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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.

Books

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

Journal Articles

- 1 Joseph, Brian, **Shuan Osman Karim**, and Clint Awai-Jennings (in press). Linguistics in the High School the Columbus Experience. In *Journal of Language Pedagogy*.
- 2 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Masoud Mohammadirad (in press). Demorphologization and Remorphologization: the development of a progressive prefix to a marker of negation in Hewramî. In *Journal of Historical Linguistics*.
- 3 Mohammadirad, Masoud and **Shuan Osman Karim** (in press). The development of imperfective and subjunctive marking in Hewramî. In *Linguistics*.
- 4 Mohammadirad, Masoud and **Shuan Osman Karim** (in press). The typology of verbal person/number syncretism in Western Iranian languages In *Language Dynamics and Change*.
- 5 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2022). Akkadian [e]. In: *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 142.1, pp. 177–191.
- 6 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2021). The heuristic of Economy and Proto-Iranian stop clusters. In *Chatrean* 2.
- 7 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 Diwald, 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.

Book Chapters

- 1 **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.
- 2 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2024). Can insignificant evidence yield a significant result? sub-grouping Southern Kurdish based on imperfective allomorphs. In: *Current issues in Kurdish linguistics II*. Ed. by Songül Gündodu and Agnes Grond. Wien: Praesens, pp. 7–38.
- 3 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2024). Pattern Borrowing in The Southern Kurdish Zone. In: *Gorani in its Historical and Linguistic Context*. Ed. by **Shuan Osman Karim** and Saloumeh Gholami. Berlin: De Gruyter, pp. 199–227.
- 4 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Saloumeh Gholami (2024). Introduction. In: *Gorani in its Historical and Linguistic Context*. Ed. by **Shuan Osman Karim** and Saloumeh Gholami. Berlin: De Gruyter, pp. 3–42.
- 5 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Ezafe and the Article. In: *Advances in Iranian Linguistics II*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins, pp. 130–153.
- 6 **Karim, Shuan Osman** and Ali Salehi (2022). An applicative analysis of Sorani “absolute prepositions”. In: *Neglected syntactic functions and non-syntactic functions of Applicative Morphology*. Trends in Linguistics Studies and Monographs 373. Berlin: De Gruyter: De Gruyter, pp. 263–298.
















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 prex(es).

Typesetting

- 1 Gholami, Saloumeh and Ulrich Mehlem, eds. (2025). *Identity Formation, Language and Migration Dynamics*. Contact and Multilingualism. Typesetting by **Shuan Osman Karim**. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- 2 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.

Book Reviews

- 1 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Ergin Öpengin, Masoud Mohammadirad. *Pronominal Clitics Across Kurdish: Areal Distribution, Structural Variation, and Diachrony*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 16, published December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14ard.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/56993>.
- 2 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Erik Anonby. *Phonological Variation in Kurdish*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 14, published December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14arb.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/56980>.
- 3 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Geoffrey Haig. *Post-Predicate Constituents in Kurdish*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 19, published December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14arg.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/57023>.
- 4 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Jaffer Sheyholislami, Rahim Surkhi. *Lexical Variation and Semantic Change in Kurdish*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 13, published December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14ara.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/56964>.
- 5 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Maximilian Kinzler. *Adpositions in Kurdish*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 18, posted online December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14arf.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/57010>.
- 6 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Sara Belevi. *A Cross-Dialect Account of Kurdish Past Tense Categories, with Special Reference to Southern Kurdish*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 17, published December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14are.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/57003>.
- 7 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Songül Gündodu. *Case in Kurdish*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 15, published December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14arc.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/56982>.
- 8 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Yaron Matras, Geoffrey Haig, Ergin Öpengin (eds.). *Structural and Typological Variation in the Dialects of Kurdish*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 12, posted online December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14ar9.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/56946>.
- 9 **Karim, Shuan Osman** (2023). Review of Yaron Matras. *The Typology of Connectivity and Complex Constructions in Kurdish Dialects*. In: *Abstracta Iranica [Online]* 45. Document 20, published December 30, 2024. Accessed July 16, 2025.  DOI: 10.4000/14arh.  URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/abstractairanica/57029>.

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 convened at the twentysixth 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 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 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 Kurmancî 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 | ■ Extended Dean's Distinguished University Fellow , The Ohio State University. |
| 2016 – 2019 | ■ Extended Dean's Distinguished University Fellow , The Ohio State University. |
| 2024 – | ■ Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship , Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg. |

Scholarships

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

Courses Taught

- **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.

Courses Taught (continued)

- **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

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_x, ELAN, QGIS

Additional Experience

Ongoing Documentation Projects

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

Miscellaneous Training

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| 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). |
| 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.

Additional Experience (continued)

- 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

Brian D. Joseph	Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Linguistics and The Kenneth E. Naylor Professor of South Slavic Languages and Linguistics at the Ohio State University	joseph.1@osu.edu
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