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EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Expected December 2023.
Master of Arts in Linguistics

University of Georgia, Morehead Honors College, Athens, GA. December 2022.
A.B. Linguistics, A.B. Cognitive Science; *Summa Cum Laude*; Cumulative GPA 3.98/4.00
Certificate in Interdisciplinary Writing
Honors Thesis: "A Linguistics Analysis of English Personal Names"; Advisor: Dr. Margaret Renwick

GRANTS AND HONORS

Jan. 2022	Conference Funding Grant, University of Georgia Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (\$600)
June-Aug. 2021	SPARK Award for Undergraduate Research in Linguistics, University of Georgia Department of Linguistics (\$750)
Jan.-May 2021	Research Assistantship, University of Georgia Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (\$1000)
2019-2021	Presidential Scholar, University of Georgia Office of the President Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Fall 2020; Spring 2021
Aug. 2019-Dec. 2023	Zell Miller Scholarship (cost of tuition)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022	Linguistics Lab, UGA Department of Linguistics , Athens, GA; Undergraduate Assistant
2022	UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities , Athens GA; Honors Thesis <i>Title</i> : "A Linguistic Analysis of English Personal Names" <i>Advisor</i> : Dr. Margaret Renwick
2021	UGA Department of Linguistics , Athens GA; SPARK Fellow - Researched generalized additive models to quantify change over time in linguistic data - Implemented and interpreted model looking at diachronic change in English first names
2021	UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities , Athens, GA; Research Assistant - Received \$1000 funding award from UGA's Center for Undergraduate Research - Created and annotated dataset of 5600 names from the US Social Security Administration - Designed statistical methodology to investigate differences in male and female name phonology
2021	UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities , Athens, GA; Undergrad Researcher - Survey historical, evolutionary, and practical context of sound symbolism - Prepare comprehensive literature review of sound symbolism with a focus on proper nouns
2020-2021	Linguistic Atlas Project , Athens, GA; Undergraduate Transcriber - Prepared audio for phonetic analysis by creating complete transcriptions of audio interviews - Aligned audio and speech using the Transcriber program; contributed to comprehensive database of American speech

PUBLICATIONS

Williams, Savannah Jane & Margaret E.L. Renwick. 2022. Modeling Language Change with English First Names. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022	Williams, Savannah Jane & Margaret E.L. Renwick. Modeling Language Change in English First Names. Oral presentation at the 2022 Conference for Undergraduate Research at UGA. Athens, GA. April 4-5 2022.
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- 2022 **Williams, Savannah Jane** & Margaret E. L. Renwick. A Linguistic Analysis of English Personal Names. Poster presentation at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Washington D.C. January 6 – 9, 2022.
- 2021 **Williams, Savannah Jane** & Margaret E.L. Renwick. A Linguistic Analysis of English Personal Names. Oral presentation given at LUGA 7. Athens, GA. October 9 – 10, 2021.
- 2021 **Williams, Savannah Jane** & Margaret E.L. Renwick. A Linguistic Analysis of English Personal Names. Oral presentation at the 2021 Conference for Undergraduate Research at UGA. Athens, GA. April 4-5 2021.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Dec. 2021-Present **Geography Geology Green Roof Garden**, Athens, GA; Volunteer
- Contributed to upkeep of campus ecosystem by weeding, raised bed maintenance, and pollinator support
 - Harvested and washed produce to donate to food and nutrition insecure individuals in the Athens community
- Aug. 2021-May 2022 **Franklin Residential College**, Athens, GA; Director's Assistant
- Managed administrative duties, including email, scheduling, and communication with University partners
 - Lead and advised executive board of 6 elected student leaders as they planned and hosted service, social and academic events
 - Organized and executed 3-day service-learning trip to UGA's Marine Institute on Sapelo Island
 - Held open office hours to facilitate connection between student members and University resources
- Aug. 2020-May 2021 **Franklin Residential College**, Athens, GA; Service Chair
- Organize service events for a residential community with 96 members
 - Collaborate with community partners such as the Athens Housing Authority to plan and execute service events
 - Coordinate communication between faculty, staff, and community partners
- Jan.-Dec. 2021 **Stillpoint Literary Magazine**, Athens, GA; Staff Member
- Collaborate with team of students to produce UGA's premier literary magazine
 - Curate submissions of poetry and short fiction
 - Advocate for and actively promote UGA's literary community
- Oct. 2021-Dec. 2022 **Cognitive Science Club**, Athens, GA; Vice-President
- Co-founded interdisciplinary cognitive science club to serve as a hub of personal and intellectual development
 - Prepare bi-monthly readings and discussion topics; facilitate and guide meeting discussions
- Sept. 2020-May 2021 **Linguistics Club**, Athens, GA; Historian
- Communicate with club members to design programming that meets students' needs
 - Research meeting topics, prepare PowerPoints and organize guest speakers
 - Serve as intermediary between students and faculty in order to advocate for students' academic needs
- Aug. 2019-Mar. 2020 **Myers Community Council**, Athens, GA; Treasurer
- Developed budget and controlled expenditures of the Myers residential community containing 880 residents
 - Prepared weekly variance to \$17,600 budget
 - Planned, executed, and evaluated connectivity and sustainability programs ranging from 50-200 people

LANGUAGES

English (native); French (proficient); Chinese (conversational)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Linguistic Society of America, 2021—