

BRIANNA O'BOYLE

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I am a linguist and educator. I have a strong background in Sociolinguistics with interests in Pragmatics, Psycholinguistics as well as Computational Linguistics. I firmly believe language is a tool that we, as humans, use to communicate with one another and we should investigate how the social components of our nature influence and affect our perception and use of language.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native Speaker)
 - Chinese [Mandarin] (Intermediate)
 - Spanish (Intermediate)
 - Python (Basic)
 - R (Basic)
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WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for the Linguistic Atlas Project | August 2024 – Present
Linguistics | University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, USA

- Assisted with data processing, data collection and social media presence for the Linguistic Atlas Project, the oldest sociolinguistic survey of American English

Research Assistant for LANG lab | August 2023 – May 2024
Speech Language and Hearing Sciences | San Diego State University, San Diego, California, USA

- Assisted with data collection, participant recruitment, assessment administration and scoring, behavioral and neuroimaging methodology (MRIs) for research on children with communication disorders

Teaching Assistant for CAL 201X | August 2023 – Dec 2024
Linguistics | San Diego State University, San Diego, California, USA

- Acted as an additional support for undergraduate students enrolled in Ling 270 "Elementary Statistics for Language Studies."

Teaching Assistant for GEN S 100 | August 2023 – Dec 2024
General Studies | San Diego State University, San Diego, California, USA

- Worked with students during their first year to help them transition to college through a seminar course.

Graduate Assistant for International Business | August 2022 – August 2023
International Business Program | San Diego State University, San Diego, California, USA

- Worked as a liaison with special attention to marketing and social media presence for the International Business Program at San Diego State University.

Graduate Assistant for the Looking Glass Neighborhood | August 2022 – December 2022
Linguistics | San Diego State University, San Diego, California, USA

- Supervised undergraduate students working with elementary school students in a learning through play environment. Many students came from bilingual language backgrounds (Spanish/English)

ELA Teacher | August 2020 – July 2022

Shanghai Experimental School International Division (SESID) Puxi Campus, Shanghai, China

- Taught English Language Arts to elementary school students at various levels at one of Shanghai’s top public schools using a reading and writing based curriculum to teach phonics, grammar, readings, writing, speaking, listening, etc. integrating a variety of methods including PBL (Project Based Learning).
- Award: 2021 Magnolia Award for Best Foreign Teacher at the Puxi Campus
- Key Teacher for Grade 1 for 2021-2022

Library Coach and English Teacher | June 2018 – July 2020

Elitepal, Tianshan Campus, Shanghai, China

- Worked with Chinese students in a library setting to improve English literacy using reading comprehension techniques. Taught writing and social studies courses in small classroom sizes to provide students an academic environment in their target language.
- Award: Best Foreign Staff 2019 for Tianshan Campus at the annual company dinner

EDUCATION

San Diego State University, San Diego, California, USA (2024)

MA in General Linguistics

- GPA: 4.0
- Awards: Master’s Research Scholarship (\$10,000), Graduate Equity Fellowship (\$1,250), President’s Award at the 2023 SDSU Student Symposium (\$500), Travel Award (\$577.80)

Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA (2023)

- Courses Taken: Language, Social Stereotypes, and Cognition | Sentence Production | Writing Systems | Discourse Interpretation
- Poster Session Presentation: WeChat Usage and Emoji Ratings

Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, USA (2018)

BA in East Asian Studies-China, *magna cum laude*

- GPA: 3.71
- Minors: Spanish and History
- Award: Lincoln Scholar (\$25,000 annually for 4 years), Dean’s Honor List: Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018, Dean’s Commendation List: Spring 2015 and Fall 2016
- Capstone Project: A Study of Chinese Language Acquisition: Chinese L2 of (Morpho)-Syntax and Lexemes

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

- O’Boyle, Brianna (2024). “Reevaluating Rejection: A Move Analysis of PhD Rejection Letters.” Poster to be presented at Project Launch at NWA 52, Miami, FL.
- O’Boyle, Brianna (2023). “A San Diegan Debate: Take 8 or Take the 8, Investigating the use of the determiner “the” before numeric freeways in San Diego.” Presented at NWA 51, NYC, NY.

- O'Boyle, Brianna & Travis Putman (2023). "Perceptual Dialectology of Rhoticity in Mandarin." Poster presented at Project Launch at NWA 51, NYC, NY.
- O'Boyle, Brianna (2024). "A San Diegan Debate: Take 8 or Take the 8: Investigating the Use of the Determiner 'the' before Numeric Freeways in San Diego". *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 9 (1): 5684. <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v9i1.5684>.
- O'Boyle, Brianna & Gabriel Doyle (2023). "Not Just Iconic: Emoji Interpretation is Shaped by Use" Poster presented at the 13th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Subjectivity, Sentiment, & Social Media Analysis, pages 452–457, Toronto, Canada. Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://aclanthology.org/2023.wassa-1.39.pdf>
- O'Boyle, Brianna (2019) "A Study of Chinese Language Acquisition: Chinese L2 of (Morpho)-Syntax and Lexemes," *Gettysburg Social Sciences Review*: Vol. 3: Iss. 1, Article 6. <https://cupola.gettysburg.edu/gssr/vol3/iss1/6>

INVITED TALKS

- "From ChatGPT or Wiki: Perceptions of AI Generated Text" Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages 47th Annual Colloquium, San Diego State University 4/2024
- "A San Diegan Debate: Take 8 or Take the 8" Women in STEM Student Lighting Talks, San Diego State University 10/2023
- "WeChat Emoji Ratings: How platform usage and familiarity influence the ratings of WeChat emojis" Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages 46th Annual Colloquium, San Diego State University 4/2023
- "In Defense of Form: Know the Poetic Rules and Before You Break Them" Shanghai Writer's Retreat 4/2021

EDITING EXPERIENCE

Co Editor in Chief (2017, 2018), Associate Editor (2016) | Fall 2015 – Spring 2018
 Gettysburg Historical Journal, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg PA

- Reviewed and edited research papers submitted by undergraduate students across the nation, as well as assigned tasks to associate editors, coordinated with submitters, and organized the print production

Blog Editor | Fall 2016 – Spring 2018
 SURGE, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg PA

- Edited blog submissions submitted by students at Gettysburg College about social justice issues covering a wide array of topics ranging from mental health, to LGBTQ+ issues, to race and identity politics

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS (IN PROGRESS)

- Perceptual Dialectology of vowel length in Germany