

# Eva Neu

📍 Department of Linguistics  
N408 Integrative Learning Center  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
650 North Pleasant Street  
Amherst, MA 01003

✉️ eneu at umass dot edu  
🌐 eva-neu.github.io/  
🐙 github.com/Eva-Neu

## Education

---

2026 (exp.)	PhD, University of Massachusetts Amherst Linguistics Dissertation: <i>From roots to trees: Thematic roles and the lexicon-syntax interface</i> Advisors: Rajesh Bhatt, Kyle Johnson
2020	MA, University College London Linguistics Thesis: <i>Binding vs. co-reference: On logophoricity in German</i> Advisor: Klaus Abels Distinction
2019	BA, Free University of Berlin Comparative Literature, with minors in Philosophy and Latin 1.0 (~ GPA: 4.0)

## Research interests

---

Broad	Syntax, morphology, lexicon-syntax interface, computational modeling
Narrow	Argument structure, subword coordination, allomorphy, affix order, stative passives

## Publications

---

### Journal papers

2026	Neu, Eva. Direct causatives of unergatives: A view from variable unaccusativity. <i>Natural Language and Linguistic Theory</i> 44. [link]
2025	Neu, Eva. Hybridity and change in Turkish inflectional morphology. <i>Linguistic Variation</i> . [link]

### Manuscripts in progress

In prep.	Neu, Eva, Maayan Keshev and Brian Dillon. Similarity in agreement attraction.
Submitted	Neu, Eva and Faruk Akkuş. On some putative unaccusativity diagnostics. [link]

### Proceedings papers

In prep.	Neu, Eva, and Lulu Guo. Unifying phrasal and subword RNR: A multidominance account. <i>Proceedings of NELS 56</i> .
2025	Neu, Eva. Variation and gradience in non-standard Turkish affix ordering. <i>Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA) 10(1)</i> . 5922. [link]
2025	Neu, Eva, Rajesh Bhatt and Shaunak Phadnis. Degrees of animacy and telicity in Hindi intransitives: A corpus study. <i>Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA) 10(1)</i> . 5923. [link]

- 2025 Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Causatives without causation: Involvee causatives in Turkish. *Proceedings of WCCFL 42*. 284–293. [[link](#)]
- 2024 Neu, Eva. The realization of agreement in the Turkish verbal domain. *Proceedings of the 9th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+ 9)*. 16–30. [[link](#)]
- 2024 Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Involvee causatives in Turkish. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA) 9(1)*. 5703. [[link](#)]
- 2023 Neu, Eva. Causatives of unergatives in Hindi-Urdu. *Coyote Papers 25: Proceedings of the Arizona Linguistics Circle 16*. 71-80. [[link](#)]
- 2023 Neu, Eva. Against a low subject analysis of causatives of unergatives. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA) 8(1)*. 5527. [[link](#)]

## **Presentations**

---

### **Invited talks and guest lectures**

- 2024 Neu, Eva. Theta-roles, individual roles and the nature of roots. *NYU Syntax Brown Bag*, November 7. [[link](#)]
- 2025 Neu, Eva. Variable linking in argument structure. *Yale Syntax Reading Group*, December 6.
- 2024 Neu, Eva. Hybridity and change in Turkish inflectional morphology. Guest lecture for *Advanced Syntax Seminar: Turkic Syntax* (by Travis Major), University of Southern California, September 25.
- 2023 Neu, Eva. Causatives of unergatives: A view from variable unaccusativity. *Penn Syntax Lab*, University of Pennsylvania, October 27.

### **Refereed conference presentations and posters**

- 2026 Guo, Lulu, and Eva Neu. Subword RNR as Multidominance-Plus-Ellipsis. *GLOW 48*. University of Siena, April 21–23.
- 2026 Neu, Eva, Utku Türk, Özge Bakay, Brian Dillon and Gaja Jarosz. The syntax-morphology divide is gradient and sensitive to frequency: Evidence from suspended affixation. *Tu+ 11*. MIT, April 11–12.
- 2026 Neu, Eva, Utku Türk, Özge Bakay, Brian Dillon and Gaja Jarosz. Frequency modulates structural choices in Turkish non-local derivational morphemes. Poster at *HSP 39*. MIT, March 26–28.
- 2026 Neu, Eva, Brian Dillon and Katrin Erk. Eight shades of animacy: Property axes and split intransitivity. *PLC 50*. University of Pennsylvania, February 28–March 1.
- 2025 Neu, Eva, and Lulu Guo. Unifying phrasal and subword RNR: A multidominance account. *NELS 56*. NYU, October 17–19. [[link](#)]
- 2025 Neu, Eva, Maayan Keshev and Brian Dillon. Modeling agreement attraction effects in vector space. *HSP 38*. University of Maryland, March 27–29. [[link](#)]
- 2025 Neu, Eva. Variation and gradience in non-standard Turkish affix ordering. Poster at *LSA 2025 Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA, January 9–12.
- 2025 Neu, Eva, Maayan Keshev and Brian Dillon. Encoding syntactic positions in working memory: A computational approach. *LSA 2025 Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA, January 9–12.
- 2025 Neu, Eva, Rajesh Bhatt and Shaunak Phadnis. Degrees of animacy and telicity in Hindi intransitives: A corpus study. Poster at *LSA 2025 Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA, January 9–12.
- 2024 Neu, Eva, Maayan Keshev and Brian Dillon. Modeling agreement attraction effects in vector space. *Puzzles of Agreement*. University of Bucharest, University of Toronto, UMass Amherst and ZAS Berlin (virtual), October 24–25.

- 2024 Neu, Eva. Inflectional morphology in the Turkish verbal domain: Allomorphy, hybridity and change. *NELS 55*. Yale University, October 17–18.
- 2024 Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Causatives without causation: Involvee causatives in Turkish. *WCCFL 42*. UC Berkeley, April 12–14.
- 2024 Neu, Eva. The realization of agreement in the Turkish verbal domain. Poster at *Tu+ 9*. Cornell University, March 23–24.
- 2024 Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Causatives without causation: Involvee causatives in Turkish. *Tu+ 9*. Cornell University, March 23–24.
- 2024 Neu, Eva, and Faruk Akkuş. Involvee causatives in Turkish. *LSA 2024 Annual Meeting*. New York City, NY, January 4–7.
- 2023 Neu, Eva, and Brian Dillon. Agreement with conjoined subjects involving mismatching person features. Poster at *AMLaP 29*. San Sebastián, Spain, August 31–September 2.
- 2023 Neu, Eva. Making others move against their will: On causatives of motion verbs and other unergatives. *Agency and Intentions in Language 3*. University of Göttingen and Harvey Mudd College (virtual), March 8–10.
- 2023 Neu, Eva. Direct causatives of unergatives are ordinary transitives. Poster at *LSA 2023 Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO, January 5–8.
- 2022 Neu, Eva. Causatives of unergatives in Hindi-Urdu. *Arizona Linguistics Circle 16*. University of Arizona/virtual, October 21–22.
- 2020 Neu, Eva. Anaphor Backward Binding in German. *68. Studentische Tagung Sprachwissenschaft*. Free University of Berlin, Humboldt University of Berlin, University of Potsdam (virtual), November 19–22.

## Grants, honours and awards

---

- 2022 Travel grant to NASSLLI 2022, NSF/Brandeis University
- 2020 Deirdre Wilson Prize, Department of Linguistics UCL
- 2020 Dean's List, Faculty of Brain Sciences UCL

## Professional experience

---

### As Teaching Assistant at UMass Amherst

- 2025F *Morphology* (instructor: Faruk Akkuş)
- 2025S *Advanced Computational Linguistics* (instructor: Gaja Jarosz)
- 2024F *Introduction to Syntax* (instructor: Beccy Lewis)
- 2023F *Introduction to Linguistic Theory* (instructor: Kyle Johnson)
- 2023S *Writing for Linguistics* (instructor: Brian Dillon)
- 2022F *People and Their Language* (instructor: Rajesh Bhatt)

### As Research Assistant at UMass Amherst

- 2024S NSF Grant #2146798: *Bridging encoding and retrieval perspectives on sentence processing errors: Comparing Hebrew and English*, PI: Brian Dillon

## Non-degree education

---

- 2025 V-NYI Summer School, St. Petersburg State University
- 2023 LSA Summer Institute, UMass Amherst
- 2022 V-NYI Summer School, St. Petersburg State University
- 2022 NASSLLI, University of Southern California

2021	ESSLLI, Utrecht University
2020	V-NYI Summer School, St. Petersburg State University

## Service

---

### Conference organizing

2023	ALS-LSA Workshop, UMass Amherst, June 28
2023	The 36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Arabic Linguistics (ASAL), UMass Amherst, March 24–26

### Reviewing

2025	<i>Syntactic Theory and Research</i>
2024	<i>Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition</i>

### Editing

2024	(With Mariana Calderón-Corona and Polina Kasyanova.) <i>Proceedings of SULA 12</i> . Amherst, MA: GLSA.
2022	(With Özge Bakay, Breanna Pratley and Peyton Deal.) <i>Proceedings of NELS 52</i> . Amherst, MA: GLSA.

### Departmental service

2025	Co-organizer, colloquium series, UMass Amherst
2023–2024	Graduate Student Senator, UMass Amherst
2022–2023	Co-organizer, Syntax-Semantics Reading Group, UMass Amherst
2021–2022	Student Representative, Graduate Employee Organization, UMass Amherst
2020	Member of the Student Sustainability Council, UCL

### Outreach

2022–pres.	Round 2 Manager, UK Linguistics Olympiad
2020–pres.	Marker, UK Linguistics Olympiad

## Languages

---

Native	German
Fluent	English
Advanced	French, Spanish
Intermediate	Italian
Elementary	Hebrew
Reading	Latin, Ancient Greek
Research	Turkish

## Tech skills

---

Python (numpy, jax, pytorch), R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, PCIBex, Praat, Bash

## Professional Affiliations

---

Linguistic Society of America  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft

*Last updated: February 2026*