Cassandra Caragine

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Education

Ph.D. in Linguistics   Anticipated May 2027
University of Maryland
Advisor: William Idsardi, Ph.D.

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, Minor in Spanish   May 2022
Georgetown University
Advisor: Ruth Kramer, Ph.D.

Publications

Peer Reviewed

Caragine, Cassandra. (In press) "Dagaare Vowel Length Alternations" *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL).*

Peer Reviewed by Abstract

Caragine, Cassandra & Lydia Quevedo. (2024). "Acquisition differences in Mayan languages: A prosodic account." *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD).* ed. Hayat Abdullah Ali AlThagafi and Jupitara Ray, 145-157. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press

Unpublished Manuscripts

Caragine, Cassandra. (in prep.) "Tone in Reduplication," University of Maryland, Qualifying Paper.

Caragine, Cassandra. (2022) "Tz'utujil Plosives: A phonological study informed by Voice Onset Times" Georgetown University, Undergraduate honors thesis.

Presentations

Talks

Jan. 2026   "Grammatical Tone in Cantonese Vocative Reduplication," *Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*, New Orleans

April 2022   "Tz'utujil Plosives: A phonological study informed by Voice Onset Times," *Virginia Area Linguistics Conference (VALing),* George Mason University

Posters

April 2024   "Syncope in Santiago Tz'utujil*," Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA 27)*, University of Toronto

Nov 2023   "Acquisition differences in Mayan languages: A prosodic account," with Lydia Quevedo, *Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD 48),* Boston University

June 2023   "The Phonological System of Nandome Dagaare," with Sophie Migacz, Michael Obiri-Yeboah, and Jack Pruett, *Annual Conference of African Linguistics (ACAL 54),* University of Connecticut

June 2023   "Dagaare Vowel Length Alternations," *Annual Conference of African Linguistics (ACAL 54),* University of Connecticut

Feb. 2019   "Orthography of Azerbaijani" *Graduate Portuguese and Hispanic Symposium (GRAPHSY),* accepted poster presenter, Georgetown University

Grants and Fellowships

National Science Foundation (NSF):   Aug. 2025
    Documenting Endangered Languages Grant
- Primary Investigator: Dr. Michael Obiri-Yeboah
- "Documenting Awutu" (Kwa, Ghana), 3-year grant

Lewis and Clark Field Scholar   May 2024
- Recipient of a Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research grant funded by the American Philosophical Society
- "Documenting the Acquisition of Tz'utujil Mayan" (Guatemala)

LSA General Institute Fellowship   April 2023
- Recipient of the General Fellowship for the LSA Summer Institute

Teaching

TA for Ling 330: Historical linguistics
    Instructor: Peggy Antonisse   Fall 2025
TA for Ling 321: Phonology I
    Instructor: Peggy Antonisse   Spring 2025
Section leader and TA for Ling 200: Introductory Linguistics
    Instructors: Valentine Hacquard & Aaron Hirsch   Fall 2024
    Instructor: Peggy Antonisse   Spring 2024
TA for Ling 240: Language and Mind
Instructor: Tonia Bleam   Fall 2023

Other Relevant Experience

Part-Time Phonetics Intern & Research Assistant, *Living Tongues*   July 2021-Aug. 2021
Supervisor: Dr. Luke Horo
- Divided and labeled phonetic segments in Praat for a project studying stress patterns in Sora, a Munda language spoken in eastern India

Full-Time Linguistic Intern & Research Assistant, *The Language Conservancy*   May 2021-June 2021
Supervisors: Ali O'Neil and Dr. Dirk Elzinga
- Spliced Esk'etemc audio files in Audacity for use in a language learning app
- Created reversals for Ute electronic dictionary entries, combined similar dictionary entries in TLex, and verified consistency in spelling and confirmed that labels correctly matched audio clips

Part-Time Research Assistant, *Georgetown University*   Aug. 2020-May 2021
Supervisor: Christiana McGrady
- Assisted a doctoral student with their dissertation research on the phonetics and phonology of Alaskan Russian.
- Primary duties included transcribing interviews in ELAN, compiling sociolinguistic speaker summaries, verifying and correcting sound boundaries from the Montreal Forced Aligner in Praat, and segmenting sibilants and affricates in Praat and recording their phonetic environments in Excel for later analysis.

Service

Co-Organizer, Phon-Circle (phonetics/phonology reading group)   Aug. 2024-May 2025

Representative, Linguistics Graduate Student Association (LGSA) Aug. 2023-Dec 2024
Co-Organizer, S-Lab (syntax/morphology reading group) Aug. 2023-May 2024
Academic Peer Advisor, Georgetown University linguistics majors May 2020-May 2022
Vice President, Georgetown Undergraduate Linguistic Society (GULS) Aug. 2019-May 2022

Languages

- *English*: native
- *Spanish*: advanced
- *Russian*: intermediate
- *American Sign Language*: novice
- *Tz'utujil (Maya)*: novice

Knowledge of Programs

- *Linguistic*: Praat, ELAN, Rbrul, Audacity, TLex, Flex, Twisted Tongues
- *Programming*: Python, R, LaTeX
- *Administrative*: Microsoft Office, Google Drive, Box, Drop Box