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EDUCATION

2020–2023 **DPhil** University of Oxford (Linguistics, Philology & Phonetics)

- Supervisor: Aditi Lahiri | Thesis topic: ‘Prosody in the parchment: Manuscript evidence for the pertinacity of syllable, foot and word-prosodic structures in the mediaeval German grammar’

2018–2020 **MPhil, Distinction** University of Oxford (General Linguistics & Comparative Philology)

- Supervisor: Aditi Lahiri | Thesis topic: ‘The metrical treatment of Romance loan words in Middle High German and its impact on the native word prosodic system.’
- Paper A: 70% (the highest mark in the year group) | Options Papers: Psycholinguistics 80%, Historical Linguistics 75% and Experimental Phonetics 70%.

2015–2016 **PGCE** University of Gloucestershire (Secondary: Modern Languages)

- Included the writing of two extended M level assignments, for which I earned 60 M level credits. The second of these was a 5,000-word research project: ‘To what extent does explicit L2 phonics teaching affect pupils’ phonological awareness and confidence in their L2 production and perception?’

2010–2014 **BA (Hons), 1st** University of Oxford (German & Linguistics)

- Included the writing of a 9,000-word research project and fieldwork in Germany and England.

2003–2010 **Pate’s Grammar School, Cheltenham**

- A Levels: English Literature A*, German A, History A, General Studies A
- AS: Latin A, Art B | GCSE: 11 at A*, 1 at A

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023–Present **Postdoctoral Researcher** | Language & Brain Laboratory, University of Oxford

- This has involved work as a researcher on the Language and Brain Laboratory’s ERC-funded grants, MORPHON and Pertinacity.
- Responsibilities include: participant recruitment and administration, independently running ERP experiments, processing the raw data, theoretical research and contributing to academic publications and international workshops.
- Through my work in the lab, I have also gained experience in experimental design, selecting and ordering of tokens, statistical analysis and running behavioural experiments.
- Completed the University of Oxford’s Research Ethics and Integrity Training course

2022–2023 **Postdoctoral Researcher (part-time)** | Language & Brain Laboratory, University of Oxford

2019–2021 **Research Assistant** | Language and Brain Laboratory, University of Oxford

2016–2018 **Teacher of German** | Pershore High School

- Taught German as a foreign language to pupils aged 12–18 (KS3, GCSE and A Level) at this state comprehensive

2014–2015 **International Marketing Executive** | Raintree

- Responsible for the international marketing of the educational publishers’ classroom products, involving copywriting and web design.
- Coordinated advertising, email campaigns and publicity (including press releases) as well as the company’s presence at industry events and international trade fairs.

RESEARCH AREAS

Phonology: Prosody, particularly issues of quantity, foot structure and lexical stress; metrical phonology; feature theory; cliticisation.

Psycholinguistics: Experimental psycholinguistics, focusing on processing phonological representations and morphological complexity; prosodic units and foot structure; phonological phrasing.

Historical Linguistics: Phonological change; synchronic structure of present and past stages of Germanic languages; diachronic change in Germanic.

Phonetics: The phonetics–phonology interface; prominence and stress; intonation.

Germanic Linguistics: Focus on West Germanic languages, particularly English and German, but additional interest in North Germanic.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023–2024 **Supervisor**, University of Oxford | Undergraduate Thesis

- Jointly supervised an undergraduate thesis in phonology, exploring the origins of unrounding in Yiddish vocalism.

2023–Present **Tutor**, University of Oxford | The development of the German language from 1170–present

- Tutorial teaching for undergraduate finalists reading German and Linguistics, involving the discussion of weekly termtime essays.
- Topics include phonological, morphological and syntactic change, as well as dialectal variation, linguistic purism and the language of totalitarianism.

2022–Present **Tutor**, University of Oxford | Undergraduate Prelims General Linguistics

- Tutorial teaching for first-year undergraduates, focusing on General Linguistics and involving the discussion of weekly termtime essays.
- Comprises two tutorials each in ‘Foundations’, ‘Historical Linguistics’, ‘Sociolinguistics’ and ‘Psycholinguistics’.

2020–Present **Tutor**, University of Oxford | Graduate Foundations: Phonology

- A weekly practical seminar, supporting the obligatory lecture series introducing new master’s students to phonology.
- Involves providing feedback on 25–30 students’ weekly problem sheets and reviewing these in a weekly tutorial.

2020–Present **Tutor**, University of Oxford | Graduate B Option: Phonetics & Phonology

- The equivalent to the above seminar for master’s students taking an options paper in Phonetics & Phonology, focusing on advanced phonology.

2021–2022 **Lecture Series**, University of Oxford | Historical Germanic Phonology & Morphology (with Professor Aditi Lahiri)

- Wrote and delivered three of six lectures directed at graduate students.
- Topics included ‘IE > Gmc > WGmc > OHG’, ‘The Gmc Foot’ and ‘High Vowel Deletion’.

PUBLICATIONS

- Booth, Joshua & Aditi Lahiri. 2023. ‘Foot Structure in Germanic’. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*. 20th September 2023. Oxford University Press. DOI: [10.1093/acrefore/9780199384655.013.962](https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199384655.013.962) [PDF]
- Booth, Joshua. 2023. Open syllable lengthening and diphthongisation in Upper Middle High German: Evidence from verse. *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics* 26: 5. DOI: [10.1007/s10828-023-09145-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10828-023-09145-3)
- Booth, Joshua. 2023. Rethinking the metre of Parzival: Iambic verse for a trochaic language. *Transactions of the Philological Society* 121(1): 91–116. DOI: [10.1111/TRPS.12257](https://doi.org/10.1111/TRPS.12257)

CONFERENCE TALKS AND POSTERS

- Booth, Joshua. 2023. ‘Prosodic asymmetries between simple and special clitics in German’. Presented at the 30th Manchester Phonology Meeting, 25th–27th May 2023. University of Manchester. [PDF]

- Booth, Joshua. 2022. 'The Persistence of the Germanic Foot in Middle High German'. Presented at the 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, 1st–5th August 2022. University of Oxford. [PDF]
- Booth, Joshua. 2022. 'Vowel quantity and syllable weight in German: A reanalysis'. Presented at the 29th Manchester Phonology Meeting, 25th–27th May 2022. University of Manchester. [PDF]
- Booth, Joshua. 2021. 'Metre in Wolfram von Eschenbach's *Parzival*: a reanalysis'. Presented at the Virtual Colloquium in Germanic Linguistics for Postgraduate Research Students and Early Career Researchers, 12th–13th January 2021. University of Sheffield. [PDF]
- Booth, J. (2022, August 1st–5th). *The prosodic representation of Verschmelzungsformen in Middle High German*. [Poster Presentation]. The 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Oxford, UK. [PDF]

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2020–Present **Honorary Secretary for Student Associate Members** | The Philological Society

- Member of the Society's Council and representative of student associate members at the society's council meetings.
- Responsible for managing and maintaining the society's blog twitter and facebook accounts, as well as editing and uploading recordings of ordinary meetings to PhilSoc's YouTube channel.

2024 **Peer reviewer** | *Russian Linguistics*

2022–2023 **Faculty DPhil Representative** | Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, University of Oxford

- Responsible for representing the interests of DPhil students at Faculty Meeting and Faculty Board, raising questions and concerns and providing feedback on unreserved business.

2021 **Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer** | University of Oxford

- Supported a senior colleague in conducting undergraduate admissions interviews for linguistics at Pembroke and Somerville Colleges.

AWARDS

Prizes

- Katrina Hayward Prize for the best performance in the MPhil examinations, 2019–2020
- College prize for my final BA degree classification, 2014
- College prize for achieving a distinction in my preliminary examinations at university, 2011

Scholarships

- Oxford-Thatcher Graduate Scholarship to study for the fulltime DPhil Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, 2020–2023
- Selected for a prestigious and competitive exchange scholarship to study at the University of Trier, Germany, 2012–2013

Studentships

- Awarded a studentship to assist with the organisation of the Oxford Old Frisian Summer School, 'Anglo-Frisian connections', a partnership with the University of Groningen encouraging cross-cultural exchange.

SKILLS

Research skills

- Conducting ERP and behavioural psycholinguistic experiments; stimuli design, recording and ordering; participant recruitment and administration.
- LaTeX; Psychopy; Pavlovia; MS Office; photo and video editing; Praat; R and web design.

Languages

English (native), German (full professional proficiency)