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Education

Degree-seeking programs

Stony Brook University

Ph.D., Linguistics

- Institute for Advanced Computational Science Graduate Research Fellow

Stony Brook, NY

Entered Fall 2022

University of Pennsylvania

B.A., Linguistics & Computer and Information Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

- Minor: Cognitive Science
- Honors thesis: “When Collisions are a Good Thing: the Acquisition of Morphological Marking” advised by Dr. Charles Yang

Philadelphia, PA

May 2022

Non-degree-seeking programs

Indiana University

Dual Enrollment, Math & Computational Linguistics

Bloomington, IN

2017-18

Awards & Fellowships

2022 **Paula Menyuk Travel Award**, Boston University Conference on Language Development

2022 **Graduate Fellow**, NSF Graduate Research Fellowships Program

2022 **Graduate Fellow**, Institute for Advanced Computational Science Graduate Research Fellowship

2022 **Dean’s Scholar**, University of Pennsylvania

2022 **Henry Hoenigswald Thesis Prize in Linguistics**, University of Pennsylvania

2022 **Honorable Mention**, NDSEG Graduate Fellowship

2021 **Elected to Phi Beta Kappa**, University of Pennsylvania

2018-19, 2021-22 **Dean’s List**, University of Pennsylvania (*Temporarily discontinued due to COVID-19*)

Publications

Articles

Sarah Payne and Charles Yang (to appear). *Making Good on BADS*. Italian Journal of Linguistics

Conference Proceedings¹

Sarah Payne (to appear). *Root Infinitives and the Acquisition of Morphological Marking*. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, Volume 30.1.

Jordan Kodner, {**Sarah Payne**, Salam Khalifa}, and Zoey Liu (to appear). *Morphological Inflection: A Reality Check*. Proceedings of the 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

Salam Khalifa, **Sarah Payne**, Ellen Broselow, Jordan Kodner, and Owen Rambow (to appear). *A Cautious Generalization Goes a Long Way*. Proceedings of the 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

Jordan Kodner, {Salam Khalifa, **Sarah Payne**}, and Zoey Liu (to appear). *Re-Evaluating Neural Models of Morphological Inflection*. Proceedings of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

¹Proceedings published in the ACL conference and workshop anthologies are refereed and archival. Proceedings of the Cognitive Science Conference are refereed but non-archival.

Sarah Payne (2023). *Contrast, Sufficiency, and the Acquisition of Morphological Marking*. Proceedings of the 47th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.

Caleb Belth, **Sarah Payne**, Deniz Beser, Jordan Kodner, & Charles Yang (2021). *The Greedy and Recursive Search for Morphological Productivity*. Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society. 42(1):2869-2875.

Deniz Beser, Joe Cecil, Marjorie Freedman, Jacob Lichtefeld, Mitch Marcus, **Sarah Payne**, & Charles Yang (2021). *A Grounded Approach to Modeling Generic Knowledge Acquisition*. Proceedings of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society. 42(1):2450-2456.

Sarah Payne, Jordan Kodner, & Charles Yang (2021). *Learning Morphological Productivity as Meaning-Form Mappings*. Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Society for Computation in Linguistics. 4(1):177-187.

Manuscripts

Sarah Payne (2022). *When Collisions are a Good Thing: the Acquisition of Morphological Marking*. Senior Thesis in Linguistics, University of Pennsylvania.

Ryan Gabbard, Deniz Beser, Jacob Lichtefeld, Joe Cecil, Mitch Marcus, **Sarah Payne**, Charles Yang, & Marjorie Freedman (2021). *ADAM: A Sandbox for Implementing Language Learning*. ArXiv, abs/2105.02263.

Presentations

Invited Talks

{**Sarah Payne**, Salam Khalifa}, Jordan Kodner, and Zoey Liu (2023). *Re-Evaluating the Evaluation of Neural Morphological Inflection Models*. Institute for Advanced Computational Science Research Day, Stony Brook University.

Jordan Kodner, Salam Khalifa, **Sarah Payne**, and Zoey Liu (2023). *The Language or the Task Design? Re-Evaluating Morphological Inflection Tasks*. All Things Language and Computation Seminar, Stony Brook University.

Sarah Payne (2023). *Getting the Right Stuff Wrong: Modeling the Acquisition of Inflectional Morphology*. Computational Linguistics Speaker Series, City University of New York.

Sarah Payne (2022). *Contrast, Sufficiency, and the Acquisition of Morphological Marking*. Berwick Lab, MIT.

Conference Presentations

Jordan Kodner, {**Sarah Payne**, Salam Khalifa}, and Zoey Liu (2023). *Morphological Inflection: A Reality Check*. 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

Salam Khalifa, **Sarah Payne**, Ellen Broselow, Jordan Kodner, and Owen Rambow (2023). *A Cautious Generalization Goes a Long Way*. 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

Jordan Kodner, {Salam Khalifa, **Sarah Payne**}, and Zoey Liu (2023). *Re-Evaluating Neural Models of Morphological Inflection*. Poster presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

Sarah Payne (2023). *Root Infinitives and the Acquisition of Morphological Marking*. Talk given at the 47th annual Penn Linguistics Conference.

Sarah Payne (2023). *Spheres and Spaghetti: Generalization and Exceptionality in Phonotactic Acquisition*. Talk given at the 23rd Stony Brook, Yale, NYU, and CUNY (SYNC) conference.

Sarah Payne (2022). *Contrast, Sufficiency, and the Acquisition of Morphological Marking*. Talk given at the 47th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.

Sarah Payne, Caleb Belth, Jordan Kodner, & Charles Yang (2022). *Searching for Morphological Productivity*. Talk given at the 96th Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America.

{Caleb Belth, **Sarah Payne**}, Jordan Kodner, & Charles Yang (2021). *Searching for Morphological Productivity*. Talk given at the 46th annual Boston University Conference on Language Development.

Sarah Payne, Caleb Belth, Jordan Kodner, & Charles Yang (2021). *The Recursive Search for Morphological Productivity*. Poster presented at the 5th Annual American International Morphological Meeting.

Sarah Payne, Peng Qian, Ethan Wilcox, & Roger Levy (2021). *Particle Filtering with Neural Language Models: Modelling the Effects of Memory on Incremental Sentence Processing*. Poster presented at the MIT Center for Brains, Minds and Machines Summer Research Poster Session.

Ryan Gabbard, Jacob Lichtefeld, Deniz Beser, Joe Cecil, Mitch Marcus, **Sarah Payne**, Charles Yang, & Marjorie Freedman (2021). *Grounding Word Learning Across Situations*. Poster presented at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society.

Sarah Payne (2019). *Categorization of Novel Referents by a Seeing Eye Dog*. Talk given at the University of California Berkeley Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium.

Sarah Payne & Chris Callison-Burch (2019). *From Word Meaning to Phrase Meaning: Compositionality*. Poster presented at the University of Pennsylvania Center for Undergraduate Research Poster Session.

Teaching Experience

2023	Summer Youth Camp in Computational Linguistics , Student Instructor	<i>Stony Brook</i>
Winter 2022	North American Computational Linguistics Open Practice Session , Student Instructor	<i>Stony Brook</i>
Fall 2021	CIS 380: Operating Systems , Teaching Assistant	<i>Penn</i>
Spring 2021	CIS 240: Intro to Computer Architecture , Teaching Assistant	<i>Penn</i>
Fall 2020	NETS 212: Scalable and Cloud Computing , Teaching Assistant	<i>Penn</i>
Spring 2019	CIS 192: Intro to Python , Teaching Assistant	<i>Penn</i>

Service and Outreach

Academic Service

Reviewing

Conferences:

2021-present

- Cognitive Science Conference
- Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)
- Asia-Pacific Association of Computational Linguistics Conference (AACL)
- European Chapter of the Association of Computational Linguistics (EACL)
- Association of Computational Linguistics (ACL)

Student Organizer

Stony Brook University

Department of Linguistics Colloquium Series

2022-present

Student member

Stony Brook University

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee in Linguistics

2022-present

Social Media Manager

Stony Brook University

Institute for Advanced Computational Science Student Association

2022-present

Session Chair

Workshop on Model Theoretic Representations in Phonology

Stony Brook, NY

September 2022

Invited Panelist: Navigating the Grad School Application Process

Arizona State University

ASU Student Organization for Inclusion, Diversity, Education, and Advocacy

November 2022

Other Service

Alumna Interviewer

Suffolk County, NY

University of Pennsylvania

2022-present

- Interview prospective undergraduates for admission to the University of Pennsylvania

Elected Member, University Council

Philadelphia, PA

University of Pennsylvania

2021-22

- Elected to represent the concerns and voices of the anti-violence community and survivors to university administrators

Chair, Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention (ASAP)

Philadelphia, PA

University of Pennsylvania

2021-2022

- Lead board and general meetings and collaborations; co-host Take Back the Night with other universities in Philadelphia

Other

Memberships

Linguistic Society of America, Student Member

Languages

Native: British and American English

Intermediate: Spanish, Latin

Technical Skills

Proficient: Python, C, C++, Git, Bash, Linux/Unix

Intermediate: Java, R, LaTeX, HTML/CSS

Beginner: JavaScript, Haskell, OCaml