

# Cass Lowry

Curriculum vitæ  
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Syntax, Morphology, Heritage Languages, Bilingualism, Language Contact, Psycholinguistics, Language Processing, Kartvelian Languages, Second Language Acquisition

## EDUCATION

- 2022 PhD **Linguistics**  
The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY
- 2017 MA **Applied Linguistics**  
The University of Pittsburgh, PA
- 2011 BSEd **Elementary Education**  
West Chester University of Pennsylvania, PA

## PUBLICATIONS

- In prep* Cass Lowry and LeeAnn M. Stover. **Characterizing the heritage language of a community: The case of Georgian in NYC.** *Heritage Language Journal – Special Issue on Lesser-Studied Heritage Languages.*
- In prep* LeeAnn M. Stover, Anthony J. Vicario, Cass Lowry, and Gita Martohardjono. **‘Relative Fluency’ as a measurement in bilingual speech rate analysis.**
- In prep* Cass Lowry, Christen N Madsen II, Ian Phillips, Gita Martohardjono, and Richard G. Schwartz. **Gradience in Spanish Island Violations: Psychophysiological study of two bilingual groups.** *Proceedings of the Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference (EPC) 2019.*
- In prep* LeeAnn S. Stevens, Michael Stern, Cass Lowry, Gita Martohardjono, and Christen N Madsen II. **Language dominance affects bilingual processing of L1 relative clauses.** *Proceedings of the Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference (EPC) 2019.*
- 2020 Cass Lowry, Peri Yuksel, and Patricia J. Brooks. **Parental language, functional utterance type, and play context impact children’s usage of an endangered ancestral language.** *Proceedings of the BU Conference on Language Development (BUCLD) 44.*
- 2019 Michael C. Stern, Christen N Madsen II, LeeAnn M. Stover, Cass Lowry, and Gita Martohardjono. **Language history attenuates syntactic prediction in L1 processing.** *Journal of Cultural Cognitive Science*, 3(2). 235-255.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019            **Cass Lowry. Wh- expressions in Georgian.** *Paper presented at SYNC, NYU, New York, NY.*
- 2019            **Cass Lowry, Peri Yuksel, and Patricia J. Brooks. Parental Language, Functional Utterance Type, and Play Context Impact Children's Usage of an Endangered Ancestral Language.** *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA. (Acceptance rate for oral presentations: 17%)*
- 2019            **Cass Lowry, Christen N Madsen II, Ian Phillips, Gita Martohardjono, and Richard G. Schwartz. Gradience in Spanish Island Violations: Psychophysiological study of two bilingual groups.** *Paper presented at the Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference, Palma de Mallorca, Spain.*
- 2019            **LeeAnn S. Stevens, Michael Stern, Cass Lowry, Gita Martohardjono, and Christen N Madsen II. Language dominance affects bilingual processing of L1 relative clauses.** *Paper presented at the Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference, Palma de Mallorca, Spain.*
- 2019            **Cass Lowry, Christen N Madsen II, Gita Martohardjono, Richard G. Schwartz, and Martin Chodorow. Differential relative clause processing in two bilingual groups: An ERP study.** *Paper presented at Psycholinguistics in Iceland – Parsing and Prediction (PIPP), Reykjavik, Iceland.*
- 2019            **LeeAnn S. Stevens, Michael Stern, Cass Lowry, Gita Martohardjono, and Christen N Madsen II. Effects of language dominance on the predictive processing of L1 relative clauses.** *Paper presented at Psycholinguistics in Iceland – Parsing and Prediction (PIPP), Reykjavik, Iceland.*
- 2019            **Cass Lowry and LeeAnn S. Stevens. Characterizing the heritage language of a community: The case of Georgian in NYC.** *Paper presented at the 11th annual Heritage Language Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*
- 2019            **Cass Lowry, Christen N Madsen II, Ian Phillips, Gita Martohardjono, and Richard G. Schwartz. Island extraction sensitivity in 1st and 2nd – generation bilinguals: A pupillometry study.** *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), New York, NY. (Acceptance rate for poster presentations: 32%).*
- 2019            **Christen N Madsen II, Gita Martohardjono, Cass Lowry, Richard G. Schwartz, and Martin Chodorow. Task-evoked pupillary responses in Spa-Eng bilinguals' processing of relative clauses.** *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), New York, NY. (Acceptance rate for poster presentations: 32%).*

- 2019 Christen N Madsen II, Gita Martohardjono, **Cass Lowry**, Richard G. Schwartz, and Martin Chodorow. **Spanish-English bilinguals' processing of relative clauses: an ERP study.** *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, New York, NY. (Acceptance rate for poster presentations: 32%)..
- 2019 Christen N Madsen II, Michael C. Stern, LeeAnn S. Stevens, **Cass Lowry**, and Gita Martohardjono. **Eye-tracking investigation of relative clause processing in two groups of bilingual speakers.** *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, New York, NY. (Acceptance rate for poster presentations: 32%).
- 2019 LeeAnn S. Stevens, Anthony J. Vicario, Christen N Madsen II, **Cass Lowry**, and Gita Martohardjono. **Relative speech rate: An exploratory analysis of Spanish-English bilinguals language use.** *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, New York, NY. (Acceptance rate for poster presentations: 32%).
- 2018 Christen N Madsen II, Ian Phillips, **Cass Lowry**, Gita Martohardjono, and Richard G. Schwartz. **Is Pupillometry Sensitive to Island Violation Strength?.** *Poster presented at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP)*, Berlin, Germany.
- 2018 **Cass Lowry.** **Development or divergence? Separating contact induced from language internal change in Heritage Georgian.** *Paper presented at the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)*, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 **Cass Lowry.** **The morphosyntax of Georgian heritage language speakers: A developmental analysis of narratives.** *Poster presented at the American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL)*, Portland, OR.

## OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- Invited Talks** **Cass Lowry.** (2017, November). **Language change in bilingual communities: the case of Georgian in America.** *Invited talk at the International Symposium of Young Scholars in the Humanities*, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- Cass Lowry.** (2017, June). **Bilingual in Brooklyn: Georgian as a heritage language in America.** *Talk given at The Caucasus Research Resource Center*, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- Conference Panels** **Narratives and Areal Linguistics.** (2018, October). Chair: Bert Beynen, Discussant: **Cass Lowry.** *Annual Meeting of Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Shifting Values and Preserving Heritage.** (2018, October). Chair: **Cass Lowry**, Discussant: Yanti Hoelzchen. *Annual Meeting of Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

- Workshop Papers** Christen N Madsen II, Michael C. Stern, LeeAnn S. Stevens, **Cass Lowry**, and Gita Martohardjono. (2018, April). **Eye tracking investigation of relative clause processing in Spanish heritage speakers.** *Talk given at Connecting Innovative Research in CUNY Linguistics (CIRCL)*, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.
- Cass Lowry.** (2018, March). **Sensitive to context: The morphosyntax of second-generation Georgian bilinguals.** *Talk given at Connecting Innovative Research in CUNY Linguistics (CIRCL)*, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY.
- Schools Attended** Masha Polinsky, Léa Nash, Rosemarie Tracy, and Carlo Cecchetto. (2019, October). **Third International School in Formal Linguistics.** Organized by Tamar Makharoblidze, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

## AWARDS & HONORS

- CUNY** 2019 **ARC Student Fellowship**, from The Graduate Center, CUNY Advanced Research Collaborative. \$4,000.
- 2019 **Doctoral Student Research Grant**, from Office of Research & Sponsored Programs. \$950.
- 2018 **Altfest Graduate Fellowship**, from Office of Career Planning and Professional Development. \$4,000.
- 2018 **Cairn's Travel Award**, from Linguistics Program. \$109.
- 2018 **Fall Conference Presentation Support** from Office of Student Affairs. \$300.
- 2018 **Spring Conference Presentation Support** from Office of Student Affairs. \$300.
- 2018 **DSC Conference Presentation Award**, from Linguistics Program Doctoral Student Council. \$100.
- 2017 **Graduate Center Fellowship**, CUNY Full-tuition and stipend award for doctorate studies.
- U Pitt** 2017 **A&S-PBC Travel Fund**, from College of Arts & Sciences. \$600.
- 2017 **Conference Participation Grant**, from Dept. of Linguistics. \$400.
- 2016 **Robert T. Henderson Endowment Fund Award**, from Dept. of Linguistics. \$2,500.
- 2016 **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship**, from Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies. One-year of full-tuition for MA and stipend award to study *Turkish* language & linguistics.
- 2016 **Graduate Student Grant** from Center for Russian, East European, & Eurasian Studies. \$250.
- 2015 **Teaching Assistantship**, University of Pittsburgh full-tuition and stipend award for masters studies.
- West Chester U of PA** 2010 **Charles Ernest Memorial Scholarship**, from Honors College.
- 2007 **Board of Governors Academic Scholarship**, West Chester University of PA full-tuition award for bachelors studies.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018-            **Lab Manager & Research Coordinator.** Gita Martohardjono (PI), Second Language Acquisition Lab (SLAL), The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2017-18        **Research Assistant.** Gita Martohardjono (PI), Second Language Acquisition Lab (SLAL), The Graduate Center, CUNY

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Collegiate Instructor**    **Introduction to Linguistics** (LING2001), Brooklyn College, NY
- Spring 2020
  - Fall 2019
  - Spring 2019
  - Fall 2018
- Syntax I Practicum** (LING72100), The Graduate Center, CUNY, NY
- Fall 2019
  - Fall 2018
- English Language Instructor**    **Beginner and Intermediate English for Georgian Immigrants**, 2018, Pesvebi Cultural Center, Brooklyn, NY
- Academic English (Reading, Writing, Speaking, & Listening)**, 2015-2016, English Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh, PA
- English as a Foreign Language**, Grades 1-6, 2011-2012, Ministry of Education, P.S. No.174, Muxiani, Tbilisi, Georgia
- Elementary**        **4th grade Literacy**, 2014-2015, Mastery Charter School, South Philadelphia, PA
- 3rd grade**, 2012-2014, Belmont Charter School, West Philadelphia, PA
- Certification**    **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**, 2017
- Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate: Instructional Level 1**, 2011. Elementary (K-6), Middle Level (7-9) Mathematics, English, Science, Citizenship Education

## SERVICE

- Journal Peer Review**    *Vernacular: New Connections in Language, Literature & Culture*
- Conference Peer Review**    *Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS)*
- Book Notes**        **Lowry, C.** (2017). Silvina Montrul, The acquisition of heritage languages. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. Pp. 382. Hb.£ 80. *Language in Society*, 46(5), 755-756.

**Lowry, C.** (2017). Mustapha Taibi & Uldis Ozolins, Community translation. London: Bloomsbury, 2016. Pp. 200. Pb.£ 25.99. *Language in Society* 46(3), 441-442.

**Professional Committee Member**, CUNY Linguistics Executive Committee, 2018–present  
**Committee Member**, CUNY Linguistics Election Committee, 2018–2019  
**Organizer**, Showcasing Quirky & Unusual Ideas in Development (SQUID) student conference, 2018–20  
**Chair**, CUNY CIRCL talk series, 2017–19

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Native	English
Advanced	Georgian
Intermediate	Spanish
	Turkish
Basic	Russian

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Coding	Python, R, Markdown, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
Software	GitHub, E-prime, EyeLink Experiment Builder, NeuroScan ERP software, Praat, ELAN, SPSS
Hardware	EyeLink 1000 eye-tracker, Tobii eye-trackers, Quick-Cap ERP hardware