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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 press* Gita Martohardjono, **Cass Lowry**, Michael A. Johns, Ian Phillips, Christen N Madsen II, and Richard G. Schwartz. **Bilingual judgments and processing of Spanish *wh*- gap constructions: An exploratory study of cross-linguistic influence and island strength.** *Proceedings of the Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference (EPC) 2019.*
- In press* 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 Peri Yuksel, **Cass Lowry**, and Patricia J. Brooks. **Laz caregivers talk to their young children: The importance of context and utterance type in eliciting ancestral language use.** *First Language.*
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0142723720970004>
- 2020 **Cass Lowry** and LeeAnn Stover. **Morphosyntactic Restructuring in Child Heritage Georgian.** *Heritage Language Journal*, 17(2). 234-263.
<https://doi.org/10.46538/hlj.17.2.6>
- 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.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020- **Linguist & Georgian Consultant.** Maria Polinsky and Smaranda Muresan (PIs). **Computational models for studying word class distinctions in polysynthetic languages.** NSF grants 1941733 and 1941742.
- 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.

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- Invited Talks** **Cass Lowry.** (2020, October). **As a guest: Living and researching in the Caucasus.** *Invited talk at the New Jersey City University PSYCH Star Speaker Series, NJCU, Jersey City, NJ.*
- 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Collegiate Instructor** **Syntax** (LING3021), Brooklyn College, NY
- Spring 2021
- Morphology** (LING3019), Brooklyn College, NY
- Fall 2020
- 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** *Experimental Psycholinguistics Conference: Proceedings*
- 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 ^A T _E 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