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EDUCATION

2025 (Expected) *Cornell University*

Ph.D. in Linguistics, Cognitive Science Minor

2020

University of Pittsburgh

B.A. in Linguistics, B.A. in English Writing (Poetry), Persian Minor

EMPLOYMENT

2018-2020

Voci Technologies

Linguistic Data Intern

2019

Carnegie Mellon University

LORELEI 2019 Assistant

PUBLICATIONS

2019

“Like a Lion”. *Forbes & Fifth Magazine*. 14(1). 112-119.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2022

“A first look at mind rhymes.” Talk presented at
Phorum, University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA.

Poster Presentations (Peer-Reviewed Abstracts)

2023

“Salient phonological information modulates the effect of semantic priming in prediction”. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, PA.
With Helena Aparicio & Marten van Schijndel.

“Phonological structure influences incremental syntactic processing”.
Poster presented at the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, PA.
With Helena Aparicio, Marten van Schijndel, & Draga Zec.

2022

“Semantics reels us in: a first look at mind rhymes.”
Poster presented at the 35th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of California, Santa Cruz; Santa Cruz, CA.
With Helena Aparicio & Marten van Schijndel.

Workshop Presentations

2022

“Subversive Verses Alter Alternatives: Mind Rhyme and its Implications on Covert Processing”. The 1st Workshop on Computational Meaning Representations.
Cornell University; Ithaca, NY.

MANUSCRIPTS

in prep	“Phonological cues matter too: the effects of phonological cues on processing”
in prep	“Please be polite when the rhyme is not... perfect: mind rhyme and its linguistic consequences”
2020	“Compound, affix, or something in between? Examining Persian <i>-gab</i> , <i>-xane</i> , and <i>estahn</i> constructions”

TEACHING

2023	Spring	<i>Computational Linguistics I</i> (GTA)	Cornell University
2022	Fall	<i>Introduction to Natural Language Processing</i> (GTA)	Cornell University
	Spring	<i>Introduction to Cognitive Science</i> (GTA)	Cornell University
2021	Fall	<i>Introduction to Syntax and Semantics</i> (GTA)	Cornell University
2020	Spring	<i>Data Science for Linguists</i> (UTA)	University of Pittsburgh
2019	Spring	<i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> (UTA)	University of Pittsburgh

AWARDS

2020	Sage Fellowship
2020-2025	Beinecke Scholarship

SERVICE

2022-2023	Graduate Student Representative	Faculty Search Committee
2022-2023	Senior Editor	SALT 32
2021-2022	Junior Editor	SALT 31
2021-2022	Social Chair	Cornell Linguistics Circle
2020-2022	Organizer	Cornell University Department of Linguistics Open House

LANGUAGES

Native/fluent: English
Advanced: Persian
Intermediate: Spanish, Kazakh, Uzbek
Programming: Python, Git Bash

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational psycholinguistics, phonology, poetics, experimental linguistics, information theory, language modeling, humor, natural language processing

OTHER INTERESTS

Poetry, crosswords, rock skipping, beatboxing, rock climbing

References available upon request