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Appointments

2022–23 Lecturer in syntax at Yale University

2021 Lecturer in linguistics at Queen Mary University of London, Autumn semester

Education

2021 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Thesis: Nominal licensing: the number interpretation and syntactic distribution of bare nominals in Wolof (DSpace@MIT)

Committee: Prof. David Pesetsky (chair), Prof. Sabine Iatridou, and Prof. Norvin Richards

2015 M.A. in Linguistics. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Thesis: Construindo um domínio não-finito: a sintaxe de orações de gerúndio em português brasileiro [*Building a nonfinite domain: the syntax of gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese*, LingBuzz & Biblioteca Digital USP]

Committee: Prof. Marcello Modesto (chair), Prof. Jairo Nunes, Prof. Rafael Minussi

2014 Visiting student, University of Connecticut, USA. Spring semester.

Supervisor: Prof. Susi Wurmbrand

2012 B.A. in Linguistics and Portuguese Language, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Undergraduate research: Complementos gerundivos em PB [*Gerund complements in Brazilian Portuguese*]

Supervisor: Prof. Marcello Modesto

Research topics

Broad: A-dependencies across nonfinite and finite clauses, nominal licensing

Narrow: control; hyperraising; Dependent Case; bare nominals

Languages: Wolof; Brazilian Portuguese; Mongolian

Publications

Journal articles

- (2023) A Dependent Case Analysis of Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Wolof. To appear at *Syntax* (pre-publication draft)
- (2023) Feature Licensing and the Number Interpretation of Bare Nominals in Wolof. To appear at *Glossa* (pre-publication draft)
- 2019 Proper movement through Spec-CP: An argument from hyperraising in Mongolian. *Glossa* (4)1, 30. Special Collection: Subject Extraction, ed. Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.667>

Proceedings papers

- (2023) Pronouncing PRO in Wolof. To appear at *ACAL 53 Proceedings* (peer-reviewed; pre-publication draft)
- 2022 Distinguishing between explanatory accounts of the A/A'-distinction: the view from Argentinian Spanish Clitic Doubling. *Going Romance XXXIV Proceedings* (peer-reviewed). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.132>
- 2021 The syntax of plural marking: The view from bare nouns in Wolof. *Formal approaches to number in Slavic and beyond*, 129–148. Berlin: Language Science Press (peer-reviewed). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5082460>
- 2020 The syntax of number marking: the view from bare nouns in Wolof. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 5(1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v5i1.4709>
- 2018 Featural definition of syntactic positions: Evidence from hyper-raising. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 3(1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa>
- 2013 Clausal gerund and Case marking in Brazilian Portuguese. *Proceedings of the IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics (2012)*

Handbook chapter

- (2023) A-dependencies. With Dr. Claire Halpert. Accepted with revisions at *The Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Syntax* (pre-publication draft).

Manuscript

- (2023) A Wholesale Late Merge Theory of Control, in progress (handout).

Presentations

Invited

- 2021–22 Nominal licensing via dependent case: the view from Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Wolof. S-Lab, University of Maryland, February, 2022.
 Syntax & Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley, February, 2021. (Presented under the title ‘A dependent case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof’).

Refereed

- 2022–23 Pronouncing PRO in Wolof. NELS (North East Linguistics Society) 53. University of Göttingen, January, 2023 (virtual poster).
 ACAL (Annual Conference on African Linguistics) 53. UC San Diego, April, 2022.
 46th PLC (Annual Penn Linguistics Conference). University of Pennsylvania, March, 2022.
 ConSOLE (Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe) 30, Université de Nantes (OSF), January 2022.
- 2021–22 Nominal licensing via dependent case: the view from Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Wolof. LSA (Linguistic Society of America) Annual Meeting, Washington DC, January 22.
 NELS (North East Linguistics Society) 52. Rutgers University, October, 2021.
 14th SinFonJA (Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis). University of Novi Sad, September 2021.
- 2020–21 Distinguishing between accounts of the A/A’-distinction: the view from Argentinian Spanish Clitic Doubling. 57th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS), University of Chicago, May, 2021.
 LSRL (Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages) 51, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April, 2021.
 Going Romance 34, CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique), November, 2020.
- 2019–21 The number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof. ACAL (Annual Conference on African Linguistics) 51–52. University of Florida, April, 2021.
 ConSOLE 29, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics, January 2021.
 LSA (Linguistic Society of America) 2020 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January, 2020.
 12th Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonJA 12). Workshop on Number, Numerals, and Plurality. Masaryk University, September, 2019.
 LAGB (Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) 2019. Queen Mary University of London, September 2019.
- 2019 Alternations between regular and athematic participles in Brazilian Portuguese. 49th LSRL (Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages). University of Georgia in Athens, May, 2019.
 43rd annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, March, 2019 (poster).

- 2018 Proper movement through Spec-CP: an argument from hyperraising in Mongolian. NELS (North East Linguistics Society) 49. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, October, 2018 (poster).
VIII Encuentro de Gramática Generativa. Universidad de Buenos Aires, August, 2018. (Presented under the title ‘Differential Subject Marking in Mongolian’).
- 2018 A raising analysis of accusative subjects in Mongolian. ConCall-3 (Conference on Central Asian Languages of the Central Asian Region), Indiana University, March, 2018.
- 2018 Featural definition of syntactic positions: evidence from hyper-raising. LSA (Linguistic Society of America) 2018 Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, January, 2018.
- 2012–15 Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese. 63º Seminário do GEL (Grupo de Estudos Lingüísticos do Estado de São Paulo). Universidade Estadual de Campinas, July, 15.
IX ABRALIN (Associação Brasileira de Lingüística) International Congress. Universidade Federal do Pará, February, 2015.
Workshop on morphology and interpretation. Universidade de São Paulo, July, 14 (poster).
IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, August, 2012 (poster).
60º Seminário do GEL (Grupo de Estudos Lingüísticos do Estado de São Paulo). Universidade de São Paulo, July, 2012 (poster).
- 2010 Propriedades morfossintáticas na construção da metáfora [*Morphosyntactic properties in the building of metaphors*]. 58º Seminário do GEL (Grupo de Estudos Lingüísticos do Estado de São Paulo). Universidade Federal de São Carlos, July, 2010 (poster).

Outreach

- 2019 The singular (and plural) behavior of bare nouns in Wolof. Hungry Wugs presentation for undergraduate students, MIT, April, 2019.
- 2017 A ciência e a lógica da estrutura das línguas [*The science and logic of linguistic structure*]. With Dr. Mar Bassa and Dr. Karin Vivanco. PUB-Lingüística, March. 2017. Introduction to linguistics for non-linguists & discussion of research for non-linguist audience.

Non-refereed and selected departmental presentations

- 2023 A Wholesale Late Merge Theory of Control. MIT Ling-Lunch, May, 2023.
Yale Syntax Reading Group, April, 2023.
- 2020 Feature licensing and the number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof. 40th Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden University, August, 2020.
- 2019 The syntax of plural marking: the view from bare nouns in Wolof. The Alphabet of Universal Grammar, The British Academy in London, July, 2019 (poster).
- 2019 Nominais nus em Wolof e a sintaxe de marcação plural [*Bare nouns in Wolof and the syntax of plural marking*]. Tardes de Lingüística na USP, Universidade de São Paulo, June, 2019.
- 2019 CONCORD and INDEX number in Wolof bare nominals. ECO-5. University of Maryland, February, 2019.
- 2018 Differential Argument Marking by phase in Mongolian. ECO-5, University of Massachusetts Amherst, April, 2018.

- 2017 Moving out of a finite CP: an analysis of hyper-raising. ECO-5, University of Connecticut, April, 2017.
- 2015 A sintaxe de orações de gerúndio em PB [*The syntax of gerund clauses in BP*]. XVIII ENAPOL, Universidade de São Paulo, May, 2015.
- 2012 Gerúndio e marcação de Caso [*Gerund and Case marking*]. 20^o SIICUSP, Universidade de São Paulo, October, 2012.
- 2012 Complementos gerundivos em PB: proposta preliminar de análise [*Gerund complements in BP: preliminary analysis* (poster)]. XV ENAPOL. Universidade de São Paulo, May, 2012.
- 2010 A estrutura argumental de metáforas conceituais [*The argument structure of conceptual metaphors*]. 18^o SIICUSP, Universidade de São Paulo, November, 2010.

Teaching

Yale University

Academic year 2022/23

- Spring Syntax II (LING 254/654, undergraduate/graduate)
Linguistics in the real world (LING 106, undergraduate)
- Fall Seminar on Agree (LING 261/661, undergraduate/graduate)
Morphology (LING 280/680, undergraduate/graduate)

Queen Mary University of London

Academic year 2021/22

- Fall Introduction to Semantics (LIN5217/7206, BA/MA)
Syntax II: Explaining Grammatical Structures (LIN5213, BA)
Syntax (LIN7209, MA)

Escuela de Lingüística de Buenos Aires (ELBA)

- 2020 Theoretical Approaches to Hyperraising, Universidad de Buenos Aires, February, 2020 (one-week summer course)

Advising

Yale University

- 2023 Hailey Dykstra (advisor to senior thesis)
Thesis title: *SMH: Negation in American Sign Language*

- 2023 Diana Kulmizev (advisor to senior thesis)
Thesis title: *Who Saw Who? Exploring Direct-Inverse Marking in Blackfoot: An Agree-Based Approach*
- 2023 Pinyu (Pearl) Hwang (second reader to senior thesis)
Thesis title: *A new level of stupid: An Examination of Noun-of-Adj(P) Structures in English*

Teaching assistantship

- 2020/F Introduction to Syntax (24.951, graduate)
Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2018/F Introduction to Linguistics (24.900, undergraduate)
Instructor: Prof. Adam Albright, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2017/S Special Subject: Linguistics (24.S90, undergraduate)
Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2016/F Language and Its Structure II: Syntax (24.902, undergraduate)
Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2015/1 Sintaxe: fundamentos de análise e descrição sintática (FLL0215, undergraduate introduction to syntax)
Instructor: Prof. Jairo Nunes, Universidade de São Paulo
- 2014/2 Elementos de Lingüística II (FLL0434, undergraduate introduction to linguistics)
Instructor: Prof. Margarida Petter, Universidade de São Paulo

Research grants and awards

- 2019 Student bursary: LAGB 2019 (Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain) at Queen Mary University of London.
- 2019 Runner-up for the Best Student Presentation Award: 49th LSRL (Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages), University of Georgia.
- 2013–15 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation), Brazil. Funding for M.A. research (grant #2012/23196-5).
- 2014 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation), Brazil. Funding for Research Internship Abroad, BEPE (grant #2013/20648-5).
- 2013 Capes (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior), Brazil. Funding for M.A. research.
- 2011–12 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil). Funding for undergraduate research (grant #2011/08152-9).
- 2009–10 CNPq (Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico, Brazil). Funding for undergraduate research.

Academic service

- 2020– LSA Mentoring Initiative, mentor
- 2022–23 Syntax Reading Group organizer, Yale University
- 2021 ECO-5 workshop co-organizer (virtual), MIT Linguistics
- 2017–21 ECO-5 liaison, MIT Linguistics
- 2019 TripleA 6 (The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics
- 2018 WAFL 14 (Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics
- 2018 Linguistics judge for INSPIRE (National High School Research Competition in the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences), Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2017–18 Syntax Square (reading group) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics
- 2016–17 Student co-editor of Whamit! (MIT Linguistics newsletter)
- 2016–17 Ling-Lunch co-organizer, MIT Linguistics
- 2015/1 *Tardes de Lingüística na USP* (series of colloquia and other events) co-organizer, Universidade de São Paulo.

Ad-hoc reviewing for journal articles

Caderno de Estudos Linguísticos (2021); *Caderno de Squibs* (2020×2); *Glossa* (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022); *Language* (2022); *Linguistic Inquiry* (2021); *Syntax* (2021); a paper for *Formal approaches to number in Slavic and beyond* (2020); a paper for a collection on African languages (2021)

Ad-hoc reviewing for conference abstracts

TripleAFLA (2022); Workshop on Formal Linguistics (2021)

Membership

- 2017–23 Linguistic Society of America
- 2021–22 Association of Contemporary African Linguistics

Languages

Brazilian Portuguese (native); English (professional fluency); Spanish and French (basic reading); Guangdong Cantonese (heritage); Python (basic).

Elicitation

- Wolof Spring 2018 (course 24.942/MIT); Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2021 (MIT, Ken Hale Fund); Spring 2022 (independent)
- Mongolian Spring 2017 (course 24.942/MIT); Summer 2017 (MIT, Ken Hale Fund); Spring 2018, Summer 2018 (independent)