

# Oliver Shoulson

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Current Employment

Sept 2021 – Present

Lab Manager/Assistant Research Scientist, LEARN Lab, **New York University**

Principal Investigator: Sudha Arunachalam

### Education

2016 – 2020

B.A. in Linguistics *CUM LAUDE w/ Departmental Honors*, **Yale University**

Advisors: Jim Wood, Raffaella Zanuttini

#### Other Coursework

Spring 2022

Graduate Seminar: 'Syntax and the Lexicon: Where all your wants, needs, and possessions get re-visited,' **New York University**

Professors: Richard Kayne, Stephanie Harves

January 2022

Intensive Remote School in Theoretical Linguistics, **University of Padova**

Professors: Andrea Moro, Alessandra Giorgi, Rita Manzini, Emanuela Sanfelici, Cecilia Poletto, Cristina Guardiano, Alessandra Tomaselli, Chiara Gianollo

Summer 2018

Studio Arts, Renaissance Art History, **Studio Arts College International, Florence**

### Publications

SHOULSON, OLIVER. Word Classes (in press) in Claire Bower (ed.) Oxford Handbook of Australian Languages.

GABY, ALICE; OLIVER SHOULSON. Pronouns (in press) in Claire Bower (ed.) Oxford Handbook of Australian Languages.

SHOULSON, OLIVER. 2020. "The Structural Grammaticalization of the Biblical Hebrew Ethical Dative." Yale Undergraduate Research Journal 1(1). (available online at [https://yuri.yale.edu/sites/default/files/the\\_structural\\_grammaticalization\\_of\\_the\\_biblical\\_hebrew\\_ethical\\_dative.pdf](https://yuri.yale.edu/sites/default/files/the_structural_grammaticalization_of_the_biblical_hebrew_ethical_dative.pdf))

SHOULSON, OLIVER. 2020. "And God Said: Let There Be [a Structural Approach to Syntactic Diachrony in the Hebrew Bible]." Yale University B.A. <http://rgdoi.net/10.13140/RG.2.2.34946.30403>.

SHOULSON, OLIVER. On African American English and Grammatical Diversity in 2020, Yale Grammatical Diversity Project: English in North America. (available online at <http://vgdp.yale.edu/african-american-language-and-grammatical-diversity-2020>).

SHOULSON, OLIVER. You do you. (2020) Yale Grammatical Diversity Project: English in North America. (Available online at <http://vgdp.yale.edu/phenomena/you-do-you>).

FISCHER, LANE; OLIVER SHOULSON. Wants in. (2020) Yale Grammatical Diversity Project: English in North America. (Available online at <http://vgdp.yale.edu/phenomena/wants-in>).

### Skills

**LANGUAGES:** English, Modern/Biblical Hebrew, ASL, Basic Mandarin

**SOFTWARE:** Python, ArcGIS / QGIS, HTML, LaTeX, Highly proficient in Adobe Creative Cloud suite (including photo retouching and video editing), Microsoft/Apple Office Suites, Social Media.

**OTHER SKILLS:** Acting, Photography, Graphic Design (resumes and portfolios available at olivershoulson.com), Clarinet, Ukulele, Piano

## Research

Sept 2021 – Present

**LEARN Lab, New York University**

Supervisor: Sudha Arunachalam

- Managed NSF-funded longitudinal study on covariance of genetic relatedness with similarity of parental linguistic input.
- (In progress) transcribed and coded 400+ hours of footage in CHAT format for contribution to CHILDES database.
- Designed and executed online eyetracking experiment via MIT Lookit platform (n=100+).

Sept 2017 – Sept 2020

**Department of Linguistics, Yale University**

Supervisor: Claire Bowern

- Authored two original chapters for the in-press *Oxford Handbook of Australian Languages* (ed. Claire Bowern)
- Programmed [interactive web-map user interface](#) of Australian language phylogeny/taxonomy using GIS.
- Researched and authored over 10,000 words of original Wikipedia content pertaining to Australian languages, now viewed over 1 million times, according to [Wikimedia Stats](#).

Supervisor: Raffaella Zanuttini

- Pitched, researched, and delivered three original articles for the Yale Grammatical Diversity Project (YGDP) including the front-page piece [On African American Language and Grammatical Diversity in 2020](#)
- Typeset and edited over 20 articles on the Yale Grammatical Diversity Project Website ([ygdp.yale.edu](#)) using HTML
- Designed and implemented [interactive web-maps](#) to present original survey data using GIS, Java, and HTML techniques.

Supervisor: Hadas Kotek

- Coded linguistic example sentences for gender of participants, semantic/thematic roles in order to investigate gender bias in linguistic literature. See [Kotek et al \(2021\)](#).

Supervisor: Dustin Bowers

- Annotated corpus of over 50,000 words in the Ottowan dialect of Ojibwe for spelling errors, and analyzed spelling error data using R

## Past Employment

August 2020 – Sept 2021

**Personal/Administrative Assistant**

**Tovah Feldshuh, Broadway/Hollywood Actress**

- Full time personal and administrative support for the 6-time Emmy and Tony nominated actress.
- Designed and published Tovah's personal website ([tovahfeldshuh.com](#)) and mass-emails (Mailchimp).
- Kept financial books for The Tovah Corporation using QuickBooks for expenses and budgets in the six-figures.
- Copy edited dozens of daily communications and social media postings as well as passages of Tovah's memoir.
- Coordinated hiring process for other administrative support and assistants.

May 2020 – Present

**Essay Review Team**

**Crimson Education**

- Editing hundreds of college application essays, providing advice on both grammar/style and narrative structure for students from around the world, many of whom speak English as a second language.

March 2017 – May 2020

**Tour Guide**

**Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Visitor Center, Yale University**

- Researched, wrote, and mastered original 90-minute tour script concerning Yale history and student life.
- Gave over 100 tours to over 1500 campus visitors, including prospective students and tourists
- Conducted private campus tours for VIP visitors including donors and celebrities
- Interviewed and assessed over 50 potential tour guide candidates as part of hiring process