

# Anthony Struthers-Young

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## Education

**University of California San Diego**  
PhD candidate, Linguistics. 2020-2025.

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
B.A., Linguistics; Classical Languages and Literature. 2019.

## Research interests

- Language documentation
- Phonology, with focus on tone
- Surrogate languages, i.e., the of encoding speech with a musical instrument
- Languages of Africa, with focus on Gur (Mabia), Senoufo, and Mande
- Historical Linguistics
- Reconstruction of Proto-Gur
- Indo-European Studies

## Awards and Fellowships

- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (Ling-DDRIG). “Doctoral Dissertation Research: A grammar of a minority language and documentation of linguistic and cultural data” (\$14,774). 2024-2025.
- UCSD Katzin Prize (\$50,000). 2020-2025.
- Graduated from the University of Michigan with High Distinction. 2019.
- Classical Linguistics Prize, University of Michigan. 2019.
- Phillips Prize for Greek Translation, University of Michigan. 2017, 2018.
- Two term Angell Scholar, University of Michigan. 2018.
- University of Michigan Alumni Club, Dayton, Alumni Scholarship. 2015.

## Publications

- Struthers-Young, Anthony. In press. [Double downstep in Northern Toussian: implications on tonal representation](#). *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.
- Huang, Yaqian, Nina Hagen Khaldhol, Jun Jie Lim, Sharon Rose, and Anthony Struthers-Young. 2024. *ACAL in SoCal: Selected papers from the 53rd Annual Conference on African linguistics*. Berlin, Language Science Press.

- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2023. Comparative Toussian nominal morphology. In Tom Güldemann and Ines Fiedler (eds.), *Gur Languages and Nominal Classification Diversity*. Köln, Rüdiger Köppe Verlag.
- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2022. [A Preliminary Account of the Northern Toussian Balafon Surrogate Language](#). *Frontiers in Communication*.

## Invited talks

- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2022. *The History of Multiple Exponence and Serial Verbs in the Toussian Languages*. *HistLing* (historical linguistics meeting) oral presentation. University of Michigan.
- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2019. *Toussian: a survey and a discussion of its vestigial gender system*. Gender in Gur languages Workshop. University of Berlin.
- Struthers-Young. 2018. *The development of grammatical tone in Northern Toussian* Workshop on Tone and Prosody of West African Languages. Bobo-Dioulasso.

## Conference presentations

- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2025. [Register features and cumulativity: the representation of double downstep in Northern Toussian](#). Southern California Meeting on Phonology (SCAMP) poster presentation. UC San Diego.
- Mamadou Y., Tajudeen and Anthony Struthers-Young. 2025. [Pharyngealization in Two Varieties of Toussian](#). Linguistic Society of America (LSA) annual meeting special session: Illustrating African Phonologies. Philadelphia.
- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2024. [Register features and cumulativity: the representation of double downstep in Northern Toussian](#). AMP (Annual Meeting on Phonology) poster presentation. Rutgers.
- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2024. [Verbal grammatical tone in Northern Toussian](#). WOCAL (World Congress on African Linguistics) 11 oral presentation. University of Nairobi.
- Mamadou Y., Tajudeen and Anthony Struthers-Young. 2024. *Pharyngealization in the Toussian languages*. WOCAL (World Congress on African Linguistics) 11 oral presentation. University of Nairobi.
- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2024. [Apparent double downstep in Northern Toussian](#). ACAL (Annual Conference on African Linguistics) oral presentation. McGill University.
- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2021. [Multiple Exponence in Northern Toussian](#). MultEx@ZAS oral presentation. ZAS Berlin.
- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2021. *Multiple Exponence in Northern Toussian*. ACAL (Annual Conference on African Linguistics) oral presentation. University of Florida.
- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2021. [Same Subject Reference in Northern Toussian](#). WOCAL (World Congress of African Linguistics) 10 oral presentation. Leiden University.

- Struthers-Young, Anthony. 2019. *Development of grammatical tone in Northern Toussian*. ACAL (Annual Conference on African Linguistics) oral presentation. University of British Columbia.

## Fieldwork experience

- In-situ fieldwork and documentation of Northern Toussian. Data collection for sociolinguistic study. Burkina Faso. 2024 (2 months).
- In-situ fieldwork and documentation of Northern Toussian. Data collection for phonetic study. Burkina Faso. 2023 (2 months).
- In-situ fieldwork and documentation of Northern Toussian and its musical surrogate language. Data collection for phonetic study. Burkina Faso. 2022 (2 months).
- In-situ fieldwork and documentation of Northern Toussian and its musical surrogate language. Burkina Faso. 2019 (2 months).
- In-situ fieldwork and documentation of Northern and Southern Toussian. Burkina Faso. 2018 (7 months).

## Other research experience

- Translation of *Grammatica Linguae Selinae* by Gregorio Mengarini for Professor Sally Thomason (Linguistics Department, University of Michigan). 2019–2020.
- Research assistant for Professor Benjamin Fortson (Classics Department, University of Michigan), 2019–2020.
- Editing of Jeffrey Heath's and Brahima Tioté's *A grammar of Pere (Bere, Mbre) of Côte d'Ivoire*. May 2019.
- Research assistant for Professor Jeffrey Heath (Linguistics Department, University of Michigan). 2018.
- Research on genetics and its implications on linguistics funded through Mcubed. 2018.

## Guest Lectures

- LIGN 141: The Structure of French. *West African French*. 2024.
- LIGN 111: Phonology. *Rule ordering*. 2023.
- LIGN 108: Languages of Africa. *Musical surrogate languages*. 2023.
- LIGN 111: Phonology. *Musical surrogate languages*. 2021, 2022, 2023.

## Teaching experience

- Teaching assistant for LIGN 110: Phonetics at UCSD. 2020, 2024.
- Teaching assistant for LIGN 101: Introductory Linguistics at UCSD. 2024.
- Teaching assistant for LIGN 111: Phonology at UCSD. 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.
- Teaching assistant for LIGN 8: Languages and Cultures of America. 2023.
- Teaching assistant for LIGN 108: Languages of Africa. 2023.
- Teaching assistant for LIGN 139: Field Methods at UCSD. 2022.
- Teaching assistant for LIGN 150: Historical Linguistics at UCSD. 2022.
- Teaching assistant for LIGN 120: Morphology at UCSD. 2021.

## Language experience

- Northern Toussian, Burkina Faso (nort2787, tsp)
- Southern Toussian, Burkina Faso (sout2797, wib)
- Jula, Mande, Burkina Faso (dyul1238, dyu)
- French (fluent)
- Latin
- Ancient Greek
- Hittite
- Middle Egyptian
- Montana Salish (Kalispel, kali1307)

## Computer skills

- Python
- Javascript, HTML, and CSS
- R
- ELAN
- Praat, including Praat scripting

## Service

- Co-head of the Graduate Student Body of the linguistics department, an organization for advocacy and support of graduate students. UCSD. 2023–2024.
- Dayton Council of World Affairs presentation. *Northern Toussian musical surrogate language*. 2023
- Co-organization of the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) 53. 2022.
- Co-organization of the Workshop on Tone and Prosody of West African Languages. 2018.