

Connor Bechler

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment and Education

Dual Ph.D. in Linguistics and Computer Science & Engineering

Anticipated May 2029

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Full-Time Instructor

August 2023–May 2024

Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

M.A. in Linguistic Theory and Typology

May 2023

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Thesis Title: *Automatic Transcription of Northern Plains Oral Art*

Research Analyst

May 2020–August 2021

Venture International, Hudsonville, Michigan

B.A. in Linguistics, Mandarin Chinese, and Literature, *summa cum laude*

May 2020

Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Teaching

WRD 111: Composition and Communication II

Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

WRD 204: Technical Writing

Fall 2023

Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

WRD 110: Composition and Communication I

Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Publications

Wang, X., Wagner, S., Lin, Y. H., & **Bechler, C.** (2026, April 29). Tone sandhi changes in Tianjin Mandarin and rural-to-urban migration. [Manuscript submitted for publication]. Department of Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures, Michigan State University.

Presentations

Bechler, C. (2026). *UHM in Michigan English: Variation as a Lens on the Grammar*. [Conference presentation]. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 54, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Wagner, S., Herrin, J., Durvasula, K., Wang, C., & **Bechler, C.** (2026, March 6-8). *Better career preparation through an alumni and science communication event*. [Poster presentation]. Georgetown University Roundtable on Linguistics (GURT), Washington, D.C., United States.

- Bechler, C.** (2025, November 6). *Modeling and Documenting Variation across Prinmi Varieties*. [Poster presentation]. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 53, Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States.
- Bechler, C.** (2025, October 10). *Two forms or two processes? Accounting for ambiguous tone spreading in Prinmi*. [Poster presentation]. Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference (MidPhon) 30, Bloomington, Indiana, United States.
- Bechler, C.** (2025, January 11). *Automatic Analysis of Audio Diary Speech Duration and Relative Speech Volume*. [Conference presentation]. American Dialect Society 2025 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States.
- Bechler, C.** (2024, November 9). *Evaluating wav2vec 2.0 Speech Recognition and Forced Alignment on a Multi-Varietal Language Documentation Collection*. [Conference presentation]. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 52, Miami, Florida, United States.
- Bechler, C.** (2024, November 1). *Developing Semi-Automatic Annotation for Documentation and Sociolinguistic Analysis: Lessons from a Multi-Varietal Oral Art Collection*. [Conference presentation]. Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State (GLEAMS) 2024, East Lansing, Michigan, United States.
- Bechler, C.** (2023, October 14). *Automatic Transcription of Documentation Recordings for Sociolinguistic Analysis: Speech Recognition and Forced-Alignment for Northern Prinmi*. [Poster presentation]. New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 51, Queens, New York, United States.
- Bechler, C.** (2023, April 1). *Automatic Transcription of Northern Prinmi Oral Art: Approaches and Challenges to ASR in a Low-Resource Setting*. [Conference Presentation]. Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, United States.
- Kayali, N. & **Bechler, C.** (2023, March 3-4). *Investigating Historical Language Ideologies in Multilingual Contexts: A Novel Sociohistorical Framework*. [Poster presentation]. 15th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, United States.
- Bechler, C.** (2022, April 2). *The Impact of Chinese Character Inclusion on Mandarin Second Language Lexical Acquisition*. [Conference Presentation]. Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, United States.

Software

Sneller, B., Werner, R., Rechsteiner, J., & **Bechler, C.** (2024). MiDRF Admin Portal.
<https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.13617857>

Community Involvement

Web Master <i>Michigan State University Linguistics Student Organization</i>	Fall 2026–Spring 2027
President <i>Michigan State University Linguistics Student Organization</i>	Fall 2025–Spring 2026
Event Committee for Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State <i>Michigan State University Linguistics Student Organization</i>	Fall 2024

Director of Committees for Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference <i>University of Kentucky Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i>	Fall 2022–Spring 2023
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Constitution and Infrastructure Cleanup Committee <i>University of Kentucky Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i>	Fall 2021–Fall 2022
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Abstract Reviewer for Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference <i>University of Kentucky Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i>	Spring of 2022
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Action Committee for Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference <i>University of Kentucky Linguistics Graduate Student Association</i>	Fall of 2021–Spring of 2022
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Professional Organizations

Member <i>American Dialect Society</i>	Fall 2024–Present
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Member <i>Linguistic Society of America</i>	Fall 2021–Present
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Awards and Honors

Dr. Delia Koo Global Student Scholarship <i>Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan</i>	Summer 2026
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Robert E. Hemenway Writing Center Excellence in Consulting Award <i>University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky</i>	Spring 2022
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L. C. de Haan Award <i>Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan</i>	Spring 2020
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Dean's List <i>Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan</i>	Fall 2016–Spring 2020
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Calvin Student Research Fellowship <i>Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan</i>	Fall 2016
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Technical Competencies

Python, R, Praat, ELAN, Visual Basic for Applications, JavaScript

Languages

English — *First language*

Mandarin Chinese — *Basic speaking, reading, and writing skills*