

## Robert Douglas Sykes

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### EDUCATION

- 2008 B.A., Linguistics, University of Utah (Expected)
- 2008 B.A., Middle East Studies – Arabic, University of Utah (Expected)

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Speech Acquisition Lab, University of Utah *L2 perception of Arabic pharyngealization contrasts.*

### TALKS AND CONFERENCES

- (in prep) L2 Perception of Arabic Pharyngealization Contrasts.  
*University of Utah Student Conference in Linguistics.*
- 2008 Laboratory Phonology and Learning (Informal Presentation).  
*University of Utah Linguistics Reading Group, March 14.*

### MAJOR AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Phonetics  
Phonology  
First-language acquisition  
Second-language acquisition  
Psycholinguistics  
Speech perception  
Sociophonetics  
Cognitive science  
Semitic (Arabic, Syriac, Tiberian Hebrew, Ethiopian, Mandaic)

### OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Neuroscience  
Arab-Israeli issues  
'Ilm al-Wada' (Islamic linguistic tradition)

### LANGUAGES

Native	English
Advanced competence	Arabic - Classical (Extinct)
Some competence	Arabic - Eastern, Syriac (Extinct)
Basic competence	Tiberian (Biblical) Hebrew (Extinct)

### INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jām'iat Āl al-Bayt (Al al-Bayt University) Mafraq, Jordan. June-September 2005

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### ACTIVITIES

2007-2008	Member, Linguistics SAC
2007-2008	President, Model Arab League
2006-present	Chair, Middle East Studies SAC