# Adam Leif

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## Education

**UCLA** *Los Angeles, CA*

PhD Student in Linguistics *September 2024 - Present*
- Intended primary focus on syntax, secondary on computational linguistics

**Northwestern University** *Evanston, IL*

BA Linguistics, Computer Science *September 2020 - June 2024*
- Successful completion of double major through Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences
- Various honors (Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in Linguistics)

## Publications

In Prep

Denis Peskoff, Ruth Bagley, **Adam Leif**, Rob Voigt. 2023. Real Estate Signals from Rental Advertisements.

**Adam Leif**, Qingcheng Zeng, Grace LeFevre, Jason Jewell, Rob Voigt. 2023/2024. Association for Computational Linguistics Meta-Analysis. (Authors and author order not yet finalized)

## Presentations

Contributed Presentations

**Adam Leif**, Masaya Yoshida. 2024. Investigating N-Movement in English: Presence and Proposals. Oral Presentation. Northwestern Undergraduate Research and Arts Expo, Evanston, IL.

**Adam Leif**, Masaya Yoshida. 2024. Investigating N-Movement in English: Presence and Proposals. Poster Presentation. Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Seminar, Chicago, IL.

## Research

**Northwestern University - Department of Linguistics** *Evanston, IL*

Advisors: Dr. Masaya Yoshida, Dr. Eszter Ronai *Spring 2023 - 2024*
- Honors Thesis in Linguistics (Syntax): "Investigating N-Movement in English: Presence and Proposals"

**Northwestern University - Department of Linguistics** *Evanston, IL*

Supervisor: Dr. Rob Voigt *Summer 2021 - 2023*
- Research Assitant
- 2023: worked on "Real Estate Signals from Rental Advertisements" (Peskoff et al.), collected and prepared articles, article information, and full texts of ACL authors' works for future research
- 2022: scraped, cleaned, and prepared Craigslist housing ads for future research
- 2021: wrote webscrapers, worked with Twitter and Reddit APIs, and prepared the lab for incoming students

## Awards

2024 **Honors in Linguistics;** Northwestern University Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

2024 **Phi Beta Kappa (Alpha Chapter);** Northwestern University

2024 **Abraham Demoz Prize in Linguistics;** Northwestern University Department of Linguistics

2024 **Top Poster in Fine Arts, Humanities, and Linguistics;** Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium

## Extracurricular

**Northwestern University Linguistics Student Association** *Member, Sept. 2020 - June 2024*
Co-President *May 2023 - June 2024*
- Organized quarterly events for linguistics undergrads
- Fostered Northwestern linguistics community
- Advised and answered questions from undergrads

**Northwestern University Syntax, Semantics, and Sentence Processing Lab** *April 2023 - June 2024*
Member
- Lab member of Dr. Masaya Yoshida's SSS Lab
- Conducted independent research in syntax, presented work, and participated in academic conversations

**Northwestern University Linguistics Mechanisms Lab** *May 2021 - June 2024*
Member
- Lab member of Dr. Rob Voigt's Linguistics Mechanisms Lab
- Conducted research, read various work in computational linguistics, and participated in academic conversations

**Northwestern Splash** *Spring 2022, Winter 2023 & 2024*
Instructor
- Taught self-made course "Grammar Rules Are Fake: An Introduction to Intro Syntax", created lecture slides and in-class activities, lectured and answered student questions
- Worked with high-school-age students (many from disadvantaged backgrounds), introducing them to basic syntax

## Professional Development and Skills

Development

**Social Science and Behavioral Science Research Certificate** (CITI Program)

**RCR Course for Undergraduate Students Certificate** (CITI Program)

Skills

**Programming Languages** Python, C++, C#, Java, HTML/CSS/Javascript

**Webscraping** BeautifulSoup, Selenium

**Software and Automation** LaTeX, Git, Cron, Slurm

**Languages** English (native), Spanish (elementary), Hebrew (alphabet)