

# Grace East

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- Current    Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Virginia  
              Concentration in Linguistic Anthropology
- 2018        M.A., Anthropology, University of Virginia  
              Concentration in Linguistic Anthropology
- 2016        M.A., Anthropology, Wayne State University  
              Concentrations in Linguistic and Cognitive Anthropology
- 2013        B.A., Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University  
              Concentrations in Art History and African Studies with Hausa Language Focus  
              Honors College, Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Linguistic anthropology, language contact, language blending and emergence, language disinvention, multilingualism, migration, Hausa language, Accra, Ghana, West Africa

### AWARDS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021        All-University Graduate Teaching Award  
              Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia
- 2020        Virtual Three Minute Thesis Competition, 3rd Place  
              “The Myth of Language Purity” for PhD Plus at University of Virginia
- 2020        Annual Fellows Photo/Video Competition Winner  
              Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council
- 2019        Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship

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- 2019 Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research, American Philosophical Society
- 2019 Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Semi-Finalist
- 2019 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Council Research Grant, University of Virginia
- 2018 African Urbanism Humanities Lab Summer Research Grant, University of Virginia
- 2018 Anthropology Department Grant for Summer Feasibility Studies for Dissertation Field Research, University of Virginia
- 2018 Best Graduate Student Paper, Graduate Student Award, “Becoming Hausa” Then and Now: Examining the Historic Coupling and Current Decoupling of Hausa Language and Ethnicity, University of Virginia
- 2018 Best Teaching Assistant, Graduate Student Award, Language and Culture, University of Virginia
- 2017 Best Teaching Assistant, Graduate Student Award, Language and Gender, University of Virginia
- 2017 Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research Award, University of Virginia
- 2017 African Urbanism Humanities Lab Summer Research Grant, University of Virginia
- 2017 Anthropology Department Grant for Summer Feasibility Studies for Dissertation Field Research, University of Virginia
- 2017 Student Paper Travel Award, Society for Anthropological Sciences at Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM
- 2015 Best Student Paper Prize, Society for Anthropological Sciences at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2015 Graduate Professional Scholarship, Wayne State University
- 2014 Graduate Professional Scholarship, Wayne State University

- 2012 Jeffery and Kathryn Cole International Study Award, Michigan State University
- 2009 Honors College National Scholarship, Michigan State University
- 2009 Presidential Study Abroad Scholarship, Michigan State University

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Internships**

- 2021-2022 Virtual Learning Liaison with Gazelle International. Guilford, Connecticut (Virtual)
- 2021 Graduate Student Podcasting Internship with The National Humanities Center Research Triangle Park, NC (Virtual). April 7 - July 2.

### **Field Research Experience**

- 2019-2020 Dissertation Field Research: Belonging Out of Place - Hausa Linguistic Practice in Accra's Immigrant Neighborhoods; Accra, Ghana
- 2018 Summer Field Study: Investigating Concepts of Identity and Urban Space Among Hausa Speaking Immigrants in Accra Zongos; Accra, Ghana (Preliminary Dissertation Research)
- 2017 Summer Field Study: Investigating Concepts of Multilingualism and Urban Space Among Hausa Speakers in Accra Zongos; Accra, Ghana (Preliminary Dissertation Research)
- 2013 Research Assistant: "It's Great to Be a Girl!" Program, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University (Dr. Patricia Rogers)
- 2012 Field Study, Social Development and Education: Perspectives from Ghana, Michigan State University (Dr. DeBrenna Agbényiga)
- 2009 Introductory Field Study, Resistance and Reconciliation in South Africa, Michigan State University (Dr. Colette Houston)

### **Teaching Experience**

- 2020 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia ANTH2400: Language and Culture (Online)
- 2020 Experience Mentor, UVA Launchpad, University of Virginia (Online)

- 2019 Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia  
ANTH2400: Language and Culture
- 2019 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia  
ANTH2430: Languages of the World (Dr. Samuel Beer)
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia  
ANTH2590: Culture, Mental Health, and Biomedicine (Dr. Joshua Burraway)
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia  
ANTH2625: Imagining Africa (Dr. James Igoe)
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia  
ANTH2400: Language and Culture (Dr. Mark Sicoli)
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia  
ANTH3490: Language and Thought (Dr. Eve Danziger)
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia  
ANTH2420: Language and Gender (Dr. Ellen Contini-Morava)
- 2016 Instructional Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University  
ANT3150: Anthropology of Business (Dr. Yuson Jung)
- 2015 Instructional Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Wayne State University  
ANT/LIN 3310: Language and Culture (Dr. Stephen Chrisomalis)

**Academic Service**

- 2020-2022 Transforming Anthropology Workshop Organizer.  
University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology, Charlottesville, VA.
- 2020 Diversity & Inclusion Coalition Resource Manager.  
University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology, Charlottesville, VA.
- 2020 Instructional Partner and Liaison. Learning Design and Technology. University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology, Charlottesville, VA. July-August.
- 2017-2018 Field Work, Ethics, and Ethnographic Writing Workshop Series Organizer.  
University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology, Charlottesville, VA.

2017-2018 Teaching Assistant Workshop Facilitator. University of Virginia, Department of Anthropology, Charlottesville, VA. August 28-September 20.

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

- 2022 Not That Kind of Doctor: A Podcast About the PhD Independent Podcast Series.
- 2021 “Collaborative Research Across Continents” Members of the African Urbanism Humanities Lab. Inside Higher Ed.
- 2021 “Can Morality Be Built Into Computers?” Graduate Student Podcasting Internship with The National Humanities Center at Research Triangle Park, NC (Virtual).
- 2021 “The Starfish Podcast: Tales of Regeneration” National Humanities Center Regional Winter Podcasting Institute at San Diego State University (Virtual)
- 2020 “The Myth of Language Purity” Virtual Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition. PhD Plus at University of Virginia (Virtual)
- 2020 “Leaving Accra” in RCAHmunity Alumni Newsletter: Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2017 Summer Research Blog Series. African Urbanism Humanities Lab: Mellon Global South Initiative, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.
- Ideologies of Difference and Equality in Nima
- Accra's Complex Linguistic Landscape
  - Vehicles of Sociality: The Role of Transportation in Verbal Play, Spatial Negotiation, and Exchange
  - Asymmetry in Accra: Divergent Urbanization in Two Scenes
  - (In)completeness and Constructed Urban Space in Accra

## **CONFERENCES and EVENTS**

### **Presenter**

- 2021 “Language in the Elephant’s Stomach: Emerging Codes and Language Ecologies in Nima, Accra.”  
Truth and Responsibility: 120th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November 20. (Virtual)
- 2020 “Belonging Out of Place: Hausa Linguistic Practice in Accra’s Immigrant Neighborhoods.”

1st African Pragmatics Conference: Pragmatics in Africa - Theory and Practice.  
School of Languages, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana. February 6-7.

- 2019 “Belonging Out of Place: Hausa Linguistic Practice in Accra’s Immigrant Neighborhoods.”  
3rd Year Proposed Dissertation Research Symposium.  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. March 1.
- 2018 “Graduate Student Leadership in Ethics Education: Insights Fresh from the Field.”  
Roundtable presented at Resistance, Resilience, Adaptation: 117th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Jose, CA. November 17.
- 2018 “‘Becoming Hausa’ Then and Now: Examining the Historic Coupling and Current Decoupling of Hausa Language and Ethnicity.”  
11th Linguistics Association of Ghana Annual Conference.  
University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana. July 31.
- 2017 “Permutations Across the Sagittal Axis: A Comparative Look at Perspectives in Space, Time, and Gesture in Aymara and Hausa.”  
Society for Anthropological Sciences Spring Meeting at Society for Applied Anthropology 77th Annual Meeting. Santa Fe, NM. March 30.
- 2016 “The Rise to Power of ‘Rise to Power’: A Historical Linguistic Analysis of Metaphor in Changing Concepts of Power.”  
Transformations Anthropology Conference: Engaging People, Theory, and Practice.  
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. March 5.
- 2015 “Hausa Kinship Terminologies: Insights into Culture and Cognition.”  
Familiar Strange: 114th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting.  
Denver, CO. November 20.
- 2015 “Hausa Kinship Terminologies: Insights into Culture and Cognition.”  
Transformations Anthropology Conference: Engaging People, Theory, and Practice.  
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. March 7.

### **Co-Presenter**

- 2017 Summer Preliminary Field Research Presentation and Roundtable Discussion  
African Urbanism Humanities Lab Speaker Series.  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. September 15.
- 2013 “Building Friendships and Leaders: Encouraging Agency and Self-Empowerment

in Pre-Adolescent Girls.” Gender, Women, and Sexuality: An Undergraduate Showcase. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. April 5.

- 2012 “Mali and Ci Wara.” The Hunger Dialogues, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. November 19.
- 2011 “Hausa Royalty in Nigeria.” World Languages Day. Center for Language Education and Research, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. April 16.
- 2010 “Ku Zo Mu Koyi Hausa!” World Languages Day. Center for Language Education and Research, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. April 17.

### **Panel Chair**

- 2016 “Cognitive Imprints of History Through Linguistics”  
Transformations Anthropology Conference: Engaging People, Theory, and Practice.  
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. March 5.

### **Discussant**

- 2018 “Urban Mobility, Urban Aspirations: Views from Africa”  
African Urbanism Humanities Lab Speaker Series.  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. October 5.

### **Invited Talks and Lectures**

- 2021 “Teaching as a Graduate Student.”  
Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Virginia, Charlottesville (Virtual).  
August 19.
- 2019 “(Almost) Everything You Need to Know About Applying to Graduate School.”  
Graduate Beginners Information Session Series.  
EducationUSA Center, U.S. Embassy, Accra, Ghana. October-December.
- 2019 “Linguistic Anthropology: What It Can Teach Us About Discourse Analysis.”  
Department of English and Linguistics Guest Lecture.  
University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana. October 28.
- 2017 “Finding Nima: Preliminary Field Research in Accra, Ghana.”  
Linguistic Anthropology Seminar Series.  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. September 4.
- 2016 “Cross-Linguistic Perspectives in Space, Time, and Gesture.”  
Annual Student Research Linguistics Colloquium.

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI. April 22.

### **Lab Participant**

2017-2020 The Multimodal Interaction Lab, Department of Anthropology (Dr. Marc Sicoli)  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

2016-2019 African Urbanism Humanities Lab, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures  
(Dr. Jim Igoe and Dr. Ellen Bassett)  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

### **Program Participant**

2021 PhD+ Career Design for Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences  
University of Virginia (Virtual), Charlottesville, VA. March 17-April 14.

2021 National Humanities Center Regional Winter Podcasting Institute  
San Diego State University (Virtual), San Diego, CA. January 11-January 15.

2017 Linguistic Society of America, Linguistic Institute: Language Across Space and Time  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. July 5 - August 1.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Anthropological Sciences  
Society for Linguistic Anthropology  
Society for Applied Anthropology  
Linguistic Society of America  
African Pragmatics Association

### **LANGUAGES**

English (native fluency)  
Hausa (speaking and reading competency)  
French (speaking and reading competency)