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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 Poster, *Psychonomics Society 66th Annual Meeting*
Denver, CO "Observing Pitch Gestures Enhances L2 Lexical Tone Categorization and Discrimination in Unlearned Words"
- Sep. 2025 Poster, *20th Annual Thompson Center Conference*
St. Charles, MO "Relating the Neural Mechanisms of Social Processing Impairments to Gesture-Speech Integration Difficulties in ASD: A Pilot Study"

Jul. 2025 <i>Nijmegen, The Netherlands</i>	Poster, <i>International Society for Gesture Studies 10</i> , Radbound University "Observing Pitch Gestures: Effects on L2 Lexical Tone Categorization and Discrimination in Novel Words"
Mar. 2025 <i>Washington D.C.</i>	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 <i>Virtual</i>	Internal Guest Lecture Invited by Professor Cécile Evers, ANTH104 Linguistic Anthropology "Who's Gagged? Drag Performers' Autonomy and "Dragging" Their Antagonists"
Jul. 2022 <i>Madison, WI</i>	Talk, <i>2022 WISLI Student Conference</i> , University of Wisconsin – Madison "Analyzing Collocations for (Vietnamese) Language Learning: Using "TÌNH" as a Model"
Sep. 2021 <i>Claremont, CA</i>	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 <i>Tulsa, OK</i>	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-Coordinator College Access Initiative with fellow Corps member
Feb. 2019 – Dec. 2022 <i>Claremont, CA</i>	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 <i>Claremont, CA</i>	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 <i>Virtual</i>	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/GitLabAdobe Creative & Google SuiteWordpress.org, Google SitesObsidian Markdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discourse AnalysisExperimental Psycholinguistic Programming via PsychoPy & PavloviaR-StudioPraat	<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, The Posse Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supported 2 incoming Posse scholars; facilitated 2 admission sessions
Sep. 2024 – Present	Volunteer Alumni Mentor, QuestBridge <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mentored 3 scholars with post-graduate guidance, networking & community
Mar. 2024 – Present	Archivist & Website Administrator, Pomona College First-Generation Low-Income Scholars <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sponsored pomonaflischolars.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, Students Rising Above
Nov. 2023 – May 2024	Authorized Spanish Interpreter & Translator, Tulsa Public Schools
Aug. 2021 – Dec. 2022	Student Mentor, Pomona College First-Generation Low-Income Scholars
Aug. 2021 – May 2022	Student Mentor, Claremont Colleges Vietnamese Students Association
Aug. 2020 – Nov. 2021	Vietnamese Table Language Partner, Oldenborg Center for Modern Languages at Pomona College
Jan. 2020 – May 2020	Student Mentor, Asian American Mentorship Program of Pomona College