

John Winstead

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EDUCATION

M.A. Linguistic Theory and Typology, University of Kentucky *Expected 2024*
B.A. Philosophy, Western Kentucky University 2018

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

Programming & Libraries:

Python: NumPy, NLTK, spaCy

R: tidyverse, ggplot2

Version Control: Git

Data Management: Excel, MySQL

OCR & Image Processing: Tesseract, ImageMagick

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Consultant 2024–Present

Linguistic Atlas Project, University of Kentucky

- Developed Python scrapers for linguistic data collection
- Created R visualizations for language pattern analysis

National Digital Newspaper Senior Project Manager 2024–Present

Special Collections Library, University of Kentucky

- Managed digitization of over 100,000 newspaper pages
- Authored historical essays for the Library of Congress

Research Assistant 2022–2024

Linguistic Atlas Project, University of Kentucky

- Built Python/R quality control systems for datasets
- Assisted Department Chair with research requests

Teaching Assistant 2021–2022

Robert E. Hemenway Writing Center, University of Kentucky

- Led writing consultations across disciplines
- Taught research methods and citation styles

Global Finance Coordinator 2019–2020

Save the Children

- Oversaw international program finances

Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator 2018–2019

Save the Children

- Analyzed program impact through data collection

Sponsorship Coordinator 2017–2018

Save the Children

- Managed donor relations and communications

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corpus Linguistics | Writing Systems | Quantitative Methods | Language Typology

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INVOLVEMENT

Outreach Officer <i>Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i>	2022–2023
Co-Organizer <i>Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference (CKLiC)</i>	2022, 2023
Founder and Secretary <i>Coalition for Social Justice, Western Kentucky University</i>	2014–2016
Member <i>Students Teaching Students</i>	2014–2016
Assistant Organizer <i>Kentucky Philosophical Association</i>	2014
Chair & Assistant Organizer <i>Conference of Value Inquiry</i>	2013
President <i>Philosophy Club, Western Kentucky University</i>	2012–2015

AWARDS

Robert E. Hemenway Writing Center Excellence in Consulting Award <i>University of Kentucky</i>	2022
Undergraduate Conference Essay (Winner) <i>Kentucky Philosophical Association</i>	2015
Faculty-Undergraduate Student Engagement Grant <i>Western Kentucky University</i>	2012

PRESENTATIONS

Predicting the Direction of Writing Using Character Gram Sequences <i>16th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society (ILLS16)</i>	2024
Data Degradation in the Linguistic Atlas of the Gulf States <i>American Dialect Society</i>	2024
Investigating the Etymology of ‘Bogle’ – A Dialectological Approach <i>American Dialect Society</i>	2023
Deciphering Historical Texts Using Word Embeddings <i>Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference</i>	2023
Reconsidering Writing System Typologies <i>Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference</i>	2022
Critique of Zimmerman’s Philosophy of Time <i>Kentucky Philosophical Association</i>	2015
Syntactic Analysis of Elision: ‘Want to/Wanna’ <i>Western Kentucky University Undergraduate Conference</i>	2014