

# Toby S. Lowther – Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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<b>DPhil in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics (<i>ongoing</i>)</b>	<b>2022-</b>
Wolfson College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	<b>2025</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Thesis title:</i> ‘Developing LFG lexicalist analysis of syntactic constraints on bilingual code-switched utterances’, supervised by Dr. Louise Mycock, Associate Professor of Linguistics.</li></ul>	
<b>MPhil in Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics (Merit)</b>	<b>2020-</b>
Balliol College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	<b>2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Thesis title:</i> ‘An examination of syntactic constraints on code-switching with respect to the projection of syntactic constraints from local lexical heads’, supervised by Dr. Louise Mycock, Associate Professor of Linguistics.</li><li>• <i>Papers:</i> General Linguistics, Syntax, Semantics, Computational Linguistics, Thesis.</li></ul>	
<b>BA in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (1<sup>st</sup> Class, Congratulatory First)</b>	<b>2017-</b>
University College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	<b>2020</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Including a thesis in Philosophy, title ‘A Chauvinism Argument against Analytic Functionalism’, supervised by Dr. Will Davies, Associate Professor and Gabriele Taylor Fellow.</li><li>• <i>Congratulatory First:</i> 1<sup>st</sup> class grade in 6 out of 8 finals papers</li><li>• <i>Finals papers:</i> General Linguistics, Syntax, Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Logic and Language, Philosophy Thesis.</li></ul>	

## Academic Honours and Awards

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<b>Congratulatory First</b> , University of Oxford	<b>2020</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Oxford Uehiro Prize in Practical Ethics</b> , Undergraduate Runner Up, University of Oxford	<b>2020</b>
<b>Finalist’s Scholarship</b> , University College, University of Oxford	<b>2020</b>
<b>Academic Scholarship</b> , University College, University of Oxford	<b>2019</b>
<b>Academic Exhibition</b> , University College, University of Oxford	<b>2018</b>
<b>Braddick Prize</b> , Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford	<b>2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awarded for highest score on course in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics Preliminary Examinations</li></ul>	
<b>Stephen Parkinson Prize, Proxime Accessit</b> , Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford	<b>2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awarded for second highest score on the Linguistics course in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics Preliminary Examinations</li></ul>	

## Publications and Presentations

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- Lowther, Toby S. (In Press) 'Testing the Endoskeletal Hypothesis in English/German bilingual code-switching', in Antonis Botinis, *Proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Experimental Linguistics*, International Society of Experimental Linguistics, pp. 101-104. [LINK](#).
- Lowther, Toby S. (2022) *Testing the lexical assumptions of mainstream syntax: Preliminary evidence from English/German bilingual code-switching*, ESRC Grand Union DTP Annual Conference 2022.
- Lowther, Toby S. (2022) *Symmetric object languages and the OBJ function in Lexical-Functional Grammar*, South of England LFG 31 (SE-LFG31)
- Lowther, T.S. (2022). 'Behaviourism in Disguise: The Triviality of Ramsey Sentence Functionalism', *Axiomathes*, 32, pp. 101-121. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10516-020-09511-w>
- Lowther, Toby (2020). 'Can Science Ethically Make Use Of Data Which Was Gathered By Unethical Means?', *Practical Ethics*. [LINK](#)
- Lowther, Toby (2016). 'Changing English – Going to the dogs or evidence of a living language?', *emagazine*, 73: 31-33.

## Research Interests

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My primary interests are in theoretical syntax, the Lexical-Functional Grammar framework, the unification of syntactic theory, and experimental syntax. My interests also extend to psycholinguistics, especially the interface between syntactic competence and psycholinguistic performance, and to formal semantics and pragmatics, especially applications of discourse theory. My research interests beyond linguistics extend into the philosophy of logic, language, and mind, with a particular focus on the application of advances in linguistics in the philosophy of language and mind.

## Teaching

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<b>Graduate Foundations Semantics &amp; Pragmatics Practical Classes</b> , Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics	University of Oxford	<b>2022</b>
<b>Preliminary (1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate) Grammatical Analysis Tutorials</b> , Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics	University of Oxford	<b>2021-22</b>

## University and Extra-Curricular Activities

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<b>Joint organiser of the Syntax Working Group</b> , Faculty of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics, University of Oxford	<b>2020-2021</b>
<b>Undergraduate Member for Philosophy and Linguistics, PPL Joint Standing Committee</b> , Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford	<b>2018-2020</b>
<b>Just Love Oxford</b> , Events Coordinator Just Love Oxford, University of Oxford	<b>2019-2020</b>
<b>University College Science Society (UCSS)</b> , Founding Vice President Junior Common Room (JCR) of University College, University of Oxford	<b>2018-2019</b>

## Additional Skills

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**Languages:** English (Native), Russian (A-Level), Latin and French (GCSE-level), German (A2)  
**Software:** IBM SPSS, R, HTML

## References

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**Dr. Richard Ashdowne**, Stipendiary Lecturer in Classics and Senior College Lecturer in Linguistics, University College, University of Oxford

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