

# Curriculum vitae

**Ben Eischens**

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## EMPLOYMENT

2022–Present. Assistant Professor in Linguistics, University of California, Los Angeles.

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## EDUCATION

2022. Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics, University of California, Santa Cruz.

- Dissertation: Tone, phonation, and the phonology-phonetics interface in San Martín Peras Mixtec
- Advisor: Ryan Bennett

2020. Graduate Pedagogy Fellows program, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, University of California, Santa Cruz.

2014. Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, University of Minnesota.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed publications:

Hedding, A., Eischens, B., Gracida Cruz, N., Durán Cruz, R., and Gracida Cruz, J. (to appear). **Saá nìkì'vi brecha (Así se hizo la brecha): Análisis de una narración mixteca.** *Tlalocan*. (PDF)

Eischens, B. and Bennett, R. T. (2025). **The Mixtec couplet is is not a consistent grammatical unit.** *Glossa*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.18740> (PDF)

Eischens, B. and Hedding, A. (2025). **San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Illustration of the IPA at *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* 54(2), 811–852. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0025100324000124> (PDF)

Eischens, B. (2025). **Laryngealization and word reduction in Mixtec: Phonetics in phonology.** *Phonological Data and Analysis* 7(1), 1–43. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/pda.v7art1.76> (PDF)

Eischens, B. (2024). **Classifying negated nominals across Mixtec.** *International Journal of American Linguistics* 90(2), 141–183. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1086/728641> (PDF)

### Book chapters:

Van Handel, N.; Brodtkin, D.; and Eischens, B. (2023). **Constraining subcategory-sensitive MATCH constraints.** In Ito, J. and Mester, A. (eds.) *Syntax Prosody in Optimality Theory: Theory and Analyses*, 159–196. DOI: [10.1558/equinox.41006](https://doi.org/10.1558/equinox.41006) (link)

## Conference proceedings:

Eischens, B. (2023). **Rate-sensitive differences between modal and non-modal vowels in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** In Proceedings of the 20th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS), 3412–3416. ([PDF](#))

Eischens, B. (2023). **Polar question formation in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** In Proceedings of the Workshop on Structure and Constituency in Languages of the Americas (WSCLA) 25, 58–72. ([PDF](#))

Eischens, B. (2023). **Decomposing negative indefinites in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** In Proceedings of WSCLA 24, 30–44. ([PDF](#))

Eischens, B. (2020). **Negative features in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** In Proceedings of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS) 50, 207–216. ([PDF](#))

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## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited:

Eischens, B. and Siah, J-L. (2025). **A wug test of tone sandhi in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Colloquium at University of Minnesota's Institute of Linguistics.

Eischens, B. (2022). **Phonetics and phonology in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Colloquium at Mississippi State University's Department of English.

Eischens, B. (2022). **Tone, phonation, and the phonology-phonetics interface in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Colloquium at UCLA's Department of Linguistics.

Eischens, B. (2020). **Laryngealization and word reduction in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Michigan State University Phonology and Phonetics Group.

Eischens, B. (2020) **Glottalization and root shortening in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Linguistic Field-work Working Group at the University of California, San Diego.

### Talks:

Eischens, B. and Narkar, J. (2025). **La sonoridad de las vocales no modales en el mixteco de San Martín Peras.** Simposio Internacional de Fonología Indoamericana (Sinfonía) 2025.

Eischens, B. and Siah, J-L. (2025). **Non-generalization of a phonetically-natural pattern in Mixtec tone sandhi.** Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP) 2025.

Eischens, B. and Siah, J-L. (2025). **Una prueba wug de la propagación tonal en el mixteco de San Martín Peras.** Encuentro de Lingüística Formal (ELF) V.

Eischens, B. and Narkar, J. (2024). **The production of phonation type in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Sound Systems of Latin America (SSLA) 4.

Eischens, B., Campbell, E. W., Peters, S., and Mendoza, I. (2024). **Tonally-conditioned laryngogenesis in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP) 2024.

Eischens, B. (2024). **Sandhi tonal excepcional en el mixteco de San Martín Peras.** Encuentro de Lingüística Formal (ELF) IV.

Eischens, B. and Bennett, R. (2024). **The Mixtec couplet is morphologically and prosodically defined.** Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL) 26.

Eischens, B. (2023). **Rate-sensitive differences between modal and non-modal vowels in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPhS).

Eischens, B. (2021). **Speech rate in phonology: Word reduction in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) winter meeting.

Eischens, B. (2020). **Decomposing negative indefinites in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** SSILA winter meeting.

Hedding, A. and Eischens, B. (2020). **Filling in the Gaps: The Animate Resumptive Preference in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** 94th annual meeting of the Linguistics Society of America.

Eischens, B., Ledesma, P., Kaplan, M., Silva-Robles, F., Sasaki, K., and Toosarvandani, M. (2019). **Nido de Lenguas: Collaborative language education in Monterey Bay’s Oaxacan diaspora.** Symposium on Linguistic Research with Diaspora Communities.

Eischens, B. (2019). **Tonal negation and negative elements in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** WSCLA 24.

### **Posters:**

Eischens, B. (2021). **Phonology is phonetically grounded but not phonetically detailed.** Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP) 2021.

Eischens, B. (2021). **Polar question formation in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** WSCLA 25.

Eischens, B. (2020). **Root shortening in Mixtec: Phonetics in phonology.** AMP 2020.

Eischens, B. (2019). **A puzzle of *ko*-occurrence: Negative indefinites in San Martín Peras Mixtec.** NELS 50.

### **Invited lectures:**

Eischens, B. (2025). **Aprender una lengua Indígena como segunda lengua.** Universidad Intercultural de Baja California.

Eischens, B. and Hedding, A. (2022). **The structure of San Martín Peras Mixtec.** Field Methods class in UCSC’s Department of Linguistics.

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## **TEACHING**

2022–Present. Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles.

<b>Winter 2026</b>	Field Methods in Linguistics (LING 210A, graduate)
<b>Winter 2025</b>	Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (LING 20, undergraduate)
<b>Spring 2024</b>	Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (LING 20, undergraduate)
<b>Winter 2024</b>	Topics in Phonetics and Phonology (LING 251, graduate)
<b>Fall 2023</b>	Phonology I (LING 120A, undergraduate)
<b>Spring 2023</b>	Field Methods in Linguistics (LING 210B, graduate)
<b>Winter 2023</b>	Field Methods in Linguistics (LING 210A, graduate)
<b>Fall 2022</b>	Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (LING 20, undergraduate)

2018–2022. Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Cruz.

<b>Spring 2022</b>	Syntax II
<b>Winter 2022</b>	Introduction to Linguistics
<b>Fall 2021</b>	Phonology II
<b>Summer 2021</b>	Spanglish
<b>Spring 2021</b>	Structure of Uralic Languages
<b>Winter 2021</b>	Phonology I
<b>Spring 2020</b>	Syntactic Structures
<b>Winter 2020</b>	Structure of Spanish
<b>Fall 2019</b>	Language and Indigeneity in Mesoamerica
<b>Fall 2019</b>	Introduction to Linguistics
<b>Winter 2019</b>	Language, Society, and Culture
<b>Fall 2018</b>	Syntax I

Fall 2020–Winter 2021. Lead instructor for UCSC Linguistic Department’s TA Training.

2015–2017. Senior Coach for College Access, College Possible, Minneapolis, MN and Philadelphia, PA.

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## ADVISING

MA thesis (co-)chair: Zach Metzler (2025), Teela Huff (2023), Marisabel Cabrera (2023)

MA thesis committee member: Coralie Cram (2025), Corrina Fuller (2023)

PhD thesis committee member: Tzintia Montaña (ongoing, external member), Iza Solá-Llonch (ongoing), Blake Lehman (2024)

Dissertation jury member: Juana Mendoza Ruiz (ongoing, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

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## FELLOWSHIPS / AWARDS

2024. Dean’s Small Grants Program, UCLA Division of Humanities (\$8,000)

2020. Summer Research Fellow, The Humanities Institute at UCSC. (\$1,600)

2020. Graduate Pedagogy Fellow, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning at UCSC. (\$2,000)

2019. Jacob’s Research Fellowship, joint grant with Andrew Hedding. (\$3,250)

2019. LSA Linguistic Institute Fellowship. (\$2,000)

2018. Public Fellow, The Humanities Institute at UCSC. (\$5,000)

2018. Grad Research Fellowship, awarded by the Linguistics Department at UCSC. (\$3,000)

2017–2018. Regents Fellowship, awarded by UCSC. (\$22,000)

2013–2014. University of Minnesota Dean’s List.

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## SERVICE

2025. Graduate admissions committee member, UCLA Linguistics.

2025. Research review committee member, UCLA Linguistics.

2023-2024. Visiting scholars committee member, UCLA Linguistics

2022–2023. Teaching evaluation committee member, UCLA Linguistics.

2023. Fellowships and awards committee member, UCLA Linguistics  
2017–2022. Member of Nido de Lenguas at UCSC. 2019–2021. Organizer of the Workshop on the Languages of Mesoamerica (WLMA) at UCSC.  
2018–2019. Coordinator of the weekly newsletter of the Linguistics Department at UCSC.  
2017–2019. Member of Linguistics Events Committee at UCSC.  
2018. Developed the scaffolding for a first-generation student support plan at a local Santa Cruz high school.  
2014. Co-organizer of Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium.

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## **REVIEWING**

### **Conferences**

- AMP 2022–2025
- WCCFL 2023–2026
- OCP 2024–2026
- LabPhon 2026
- ACAL 2024

### **Journals/edited volumes**

- Phonology
  - International Journal of American Linguistics
  - Cuadernos de lingüística de El Colegio de México
  - Language & Linguistics Compass
  - Language Contact, an International Handbook, Vol. 3
  - Fundamentos del análisis y la descripción lingüística (Proyecto Editorial LENA)
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## **FIELDWORK**

2017–Present. San Martín Peras Mixtec. Watsonville, Salinas, Santa María, and Oxnard, California; and Ahuejutla, Oaxaca, Mexico.  
2023–2024. San Cristóbal Lachirioag Zapotec. Los Angeles, California.  
2013–2014. North Azerbaijani. Minneapolis, Minnesota.