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EDUCATION

2022 - Present	University of Toronto Ph.D. student, Linguistics
2020 - 2022	University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa M.A., Linguistics in the Language Documentation and Conservation Track Final Project: The Syntax of Wh-Questions in Woleaian Advisors: Dr. Bradley McDonnell & Dr. Shinichiro Fukuda
2016 - 2020	University of British Columbia B.A., Major in Linguistics, Minor in First Nations and Endangered Languages (FNEL)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers and Refereed Articles

2025	Griffin, Laura and Naomi Nagy. Why do Back Vowels Shift in Heritage Korean? <i>Languages</i> 10(5): 105. https://doi.org/10.3390/languages10050105
2024	Lai, Audrey H., and Laura S. Griffin . A Comparison of Heritage vs Homeland Taiwanese Mandarin Speaker Attitudes towards Sajiao. <i>Bergen Language and Linguistics Studies</i> 14 (1): 59–67. https://doi.org/10.15845/bells.v14i1.4340 .
2022	Bertrand, Anne, Yurika Aonuki, Sihwei Chen, Joash Gambarage, Laura Griffin , Marianne Huijsmans, Lisa Matthewson, Daniel Reisinger, Hotze Rullmann, Raiane Salles, Michael David Schwan, Neda Todorović, Bailey Trotter, and Jozina Vander Klok. Nobody’s Perfect. <i>Languages</i> 7(2): 148. https://doi.org/10.3390/languages7020148

Conference Proceedings and Non-Refereed Articles

2025	Louie, Freddie Tseskinx̣em, Henry Davis, Laura Griffin , Marianne Huijsmans, Gloria Mellesmoen, Daniel K. E. Reisinger, and Bailey Trotter. niniḣ ʔəkʷ χʷeḣay, ḣaləm, hega ləlkaḣe, niniḣ qʷaqʷθəms təsqaḣaməs: ‘Mountain goats, salt, and bullets’: A historical narrative told by late Freddie Louie. In <i>Proceedings of the International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages 60</i> , ed. Ella Hannon, Brian Diep, Laura Griffin, Mila Loginova, Bruce Oliver, Lauren Schneider, Reed Steiner, and Bailey Trotter. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL, 249—267.
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- 2025 Schneider, Lauren and **Laura Griffin**. On the ‘go’: Exploring auxiliary-hood in ʔayʔajuθəm in comparative perspective. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages 60*, ed. Ella Hannon, Brian Diep, Laura Griffin, Mila Loginova, Bruce Oliver, Lauren Schneider, Reed Steiner, and Bailey Trotter. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL, 399—420.
- 2025 **Griffin, Laura**, Samuel Akinbo, Avery Ozburn, and Tongpan Rabo Fwangwar. Tonal Alternations in Attributive Constructions in Mwaghavul. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 10(1): 5943.
- 2025 Kiss, Angelika, **Laura Griffin**, and Lorie Chung Nyan Hing. How are polar interrogatives in Mauritian Creole formed? *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 10(1): 5942.
- 2024 **Griffin, Laura**. A sketch of content question formation in Eauripik Woleaian. In *The title of this volume is shorter than its contributions are allowed to be: Papers in honour of Hotze Rullmann*, ed. Bochnak, M. Ryan, Eva Csipak, Lisa Matthewson, Marcin Morzycki and Daniel K. E. Reisinger. Vancouver, BC: UBCOPL, Volume 9, 157–170.
- 2024 **Griffin, Laura**. /o/! They’re j/u/st about the same!: Vowel Shift in Heritage and Homeland Korean. In *Selected Papers from NWAV 51*, ed. Xin Gao and Wesley Lincoln. Pennsylvania, PA: U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics 30.2, 80–89.
- 2022 Francis, Joanne, Marianne Huijsmans, Henry Davis, **Laura S. Griffin**, Gloria Mellesmoen, D. K. E. Reisinger, and Bailey Trotter. The Sleigh Accident: An ʔayʔajuθəm Childhood Memory from Joanne Francis. In *Papers for the International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages 57*, ed. D. K. E. Reisinger, Laura Griffin, Gloria Mellesmoen, Sander Nederveen, Bruce Oliver, and Bailey Trotter. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL, 62–66.
- 2022 Reisinger, D.K.E. and **Laura S. Griffin**. Unearthing Long-Forgotten Treasures: The Early Comox-Sliammon Materials. In *Papers for the International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages 57*, ed. D. K. E. Reisinger, Laura Griffin, Gloria Mellesmoen, Sander Nederveen, Bruce Oliver, and Bailey Trotter. Vancouver, BC: UBCWPL, 87–142.
- 2021 **Griffin, Laura** and Seunghun J. Lee. Morphophonological Variation in Back Vowels in Seoul and Jeolla Korean. In *Proceedings of AJL 6*, ed. Le Xuan Chan, Jungu Kang, and B. Paris Fleming. Tokyo, Japan: ICUWPL, 18, 65–72.
- 2020 Davis, Henry, **Laura Griffin**, Marianne Huijsmans, and Gloria Mellesmoen. Extracting Possessors in ʔayʔajuθəm (and Beyond). In *Papers for the Fifty-fifth International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages*, ed. D. K. E. Reisinger, Hannah Green, Marianne Huijsmans, Gloria Mellesmoen, and Bailey Trotter, 87–106.
- 2020 Galligos, Karen, D. K. E. Reisinger, Gloria M. Mellesmoen, Marianne Huijsmans, and **Laura Griffin**. The Fisher and the Little Fish: An ʔayʔajuθəm Version of Aesop’s Fable. In *Papers for the Fifty-fifth International Conference*

on *Salish and Neighbouring Languages*, ed. D. K. E. Reisinger, Hannah Green, Marianne Huijsmans, Gloria Mellesmoen, and Bailey Trotter, 151–154.

- 2019 **Griffin, Laura.** There and back again: qəji in ʔayʔəjuθəm (Comox-Sliammon). In *Papers for the Fifty-fourth International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages*, ed. D. K. E. Reisinger and Gloria Mellesmoen, 86–100.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Refereed Presentations

- 2026 **Griffin, Laura** and Carolyn Siegman. “If Seoul is clean girl aesthetic, Busan is tomboy”: Heritage Korean speakers’ shifting language attitudes toward regional varieties. Talk to be presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2025 Mahlmann, Jack, **Laura Griffin**, Radu Craioveanu, and Pedro Mateo Pedro. The portrayal of contrastive vowel length in Itza’ Mayan digital learning materials. Talk presented at 4th Graduate Language Research Day, Toronto, University of Toronto.
- 2025 Bejar, Susana, **Laura Griffin**, Suzanna Jararuse, Alana Johns, Christine Nochasak, Gregory Antono, Angelika Kiss, Lucy Meanwell, and Calvin Quick. Inuttitut tusannitutsiat: Tools for resource creation and dissemination of spoken language. Talk presented at 72nd Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Montreal, McGill University.
- 2025 Craioveanu, Radu, **Laura Griffin**, Michael Bulkaam, and Samuel Akinbo. Acoustics of aspirated fricatives in Tal. Poster presented at 72nd Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA) Annual Conference, Montreal, McGill University.
- 2025 Kiss, Angelika, Gregory Antono, **Laura Griffin**, Christine Nochasak, Calvin Quick, and Susana Bejar. Declarative Questions in Labrador Inuttitut. Talk presented at Polar Question Form(s) Across Languages (POQAL-2), University of Amsterdam.
- 2025 **Griffin, Laura** and Naomi Nagy. Distinguishing Variation from Interference: An Investigation of Chain Vowel Shift in Heritage Korean. Poster presented at New Sounds 2025: The 11th International Symposium on the Acquisition of Second Language Speech, Toronto, University of Toronto at St. George.
- 2025 **Griffin, Laura**, Suzanna Jararuse, Christine Nochasak, Susana Bejar, Alana Johns, Gregory Antono, Angelika Kiss, Lucy Meanwell, and Calvin Quick. Towards a community-centered Labrador Inuttitut corpus: Capacity Building with ELAN. Talk presented at the 9th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC), Honolulu, Hawai‘i.
- 2025 Mahlmann, Jack, **Laura Griffin**, and Radu Craioveanu. Investigation of Vowel Length Contrast in Online Learning Materials: The Case of Itza’ Revitalization. Talk presented at the 9th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC), Honolulu, Hawai‘i.

- 2025 Kiss, Angelika, Gregory Antono, **Laura Griffin**, Christine Nochasak, Calvin Quick, and Susana Bejar. Declarative questions in Labrador Inuttitut. Talk presented at Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting (Virtual).
- 2025 Kiss, Angelika, Lorie Chung Nyan Hing, and **Laura Griffin**. How are polar interrogatives in Mauritian Creole formed? Poster presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2025 **Griffin, Laura**, Samuel Akinbo, Avery Ozburn, and Tongpan Rabo Fwangwar. Tonal Alternations in Mwaghavul Associative Constructions. Talk presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2025 **Griffin, Laura**, Rachel Lo Wan Sing, and Angelika Kiss. Perfective Aspect and Past Tense in Kreol Morisien (Mauritian Creole): A Change in Progress. Talk presented at the Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2024 **Griffin, Laura** and Godfrey Enangha Jonas. Vowel Deletion in Heritage Cross River Mbembe. Project Launch Poster presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 52, Miami: Florida International University and University of Miami.
- 2024 **Griffin, Laura** and Alexander Angsongna. An Analysis of Tone Delinking in Future Contexts in Central Dàgáàrè. Talk presented at 55th Annual Conference on African Languages (ACAL), Montreal: McGill University.
- 2024 **Griffin, Laura**. /o/! They're j/u/st about the same!: Vowel Shift in Heritage and Homeland Seoul Korean. Talk presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV 51), Queens: Queens College, City University of New York.
- 2023 Fisher, Kathryn and **Laura Griffin**. Final /l/ Deletion in Subject Persona/l/ Pronouns in Standard Montreal French. Talk presented at Change and Variation in Canada 12 (CVC 12), Mississauga: University of Toronto at Mississauga.
- 2023 Cabrera, Angeli Noelle, **Laura Griffin**, and Mikenzie Sandy. Negotiating Membership and Validity Across the Etic-Emic Binary as Heritage Linguists in Higher Education. Talk presented at 8th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC), Honolulu: University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Virtual).
- 2023 **Griffin, Laura** and Blaine Billings. A Sketch of Modality in Chuukic Languages. Talk presented at 22nd East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference (IGSC), Honolulu: University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.
- 2022 Lai, Audrey H. and **Laura Griffin**. A Comparison of Heritage vs Native Taiwanese Mandarin Speaker Attitudes Towards *sajiao*. Poster presented at 13th Workshop of Immigrant Languages in the Americas, Madison: University of Wisconsin (Hybrid).
- 2021 **Griffin, Laura** and Seunghun J. Lee. Morphophonological Variation in Back Vowels in Seoul and Jeolla Korean. Talk presented at 6th Asian Junior Linguists Conference, Sogang University (Virtual).

- 2021 Bowden, Dominique, Linda Du, **Laura Griffin**, and Bailey Trotter. Detecting Perfective and Imperfective Contrast in Central Dàgáàrè. Talk presented at 51st and 52nd Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), University of Florida (virtual).

Non-Refereed Presentations

- 2025 Schneider, Lauren and **Laura Griffin**. On the ‘go’: Exploring Auxiliary-hood in ʔayʔajuθəm in Comparative Perspective. Talk presented at 60th International Conference of Salish and Neighboring Languages, Chilliwack: University of the Fraser Valley.
- 2025 Craioveanu, Radu, **Laura Griffin**, Michael Bulkaam, and Samuel Akinbo. Acoustics of aspirated fricatives in Tal. Talk presented at 60th Phonetics/Phonology Workshop, Toronto: University of Toronto at St. George.
- 2024 Careri, Louis, **Laura Griffin**, Youmna Mohamed, Jemi Samuel, and Avery Ozburn. Developing a model for community engagement in phonetics and phonology fieldwork. Talk presented at Summer Phonetics/Phonology Forum (SPF), Toronto: University of Toronto at St. George.
- 2024 **Griffin, Laura**. Tonal alternations in Mwaghavul associative constructions. Talk presented at Summer Phonetics/Phonology Forum (SPF), Toronto: University of Toronto at St. George.
- 2023 **Griffin, Laura**. Variation in Heritage and Homeland Korean Back Vowels. Talk presented at Summer Phonetics/Phonology Forum (SPF), Toronto: University of Toronto at St. George.
- 2022 Reisinger, D. K. E. and **Laura Griffin**. Unearthing Long-Forgotten Treasures: The Early Comox-Sliammon Materials. Talk presented at 57th International Conference of Salish and Neighboring Languages, Merritt: Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (Hybrid).
- 2020 Bowden, Dominique, **Laura Griffin**, and Bailey Trotter. Aspect and a New Focus Particle in Dàgáàrè. Talk presented at Language Science Undergraduate Research Conference (LSURC), Vancouver: University of British Columbia.
- 2019 **Griffin, Laura**. There and back again: qəʃi in ʔayʔajuθəm. Talk presented at 54th International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages (ICSNL), Victoria: University of Victoria.
- 2018 **Griffin, Laura** and Mylvaganam, A. A Case Study in Creating an Orthography of an Endangered Language. Poster presented at Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference (MURC), Vancouver: University of British Columbia.

Guest Lectures

- 2025 **Griffin, Laura.** Cross-Cultural Sensitivities and Considerations in Fieldwork. In LIN419: Field Methods: A Language Unlocked (class taught by Avery Ozburn). March 24. University of Toronto Mississauga.

Invited Talks

- 2019 **Griffin, Laura.** A Look at the Possible Presupposition Trigger qəji in ʔayʔajuθəm. Invited Speaker at 50th Anniversary of the Linguistics Department, Vancouver: University of British Columbia.

FUNDING AND AWARDS

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| 2024 | University of Toronto Graduate Research Award (CAD 695) |
| 2024 | Frances Dichter Graduate Scholarship in Linguistics (CAD 2500) |
| 2023 | University of Toronto SSHRC Institutional Grant Research Funds (CAD 300) |
| 2023 | Lillian B. Stueber Student NWAV 51 Presentation Prize (USD 250) |
| 2023 | University of Toronto Study Elsewhere of Less Commonly Taught Languages (SELECT) for Research Purposes Award (CAD 960) |
| 2022 | Professor Peter Reich Graduate Scholarship in Linguistics (CAD 8000) |
| 2022 | University of Toronto Faculty of Arts & Science Doctoral Recruitment Award (CAD 5000) |
| 2020 | University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Achievement Scholarship (USD 750) |
| 2018 | University of British Columbia Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship (CAD 3500) |
| 2016 – 2020 | University of British Columbia International Major Entrance Scholarship (CAD 10,000/year) |
| 2016 | University of British Columbia Outstanding International Student Scholarship (CAD 10,000) |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2024 – Present | <p>Research Assistant
Supervised by Dr. Pedro Mateo Pedro
Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitization of Itza’ grammar • Investigation of contrastive vowel length in Itza’ |
| 2024 – Present | <p>Research Assistant
Supervised by Dr. Yoonjung Kang
Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted experiments to investigate VOT and Vowel Mergers in Heritage Korean speakers in Toronto |
| 2024 – Present | <p>Research Assistant
Supervised by Dr. Avery Ozburn
Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing corpus analysis of Yiddish • Prepared literature review on the Kalenjin language • Prepared phonetic transcription of Kalenjin |

2023 – Present	<p>Research Assistant Supervised by Dr. Susana Bejar Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation of contrastive vowel length in Labrador Inuttitut • Conducted workshops on technologies for language documentation
2023 – 2024	<p>Research Assistant Supervised by Dr. Daniel Newman Department of English, University of Toronto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared literature review on topic marking and discourse analysis to create new diagnostics of readability as part of the “Narratologies of Science” project
2023 – 2024	<p>Research Assistant Supervised by Dr. Marianne Huijsmans Department of Linguistics, University of Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy-edited traditional ʔayʔajuθəm stories in LaTeX for a story anthology
2022 – 2023	<p>Research Assistant Supervised by Dr. Sali A. Tagliamonte Department of Linguistics, University of Toronto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared annotated bibliography for the English and French discourse particles ‘<i>you know/tu sais</i>’ • Coded discourse particles in English for clause position
2022	<p>Research Assistant Supervised by Dr. Seunghun J. Lee Division of Arts and Sciences, International Christian University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segmented and annotated recordings in Praat of L2 learners of Korean to test effects of prosody
2018 - 2020	<p>Musqueam Language Program Project Assistant Supervised by Dr. Patricia A. Shaw Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies, University of British Columbia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typeset and proofread hənqəminəḿ-English glossary • Updated pedagogical materials in HTML and Microsoft Word
2018 – 2020	<p>Research Assistant Supervised by Dr. Henry Davis Department of Linguistics, University of British Columbia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elicited words and prepared recordings for ʔayʔajuθəm online dictionary in Elan and Audacity • Prepared outreach materials to represent the ʔayʔajuθəm Lab
2018 – 2019	<p>Research Assistant Supervised by Dr. Martina Wiltschko Department of Linguistics, University of British Columbia</p>

- Recruited native Korean speakers, ran elicitations and grammatical judgment tasks on verb endings
- Transcribed and translated recordings from Korean to English

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Peer Review

Journals *Language Sciences* (2025)

Conference and Workshop Committee Member

2024	27 th Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas Member of Organizing Committee
2023	15 th Annual Linguistics Graduate Students' Union Welcome Workshop Member of Organizing Committee
2023	7 th Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto Morphology Meeting (MoMOT) Member of Organizing Committee
2021 – 2022	31 st Annual Meeting of the Southeast Asian Linguistics Society Member of Scheduling Committee and Posters Committee
2020 – 2021	7 th International Conference of Language Documentation & Conservation Chair of Volunteer Committee, Member of Presentations Committee

Community Service

2024	Volunteer at the Korean Canadian Scholarship Federation (KCSF) Sol Gala
2024	Volunteer at the 13 th Soo Ryu Festival “Jiwhaja Jota” at the Korean Dance Studies Society of Canada (KDSSC)
2024 – 2025	Volunteer at The Language Conservancy (TLC)
2023 – Present	Volunteer for UofT Linguistics Racial Justice Committee's Graduate Application Assistance Program for Black and Indigenous Students
2021 – 2022	Linguistic Society of Mānoa Social Media Director
2021	Language Documentation Training Center (LDTC) Volunteer Lecturer Focus in Morphosyntax
2017 – 2018	UNIK (U N I Korea) Media Coordinator

Departmental Service

University of Toronto

2024 – Present	Reviewer of Toronto Working Papers in Linguistics (TWPL)
2023 – 2024	Member of the Social Committee for the LGCU
2023 – 2024	Head of Space Assignment/Management/Safety Committee for the LGCU
2022 – 2023	Graduate Student Representative for the Department of Linguistics SSHRC Institutional Grant Program Committee

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

2021 – 2022	Co-Organizer of Linguistic Society of Mānoa Mentorship Program
2021 – 2022	Copy Editor for Brill-NINAJL-UHM book series

University of British Columbia

2021 – Present	Editor for Proceedings of the International Conference on Salish and Neighboring Languages (ICSNL 56, 57, 58, 59)
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor: University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

LING 215: Bad Words	Spring 2022
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Graduate Teaching Assistant: University of Toronto

LIN101: Introduction to General Linguistics: The Sound of Language	Fall 2024: Dr. Avery Ozburn Fall 2022: Dr. Nathan Sanders
LIN102: Introduction to Linguistics: Sentence Structure and Meaning	Winter 2023: Dr. Neda Todorović and Kit Oliver
LIN200: Introduction to Language	Fall 2024: Dr. Ivan Bondoc and Dr. Pocholo Umbal
LIN204: English Grammar	Winter 2024: Will Williams
LIN205: English Grammar II	Winter 2025: Dr. Ai Taniguchi
LIN251: Introduction to Sociolinguistics	Summer 2024: Kaleigh Woolford
LIN256: Sociolinguistics	Winter 2024: Kaleigh Woolford
LINA01: Introduction to Linguistics	Summer 2025: Dr. Safieh Moghaddam Summer 2023: Dr. Safieh Moghaddam

LINA02: Applications of Linguistics

Summer 2025: Dr. Safieh Moghaddam

Graduate Teaching Assistant: University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

LING 102: Introduction to the Study of
Language

Fall 2021: Dr. John Elliott
Spring 2021: Dr. John Elliott

LING 105: Language Endangerment,
Globalization, and Indigenous Peoples

Fall 2021: John Venson Villareal

LING 415/ANTH 413: Language and Gender

Fall 2021: Dr. Katie Drager

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 – Present	Linguistic Graduate Students’ Union Tutor
2021 – 2024	Lionbridge Technologies, Inc. Freelance Linguist

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

Native: English
Heritage: Korean
Reading: French
Basic: Mandarin Chinese, hǎnqǔmínhànyǔ

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Language Documentation: ELAN, FLEEx, Bloom
Phonetic Analysis Tools: Praat, Audacity
Other: Microsoft Office, R, LaTeX, HTML