

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

June 2021	University of Oxford (Oxford, UK) PhD (DPhil) in Anthropology Dissertation/Thesis: “Learning to Integrate, Waiting to Belong: Language, Time and Uncertainty among Newcomers in Germany” (passed with no corrections)
June 2016	University of Oxford (Oxford, UK) Master of Science in Social and Cultural Anthropology
June 2015	University of Oxford (Oxford, UK) Masters (MPhil) in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology
May 2013	Free University Berlin BA English Philology and Journalism

Academic Appointments

August 2023 – present	Assistant Professor of Anthropology and German, Nordic and Slavic Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
December 2023 – present	Affiliated Faculty, Integration Research and Social Policy Department, Berlin Institute for Migration and Integration Research (BIM), Humboldt University Berlin
August 2023 – present	Research Affiliate, School of Anthropology and Museum of Ethnography, University of Oxford
September 2022 – August 2023	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University College London
June 2021 – August 2023	Postdoctoral Research Affiliate, School of Anthropology and Museum of Ethnography, University of Oxford
September 2019 – January 2020	Visiting Student Research Collaborator, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University
October 2016 – present	Affiliated Scholar, Anthropology and Language Committee, Royal Anthropological Institute, UK

Honours and Research Awards

2025	University of Wisconsin-Madison VCR/WARF Conference Travel Support for participation at Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK annual conference (\$2,000). Paper presentation: “Spaces of Collision: Newcomer Future-Building, German-Labour Policies and Discourses of ‘Proper’ Employment”
2024	Fall Research Competition 2025-2026, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$26,403). Project: “Learning to Integrate, Waiting to Belong: The Language Politics and Temporalities of Migrant Integration”.

- 2024 – Center for German and European Studies DAAD Center of Excellence Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison for Project “Migration and Memory in Postwar and Contemporary Europe” with B. Bloch and L. Roos (\$18,000 per annum).
- 2023 – Jean Monnet EU Center for Excellence in Populism and Political Economy, European Commission, University of Wisconsin-Madison. With M. Copelovitch, M. Barnes, M. Wagner, M.D. China, G. Chamedes, A.Y. Lo, N. Ring, and J. Pevehouse.
- 2022 – Economic and Social Research Council UKRI Postdoctoral Fellowship, University College London. Project: “The Language of (Im)mobility: time and the language politics of migrant integration”.
- 2022 David Parkin Prize in Ethnographic Materials, University of Oxford. Award for PhD Thesis (£250).
- 2020 School of Anthropology and Museum of Ethnography Writing Grant, University of Oxford. Merit-based, competitive writing-up bursary for final-year PhD students in Anthropology (£ 1,500).
- 2017 School of Anthropology and Museum of Ethnography Prize Scholarship, University of Oxford Academic Merit Award (£10,000).
- 2017 John Fell OUP Research Fund, with N. Hawker, K. Kozminska, R. Hall. Support for convening Language, Mobility and Belonging Conference, Somerville College, University of Oxford.
- 2017 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), with N. Hawker, K. Kozminska, R. Hall. Support for convening Language, Mobility and Belonging Conference, Somerville College, University of Oxford.
- 2016 Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarship for the Humanities for a PhD position in Anthropology at University College London. Academic merit award, full fees and maintenance costs for four years (declined).

Research and Publications

Journal Articles

1. *Schulte, L. 2024. “The language politics of uncertainty: on the temporal consequences of Germany’s newcomer integration policy”. *Journal of Refugee Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jrs/feae041>
2. *Schulte, L., Hawker, N., and Kozminska, K. 2019. “Language, Mobility and Belonging,” *Journal of Language and Communication* 68: 1-5.
3. Schulte, L., Hawker, N., and Kozminska, K. 2018. “Introduction to the Special Issue on Language, Indexicality and Belonging,” *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford* 9 (1): 1-7.

Book Chapter

4. *Schulte, L. 2019. “Stancetaking and Local Identity Construction among German-American Bilinguals in Berlin,” in B. Schneider, T. Heyd, F. von Mengden (eds.), *The Sociolinguistic Economy of Berlin: Cosmopolitan Perspectives on Language, Diversity and Social Space*. Berlin: DeGruyter. 167-194.

Shorter Articles, Commentaries, Policy and Others

5. Schulte, L. 2024. “Author Interview: Kinga Koźmińska on her book, Soundings”. *CaMP Anthropology*. 06.03.2024. <https://campanthropology.org/2024/03/06/kinga-kozminska-on-her-book-soundings/>
6. Schulte, L. (With A. Hassoun and K. Sim). 2021. “Rational Imagining: Building the Near Future Internet with Policy Technology & Convivial Labour”. *Horizon 2020 Report for the European Commission. EdgeRyders, NGI Forward* (D2.5 The Collective Intelligence NGI. WP2: Collective Intelligence).
7. Schulte, L. 2021. “Learning to Integrate, Waiting to Belong: Language, Time and Uncertainty Among Newcomers in Germany” [PhD thesis]. *University of Oxford*. <https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:d77139f3-8235-4745-8f7a-cd2dd3775ea3>

8. Schulte, L. 2021. "Uncertainties Compound: How the Covid-19 pandemic exacerbates the pressures of linguistic integration facing refugees in Germany". *B/Orders in Motion Corona Blog. European University Viadrina Frankfurt*. 22.07.2021. 1-3.
9. Schulte, L. 2021. "Ethnography Report 4: Resilience, Welfare and Sustainability". *EdgeRiders NGI Forward*. 21.06.2021. 1-6.
10. Schulte, L. 2021. "Ethnography Report 3: The Future of Work". *EdgeRiders NGI Forward*. 07.05.2021. 1-4.
11. Schulte, L. 2021. "Ethnography Report 2: The Future of Work". *EdgeRiders NGI Forward*. 06.04.2021. 1-6.
12. Schulte, L. 2021. "Monthly Ethnography Report 1: The Future of the Internet and All it Encompasses". *EdgeRiders: NGI Forward*. 27.02.2021. 1-11.
13. Schulte, L. 2020. "Just Be Patient? How Refugees and Migrants Learn German During Covid-19". *Diggit Magazine*. 19.06.2020. 1-12.
14. Schulte, L. 2020. "Germany Introduces Corona Virus Tracing-App: Why aren't people more sceptical?". *EdgeRiders NGI Forward*. 18.06.2020. 1-3.
15. Schulte, L. 2020. "Does Alexa have Linguistic Authority? An Interview with Dr Britta Schneider". *EdgeRiders NGI Forward*. 16.04.2020. 1-6.

Book Reviews

17. Schulte, L. 2018. "Book Note: L. Lim, C. Stroud, L. Wee (eds.), *The multilingual citizen: Towards a politics of language for agency and change*. Bristol: Multilingual Matters, 2018. Pp. 320," *Language in Society* 48(2): 326-328.

Research and Publication in Progress

- *"Frantic Time: boredom and uncertainty among newcomers in Germany". Submitted to Edited Volume *Cultures in Motion: Migration, Exile, and Refuge*. S. Klocke and E. Gezen (eds.). DeGruyter Transnational Approaches to Culture Series.
- "The Trap of Integration: Language, Labor, and the Temporalities of Migrant Belonging in Germany" Book manuscript [Manuscript proposal to be submitted to Princeton University Press in August 2025].
- "Spaces of Collision: Newcomer Future-Building, German Labour Policies and Discourses of 'Proper' Employment". [to be submitted to *American Anthropologist* in October 2025].
- "Disciplinary and Rebellious Humor in Germany's Migrant Integration Classroom". [to be submitted to the *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* in December 2025].

Invited Talks

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| Fall 2025 | Center for German and European Studies, Workshop on "Migration and Memory in Postwar and Contemporary Europe", University of Wisconsin-Madison [co-organiser].
Paper: "Remembering and Forgetting in the Integration Classroom: Newcomer encounters with German Memory Culture and the Politics of Migrant Belonging" |
| Fall 2025 | European Institute, London School of Economics.
Book Talk: "The Trap of Integration: Language, Labor and the Precarity of Migrant Belonging in Germany". |
| Summer 2024 | Politics, Crises, and Temporalities: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Humboldt University Berlin.
Title: "Just be patient?": boredom, state time and the temporal dispositions of newcomers in Germany" |
| Summer 2024 | Cultures in Motion: Migration, Exile, and Refuge, DAAD Center for German and European Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Title: Frantic Time: boredom and uncertainty among newcomers in Germany |

Spring 2024	Brunel Anthropology Research Seminar Series, Brunel University, London. Title: 'If you pull too hard on the cord, it comes loose': boredom, uncertainty and the language politics of migrant integration in Germany.
Fall 2023	Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research, Humboldt University Berlin. Title: Stuck in the Paper Mill: How Germany's Integration Policies Delay Newcomers' Socioeconomic Mobility.
Fall 2023	Contesting 21st Century B/Orders, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder). Title: Linguistic (In)security: How Germany's Integration Policies Delay Newcomers' Socioeconomic Mobility.
Summer 2023	Displacing Bureaucracies/Bureaucracies of Displacement, University College London (organiser). Title: Stuck in the Paper Mill: On the Temporal Consequences of Germany's Professional Recognition Procedures for Refugees and Migrants.
Summer 2023	Workshop: Revisiting the Intersection of Language, Migration and Economy, Institute of Advanced Study, Paris and University of Chicago Center, Paris. Title: Linguistic (In)security: How Germany's Integration Policies Delay Newcomers' Socioeconomic Mobility.
Fall 2022	Postmigrant? East Migrant?: Chances, Limitations, and Current Debates and Concepts on East German Otherness, Center for German and European Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison Title: Migrant Integration Policy in Contemporary Germany: Language as Unifying Cultural Practice and the Myth of the National Community.
Fall 2021	MiT Sprache – Migration, Teilhabe, Sprache, InZentIM, University of Essen-Duisburg. Title: the lingua-temporal dimensions of migration, displacement and policy-in-practice.
Fall 2021	Bristol Anthropology and Archaeology Research Seminars (BAARS), University of Bristol. Title: if you pull too hard on the cord, it comes loose: language, boredom and temporal uncertainty among newcomers in Germany.

Conference and Other Presentations

Fall 2025	German Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology Conference, University of Cologne, Germany Paper: "Commoning Against the Clock: Migrant Solidarity and the Temporal Politics of German Integration Politics".
Spring 2025	Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK Annual Conference, University of Birmingham, UK. Paper: "Spaces of Collision: Newcomer Future-Building, German-Labour Policies and Discourses of 'Proper' Employment".
Summer 2022	IMISCOE 19th Annual Conference: Migration and Time: Temporalities of Mobility, Governance, and Resistance, Oslo, Norway.
Summer 2021	Approaches to Language, Migration and Identity Conference, University of Sussex, UK
Spring 2021	Language and Migration: Experience and Memory, Princeton University.
Spring 2021	American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Annual Conference (online).
Fall 2018	Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK Annual Conference, University of Oxford, UK.
Spring 2018	Language and Borders: Rethinking Mobility, Migration and Space, University of Bristol, UK.

Teaching

Principal Areas: Migration and Refugee Studies, Linguistic Anthropology, Europe, Policy, Labour, Discourse and Power, Nationalism

University of Wisconsin-Madison (2023-present)

Fall 2025	Anthro 104: Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity
Spring 2025	Anthro 330: Topics in Ethnology: The Anthropology of Europe
Spring 2025	Anthro 999: Reading and Research (independent study)
Fall 2024	Research Leave
Spring 2024	Folklore 415: Advanced Topics in Folklore: Language-Focussed Methods in Qualitative Research
Spring 2024	Anthro 330: Topics in Ethnology: The Anthropology of Europe
Fall 2023	Anthro 940: Seminar-Problems in Cultural Anthropology: Ethnographic Approaches to Migration
Fall 2023	Anthro 300: Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Ethnography

University College London (2022-2023): co-teaching during postdoctoral fellowship

Fall 2022	Discourse, Culture and Society (Graduate Seminar)
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University of Oxford (2021-2023): graduate student and postdoctoral teaching

Spring 2021- Spring 2023	Language Focussed Methods (Graduate Seminar)
Spring 2021- Spring 2022	Cultural Representations, Beliefs and Practices (undergraduate tutorials)

Free University Berlin (2017-2018): visiting lecturer position during fieldwork

Fall 2017	Linguistics and Language Change (undergraduate seminar)
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Service: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Committee:

Serving as Elected Faculty Senator, Department of Anthropology (2023-present)
Serving on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Anthropology (2024-present)
Serving on the Lectures and Colloquium Committee, Department of Anthropology (2024)
Serving on the Lab of Archaeological Chemistry Committee, Department of Anthropology (2023)
Serving as Secretary to the Faculty, Department of Anthropology (2023)

Dissertation and MA Committee:

PhD in Anthropology: member of committee for three students
PhD in African Cultural Studies: member of committee for one student

Graduate Advising:

Primary advisor for one student
Co-advisor for one student

Undergraduate Advising:

Primary advisor for two students

Public Talks Organised:

Dr Sulin Sardoschau, Humboldt University Berlin (Center for German and European Studies), February 24, 2025
Dr Heba Gowayed, CUNY Hunter College (University Lecture), September 30, 2024
Migration and Memory in Postwar and Contemporary Europe (Workshop), November 14, 2025
For each of the public talks, my collaborators and I applied for grants and prepared for the event.

Service to Profession

Invited expert reviewer for German Research Foundation (DFG) and Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) grant proposal (May 2025)

Other Service and Policy Work

- 2021 Research analyst on Germany's migration system for Freedom House. Project: Shortening the Long Arm of Autocrats: Building Responses to Transnational Repression. (July-December 2021).
- 2019-21 Digital research ethnographer for EdgeRyders & European Commission Horizon 2020 project on Next Generation Internet (NGI) Forward.