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Education

University of Edinburgh

PHD LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- Supervisors: Pavel Iosad & Peter Ackema
- Proposed thesis title: *A strictly modular account of Irish initial consonant mutation*

Edinburgh, UK

2021 - present

Trinity College Dublin

MRES LINGUISTICS

- Awarded with Distinction
- Supervisor: Jeffrey Kallen
- Thesis title: *An Optimality Theory approach to initial consonant mutation in Modern Irish*

Dublin, Ireland

2016 - 2018

University of Cambridge

MAST MATHEMATICS

- First Class Honours with Merit

Cambridge, UK

2014 - 2015

Trinity College Dublin

BA (MOD) THEORETICAL PHYSICS

- First Class Honours with Gold Medal
- Thesis title: *Nonlinear electromagnetism in General Relativity*

Dublin, Ireland

2010 - 2014

Employment

- 2022-pres **Academic Writing Adviser**, PPLS Skills Centre, University of Edinburgh
- 2021-pres **Teaching Assistant**, PPLS, University of Edinburgh
- 2018-21 **Actuarial Analyst**, Scottish Widows, Edinburgh
- 2018 **Substitute Physics Teacher**, Newpark Comprehensive School, Dublin
- 2015-16 **Mediator**, Science Gallery, Dublin
- 2015-16 **Astronomy & Astrophysics Teacher**, Cambridge Tradition Summer School
- 2014 **Question Writer & Quality Control**, Adaptemy (Adaptive Learning and AI for Education), Dublin
- 2013-18 **Teaching Assistant**, School of Mathematics, Trinity College Dublin
- 2013 **REU Solar Research Intern**, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, MA (USA)
- 2012 **Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)**, School of Physics, Trinity College Dublin
- 2010-20 **Private Tutor in Mathematics and Physics**, Dublin/Edinburgh and online

Publications

PUBLISHED

Laoide-Kemp, A. 2023. Irish initial consonant mutation: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax. In M. Jaurena & Z. Metzler (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Thirty-Fifth Western Conference on Linguistics* (Vol. 29, p. 58-68). California State University, Fresno.

UNDER REVIEW

Initial consonant mutation patterns as evidence for domain structure in Irish.

Strict modularity at the morphosyntax-phonology interface: the case of Irish preverbal d'.

Presentations

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- November 2025. *Resolving the paradox of Irish preverbal d' in a modular grammatical system*. Talk given at *Widame: A conference for postgraduate scholars in Celtic studies (Maynooth University).
- May 2025. *An autosegmental account of initial consonant mutation in Irish: evidence from preverbal d'*. Talk given at the 31st Manchester Phonology Meeting (31mfm) (University of Manchester).
- March 2025. *Preverbal d' and its interactions with the initial consonant mutation system in Irish*. Talk given at GLOW 47 (Frankfurt am Main); won Student Presentation Excellence Award (€150).
- March 2025. *Initial consonant mutation patterns as evidence for domain structure in Irish*. Poster presented at Exploring Boundaries: Phonological Domains in the Languages of the World (UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø).
- September 2024. *Resolving the spell-out timing paradox in Irish historic tense lenition*. Talk given at the 17th conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 17) (University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia).
- August 2024. *Resolving the spell-out timing paradox in Irish historic tense lenition*. Talk given at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the LAGB (Newcastle University).
- June 2024. *Myopic effects in the Irish initial consonant mutation system*. Talk given at Workshop on Myopia in Grammar (Universität Leipzig).
- June 2024. *Two sources of initial consonant mutation in the Irish clause*. Talk given at the LEL Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC24) (University of Edinburgh).
- May 2024. *Two sources of initial consonant mutation in the Irish clause*. Talk given at the 33rd Colloquium on Generative Grammar (CGG) (University of Alcalá, Alcalá de Henares).
- April 2024. *Two sources of initial consonant mutation in the Irish clause*. Talk given at the Manchester Forum in Linguistics (MFIL) (University of Manchester).
- February 2024. *A strictly modular analysis of initial consonant mutation in Irish*. Talk given at the 21st Sprachwissenschaftliche Tagung für Promotionsstudierende (STaPs-21) (online - hosted by Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest).
- November 2023. *Irish initial consonant mutations: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax*. Talk given at the Western Conference on Linguistics (WECOL) (online - hosted by California State University, Fresno).
- June 2023. *Irish initial consonant mutations: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax*. Talk given at the LEL postgraduate Conference (LELPGC23) (University of Edinburgh).
- June 2022. *Irish initial consonant mutations: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax*. Poster presented at ACTL Summer School 2022 (University of York).

INVITED TALKS

- October 2024. *Preverbal d' and its interactions with the initial consonant mutation system in Irish*. Invited talk: Atelier de Phonologie (online - hosted by Structures Formelles du Langage (SFL), Université Paris 8 / CNRS).
- July 2022. *Irish initial consonant mutations: disentangling phonology from morphosyntax*. Invited talk: Edinburgh Morphology Reading Group (EdinMorph) (University of Edinburgh).

Dissertations & Projects

- April 2018. *An optimality theory approach to initial consonant mutation in Modern Irish*. MPhil dissertation (School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences, Trinity College Dublin).¹
- March 2014. *Nonlinear electromagnetism in general relativity*. Undergraduate dissertation (School of Mathematics, Trinity College Dublin).
- January 2014. *In search of the Stradivarius-like solutions in classical wave mechanics*. Undergraduate physics project (School of Physics, Trinity College Dublin). Presented at Tomorrow's Mathematicians Today Conference 2014 (University of Surrey).¹

¹Written under my maiden name, "Lawless"

December 2013. *Alfvén wave heating model of an active region and comparisons with EIS observations*. Solar REU project (Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics). Poster presented at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2013.¹

August 2012. *Theoretical techniques in x-ray spectroscopy*. Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) project (Trinity College Dublin).¹

Grants, Awards & Recognition

Grants & Scholarships

2025	Student Presentation Excellence Award , GLOW47	€150
2024-25	Research Support Grant , PPLS, University of Edinburgh	£850
2023-24	Research Support Grant , PPLS, University of Edinburgh	£850
2021-25	Edinburgh Doctoral College Scholarship , University of Edinburgh (fees + stipend for 3.5 yrs)	£15,609 p.a.
2014	Robert Gardiner Memorial Scholarship , University of Cambridge	£6,000
2013	Carl "Max" Hammond Student Travel Award , American Geophysical Union	\$ 1,000
2012	Arthur Lyster Prize in Mathematics , Trinity College Dublin	€477
2012	TCD Scholarship , Trinity College Dublin (fees + on-campus accommodation for 5 yrs)	
2011	Townsend Memorial Prize in Mathematics , Trinity College Dublin	€889
2011	Walton Prize in Physics , Trinity College Dublin	€150
2010	Women in Physics Scholarship , Trinity College Dublin	€1,500
2010	Entrance Exhibition Scholarship , Trinity College Dublin	€300

Other Awards & Recognition

2014	Gold Medal for exceptional merit in degree examinations , Trinity College Dublin
2014	FitzGerald Medal and Prize for outstanding merit in Physics Moderatorship , Trinity College Dublin
2009	Silver Medal (8th place) , European Union Science Olympiad (EUSO) (representing Ireland in Murcia, Spain)
2007	Silver Medal , International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) (representing Ireland in Taipei, Taiwan)

Miscellaneous

Summer Schools

Jul 2025	V-NYI #10 , courses in: Syllable structure; Logical phonology; Issues in non-concatenative morphology; The life cycle of phonological processes: principles and case studies	online
Jul 2024	V-NYI #9 , course in: Strict CV metrics or how to live without moras	online
Jan 2024	V-NYI #8 , courses in: Feeding and bleeding in syntax; Topics in agreement; Introduction to mathematical linguistics; Agree(ment) via interaction and satisfaction	online
Jun 2022	ACTL , courses in: Perspectives in non-canonical questions; Integrating prosody into sentence processing; Topics in the phonology and morphology of Signed Languages	Univ. of York

Teaching Experience

ACCREDITATION

2024	Associate Fellowship , Advance HE
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GUEST LECTURING

PPLS, University of Edinburgh

2024-25	Syntax: Theory and Practice , <i>VP structure: ditransitive asymmetries</i> Introduction to Syntax , <i>Syntactic islands</i> (co-taught with Iris Kamil and John Hotson) Introduction to Phonology , <i>Phonemic analysis; phonological rules; distinctive features</i>	(1 lecture) (1 lecture) (3 lectures)
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TUTORING

PPLS, University of Edinburgh

2025-26	Syntax: Theory and Practice , Teaching Assistant Linguistics and English Language 1B , Teaching Assistant Linguistic Theory and Structure of English , Teaching Assistant
2024-25	Syntax: Theory and Practice , Teaching Assistant Introduction to Syntax , Teaching Assistant Quantitative Methods in Linguistics and English Language , Teaching Assistant
2023-24	Cross-Linguistic variation: Limits and Theories , Teaching Assistant Linguistic Theory and Structure of English , Teaching Assistant
2022-23	Linguistic Theory and Structure of English , Teaching Assistant
2021-22	Cross-Linguistic variation: Limits and Theories , Teaching Assistant Linguistics and English Language 1B , Teaching Assistant

School of Mathematics, Trinity College Dublin

2013-18	Linear Algebra , Teaching Assistant Real Analysis , Teaching Assistant Mechanics , Teaching Assistant Classical Electrodynamics , Teaching Assistant Partial Differential Equations , Teaching Assistant Mathematics for Scientists , Teaching Assistant
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Academic Service

PEER REVIEW

Journals: Glossa

Conferences: LELPGC22

CONFERENCES AND EVENT ORGANISING

2022	Linguistics and English Language Postgraduate Conference (LELPGC22) , Co-chair
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ACADEMIC ROLES

University of Edinburgh

2025-pres	Co-organiser , Swalif LEL Networking Talks
2024-pres	Mentor , Edinburgh Teaching Award (EdTA)
2024-pres	LEL Tutor Representative , School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences
2024-pres	Co-organiser , Teaching Linguistics Reading Group
2023-pres	Co-organiser , Phonological Theory Reading Group
2021-22	General Secretary , Language Lunch @ Edinburgh

Trinity College Dublin

2016-17	Graduate Student Union Representative , representing the Linguistics MPhil cohort
2013-14	Secretary , Dublin University Mathematics Society (DU Mathsoc)

OUTREACH

- 2021-22 **Maths Circle (University of Edinburgh)**, presenting mathematics and linguistics puzzles for primary school students
- Feb 2014 **TY Maths Talks/Workshop (Science Gallery Dublin)**, organised a mathematics outreach event for secondary school students

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Student Member** of Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) (2025-pres)
- Associate Fellow** of the Higher Education Academy (2024-pres)
- Student Member** of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain (LAGB) (2024-pres)
- Associate Member** of the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) (2014-pres)

Research Interests

Initial consonant mutation • Celtic linguistics • Autosegmental phonology • Strict CV phonology • Phonological domain structure • Subtractive morphology • Morphosyntax-phonology interface • Modularity • Interactions between grammatical modules