

# Zander Lynch

PSYCHOLINGUISTICS · ADJECTIVES · SEMANTICS · EVENT PROCESSING · HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

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## EDUCATION

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August 2023 – present	<b>Ph.D.</b> in Linguistics	CORNELL UNIVERSITY -- ITHACA, NY
August 2019 – May 2023	<b>B.A.</b> in Linguistics and <b>B.S.</b> in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS -- AMHERST, MA

## PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED ABSTRACTS)

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Authors who equally contributed to a presentation are marked with a †

### 2025

**Zander Lynch** & Helena Aparicio. “Failing Alternatives Lower the Acceptability of Definite Descriptions.” *The 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP)*.

Ashlyn Winship<sup>†</sup>, **Zander Lynch**<sup>†</sup>, John R. Starr, Yifan Wu, Lucas Li, & Marten van Schijndel. “Experimentally extracting implicit instruments.” *The 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP)*.

Lucas Y. Li, **Zander Lynch**, & Marten van Schijndel. “Decomposing Semantic Decomposition Reveals Origin of Thematic Roles in LLM.” *The 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP)*.

Ashlyn Winship<sup>†</sup>, **Zander Lynch**<sup>†</sup>, John R. Starr, Yifan Wu, Lucas Li, & Marten van Schijndel. “Experimentally extracting implicit instruments.” *The 4th Workshop on Processing and Evaluating Event Representations (PEER2025)*.

**Zander Lynch**, Lucas Y. Li, & Marten van Schijndel. “Beyond Projecting: Modifiers’ Influence on Proto-role Properties.” *The 4th Workshop on Processing and Evaluating Event Representations (PEER2025)*.

## TEACHING

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Spring 2025	First Year Writing (Instructor of Record)	Cornell University
Fall 2024	Introduction to Linguistics (GTA)	Cornell University
Spring 2023	Introduction to Hittite (UTA)	UMass, Amherst
	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences (UTA)	UMass, Amherst
Fall 2022	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences (UTA)	UMass, Amherst
Spring 2022	Introduction to Hittite (UTA)	UMass, Amherst
	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences (UTA)	UMass, Amherst
Fall 2021	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences (UTA)	UMass, Amherst
Spring 2021	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences (UTA)	UMass, Amherst
Fall 2020	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences (UTA)	UMass, Amherst

## AWARDS

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2024 – 2025	Cornell Cognitive Science Graduate Research Award	(\$1,000)
2024 – 2025	Cornell Cognitive Science Graduate Travel Award	(\$440)
August 2023 – May 2024	Sage Fellowship	(\$70,000)

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**SERVICE**


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May 2024 – Present	Graduate and Professional Student Assembly	VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS
September 2023 – Present	Cornell Linguistics Circle (CLC)	GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE
Sept. 2024 – May 2025	34th Annual Meeting of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL34)	ORGANIZER

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**REVIEWING**


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2024 – 2025	Penn Linguistics Conference, Workshop on Processing and Evaluating Event Representations (PEER)	
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**EXPERIENCE**


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Sept. 2021 - May 2023	Research Assistant	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS -- AMHERST, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual world sentence processing project</li> <li>• Disjoint reference in real-time comprehension</li> <li>• Principal Investigator: Dr. Brian Dillon</li> </ul>	
May 2021 – May 2023	Research Assistant	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS -- AMHERST, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General data gathering and organization</li> <li>• Principal Investigator: Dr. Teresa Ramsby</li> </ul>	
July 2021 – August 2021	Research Assistant	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS -- AMHERST, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linguistics, psychology, and music project</li> <li>• Predictability and well formedness of musical continuations</li> <li>• Principal Investigator: Dr. Joseph Pater</li> </ul>	
January 2022 – June 2022	Research Assistant	UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS -- AMHERST, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fungal effector project</li> <li>• Principal Investigator: Dr. Li-Jun Ma</li> </ul>	

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**TECHNICAL AND LANGUAGE SKILLS**


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Proficient in the design of visual world paradigm experiments and the collection of data using eye tracking (EyeLink 1000 Plus).

Proficient in R, LaTeX, HTML/CSS, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, Experiment Builder (EyeLink), and Praat

Natively fluent in American English

Advanced proficiency in Latin and Hittite with beginner proficiency in Luvian, Scottish Gaelic, and Old Irish

**References available upon request**