

# Clara McMahon

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**Research Interests** Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, Negation,  
Slavic Linguistics, Psycholinguistics

**Education** **The Graduate Center, CUNY** New York, NY  
Ph.D. in Linguistics 2022 – Present

**Boston University** Boston, MA  
M.A. in Linguistics 2019 – 2022  
GPA: 4.0

**University of California, Los Angeles** Los Angeles, CA  
B.A. in French 2014 – 2018  
*Cum Laude* GPA: 3.82

**Invited Talks** **McMahon, C.** 2023. Not Unavailable: Toward a complete analysis of double negation readings in Slavic languages. *Syntax near NYU (SynNYU)*, November 17.

**Conference Presentations** Kohut, A. & **McMahon, C.** 2023. Double Negation in Russian: Variation in the functional structure of PPs. *New Ways of Analyzing Variation 51*, October 14.

Kohut, A. & **McMahon, C.** 2023. Disambiguating Double and Single Negation Readings in Russian. *18th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistic Society*, Bratislava, Slovakia, August 26.

**Presentations** **McMahon, C.** 2023. Syntactic Variation in American English Dialects. Guest Lecture for ENGL 280-05: Structures of Modern English at Hunter College, New York, NY, November 20.

**McMahon, C.** & Pember, K. 2020. Much Ado About For Nothing: Challenging the Definition of Strict Negative Concord. *Boston University Linguistics Department Graduate Research Forum*, Boston, MA, November 11.

**Research Experience** **Introduction to Psycholinguistics** Fall 2023  
Interactions of Aspect and Negation in Russian  
Mentor: Irina Sekerina (The Graduate Center, CUNY)  
Designed and ran a pilot Visual World Paradigm experiment to examine pragmatic implicatures that result from different aspects under negation in Russian.  
In collaboration with Valeriia Modina.

**Research Assistant** Fall 2022 – Spring 2023  
Mentor: Christina Tortora (The Graduate Center, CUNY)  
Annotated interviews in Praat.

**LX 733: Experimental Pragmatics** Spring 2021  
Mentor: Professor Liz Coppock (Boston University)  
Won an in-class experiment proposal contest. Directed a group to research if negative concord has an effect on the combination of the negative marker *ne* (not) plus affixal *ne-* (*un-*) in Russian.

## Teaching

**Hunter College** New York, NY  
Instructor of Record Spring 2023 - Present  
*ENGL 28000: The Structure of Modern English*  
Designed and taught an undergraduate class.

**Hunter College** New York, NY  
Teaching Assistant Fall 2023  
*ENGL 28000: The Structure of Modern English*  
Instructor: Professor Angela Reyes.

**Boston University** Boston, MA  
Grader Spring 2020  
*LX 346: Language Variation and Change*  
Instructor: Professor Danny Erker.

**Boston University** Boston, MA  
Grader Fall 2019  
*LX 120: Language and Music*  
Instructor: Professors Charles Chang and Danny Erker.

## Skills

**Programming**  
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, Python

**Languages**  
English (native), French (fluent), German (basic), Dutch (basic),  
Russian (basic), Arabic (basic)

## Awards and Grants

Cairns Student Travel Award (\$200)	2023
Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award - Honorable Mention	2023
Slavic Linguistic Society Travel Grant (\$500)	2023
Phi Beta Kappa Member, UCLA Chapter	2019
UCLA Department of Music Partial Scholarship	2014-2016