Mikaela Belle Martin - Curriculum Vitae (CV)
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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Ph.D., Linguistics, expected degree conferral 2028

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
A.B., Cum laude, Honors degree in Linguistics (Cognitive Science Track; Secondary in Psychology); May 2023
Mikaela Belle Martin. "*Y'all finna go to the d-hall?* - Tense-Aspect Markers in Black Harvard African American English." Honors thesis.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE + GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Fontaine Fellow, William Fontaine Fellowship
September, 2023-current

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF-GRFP)
Honorable Mention, 2025

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Research Assistant
PI: Kathryn Schuler
September-December, 2024

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Research Assistant
PI: Florian Schwarz
June-August, 2024

Stanford University Stanford, CA
Research Intern, Center for the Study of Language and Information
Lab: Black Academic Development Lab (BADLab)
Advisor(s): Dr. Anne Charity Hudley (principle investigator), Kia Turner (graduate student)
June-August, 2022

Project Title: “Teaching Abolitionist History”
Presentation Title: “Linguistic Analysis in Educational Programming - What Can Student Responses Tell Us About Student Cognition?”

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
Research Fellow, Harvard College Research Program
Lab: Meaning and Modality Lab
Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Davidson
October-December, 2021
Project Title: “Sarcasm and Context-Cue Dependency (Pt. 2 - Qualitative)”

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
Research Fellow, Summer Humanities and Arts Research Program
Lab: Meaning and Modality Lab
Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Davidson
Department of Linguistics
June-August, 2021
Project Title: “Sarcasm and Context-Cue Dependency (Pt.1 - Quantitative)”

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
Lab Assistant, PSY1651R : Developmental Research Seminar
Lab: The Snedeker Lab - Harvard Laboratory for Developmental Studies
Advisor(s): Dr. Jesse Snedeker, Margaret Kandel (graduate student)
Department of Psychology
February-May, 2021
Project Basis: Visual World Paradigm (VWP) + Cohort Effect (via eye-tracking)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

Teaching Assistant, LING0001: Introduction to Linguistics
Spring 2027

Instructor of Record, LING0600-910: Introduction to Sociolinguistics
Summer 2026

Teaching Assistant, LING0001: Introduction to Linguistics
Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant, LING0600: Introduction to Sociolinguistics
Spring 2025

PRESENTATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE TALKS + POSTERS

Mikaela Belle Martin and Florian Schwarz. "Tracking race and persona effects in the Visual World Paradigm*."* (2026). *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 54* (NWAV54), Montreal, QC.

Mikaela Belle Martin, Marlyse Baptista, and Paloma Jeretič. "On the origins of Gullah *da."* (2026). *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 54* (NWAV54), Montreal, QC.

Mikaela Belle Martin and Andrea Beltrama. "The effects of persona racialization on perceptions of pragmatic (im)precision." (2026). Poster at *Experiments in Linguistic Meaning 4* (ELM4), Philadelphia, PA.

Mikaela Belle Martin, Andrea Beltrama, Florian Schwarz, and Meredith Tamminga. "Race and persona in imprecision interpretation in the visual world paradigm." (2026). Poster at *Human Sentence Processing 39* (HSP39), Cambridge, MA.

Mikaela Belle Martin and Andrea Beltrama. "The effects of persona racialization on perceptions of pragmatic (im)precision." (2025). *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 53* (NWAV53), Ann Arbor, MI.

Katie Schuler, **Mikaela Belle Martin,** Dave Embick, and Meredith Tamminga. "Emerging sociolinguistic variation in toddlers." (2025). *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 53* (NWAV53), Ann Arbor, MI.

Katie Schuler, **Mikaela Belle Martin,** Dave Embick, Meredith Tamminga. "Emerging sociolinguistic variation in toddlers." (2025). *Boston University Conference on Language Development* (BUCLD 50), Boston, MA.

Mikaela Belle Martin and Andrea Beltrama (2025). Poster at The 11th Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies and Meaning (*MACSIM XI)*. Baltimore, MD.

Mikaela Belle Martin and Andrea Beltrama. "Black and Nerdy: How do race and personae jointly shape pragmatic reasoning?" (2024). Project Launch Poster at *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 52* (NWAV52), Miami, FL.

Mikaela Belle Martin and Zoria Thomas. "Holding ___ Accountable: Student Tensions Between Accountability Culture and A Society Without Accountability." (2024). *Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association* (AERA), Philadelphia, PA.

Kia Turner, Maya Park, and **Mikaela Belle Martin**. "'The Times are Urgent, Let Us Slow Down': Illuminating Abolitionist Education Through Collective Experimentation." (2023). *Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association* (AERA), Chicago, IL.

INVITED TALKS

Investigating the effects of race- and persona-based expectations on judgments of pragmatic precision. (2026). Invited talk at *Stanford Sociolunch*.

"What's in a Nerd?: A Brief Overview of Persona Formation and the Interaction Between Race and Persona." (2024). Invited talk at *Integrated Language Sciences and Technology* (ILST) Seminar, University of Pennsylvania.

"'Y'all finna go to the d-hall?': Tense-Aspect in Black Harvard African American English." (2023). Invited talk at *Integrated Language Sciences and Technology* (ILST) Seminar, University of Pennsylvania.

GUEST LECTURES

Race x Persona. (2025). Stereotypes in Linguistic Cognition (LING890). University of Delaware.

Introduction to African American English. (2025). Introduction to Sociolinguistics (LING0600). University of Pennsylvania.

OTHER

Mikaela Belle Martin. "Linguistic Analysis in Educational Programming: What Can Student Responses Tell Us About Student Cognition?" (2022). *Center for the Study of Language and Information* (CSLI), Stanford University.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania

Volunteer organizer, Experiments in Linguistic Meaning 4 (*ELM4*)
2026

UPenn MindCORE
Summer Program workshop leader
2026
Outreach Program workshop leader
2025

Graduate Student Government of the School of Arts and Sciences (SASGov)

Linguistics Department Representative
2025-2026

Penn Graduate Linguistics Society (GradLings)
Editor-in-Chief of Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, 32
2025-current
Editor of Penn Working Papers in Linguistics
2023-current (vol. 30-32)
Penn Linguistic Conference 49 (*PLC49*), Public Relations Chair
2025
Speaker Series Coordinator
2023-2026
Librarian
2023-2024
Social Chair
2023

Harvard University
Program Co-Chair, Association of Black Harvard Women: Alberta V. Scott Leadership Academy
2022-2023
Mentor, Association of Black Harvard Women: Alberta V. Scott Leadership Academy
2020-2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

Stanford University Stanford, CA
Graduate Research Mentor, Black Academic Development Lab Summer Internship Program
June-August, 2024

Stanford University Stanford, CA
Graduate Research Mentor, Black Academic Development Lab Summer Internship Program
June-August, 2023

Harvard Business School: Behavioral Lab Cambridge, MA
Lab Assistant
October 2021 - May, 2022

Cambridge Humanities Group Cambridge, MA
Summer Intern

July - September, 2020

GoPeer (Tutoring Platform) Remote
Academic Tutor
October, 2019 - March, 2020

SKILLS

Languages: English, French, Spanish
Technology: Proficiency in R, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel), and G - Suite (Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides)

ORGANIZATIONS + MEMBERSHIP

Linguistic Society of America (LSA)