

Luke Godsey
University of Kentucky
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EDUCATION

University of Kentucky	Lexington, KY
PhD Student in Linguistics	Aug. 2026 - Present

University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
B.A in Linguistics with Honors	Aug. 2022 - May 2026
Relevant Coursework: <i>Pidgins & Creoles, Language Contact, Sound Structures of Language, Language Games and Cultural Evolution, History of the English Language, Sem in Historical Comparative Linguistics</i>	

Skills: *Praat, Web Quality Software, PCIBex, R, MultiMo, Latin (Intermediate)*

PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant	
Animal Communication	Aug. 2026 - Dec. 2026

The Language Contact and Cognition Lab	Oct. 2025 - May 2026
Lab Member	

The Appalachian Free Press LLC.	
Owner	Jun. 2025 - Present
Editor-In-Chief	Oct. 2024 - Present

Linguistics Honors Thesis, University of Pennsylvania	
Advisor: Dr. Marlyse Baptista	Aug. 2025 - May 2026

Penn Women's Center, University of Pennsylvania	Jan. 2024 - May 2026
Program Assistant	

Telus Digital, Remote Work	Aug. 2022 - Sep. 2025
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PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & OTHER WORKS

“Effects of Appalachian Englishes Speakers’ Use of “Might Could” on Funds Received in Loan Allocation Environment,” **Penn Linguistics Conference**, Philadelphia, PA (Mar. 2026)

Godsey, L. “Reflections on Appalachian English.” *The Appalachian Free Press* 3, 4 (2024)

Godsey, L. “Appalachian’s Need to Reconnect With Their Sustainable Roots” *The Appalachian Free Press* 3, 3 (2023)

Honors Thesis: *Double Modals in Appalachian Englishes*. Luke Godsey & Dr. Marlyse Baptista (April 2026)

HONORS & AWARDS

2026 **Henry Hoenigswald Thesis Award**, University of Pennsylvania

2026 **Summa Cum Laude**, University of Pennsylvania

2026 **Gender Equity Alumni Student Leadership Award**, University of Pennsylvania

2026 **Completion of Linguistics Degree with Honors**, University of Pennsylvania

2025 **Inaugural Stavros Niarchos Foundation Paideia Ambassador**, University of Pennsylvania

2025 **SNF Paideia Advisory Board**, University of Pennsylvania

2024 **Mandell Prize for Outstanding Public Writing**, University of Pennsylvania

2022 **First Year Fellow**, Penn Association for Gender Equity - University of Pennsylvania

GRANTS

Total Amount Awarded: \$9,323

2025 **SNF Paideia Ambassador Fund**, Penn Class of ‘99 - **\$1500**

2025 Summer Internship & Research Fund, University of Pennsylvania - \$5000

2025 SNF Paideia Dialogue Environment Grant, Penn Class of '99 - \$390

2025 SNF Paideia Dialogic Event Grant, Penn Class of '99 - \$1433

2024 Artist Grant, Penn Women's Center - \$1000