



Graduate Student SIG Newsletter 12/24

Graduate SIG events: Past, present, and future

Since the start of the academic year, the CALICO Graduate Students Special Interest (SIG) leadership team has continued working together with both its new and more seasoned members. Our main goal this year is to **support** and **grow our student community** by sharing resources, events, grants, resources, and relevant opportunities on our Slack channel as well as through our LinkedIn and Facebook groups.

CALICoffee #1

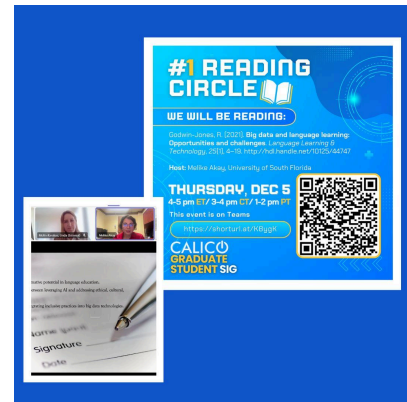


The first CALICoffee meeting, held on **October 25**, featured engaging networking opportunities and discussions about the upcoming CALICO conference. Attendees also discussed plans for the Graduate Student SIG this year, including organizing a panel at the June conference. Based on input from graduate students, the panel will focus on Research Methods in CALL, highlighting diverse approaches to investigating this dynamic field.

Reading Circle #1

The SIG kicked off its first **reading circle** of the year on **December 5**. Melike Akay (University of South Florida) led a fantastic discussion on the article:
Godwin-Jones, R. (2021). Big data and language learning: opportunities and challenges. *Language Learning & Technology*, 25(1), 4-19.

Thanks to everyone who joined us!





Interested in hosting our next Reading Circle?

We are inviting **SIG members** to host reading circles once again. These reading circles are one-hour sessions where members discuss a recent paper in CALL, guided by 2-3 questions to help shape the conversation. Any SIG member is welcome to organize or co-organize a session.

If you are interested in organizing one in the **spring semester**, feel free to reach out as well, so we can start planning next semester's calendar accordingly!

What you need to do to organize a Reading Circle

- Choose a recent CALL paper of your interest (e.g., AI-powered tools for L2 learning, MALL, gaming, AR, VR, inclusive CALL, etc.)
- Share the paper with the co-chairs (email addresses below) and suggest 2-3 dates & times.
- We will check the preferred dates on Slack & pick one based on what most people prefer.
- Once the date is set, you can create the event link, or we can do it for you.
- The co-chairs will design a flyer, featuring the organizer names, and share it on the SIG social media—no need to worry about it!
- Lead the reading circle. Ideally, you may want to start with a brief intro to the paper and guide the discussion with a few pretty broad questions

FAQs:

- Are there other opportunities to host a SIG event as a member?
■ Yes! This year, we are offering members the chance to organize additional events, such as [tool reviews](#), in either a "workshop" or presentation style. If you have an idea in mind, please let us know what you'd like to do!

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

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Upcoming events

The goal of our CALICOffees is to foster meaningful conversations on CALL-related topics, share insights, or build connections within the community. Based on feedback from our members, we are planning to organize CALICOffees #2 and #3 on two of the following topics: AI-powered tools, critical digital pedagogy, inclusive CALL for diverse language learners, digital multimodality, gamification in L2 learning, and more. These events will take place in Spring, and we are currently in the process of recruiting speakers.

If you have any suggestions, such as scholars you know who may be interested in hosting or presenting at one of our CALICOffees, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Stay tuned for more news!

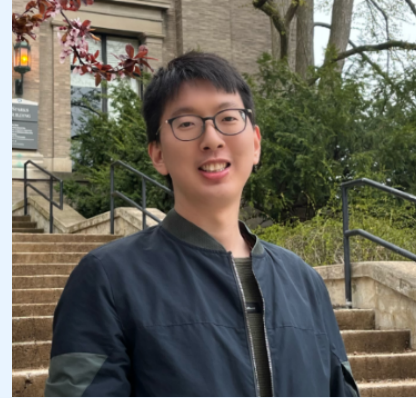


Graduate student member spotlight

Let's congratulate our former member, Xixin Qiu, on earning his Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics from Penn State University! Xixin has also recently published an impressive paper titled:

Qiu, X. (2024), Exploring the Effect of Corpus-Based Writing Instruction on Learner-Corpus Interaction in L2 Revision: A Study of Chinese EFL Disciplinary Writers. *TESOL Quarterly*, 58 (3), 1108-1137.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/tesq.3308>



Join us in congratulating our SIG member, Elif Varlik, on earning her MA from the Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye! She is now pursuing an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MATESL) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Elif has received the Department of Linguistics Conference Travel Grant from the University of Illinois, and she is currently working on designing an online teacher training program for LESLLA (Literacy Education and Second Language Learning for Adults) instructors, focusing on critical pedagogy awareness. Elif

will also be presenting at the CALICO conference in San Diego. Join her presentation on “Using H5P Content for Language Learning and Practice”!

We are so **proud** of our members' achievements!

If you want to be featured for your academic achievements in our next newsletter, fill out [this form](#) or contact us at fmarino@usf.edu or qtnvoli@ucl.ac.uk.

Latest news from the organization

Please see the latest issue (Vol.42 No.2) published by the CALICO journal for information about **publishing in CALL!** In the editorial, Dr. Oskoz and Dr. Smith discuss how graduate students can **turn their dissertations into publications**. You can find the link to the journal issue here: [From Dissertations to Publications](#)



Get to know the Graduate Student SIG co-chairs

Linda Molin-Karakoç

Graduate Student SIG Co-Chair 2024-2025

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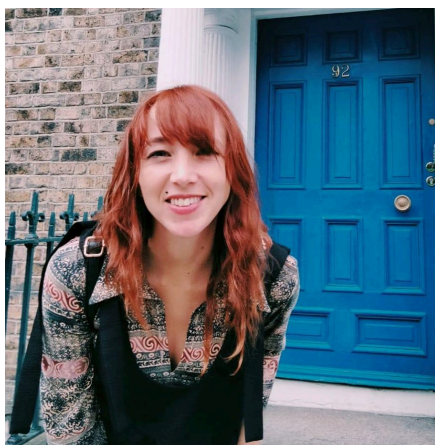
Hello members! I am Linda Molin-Karakoç and with Francesca, I'm co-chairing the Graduate Student SIG this year. I first got to know the SIG in 2023 when I presented my research at the CALICO conference. I became so inspired by its professional development and networking activities that I decided to join the SIG board this year. Two things I enjoy the most about the SIG are the close friendships that I've made and the inspiring topics I've learnt more about! A little bit about me: I am currently in the final year of my PhD. My dissertation explores the design of personalised, collaborative mobile-assisted language learning (MALL) tasks for newly arrived refugees attending beginner-level classes in Finnish. That said, I also take an interest in other CALL topics (e.g. AI, gaming, social media, LMOOCs, digital literacies and teacher development). I currently live in Los Angeles and besides research and teaching, enjoy exploring new hiking trails, beaches, food, concerts and other cultural activities that come with being an Angeleno. I look forward to seeing you all at the SIG's events this year and during the CALICO conference in San Diego next May!



Francesca Marino

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Ciao, everyone! My name is Francesca, and I'm thrilled to be co-chairing the Grad Student SIG with Linda this year. I believe this group provides an amazing opportunity to connect with others, build networks, learn from one another, and grow together. I first learned about the group at the 2023 CALICO Conference in Minneapolis. I joined in August 2023 and found a supportive community where I felt welcomed and encouraged to contribute. Currently, I'm a Ph.D. candidate at the University of South Florida. I'm currently working on my dissertation, which examines how digital multimodal composing influences students' second language development and investment. As a researcher, I'm... a blend of different interests and approaches. My work focuses on multimodality and digital media from both a discursive and pedagogical perspective. As for my future goals, I aim to find a job... and relax over winter break. Will I be able to do both? We'll see!



Follow us on social media

Connect with the Graduate Student SIG on:

- **Slack (Main platform):**
<https://graduate-sig-calico.slack.com/ssb/redirect#/shared-invite/email>
 - **LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13711650/>
 - **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CALICOgrad>
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Join CALICO!

CALICO is a great organization for people interested in and researching language learning and technology! Benefits for students include:

- Discounted membership (\$30) and conference registration fees
- Access to CALICO Journal content
- Eligibility to apply for CALICO awards
- Opportunities to join different Special Interests Groups (e.g., Gaming, VR, SLA, Graduate Students)
- Volunteering opportunities at the conference to save on registration fees
- Mentorship opportunities and events
- An outstanding supportive academic community
- And more!

Read more about the Grad SIG on our [webpage](#).

To become a member of CALICO or renew your membership, [click here!](#)

Resources for graduate students

Grants and Awards for Graduate Students

- [CALICO Outstanding Graduate Student Award](#)
- [Mango Languages Dissertation Award](#)
- [Research in Learning Technology \(RLT\)](#)
- [Educational Technology & Society \(ET&S\)](#)
- [Duolingo Dissertation and Independent Research Grants](#)
- [Language Learning Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants](#)
- [Lumina Foundation for Education](#)
- [American Association of University Women](#)
- [ETS Small Grants for Doctoral Research in Second or Foreign Language Assessment](#)
- [ETS TOEFL Young Students Series Research Program: Research Grants for Graduate Students](#)
- [NFMLTA/MLJ grants](#)



- [NCOLCTL grants/awards](#)
- [TIRF-Duolingo Doctoral Dissertation Grant](#)

CALL Conferences to look out for

- CALICO 2025
- EuroCALL 2025
- IALLT 2025
- AZ-CALL 2025
- International CALL 2025
- GloCALL 2026

Journals with a Focus on CALL

- [CALICO](#)
- [Computer Assisted Language Learning \(CALL\)](#)
- [Language Learning and Technology \(LLT\)](#)
- [ReCALL](#)
- [System](#)
- [CALL-EJ](#)
- [FLTMAG](#)
- [Research in Learning Technology \(RLT\)](#)
- [Educational Technology & Society \(ET&S\)](#)

If you know of grants/awards, conferences, or journals that should be included in our list, please contact us (fmarino@usf.edu, qtnvoli@ucl.ac.uk).