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## Education

- Dec. 2021 📖 **Ph.D. The Ohio State University** in Linguistics.
- May 2021 📖 **M.A. The Ohio State University** in Linguistics.
- May 2015 📖 **B.A. University of Texas at Austin** in Japanese language and culture and Linguistics with Special Honors.

## Academic Employment History

### Research Appointments

- 2024 – 📖 **Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellow**, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, DE.
- 2023 – 2024 📖 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, funded by the European Research Council, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK.

### Faculty Teaching Appointments

- 2021 – 2023 📖 **Instructor in Linguistics**, Metro Early College High School. Columbus, OH.

### RA-ships

- 2024 – 📖 **Affiliated Researcher**, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK.
- Autumn 2024 📖 **Editorial Assistance**, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 2022 – 2024 📖 **Editorial Assistance**, Otto-Friedrich-University Bamberg
- Summer 2022 📖 **Web-design Assistance**, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.
- Summer 2020 📖 **Editorial Assistance**, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.

### Graduate Teaching Appointments

- Autumn 2021 📖 **Graduate Teaching Associate**, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.
- 2019 – 2020 📖 **Graduate Teaching Associate**, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.

## Research Papers and Presentations

### Theses

- 1 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2021). *The synchrony and diachrony of New Western Iranian nominal morphosyntax*. The Ohio State University Ph.D. dissertation.
- 2 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2015). *Bilingual personalities phenomenon*. The University of Texas at Austin Undergraduate B.A. Thesis.

### Articles

- 1 Joseph, Brian, **Shuan Osman Karim**, and Clint Awai-Jennings (in press). Linguistics in the High School the Columbus Experience. *Journal of Language Pedagogy*.

- 2 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (in press). Absolute Prepositions. In *The Oxford Handbook of Kurdish Linguistics*, Jaffer Sheyholislami, Geoffrey Haig, Hayder Khezri, Saleh Akin, and Ergin Öpengin (Eds.). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 3 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (in press). Can insignificant evidence yield a significant result? sub-grouping Southern Kurdish based on imperfective allomorphs. In Songül Gündoğdu and Agnes Grond (eds.), *Current issues in Kurdish linguistics II*.
- 4 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Masoud Mohammadirad (accepted). The development of imperfective and subjunctive marking in Hewramî. In *Linguistics*.
- 5 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2024). Pattern Borrowing in The Southern Kurdish Zone. In **Shuan Osman Karim** and Saloumeh Gholami (Eds.), *Gorani in its Historical and Linguistic Context*. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 6 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Saloumeh Gholami (2024). Introduction. In **Shuan Osman Karim** and Saloumeh Gholami (Eds.), *Gorani in its Historical and Linguistic Context*. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 7 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Ezafe and the Article. In *Advances in Iranian Linguistics II*, Karimi, Simin, Narges Nematollahi, Roya Kabiri and Jian Gang Ngui (eds.). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 8 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2022). Akkadian [e]. In: *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 142.1, pp. 177–191.
- 9 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Ali Salehi (2022). An applicative analysis of Sorani “absolute prepositions” in Sara Pacchiarotti and Fernando Zúñiga (eds.). *Neglected syntactic functions and non-syntactic functions of Applicative Morphology (Trends in Linguistics Studies and Monographs 373)*. 263–298. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 10 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2021). The heuristic of Economy and Proto-Iranian stop clusters. In: *Chatreššar* 2.
- 11 Elsner, Micha, Andrea D. Sims, Alexander Erdmann, Antonio Hernandez, Evan Jaffe, Lifeng Jin, Martha Booker Johnson, **Shuan Osman Karim**, David L. King, Luana Lamberti Nunes, Byung-Doh Oh, Nathan Rasmussen, Cory Shain, Stephanie Antetomaso, Kendra V. Dickinson, Noah Diewald, Michelle McKenzie, and Symon Stevens-Guille (2019). Modeling morphological learning, typology, and change: What can the neural sequence-to-sequence framework contribute? In: *Journal of Language Modelling* 7.1, pp. 126–170.

## Articles (under-review)

- 1 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (in review[a]). Heuristics for identifying de-collective plurals and the competition between definiteness and plurality in Iranian.
- 2 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (in review[b]). Practical explanations for typological tendencies: the imperfective cycle and the loss of ergativity.
- 3 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (in review[d]). The “straw man” method for reconstructing Balochi imperfective prefix(es).
- 4 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Masoud Mohammadirad (revised). Demorphologization and Remorphologization: the development of a progressive prefix to a marker of negation in Hewramî.

## Books

- 1 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Saloumeh Gholami (2024). *Gorani in its Historical and Linguistic Context. Trends in Linguistics Documentation (TiLDOC)*. Berlin: De Gruyter.

## Typesetting

- 1 Haig, Geoffrey, Mohammad Rasekh-Mahand, Donald Stilo, Laurentia Schreiber, and Nils N. Schiborr, eds. (2024). *Post-predicate elements in the Western Asian Transition Zone: A corpus-based approach to areal typology. Contact and Multilingualism*. Typesetting by **Shuan Osman Karim**. Berlin: Language Science Press.

## Workshops Organized

- 1 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Saloumeh Gholami (Sept. 2023). W8: Filling in the diachronic gaps: The view of Old Iranian from the present. Workshop to be convened at the twenty-sixth International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL26) at the University of Heidelberg.

## Invited Talks

- 1 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Nov. 2024). Contact reinforces comparative reconstruction: a case study in Kurdish and Gorani. Invited talk at Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 2 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Feb. 2024). Progressive to negative and other unexpected developments in Iranian languages. Based on ongoing work in collaboration with Masoud Mohammadirad. Invited talk at the University of Surrey.
- 3 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Nov. 2023). Historical linguistics and Kurdish. Invited talk at the Zahra Institute.
- 4 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Sept. 2022). Disentangling mutually shared innovations, shared retentions, coincidence, and contact phenomena in Southern Kurdish and Gorani, Paper to be presented at *the "Minorities in the Zagros - Language Identity" workshop* at the Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 5 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Feb. 2022). The Kurdish Imperfective: Diachronic, Typological, and Pan-Iranian Perspectives, Invited talk in the Department of Linguistics at HSE University.
- 6 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Nov. 2021). The synchrony and diachrony of applicative morphology in Sorani Kurdish. Invited talk for *Lectures on Iranian Linguistics in Arizona* (LILA).




## Conference Presentations

- 1 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Sept. 2023). Sensitive Dependence on Initial Conditions, Illustrated through the Interplay between Sound Change and Analogy in the Progressive-to-Imperfective Cycle in Northern, Central, and Southern Kurdish. Paper to be presented at Sound change and morphological analogy (IG-AT2023) at the University of Cologne.
- 2 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Kellen Parker van Dam (Sept. 2023). The accentual system of Ankara Northern Kurdish. Paper presented at the 6th International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL6) at the Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 3 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Saloumeh Gholami (Sept. 2023). Filling in the diachronic gaps: the view of Old Iranian from the present. Workshop at *the 26th Meeting of the International Conference on Historical Linguistics* (University of Heidelberg, 4 to 8 September 2023).
- 4 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Erika Just (Sept. 2023). Wordhood domains in Central Kurdish (project update). Paper presented at the 6th International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL6) at the Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 5 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Apr. 2023). The heuristic of Economy and the reflexes of Proto-Iranian stop clusters. Poster presented at *The 3rd North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics* (University of California Los Angeles, the 21st through 23rd of April, 2023).
- 6 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Nov. 2022). Definiteness, DOM, and Ezafat: the reflexes of Proto-Indo-Iranian k-form evaluative suffixes, Paper presented at *the 2022 conference of the European research network on linguistics and languages of the Anatolia-Caucasus-Iran-Mesopotamia area*.
- 7 Joseph, Brian Daniel, **Shuan Osman Karim**, and Clinton Kakela Awai-Jennings (Aug. 2022). Historical Linguistics in High School: The Columbus Experience, Paper presented at *the 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics* at Oxford University.
- 8 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Aug. 2022). Towards a new paradigm in Historical Syntax, Paper presented at *the 25th International Conference on Historical Linguistics* at Oxford University.

- 9 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Sept. 2021). A diachrony of Kurdish imperfective affixes. Paper presented at: *the fifth International Conference on Kurdish Linguistics (ICKL5)*. Graz, Austria.
- 10 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Aug. 2021). Towards a typology of the ezafe: the Iranian ezafe as a type-raising functor. Paper presented at: *the fifth American International Morphology Meeting (AIMM5)*. Columbus, OH.
- 11 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Ali Salehi (Apr. 2021). Applicatives in Sorani Kurdish. Paper presented at: *the fourth Conference on Central Asian Languages and Linguistics 2021 (ConCALL4)*. Bloomington, Indiana.
- 12 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Aug. 2020). The Diachrony of Central Kurdish Applicative Markers. Paper presented at: *the Societas Linguistica Europaea 2020 (SLE2020) WS 6: Neglected syntactic functions and non-syntactic functions of Applicative Morphology*. Bucharest, Romania.
- 13 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Ali Salehi (Jan. 2020). Sorani Valence Changing Affixes: Teetering on the boundary between morphology and syntax. Poster presented at: *the 94th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA2020)*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 14 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (July 2019). Competition between formatives and the diversity of ezafat. Paper presented at: *the 24th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL24)*. Canberra, Australia.
- 15 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Apr. 2019). The Origin of the ezafe Paradigm in Zazaki (and Other Western Iranian Languages). Paper presented at: *the 2nd North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL2)*. Tucson, Arizona.
- 16 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Jan. 2019). Coincidence or Contact? Aramaic "Ayin" and Akkadian [e]. Poster presented at: *the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA2019)*. New York, New York.
- 17 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Oct. 2018). The Kurmanci tense ezafe and its Deep Roots in Western Iranian. Paper presented at: *the 8th International Conference on Iranian Linguistics*. Yerevan, Armenia.
- 18 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Sept. 2017). Sorani (Central Kurdish) Oblique Pronominal Markers: The Development of a Morphological Constellation. Poster presented at: *the Fourth Pavia International Summer School for Indo-European Linguistics*. Pavia, Italy.
- 19 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (Aug. 2017). Sorani (Central Kurdish) Oblique Pronominal Markers: A Morphological Constellation. Poster presented at: *LSA: Linguistic Institute: Language Across Space and Time*. Lexington, Kentucky.

## Fellowships and Awards

### Fellowships

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| 2020 – 2021 |  <b>Extended Dean's Distinguished University Fellow</b> , The Ohio State University.              |
| 2016 – 2019 |  <b>Extended Dean's Distinguished University Fellow</b> , The Ohio State University.              |
| 2024 –      |  <b>Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship</b> , Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg. |

### Scholarships

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| 2013 – 2015 |  <b>Terry Foundation Transfer Scholar</b> . The University of Texas at Austin.        |
| 2014 – 2014 |  <b>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar</b> . Osaka Gakuin Daigaku, Osaka Japan. |

## Courses Taught

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- 📖 **Japanese I.** Instructor of record - Metro Early College High School.
- 📖 **Language Evolution.** Instructor of record - Metro Early College High School.
- 📖 **(Intro to) Linguistics.** Instructor of record - Metro Early College High School.
- 📖 **How to Learn a Language (linguistics for language learners).** Instructor of record - Metro Early College High School.
- 📖 **LING 3901 - Language Evolution and Language Change.** Instructor of record - The Ohio State University.
- 📖 **LING 5903 - Intermediate Sanskrit.** Substitute Instructor - The Ohio State University.

## Skills

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### Languages

- 📖 English — Native proficiency
- 📖 Central Kurdish (Sorani) — Heritage Speaker
- 📖 Japanese — ACTFL Intermediate High
- 📖 Spanish — B1
- 📖 German — B2
- 📖 Sanskrit (Vedic and Classical) — 8 semesters,
- 📖 Avestan — 2 semesters
- 📖 Syriac — 2 semesters
- 📖 Akkadian — 2 semesters
- 📖 Middle Persian and Parthian — 1 semester
- 📖 Old Church Slavonic — 1 semester
- 📖 Independant Study: Old Persian, New Persian, Hewramî, Zazaki, Northern Kurdish (Kurmanci), Southern Kurdish, Balochi, Pashto, Arabic.

### Coding and Tech

- 📖 Python, R, Praat script,  $\LaTeX$ , FLE<sub>x</sub>, ELAN, QGIS

## Additional Experience

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### Ongoing Documentation Projects


- 📖 **Shabaki Documentation Project and 360° VR Audio-Visual Corpus.**
- 📖 **Paweyane Documentation Project with Parvin Mahmoudveysi.**
- 📖 **Kerkuk Turkmani Documentation Project.**

### Miscellaneous Training



- 2024 📖 **Data Science: Natural Language Processing Specialist**, Codecademy online coding bootcamp.
- 2019 📖 **Language Documentation training**, Training by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) held at the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

## Additional Experience (continued)






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- 2017     **Training in Indo-European Linguistics**, The Fourth Pavia International Summer School for Indo-European Linguistics. Pavia, Italy.

## Official Collaborations

-  **LOEWE-Research Cluster: Minority Studies, Language and Identity**, Goethe University Frankfurt.
-  **ALHOME: Echoes of Vanishing Voices in the Mountains: A Linguistic History of Minorities in the Near East.**

## Academic Committees

- 2024     **The 4rd North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL4)**. Program committee.
- 2023     **The 26th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL26)**. Program committee.
-  **The 3rd North American Conference on Iranian Linguistics (NACIL3)**. Program committee.
- 2016-2021     **Speakers Committee**. Department of Linguistics, The Ohio State University.
- 2021     **The 5th American International Morphology Meeting (AIMM5)**. Program committee.

## References

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