Christian Muxica

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Research Interests

sentence processing, semantics/pragmatics, intonation, computational linguistics

Education

2021 –	University of California Los Angeles
	PhD in Linguistics
2016 – 2020	University of Massachusetts Amherst
	BA in Linguistics (Computational Track)
	Multidisciplinary honors with great distinction

Honors and Scholarships

2021	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship
	$6,000 awarded by UCLA to conduct summer research
2019	Honors Research Grant
	$900 awarded by UMass to conduct thesis research

Posters/Presentations

2022	Kuan-Jung Huang, Suhas Arehalli, Maria Kugemoto, Christain Muxica, Grusha Prasad, Brian Dillon, and Tal Linzen. SPR mega-benchmark shows surprisal tracks construction but not item-level difficulty. *Talk presented at the 35th annual Human Sentence Processing Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz (virtual).*
2023	Christian Muxica and Jesse Harris. Selecting contextually relevant alternatives during comprehension. *Poster presented at the 10th biennial meeeting of Experimental Pragmatics, Paris Cité University.*

Research Experience

Fall 2023	Research Assistant
	performed annotation and statistical analysis for The Semantics of Cancer research group
	under Jessica Rett (UCLA)
Winter 2023	Research Assistant
	organized the digitization of the UCLA Speech Error Corpus (UCLASEC)
	under Carson Schutze (UCLA)
Fall 2022	Research Assistant
	helped manage the Language Processing Lab and develop pupilometry research project
	under Jesse Harris (UCLA)
Fall 2019 – Summer 2021	Lab Manager for UMass Experimental Linguistics Labs
	created lab schedule, trained research assistants, wrote experimental software
	under Brian Dillon, John Kingston, and Shota Moma (UMass)

Teaching Experience

Spring 2024	LING 165C: Semantics II
	Teaching Assistant for Dylan Bumford
Winter 2024	LING 132: Processing
	Teaching Assistant for Jesse Harris
Summer 2023	LING 132: Processing
	as Primary Instructor
Spring 2023	LING 132: Processing
	Teaching Assistant for Jesse Harris

Skills

Programming
Python, R, Haskell, Bash/Zsh, Javascript, HTML/CSS

Software
LaTeX, Git, PC Ibex, Linger, Praat, spaCy, NLTK

Methodologies
Eyetracking while-reading and Pupilometry