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EDUCATION

Pomona College

B.A. in Linguistics
Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2022

University of Wisconsin – Madison

Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute, Vietnamese

Non-Degree Program
May 2022 – Aug. 2022

Đại Học Huế (Hue University)

Pitzer Summer Study Abroad, Modern Vietnam & Vietnamese Language

Non-Degree Program
May 2019 – Jul. 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2024 –
Present
Columbia, MO

Lab Manager, University of Missouri – Columbia, Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, Neuroscience of Education Research on Development (NERD) Lab
Primary Investigator (PI): Dr. Laura M. Morett, Ph.D.

- Coded 3 PsychoPy tone-perception & language processing studies via PsychoPy & Pavlovia; collapsed counterbalanced versions to a single-link deployment via Qualtrics; produced high-quality stimuli (30+ gesture clips; 100+ edits)
- Led training of research assistants; maintained 3 IRBs; coordinated external site Thompson Center visits; Hosted 5+ outreach events promoting STEM Education
- Co-authoring 1 manuscript with 1st Authorship; poster presentations to 4 conferences

AWARDS & FUNDING

Jan. 2025

Fulbright Fellowship, English Teaching Assistant Semi-Finalist

May 2022

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Summer, Vietnamese

- US Department of Education fellowship funding intensive Vietnamese summer study

May 2021

Yidan Expendable Fund for Transformative Learning Opportunities for Asian Studies

- Internal fund supporting development of Vietnamese heritage linguistics curriculum.

Dec. 2017

QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship

- 1 of 918 selected from a pool of 15,606 applicants to receive full-ride admission

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Nov. 2025
Denver, CO

Poster, *Psychonomics Society 66th Annual Meeting*
"Observing Pitch Gestures Enhances L2 Lexical Tone Categorization and Discrimination in Unlearned Words"

Sep. 2025
St. Charles, MO

Poster, *20th Annual Thompson Center Conference*
"Relating the Neural Mechanisms of Social Processing Impairments to Gesture-Speech Integration Difficulties in ASD: A Pilot Study"

Jul. 2025 Nijmegen, The Netherlands	Poster, <i>International Society for Gesture Studies 10</i> , Radboud University "Observing Pitch Gestures: Effects on L2 Lexical Tone Categorization and Discrimination in Novel Words"
Mar. 2025 Washington D.C.	Poster, <i>Human Sentence Processing 38</i> , University of Maryland – College Park "Observing Pitch Gestures Facilitates Delayed L2 Lexical Tone Categorization and Discrimination in Novel Words."
Aug. 2024 Virtual	Internal Guest Lecture Invited by Professor Cécile Evers, ANTH104 Linguistic Anthropology "Who's Gagged? Drag Performers' Autonomy and "Dragging" Their Antagonists"
Jul. 2022 Madison, WI	Talk, <i>2022 WISLI Student Conference</i> , University of Wisconsin – Madison "Analyzing Collocations for (Vietnamese) Language Learning: Using "TÌNH" as a Model"
Sep. 2021 Claremont, CA	Panel Talk, Intensive Summer Experience Symposium – Cultural & Ethnic Studies Panel "Intro to Vietnamese Linguistics: A Teaching Model (In Progress)"

WORK EXPERIENCE

July. 2023 – Mar. 2024 Tulsa, OK	Student Success Coach , AmeriCorps City Year Tulsa, Nathan Hale High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led interventions in 9th grade English class; 25% of students increased MAP scores; +7.9% average daily attendance Logistics committee member for Mid-Year Conference & presented indigenous linguistics-related talk to 100+; served with food banks, local farms, etc. DBIE (Diversity, Belonging, Inclusion, and Equity) Coordinator & Co-Coordinated College Access Initiative with fellow Corps member
Feb. 2019 – Dec. 2022 Claremont, CA	Assistant Manager & Store Clerk , Pomona College Co-Op Store <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised 60+ student staff, oversaw training & hiring, created cumulative training checklist for new hires reducing manager call-ins Established social media presence via Instagram amassing 300+ followers in the Claremont community
Aug. 2020 – May 2022 Claremont, CA	Student Liaison & Linguistics Mentor , Pomona College Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffed Department Open Houses & Coordinated social events online and in-person (e.g. study sessions, field days, trivia nights, etc.) via programming. Recruited prospective students into the Linguistics and Cognitive Science major, guided course selection, served as a connection between faculty and students. Supported 5+ peers in mastering core concepts of phonetics, morphology, and syntax through tutoring, collaborative study sessions, and targeted feedback on problem sets for Intro to Linguistics.
Sep. 2020 – Mar. 2021 Virtual	Alternabreak Coordinator , Asian American Resource Center at Pomona College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated 4-day spring break experience & lead cohort of 8 students Recruited 4 alumni industry professionals for networking panel & workshop facilitation creating digital resources in collaboration with community organizations

CERTIFICATIONS

Jul. 2025	R Programming for Psychology and Neuroscience, Department of Psychology, University of Missouri – Columbia
Aug. 2024	Human Subjects Research (HSR) Certification, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

SKILLS

TOOLS	METHODS/PROGRAMS	LANGUAGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Python (PyCharm) • GitHub/GitLab • Adobe Creative & Google Suite • Wordpress.org, Google Sites • Obsidian Markdown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discourse Analysis • Experimental Psycholinguistic Programming via PsychoPy & Pavlovia • R-Studio • Praat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English (Native) • Vietnamese (Heritage) • Spanish (Advanced)

SERVICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

May 2025 – Present	Virtual Resume Coach & Dynamic Assessment Process Volunteer , <i>The Posse Foundation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported 2 incoming Posse scholars; facilitated 2 admission sessions
Sep. 2024 – Present	Volunteer Alumni Mentor , <i>QuestBridge</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentored 3 scholars with post-graduate guidance, networking & community
Mar. 2024 – Present	Archivist & Website Administrator , <i>Pomona College First-Generation Low-Income Scholars</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored pomonaflscholars.us & built WordPress archive; 50+ alumni network
Jan. 2024 – Present	Academic Bowl Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated & judged various High School & Jr. High tournaments throughout Arkansas, Missouri & Oklahoma
Aug. 2024 – May 2025	Volunteer Recent Graduate Mentor , <i>Students Rising Above</i>
Nov. 2023 – May 2024	Authorized Spanish Interpreter & Translator , <i>Tulsa Public Schools</i>
Aug. 2021 – Dec. 2022	Student Mentor , <i>Pomona College First-Generation Low-Income Scholars</i>
Aug. 2021 – May 2022	Student Mentor , <i>Claremont Colleges Vietnamese Students Association</i>
Aug. 2020 – Nov. 2021	Vietnamese Table Language Partner , <i>Oldenborg Center for Modern Languages at Pomona College</i>
Jan. 2020 – May 2020	Student Mentor , <i>Asian American Mentorship Program of Pomona College</i>