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SUMMARY

Fulbright Foreign Student Grantee and doctoral student in Linguistics at the University of Oregon, specializing in sociolinguistics and dialectology. My research investigates language variation, identity, place, and social attitudes, with particular attention to rural speech communities and regional linguistic heritage. I combine fieldwork, corpus linguistics, and quantitative and qualitative methods, and have independently designed and conducted sociolinguistic research using semi-structured interviews and corpus-based approaches.

EDUCATION

Doctoral Studies in Linguistics Sep 2025 - present
University of Oregon
• Current GPA: 4.0/4.0 (A)

Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies in Languages and Literatures Sep 2023 - Jul 2025
Università degli Studi di Bergamo
• Final Grade: 110 cum laude/110
• Thesis was deemed worthy of publication

Bachelor of Arts in Modern Foreign Languages and Civilizations Sep 2019 - Mar 2023
Università degli Studi di Parma
• Final Grade: 101/110

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Apr 2026– Jun 2026
University of Oregon
• Conducted literature reviews for Dr. Rachel Weissler in sociolinguistics, cognitive linguistics, and related areas.
• Assisted Dr. Weissler in the preparation of manuscripts for publication through editing, proofreading, and reference checking.
• Supported the development of research projects through literature synthesis and editorial assistance.

Research Assistant Jan 2026– Mar 2026
University of Oregon & University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Project: *Linking Language Prestige and Skin Tone: Inquiries into Hawai'i Creole English and African American Vernacular English*
• Assisted in the design and implementation of an online audiovisual perception experiment investigating the interaction between language, ethnicity, and skin-tone perception.
• Managed data processing using Qualtrics (108 participants; 90 retained following data screening).
• Conducted quantitative statistical analyses using repeated-measures ANOVA with Greenhouse–Geisser and Huynh–Feldt corrections.
• Contributed to research on language attitudes, raciolinguistic ideologies, language discrimination, Indigenous communities, and sociophonetic perception.
• Collaborated with Dr. Weissler and researchers from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in an interdisciplinary research project.

Teaching Assistant Sep 2025– Dec 2025
University of Oregon
• Served as TA for Professor Kevin Dicus' *Humanities 101* course.
• Led two discussion sections and facilitated class discussions.
• Provided academic support to students and assisted with course-related activities.
• Graded assignments and evaluated student work.

AWARDS

Fulbright Foreign Student Program Grant 2025/2026

Fulbright Italy – For First Year of Doctoral Studies in the USA
• Awarded: \$20.000,00 and €1.000,00

Lokey Graduate Science Award 2025/2026
University of Oregon, Eugene (OR), USA
• Awarded: \$8.000,00

Merit Scholarship 2024/2025
University of Bergamo, Bergamo, Italy
• Awarded: €4.919,00

Merit Scholarship 2023/2024
University of Bergamo, Bergamo, Italy
• Awarded: €4.667,00

Merit Scholarship 2021/2022
University of Parma, Parma, Italy
• Awarded: €2.690,00

Merit Scholarship 2020/2021
University of Parma, Parma, Italy
• Awarded: €2.860,00

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Sociolinguistics
- Dialectology and Perceptual Dialectology
- Language Variation and Change
- Language Attitudes and Ideologies
- Folk Linguistics
- Corpus Linguistics
- Historical Sociolinguistics
- Language Discrimination
- Syntax
- Semantics and Pragmatics
- Indigenous Languages
- Language Revitalization

WORKSHOP

Translation Laboratory

Dec 2024- Feb 2025

Università degli Studi di Bergamo

- Worked as part of a team providing translation for a possible editorial publication.
- The translation from English and Scots to Italian was from the play "Campbell of Kilmhor - a one-act play" by J.A. Ferguson.

Translation Laboratory

Feb 2024- May 2024

Università degli Studi di Bergamo

- Worked as part of a team providing translation for the literary journal ÁCOMA.
- The translation from English to Italian was an interview with neo-noir writer Steve Erickson.
- The team's translation was published in ÁCOMA, Spring-Summer 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

Cola, G. (2025, forthcoming). *"It Ain't Just an Accent, Y'all": History, Grammar, Social Perception, and Future of Southern American English Dialects* (Master of Arts Thesis), Università degli Studi di Bergamo

Di Vilio, A. (2024). "The Upside of Chaos is Freedom": una conversazione con Steve Erickson (C. Aricò, V. Ballabio, M. Coccione, **G. Cola**, G. Colombo, M. Cortinovic, C. Ferla, G. Fortunato, F. Giavarini, A. Guerrini, A. Misani e S. Todeschini; Trans.) in A. Scannavini, C. Scarpino, F. Iuliano, S. Rosso (Eds.), *ÁCOMA*, 26,120-139. ISSN: 2421-423X

CONFERENCES

Cola, G. (2027, May 19–21). "I Have to Work Twice as Hard to Be Seen as Worthy and Competent": Linguistic Stigma and Appalachian Identity in Academic Contexts" [Accepted for Paper Presentation]. I Congreso internacional de discriminación lingüística (CIDL 2027), Universida de Vigo, Vigo, Spain

Cola, G. (2026, May 15). " 'I Have to Work Twice as Hard to Be Seen as Worthy and Competent': Linguistic Stigma and Appalachian Identity in Academic Contexts" [Paper Presentation]. *Elevating Diversity Science Symposium*, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA

Cola, G. (2026, April 4). " 'I Have to Work Twice as Hard to Be Seen as Worthy and Competent' ": *Linguistic Stigma and Appalachian Identity in Academic Contexts*" [Paper Presentation]. 7th Sociolinguistics Symposium (SOSY), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA

Cola, G. (2026, March 26–28). " 'Now y'all are saying it:' When Southern Speech Goes Mainstream" [Paper Presentation]. *XCIII Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL)*, Atlanta, GA, USA

Cola, G. (2026, March 19–21). "We All Know What You'd Say, You're From The Mountains': *Appalachian Narratives on Accent, Stigma, and Social Injustice*" [Paper Presentation; updated version]. 49th Annual Appalachian Studies Association Studies Conference, Marshall University, Huntington, WV, USA

Cola, G. (2026, February 28). "We All Know What You'd Say, You're From The Mountains': *Appalachian Narratives on Accent, Stigma, and Social Injustice*". [Virtual Paper Presentation]. XV Graduate Appalachian Research Community 2026: Research Symposium & Art Showcase, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, USA

Cola, G. (2025, September 26). "We All Know What You'd Say, You're From The Mountains': *Appalachian Narratives on Accent, Stigma, and Social Injustice*". [Short Talk Presentation]. CODES 2025, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Praat
- Sketch Engine
- Qualtrics
- LingTree
- Corpus compilation and annotation
- Quantitative data analysis
- Online survey design
- Digital archives and corpus management

LANGUAGES

- Italian (Native)
- English (C2)
- Portuguese (B1)
- Russian (B1)
- Spanish (B1)
- Serbian-Croatian (A1)
- Norwegian and Swedish (Self-taught, beginner level)
- Ancient Greek (Advanced)
- Latin (Advanced)