

Jarrood Cruz

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Education

University of Florida

Jun 2022 – Present

M.A. Linguistics, B.A. Linguistics and Anthropology (minor in Computer Science)

- **GPA:** 3.99 (Dean's List: Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- **Relevant Coursework:** Introduction to Computational Linguistics, Native Languages of Florida, Methods of Language Documentation, Language and Culture, North American Archaeology

Broward College & Doral College

Jun 2019 – Jun 2022

A.A.

- **GPA:** 4.0
- Completed at two institutions via dual enrollment

Somerset Academy

Aug 2018 – Jun 2022

AP Capstone Diploma, Cambridge AICE Diploma, HS Diploma

- **GPA:** 5.57
- **Relevant Coursework:** AP Seminar, AP Research, AICE Global Perspectives & Research

Projects

Chatino Language Documentation Project

Gainesville, FL

Wiktionary Consultant

Feb 2026 – Present

- Cleaning and preparing dictionary collected by a native speaker of San Juan Quiahije (SJQ) Chatino, an endangered Mexican language, for upload onto the [English-language Wiktionary](#) 
- Corresponding with English-language Wiktionary administrators regarding the proper classification of SJQ Chatino

Kidaw'ida Dictionary Project

Gainesville, FL

Living Dictionaries Consultant

Aug 2025 – Dec 2025

- Cleaning and preparing dictionary collected by a native speaker of Kidaw'ida, an endangered Kenyan language, for upload onto the [Living Dictionaries](#)  platform

Experience

Machine Learning for Endangered Language Documentation Lab

Gainesville, FL

Research Assistant

Feb 2025 – Present

- Piloting and managing a consultancy providing data migration services to endangered language community members seeking to publish dictionaries on the [Living Dictionaries](#)  platform
- Surveying computational methods in language documentation and data plumbing between field and computational linguistic software formats

Laboratory of Southeastern Archaeology

Gainesville, FL

Archaeological Fieldwork Volunteer

Jan 2025 – April 2025

- Volunteered to survey a Middle Archaic-Late Woodland archaeological site at Newnans Lake State Forest for the Florida Forest Service
- Conducted shovel tests to bound the site, identify soil profiles, and collect artifacts for lab analysis

UF Department of Linguistics

Gainesville, FL

Undergraduate Research Assistant

May 2024 – Aug 2024

- Collected Gweno sentences found throughout field notes for a Gweno dictionary

Language Documentation Lab

Undergraduate Transcriber

Gainesville, FL

Jan 2024 - Apr 2024

- Transcribed 14 pages of 19th-century handwritten and typed documents in Choctaw and English for linguistic and historical analysis

Computational Linguistics Lab

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Gainesville, FL

Sep 2022 - Feb 2025

- Co-authored abstract modeling the dative alternation in English child/child-directed speech; abstract peer-reviewed and accepted at the *Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL)*
- Helped build a Universal Dependency treebank of collegiate L2 and Heritage Spanish learner writing

Publications

Moeller, S., Agyapong, G., **Cruz, J.**, Palmer, A., & Hulden, M. (2026). Computational Methods for Language Documentation and Description. In *Annual Review of Linguistics* (Vol. 12, Issue Volume 12, 2026, pp. 147–170). Annual Reviews. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-linguistics-031522-101514> 

Peer-Reviewed Proceeding Abstract

Liu, Z., Yang, H., **Cruz, J.** & Wulff, S., (2024) “Modeling the Dative Alternation in English Early Child Language”, *Society for Computation in Linguistics* 7(1), 338–342. <https://doi.org/10.7275/scil.2224> 

Skills

- **Spoken Languages**
 - *English*: Native-level knowledge
 - *Spanish*: Intermediate-level reading, writing, and conversational knowledge
- **Programming Languages**
 - *Python*: Intermediate-level competency
 - *C++*: Intermediate-level competency

Awards

- Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholars Award (2022-2026)
- AP Scholar with Distinction (2021, 2022)
- National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar (2021-2022)

Student Leadership Roles

Graduate Linguistics Society

Seminar Coordinator

Aug 2026 - Present

- Inviting and hosting speakers to give talks on linguistics for the University of Florida
- Collaborating with the Social Coordinator to develop and host workshops

Undergraduate Linguistics Society

Vice President

Apr 2025 - Apr 2026

- Planning presentations on language revitalization and historical linguistics
- Providing undergraduates a master list of faculty research interests and projects looking for assistants
- Tabling at student organization events

Treasurer

Aug 2024 - Apr 2025

- Presented an introduction to Philippine linguistics (incl. genealogy and history, Austronesian alignment, orthographies, and sociolinguistics) for club members
- Facilitated presentations on industry opportunities and Indigenous linguistics led by Duolingo senior learning scientist Dr. Cindy Blanco and Gator AISES respectively
- Managed club expenses and tabled at student organization events

National English Honor Society

Vice President

- Co-edited the high school literary magazine

Aug 2021 – Jun 2022