M., Büyüksahin, Ü. C., and Freitag, F. Incentive-based resource assignment and regulation for collaborative cloud services in community networks. *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*, *81*(8), pp. 1479–1495. DOI: 10.1016/j.jcss.2014.12.023.

Selimi, M., Khan, A. M., Dimogerontakis, E., Freitag, F., and Centelles, R. P. Cloud services in the Guifi.net community network. *Computer Networks*, *93*(P2), pp. 373–388. DOI: 10.1016/j.comnet.2015.09.007.

Conference Proceedings

Khan, A. M., Buyuksahin, U. C., and Freitag, F..(2014) Prototyping Incentive-Based Resource Assignment for Clouds in Community Networks

28th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications (AINA 2014), 2014, Victoria, Canada

Media Articles