

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2022 – 2027 (Expected) – **McGill University**  
PhD in Linguistics  
Supervisor: Prof. Heather Goad
- 2020 – 2022 – **University of Calgary**  
MA in Linguistics (Thesis Based)  
Thesis title: *Non-convergence of pitch and duration: Word-prosody of Garo*  
Supervisor: Dr. Angeliki Athanasopoulou
- 2016 – 2018 – **The English and Foreign Languages University**  
MA in Linguistics
- 2013 – 2016 – **North-Eastern Hill University**  
BA Honours in English Literature

## Awards

- 2024
- Graduate travel award. *Centre for Research on Brain, Language, and Music (CRBLM) (\$350 CAD)*
- 2023
- Graduate travel award. *Centre for Research on Brain, Language, and Music (CRBLM) (\$700 CAD)*
- 2021
- Best Student Paper. *Annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA) (\$250 CAD)*
  - Language Research Centre – Best Paper Award. *Graduate Forum, School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLLC), University of Calgary (\$200 CAD)*

## Publications

2023. A'gitok, Cheman Baira, Athanasopoulou, Angeliki. What makes a geminate? An acoustic study of consonants in Garo. *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS)*
2023. Coretta S, Casillas JV, Roessig S, et al. Multidimensional Signals and Analytic Flexibility: Estimating Degrees of Freedom in Human-Speech Analyses. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*
2022. A'gitok, Cheman Baira. Garo gemination: A case of faithfulness producing non-moraic geminates. *Proceedings of the 2021 Annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*

## Conference Presentations

2025. A'gitok, Cheman Baira. What's the word? Phonology is still structured. *Old World Conference on Phonology (OCP22)*. University of Amsterdam. Talk
2024. A'gitok, Cheman Baira, Goad, Heather. *Syllables  $\approx$  prosodic—words*: Making sense of free phonotactics in Garo. *Annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association*. Carlton University. Talk
2023. A'gitok, Cheman Baira. The glottal stop in Garo. *Acoustics week in Canada*. Montreal. Talk
2023. A'gitok, Cheman Baira, Athanasopoulou, Angeliki. What makes a geminate? An acoustic study of consonants in Garo. *International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS) 2023*. Prague. Poster
2022. A'gitok, Cheman Baira, Athanasopoulou, Angeliki. Prosodic focus in a language with focus particles. *Annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Online*. Talk
2021. A'gitok, Cheman Baira. Garo gemination: A case of faithfulness producing non-moraic geminates. *Annual conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Online*. Talk
2021. A'gitok, Cheman Baira. The phonetics and phonology of word-stress in Garo. *Graduate Forum, School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLLC), University of Calgary, Online*. Talk
2020. A'gitok, Cheman Baira. The phonology of gemination in Garo. *Montana-Alberta Conference on Linguistics, University of Montana, Online*. Poster

## Job History

January 2025 - April 2025 | Teaching Assistant — LING 201 - Introduction to Linguistics  
May 2024 - January 2025 | Research Assistant – McGill University - Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences – *Pediatrics Project, School of Communication Sciences and Disorders (SCSD)*  
September 2024 - December 2024 | Teaching Assistant — LING 331 - Phonology I  
January 2024 - April 2024 | Teaching Assistant — LING 201 - Introduction to Linguistics  
September 2023 - December 2023 | Teaching Assistant — LING 201 - Introduction to Linguistics  
January 2022 - April 2022 | Teaching Assistant — LING 341 - Phonetics I

## Professional Roles

2024 - 2025 | Internal TA Representative for the Department of Linguistics  
2022 - 2024 | McGill Linguistics Colloquium Committee

*I was responsible for contacting the guest speakers and handling the logistics of their travel and accommodation. I also used to coordinate between the guest speaker and the department for meetings on the day of the talk, so my responsibilities also included making the itinerary of the guest speaker. I also made announcements about the guest lecture to the department and other affiliated groups and planned post-lecture events with the professor who was hosting the guest speaker. Finally, I also dealt with the paperwork for reimbursements to the guest speaker so I was responsible for keeping track of the expense receipts that the guest speaker submitted to the department*

2021-2022 | Secretary/Treasurer — A Higher Clause (University of Calgary Linguistics Graduate Student Association)

2021-2022 | Website Tech — Calgary Linguistics Website <https://calgarylinguistics.ca/>

## Software Knowledge

- L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

- Noldus ObserverXT
- R
- Praat
- Python