

Tess Monks

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

May 2022

Master's in Linguistics

- Relevant Coursework: Phonology, Syntax, Semantics, Morphology, Experimental Design, Computational Linguistics and NLP, Structure of Chinese, Data Visualization

University of Richmond, Richmond, VA

May 2020

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Latin, Minors in Ancient Greek, Linguistics, and Economics

Summa Cum Laude

University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom

October 2018- June 2019

Visiting Student, Lady Margaret Hall

SKILLS & INTERESTS

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: Python (NLTK, SpaCy, RegEx, SKLearn), HTML, R, SQL, LATEX, Microsoft Office

LANGUAGES: Latin (reading proficiency), Ancient Greek (reading proficiency), Italian (basic knowledge), IPA

INTERESTS: Member of Harvard's Meaning & Modality Lab; World Championship Irish Dancer

RELEVANT RESEARCH & INDEPENDENT WORK

Demonstrative Grammaticalization Pathways

January 2021–Present

- Design and implement grammaticality judgments from over 200 human participants on Prolific Academic
- Organize multi-linguistic Qualtrics surveys to prime individuals for modeling meaning change with synchronic data
- Model statistical data collected through R
- Implementing a novel Rational Speech Act model through Python to predict language change for entity reference
- Presented at Harvard's Meaning & Modality Lab, Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS), Formal Diachronic Semantics 6, Linguistics Society of America (upcoming)

Chinwag: The Language Podcast

December 2020–Present

Founder and Host

- Research and host podcast episodes on linguist phenomena in both pop culture and formal theoretical approaches
- Available to stream on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and the Chinwag RSS webpage
- Reaches an audience of 100+ regular listeners, with a 25% increase in listenership per episode

AWARDS & HONORS

- **Harvard Presidential Scholar**
- **Phi Beta Kappa**
- **Omicron Delta Kappa**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of International Education, University of Richmond, VA

May 2020—August 2020

Special Programs Intern

- Wrote and compiled the first biannual report for the office including statistical examination of diversity in course offerings
- Pioneered new approaches to COVID-19 outreach to international students, including social media programming
- Led the initiative for a sustainable approach to study abroad including carbon offsetting and drafting a Green Pledge
- Collaborated with embassies from across the world to efficiently deliver visas to students
- Aided in the arrangement of International Week on the University of Richmond's campus

Workshop in Historical Linguistics and Indo-European Studies, Cambridge, MA

August 2021–Present

Workshop Coordinator

- Liaise between departments and universities to book lecture series
- Efficiently organize and circulate information through online calendars and email lists
- Host visiting lecturers on the Harvard campus as ambassador for the department