

# WESLEY KUHRON JONES

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## EDUCATION

### THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

*Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics*

*Advisor: Don Daniels*

- Focus: Linguistic Fieldwork, Language Documentation, Papuan Languages, Historical Linguistics
- Raymund Fellowship, 2019 – 2020

Eugene, OR

Expected Jun. 2024 - Jun. 2026

### THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

*Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, Honors*

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics*

- GPA: 3.79/4.00
- Dean's List, 2011 – 2015
- National Merit Scholarship, 2011 – 2015
- Coursework: Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Algonquian Morphosyntax, Statistical Models, Computer Science, Computational Methods
- Thesis: Characterization of Syntactic Subject for Certain Georgian Verbs

Chicago, IL

Jun. 2015

Jun. 2015

### ANKARA UNIVERSITY

*Advanced Turkish Language Program, TÖMER (Taksim Branch)*

- University of Chicago Foreign Language Acquisition Grant, Summer 2012

Istanbul, Turkey

Jun. 2012 – Aug. 2012

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

*Research Assistant, Karen Landahl Center for Linguistic Research*

*Principal Investigator: Ming Xiang*

- Collected data from volunteer participants in 3 different linguistic studies to arrive at potentially publishable results
- Operated audio recording and event-related potential equipment and ran programs for the organization of data
- Designed linguistic stimuli for use in future studies
- Trained new assistants in the use of lab equipment and the collection and organization of data

Chicago, IL

Feb. 2013 – Jun. 2015

*Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, Honors*

*Advisors: Tamra Wysocki-Niimi and Amy Dahlstrom*

- Researched morphosyntax of Georgian verbs to arrive at a consistent analysis of divergent paradigms
- Conducted online surveys of native Georgian speakers to collect translations and grammaticality judgments

Jun. 2015

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### THE LANGUAGE CONSERVANCY

*Fieldwork Processing Intern / Linguist, Acoma Language Recovery Project (40 hrs/wk)*

- Transcribed handwritten field notes and audio recordings from a project to create a dictionary of Acoma Keres
- Proposed orthographic conventions and grammatical categories for words based on this data and published grammars
- Worked in person with speakers in New Mexico to elicit new words and inflectional forms and gather clear recordings
- Learned basic Keres in homestays with natives and taught an introductory conversation course at the Summer Institute

Bloomington, IN

Jun. 2017 – Jun. 2019

### OPTIVER

*Derivatives Trader (60+ hrs/wk)*

- Applied principles of derivatives theory to make trading decisions in real time and examined the details of cases
- Developed algorithms in Python, C++, and Bash to automate repetitive tasks and enhance analysis of trading strategy
- Analyzed data in IPython using the Pandas and Scikit-Learn libraries for statistical and machine learning

Chicago, IL

Aug. 2015 – Mar. 2017

### MILLER CHICAGO REAL ESTATE

*Commercial Real Estate Brokerage Intern (40 hrs/wk)*

- Analyzed real estate investments using NOI valuation and market data from major aggregators
- Prepared detailed broker price opinions for up to \$5.5 million and pitched in-depth proposals to prospective clients

Chicago, IL

Jul. 2014 – Sep. 2014

- Communicated with 10-15 clients and conducted due diligence to ensure that deals progressed through closing
- Redesigned the accounting system to organize over 7 months' worth of records to identify potential sources of profit

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

Chicago, IL

*Financial Operations Student Assistant, Center for Leadership and Involvement (10 hrs/wk)*

Oct. 2013 – Jun. 2015

- Managed financial records, accounts, and allocation of funding to over 600 student organizations
- Audited organizational transactions to improve compliance with institutional regulation

### **C. SMITH HOLDINGS, INC.**

Little Rock, AR

*Property Management Intern (40 hrs/wk)*

Aug. 2013

- Performed cash flow valuation of real estate investments using pro-forma data and conducted due diligence
- Conducted comparable property analyses and on-site evaluations of potential investment properties

### **LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

*Analyst, International Leadership Council, University of Chicago*

Oct. 2013 – Jun. 2015

- Collaborated and presented with 4 team members to analyze a corporate finance case using DCF
- Analyzed financial market developments, forecast developments, and pitch stocks to over 50 members

*Founder and Instructor, Constructed Languages, Off-Topic, University of Chicago*

Oct. 2012 – Jun. 2015

- Directed a collaborative project to construct a language with other student members
- Instructed students in the use of linguistic concepts through a formal framework and interactive examples

### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

**Language:** German (professional working proficiency), Turkish (limited working proficiency)

**Technical:** Python, R, Java, Linux, Machine learning (Pandas, Scikit-Learn), Exposure to C++

**Interests:** Languages, Programming, Travel, Camping, Piano, Saxophone, Card games