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Areas of Specialization

syntax, language description, morphology, morphophonology

Academic Positions

2023– Reader in Linguistics, Queen Mary University of London
2019–23 Senior Lecturer in Linguistics, Queen Mary University of London
2015–19 Lecturer in Linguistics, Queen Mary University of London

Education

2015 PhD in Linguistics, MIT Department of Linguistics & Philosophy
Dissertation: *A uniform syntax for phrasal movement: A Dinka Bor case study*
2010 MA in Linguistics, Utrecht University (cum laude)
2008 BA in English, Utrecht University (cum laude)
Cognitive Neuroscience (minor), Honours (minor)

Publications

Published work

2024 Constraining predicate fronting.
Linguistic Inquiry 55:327–373.
2020a Object licensing in Fijian and the role of adjacency.
Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 38:313–364.
2020b Successive cyclicity and the syntax of long-distance dependencies. *Annual Review of Linguistics* 6:111–130.
2020c How to detect a phase. In *Recent developments in phase theory*, ed. by Jeroen van Craenenbroeck, Cora Pots, and Tanja Temmerman, 89–132. Mouton de Gruyter.
2020d V2 is syntactic: V3 structures in Dinka. In *Rethinking Verb Second*, ed. by Rebecca Woods and Sam Wolfe. Oxford University Press.

- 2020 Three conlang projects at three educational levels. In *Language invention and linguistics pedagogy*, ed. by Jeffrey Punske, Amy Fountain, and Nathan Sanders. Oxford University Press. With David Adger.
- 2018 Pronoun copying in Dinka Bor and the Copy Theory of Movement. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 36(3):937–990.
- 2017 Ergativity and Austronesian-type voice systems. In *Oxford Handbook of Ergativity*, ed. by Jessica Coon, Diane Massam, and Lisa Travis, 373–396. Oxford University Press. With Michael Y. Erlewine and Theodore Levin.
- 2017 Why A-movement does not license parasitic gaps. In *Festschrift for David Pesetsky*, ed. by Claire Halpert, Hadas Kotek, and Coppe van Urk, 533–542. MITWPL.
- 2015 Two components of long-distance extraction: Successive cyclicity in Dinka. *Linguistic Inquiry* 46(1):113–155. With Norvin Richards.
- 2015 Aspect splits without ergativity: Agreement asymmetries in Neo-Aramaic. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory* 33(2): 659–702. With Laura Kalin.
- 2013 Visser’s Generalization: The syntax of control and the passive. *Linguistic Inquiry* 44(1): 168–178.

In progress

- 2024 The grammar of minimality in Atara Imere. Manuscript. With Adam Chong.
- 2024 The relationship between nonconcatenative morphology and affixation in Dinka. Under review at *Phonology*. With Adam Chong.
- 2024 Number morphology in Dinka is concatenative and regular. Under review at *Language*. With Zhouyi Sun.

Editing

- 2017 *A Pesky Set: Papers for David Pesetsky*. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL. With Claire Halpert and Hadas Kotek.
- 2012 *Chomsky’s Linguistics*. Cambridge, MA: MITWPL. With Peter Graff.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Grants

- 2019 BA Small Research Grant for *Structure and interpretation in Imere*.
With Luisa Martí.
- 2019 BA Conference Grant for *The alphabet of Universal Grammar*. With Daniel Harbour, Luisa Martí, Hazel Pearson.
- 2014–16 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant
Case Marking and the Left Periphery in Dinka, BCS-1440427.
(Co-PI with David Pesetsky and Norvin Richards)

Awards

- 2021 *Innovative Use of Online Technology*.
Queen Mary Student Union Education Awards.
- 2020 *Assessment & Feedback Champion*.
Queen Mary Student Union Education Awards.
- 2020 *Innovative Teaching Award* (nominated).
Queen Mary Student Union Education Awards.
- 2019 *Queen Mary Education Excellence Award*.
Queen Mary University of London, Office of the Principal.
- 2018 *Assessment & Feedback Champion*.
Queen Mary Student Union Education Awards.
- 2018 *Innovative Teaching Award* (nominated).
Queen Mary Student Union Education Awards.

Talks

Invited Talks

- Upcoming The cycle in a syllable: The *vP* phase in Dinka morphology. Plenary speaker, NELS 55, Yale.
- 2024 Outermost wins in Dinka tone. Nilotic workshop, Leipzig University, May 14.
- 2023 How to be a word in Atara Imere. Cambridge Linguistics Society, November 23.
- 2023 How to be a word in Atara Imere. Harvard University colloquium, November 17.
- 2023 Problems of nonconcatenativity in Dinka. Harvard University mini-course, November 15–16.
- 2023 Locality domains in Western Nilotic verbs. Verbal domains workshop, Newcastle University, June 26.
- 2022 The roots of non-concatenative morphology in Western Nilotic. Leipzig University, June 22.
- 2021 Moving beyond positions and the role of extended projections. Plenary speaker, Crossing boundaries workshop, University of Vienna, December 12.
- 2021 Moving beyond positions. LASER workshop, Edinburgh University, December 4.
- 2021 Dinka plural morphology is regular and concatenative. *Abralin ao Vivo*, July 24.
- 2021 Features and movement in Dinka. *Move&Agree Forum* (UBC & McGill), June 3.
- 2020 Transitivity in Fijian. University of Oxford.
- 2020 Insights from transitivity in Fijian. Plenary speaker, AFLA, National University of Singapore.
- 2019 Interleaving hierarchies. National University of Singapore, November 11.
- 2019 Constraining predicate fronting. Stanford University, November 1.
- 2019 Interleaving hierarchies. Stanford University, October 31.
- 2019 On the distribution of successive cyclicity. Plenary speaker, CamCoS, University of Cambridge, May 4.
- 2018 VP-fronting in Imere and the stranding problem. CASTL, Tromsø, October 5.
- 2018 Prosodic constraints on VP-fronting: Evidence from Imere. Leipzig University, May 30.
- 2018 Pronoun copying in Dinka. Edinburgh University, February 22.

- 2017 On the structure of gaps: Pronoun copying in Dinka. University of Oxford, February 6.
- 2016 Eliminating A/ \bar{A} -positions. National University of Singapore, August 31.
- 2015 Eliminating A/ \bar{A} -positions. University of Cambridge, November 26.
- 2015 φ -agreement in Dinka. UCSC, January 7.
- 2014 On the syntax of long-distance extraction: φ -agreement and \bar{A} -movement in Dinka. Maryland, March 3.
- 2010 Revising Visser's Generalization. CUNY, November 9.

Conference presentations

- 2024 The morphological consequences of complementizer placement in Tigrinya. AfAf 2, Paris.
- 2024 How to be a word in Atara Imere. LAGB 2024, Newcastle University. With Adam Chong.
- 2024 A phonological model of Atara Imere intonation. Speech Prosody, Leiden University. With Adam Chong.
- 2024 How to be a word in Atara Imere. NELS 54, MIT. With Adam Chong.
- 2023 Deriving the nonconcatenative preference in Dinka. NELS 53, Göttingen. With Adam Chong.
- 2022 The roots of nonconcatenative morphology in Western Nilotic. AMP 2022, UCLA. With Adam Chong.
- 2021 Dinka plural morphology is concatenative and regular. NELS 52, Rutgers. With Zhouyi Sun.
- 2019 Syntactic asymmetries in switch reference. NELS 50, MIT. With Andrew Nevins.
- 2019 Transitivity in Fijian. LAGB 2019, Queen Mary University of London.
- 2019 Constraining predicate fronting. GLOW 42, Oslo.
- 2019 VP-fronting in Imere and the stranding problem. LSA 2019, New York.
- 2018 Constraining VP-fronting. CamCoS 7, University of Cambridge.
- 2017 Objects in Fijian and the role of adjacency. NELS 48, University of Iceland.
- 2017 Object licensing in Fijian and adjacency. LAGB 2017, Canterbury.
- 2017 Phase impenetrability and resumption in Dinka. GLOW 40, Leiden.
- 2017 Mixed chains in Dinka. LSA 2017, Austin.
- 2016 On the distribution of reflexes of successive cyclicity. BCGL 9, Brussels.
- 2016 Phase impenetrability and resumption in Dinka. NELS 47, UMass Amherst.
- 2016 Is there Condition C reconstruction? Poster at NELS 47, UMass Amherst. With David Adger, Alex Drummond, and David Hall.

- 2016 Parasitic gaps, depictives, and the A/ \bar{A} -distinction. LAGB 2016, York.
- 2016 Parasitic gaps, depictives, and the A/ \bar{A} -distinction. Poster at GLOW 37, Göttingen.
- 2015 Pronoun copying and the Copy Theory of Movement. LAGB 2015, UCL.
- 2015 On the realization of intermediate copies: Pronoun copying at the phase edge. WCCFL 33, Simon Fraser University.
- 2015 The A/ \bar{A} -distinction in Dinka. LSA 2015, Portland.
- 2014 What makes a voice system? On the relationship between voice marking and case. AFLA 21, University of Hawai'i. With Michael Y. Erlewine and Theodore Levin.
- 2014 On the relation between C and T, \bar{A} -movement, and "marked nominative" in Dinka. GLOW 37, CRISSP.
- 2014 The left periphery in Dinka: Intermediate movement is regular movement. WCCFL 32, USC.
- 2013 A DM view of person-driven auxiliary selection in Upper-Southern Italian. NELS 44, UConn. With Sam Steddy.
- 2013 Dinka and the architecture of long-distance extraction. GLOW 36, Lund University. With Norvin Richards.
- 2013 Directionality and intervention in nominal concord: Evidence from Zazaki *ezafe*. Poster at GLOW 36, Lund University. With Maziar Toosarvandani.
- 2013 Dinka and the syntax of successive-cyclic movement. ACAL 44, Georgetown University. With Norvin Richards.
- 2012 Two components of long-distance extraction: Evidence from Dinka. NELS 43, CUNY. With Norvin Richards.
- 2012 Directionality and intervention in nominal concord: Evidence from Zazaki *ezafe*. Poster at NELS 43, CUNY. With Maziar Toosarvandani.
- 2012 A novel aspect split in Senaya. CLS 48, University of Chicago. With Laura Kalin.
- 2012 Aspect-based agreement reversal in Neo-Aramaic. WCCFL 30, UC Santa Cruz. With Laura Kalin.
- 2012 A novel aspect split in Senaya. Poster at GLOW 35, University of Potsdam. With Laura Kalin.
- 2011 Visser's Generalization: A window into the syntax of control. Poster at WCCFL 29, University of Arizona.

Service

Editing

- 2018– Editorial board *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*
2017– Editorial board *Snippets*
2015–2023 Editor *Linguistic Inquiry* Squibs & Discussion

Manuscript Review

Reviewer for *Blackwell Companion to Syntax*, *Glossa*, *Journal of Comparative Germanic Linguistics*, *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Language*, *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, *Phonology*, *Syntax*, MIT Press Monographs

Abstract Review

Reviewer for FASL 20 (MIT), FASAL 2 (MIT), Japanese/Korean Linguistics 23 (MIT), NELS 46 (Concordia), GLOW 39 (Göttingen), NELS 47 (UMass), LAGB 2016 (York), LAGB 2017 (Canterbury), NELS 48 (University of Iceland), LAGB 2018 (Sheffield), CLS 54, NELS 49 (Cornell), GLOW 42 (Oslo), CLS 55, NELS 50 (MIT), GLOW 43 (Berlin), NELS 51 (UQAM), NELS 52 (Rutgers), NELS 53 (Göttingen), GLOW 46 (Vienna), NELS 54 (MIT), NELS 55 (Yale).

Administrative service

- 2021– Member of Academic misconduct panel, Queen Mary.
2021– Teaching lead (linguistics), Queen Mary.
2017–2021 Deputy chair of exams, School of Languages, Linguistics, and Film, Queen Mary.
2015–2021 Exams lead (linguistics), Queen Mary.

Conference organization

- 2022 GLOW 45 Organizing committee, Queen Mary University of London.
2019 LAGB 2019 Organizing Committee, Queen Mary University of London.
2014 NELS 45 Organizing Committee, MIT.