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I am a linguistics undergraduate at Brigham Young University who has completed coursework in linguistic theory, second language acquisition and pedagogy, Japanese, New Testament studies, and music. My research interests are in Danish phonetics, phonology, and grammar, and I have experience teaching English to speakers of other languages and working as a teaching assistant for courses on language structure.

EDUCATION

BA Brigham Young University, Linguistics April 2024 (antic.)
Minor in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

With **Dr. Earl Brown**, Brigham Young U., Dept. of Linguistics May 2022–present

- Performed a review of literature on a type of phonetic variation in spoken Danish (lenition of [b] to a glide)
- Listened to about 2000 tokens scraped from a corpus of spoken Danish to impressionistically identify variant pronunciations

With **Dr. Janis Nuckolls**, Brigham Young U., Dept. of Linguistics May–Jun 2022

- Edited and formatted two manuscripts (*The cultural poetics of a buoyancy sound from Amazonian Ecuador*; *The enactive iconicity of ideophone semantics*) to prepare them for publication
- Primarily copyediting to bring the manuscripts in line with APA and house (Oxford Univ. Press & Cambridge Univ. Press) style, with a few substantive edits

With **Dr. Daniel Becerra**, Brigham Young U., Dept. of Ancient Scripture Oct 2021–May 2022

- Identified instances of emotion words involving Jesus in Latter-day Saint scriptures as preliminary work for a forthcoming volume in *“Seek This Jesus”: The Maxwell Institute Christology Initiative*
- Summarized and interpreted findings in a spreadsheet and a 50-page report

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant English Instructor, Brigham Young U. English Language Ctr. Sep–Dec 2022

- Taught a listening/speaking course to 11 Novice High/Intermediate Low students alongside a co-teacher, totaling over 90 hours of instruction and preparation
- Developed homework, informal assessments, a syllabus, and lessons
- Graded assignments and adjusted instruction based on student feedback

Teaching Assistant, Brigham Young University Aug–Dec 2022
Prof. Nicole Bay, “The Grammar of English” (ELING 325)

- Graded and provided feedback for 41 students' homework, including grammatical analyses, corpus analyses, and complete scientific papers
- Reviewed existing quizzes and assignments to ensure correctness and appropriate difficulty

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Comms. Secretary, Brigham Young University, Dept. of Linguistics Aug 2021–present

- Updated and created department communications, including a website, newsletters, digital signage, and social media
- Interviewed faculty members; wrote and edited articles about research and other news
- Improved reach of department newsletters from about 250 opens to about 400 opens and 40 clicks per week

Financial Secretary, Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, Copenhagen, Denmark May–Dec 2020

- Full-time volunteer position, Danish and English-speaking
- Planned conferences and luncheons; greeted guests in the office and fielded calls
- Tracked and accounted payments from all organization credit cards
- Paid monthly rent and utilities for 28 apartments

I have also worked as a **library resolutions secretary** (responsible for book damage reports and lost book appeals), a **library assistant** in university and public libraries (using both the Library of Congress and Dewey Decimal systems), and a **private tutor**.

LANGUAGES

English: Native language

Danish: Superior speaking (2022, certified by ACTFL OPI), Advanced–Superior all skills

Japanese: Intermediate in all skills (completed university coursework through 301-level)

German: Intermediate reading

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming: Basic C++ and Excel VBA (loops, conditionals, objects and classes, pointers), basic HTML/CSS literacy

Applications: Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, Premiere; Microsoft Excel, Word, Publisher

OTHER

Short story, “When I Laid the Foundations” (2022): <https://ericattica.com/foundations>

Co-president of Linguistics Student Society, Brigham Young University, 2022-present

I have an active interest in folk music and have performed on guitar with mariachi, traditional American, and Celtic ensembles at university and community events. I also maintain a blog where I write eclectically about cultural experiences, my studies, history, humor, and more.