

# Reed Blaylock

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## ACADEMIC HISTORY

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### University of Michigan (U of M), Ann Arbor, MI, 2011

B. A. from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, Residential College, Honors Program  
Linguistics concentration, Latin minor. GPA: 3.64

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## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

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### Speech Data Evaluator, Google (contracted through Adecco) Ann Arbor, MI (Oct. 2011-June 2012)

- Evaluate text data to generate a readable script for speech synthesis
- Proofread scripts for errors, style and readability
- Edit scripts to maximize phonetic coverage
- Label text for disambiguation and expansion
- Work efficiently with massive amounts of data

### Curriculum Developer, Accent Reduction Institute, Ann Arbor, MI (Jan. 2011-Sept. 2011)

- Used knowledge of phonetics and phonology to develop study aids and assessment materials for accent reduction training
  - Worked with text normalization and developed resources for specific sounds
  - Researched and summarized various language-related concepts
  - Functioned as part of a team to produce a high-quality product
  - Wrote reviews of those test problems, highlighting strengths and areas of improvement
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Web Developer, reedblaylock.com (May 2012-present)

- Hand-crafted personal website using knowledge of advanced web technology
- Used HTML5, CSS3, XML, JavaScript, jQuery, JSON, PHP, MySQL
- Debugged code expeditiously and creatively

### Linguistics Tutor, U of M, Ann Arbor, MI (Jan. 2011-Aug. 2012)

- Taught basic phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax to introductory linguistics students
- Explained complicated material in new ways, drawing examples from different areas of academics and personal experiences
- Taught in one-on-one and group settings

### Linguistics Club President, U of M Department of Linguistics (May 2010- May 2011)

- Recruited and managed a team of executive board members
- Doubled the number of yearly events
- Fostered consistent attendance at club meetings
- Created a free peer-tutoring service from scratch
- Cooperated with university faculty and staff for funding and other support

### Honors Thesis, "The Phonetics of Default Consonant Epenthesis" (Sept. 2010-April 2011)

- Conceptualized, designed, performed, analyzed, and wrote up a speech perception experiment
  - Turned abstract theories into concrete projects
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## ACTIVITIES AT U OF M

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### Campus Tour Guide, Office of Admissions (Oct. 2010-Aug. 2011)

- Gave walking tours of the university to prospective students and other age groups

### Orientation Peer Advisor, Honors Program (May 2011- Aug. 2011)

- Met with incoming students, described student life and spoke with anxious incoming students
- Clearly and concisely explained University requirements and details about various classes

### Men's Glee Club (Sept. 2007- May 2011)