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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Linguistics** 08/2017 – (expected) 05/2022  
*University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

**M.A., Linguistics** 01/2013 – 05/2016  
*Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*  
Thesis: The Acquisition and Syntax of the Passive in English  
Advised by: Alan Munn (Chair), Cristina Schmitt, Marcin Morzycki  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

**2015 Linguistic Institute** 07/2015  
*University of Chicago, Chicago, IL*

**B.A., Linguistics (High Honors) & B.A., Philosophy (High Honors)** 08/2010 – 05/2014  
*Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*  
Thesis: Passives in English: A Theoretical and Experimental Investigation Thereof  
Advised by: Cristina Schmitt  
Cumulative GPA: 3.98  
• Cognitive Science Specialization  
• Women's and Gender Studies Minor

**2013 Linguistic Institute** 06/2013 – 07/2013  
*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI*

## POSITIONS

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**Faculty Research Specialist** 06/2016 – 08/2017  
*Center for Advanced Study of Language, University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

## AWARDS, HONORS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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### FUNDED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

**Flagship Fellowship** 08/2017 – 05/2022  
*University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

**Teaching Assistantship** 08/2015 – 05/2016  
*Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*

**Research Assistantship** 08/2014 – 05/2015  
*Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*

**Board of Trustees Award** 05/2014  
*Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*

**University Distinguished Scholarship** 08/2010 – 05/2014  
*Honors College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*

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| <b>National Merit Scholar</b><br><i>Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>   | 08/2010 – 05/2014 |
| <b>Undergraduate Research Initiative – Grantee</b><br><i>College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i> | 10/2013 – 05/2014 |
| <b>2013 Linguistic Institute Fellowship</b><br><i>Linguistic Society of America, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI</i>            | 06/2013 – 07/2013 |
| <b>Genevieve Gillette Fellowship</b><br><i>Honors College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>                            | 05/2013 – 08/2013 |
| <b>Undergraduate Research Initiative – Grantee</b><br><i>College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i> | 10/2012 – 05/2013 |
| <b>Professorial Assistantship</b><br><i>Honors College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>                               | 08/2010 – 05/2012 |

## HONORS

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| <b>2016 Outstanding Graduate Student in Linguistics</b><br><i>Department of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i> | 05/2016 |
| <b>Outstanding Graduating Senior in LGSAAL</b><br><i>Department of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>          | 05/2014 |

## PRESENTATION AWARDS

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| <b>Award Winner, Poster Presentation</b><br><i>MSULC, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>                   | 04/2014 |
| <b>Category Winner (with C. Heffner)</b><br><i>UURAF, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>                   | 04/2012 |
| <b>Award Winner, Poster Presentation (with C. Heffner)</b><br><i>MSULC, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i> | 04/2012 |

## PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

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### REFEREED JOURNALS

- 2017 **Liter, Adam**, Christopher C. Heffner & Cristina Schmitt. The interpretation of plural morphology and (non-)obligatory number marking: An argument from artificial language learning. *Language Learning and Development* 13(4). 451–480. DOI: [10.1080/15475441.2017.1324307](https://doi.org/10.1080/15475441.2017.1324307).

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2018 **Liter, Adam**, Tess Huelskamp, Christopher C. Heffner & Cristina Schmitt. Grammaticalized number, implicated presuppositions, and the plural. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 3(1): *Acquisition of quantification*. Magda Oiry (ed.). DOI: [10.5334/gjgl.532](https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.532).

### SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

- 2017 Durvasula, Karthik & **Adam Liter**. Generalizing from ambiguous data. *Phonology*. Under revision.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED TALKS

- 2016 Durvasula, Karthik & **Adam Liter**. “Learning phonological patterns from ambiguous data.” North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC), Concordia University, Montréal, Canada.

### REFEREED CONFERENCE – TALKS

- 2018 Munn, Alan, Rachel Stacey, Robert Felster, Adam Smolinski, **Adam Liter** & Cristina Schmitt. “Scalar implicature variability in adults and children: the case of ‘or’.” Scalar Implicatures: Formal and Experimental Exploration (SIFEE), Università di Siena, Siena, Italy.
- 2015 **Liter, Adam**, Tess Huelskamp, Christopher C. Heffner & Cristina Schmitt. “Non-grammaticalized number entails an exclusive interpretation of plural morphology.” Workshop on Linguistics and Cognitive Aspects of Quantification (LCQ), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2013 **Liter, Adam**, Christopher C. Heffner & Cristina Schmitt. “Inclusive plural interpretations depend on grammaticalized number: An argument from artificial language learning.” Workshop on the Acquisition of Quantification, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

### REFEREED CONFERENCE – POSTERS

- 2016 Durvasula, Karthik & **Adam Liter**. “Generalising from ambiguous data.” Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Washington, DC.
- 2015 **Liter, Adam**, Tess Huelskamp, Susima Weerakoon & Alan Munn. “What drives the Maratsos Effect, agentivity or eventivity?” Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD), Boston University, Boston, MA.
- Durvasula, Karthik & **Adam Liter**. “Learning generalisations in the face of ambiguous data.” Annual Meeting on Phonology (AMP), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.

### CONFERENCE – TALKS

- 2014 **Liter, Adam**. “Toward an explanatory account of appositives.” Graduate Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies (GWAMP), University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.

### REFEREED UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE – TALKS

- 2013 **Liter, Adam**. “Beyond an animal care ethics: A first approximation of dialogic standpoint theory.” Sixth Annual Undergraduate Ethics Symposium, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN.
- Liter, Adam**, Christopher C. Heffner & Cristina Schmitt. “An artificial language investigation of number and number neutrality.” Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics (GLEEFUL), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2012 **Liter, Adam**. “Facebook’s facility for necessary (political) identities: A case study of asymmetric moral and epistemic standings.” The 7th Annual Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL.

### REFEREED UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE – POSTERS

- 2011 Heffner, Christopher C., **Adam Liter** & Cristina Schmitt. “Dogs not put in boxes by boys: Learning a novel number system.” Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics (GLEEFUL), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

## UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE – TALKS

- 2013 **Liter, Adam**, Christopher C. Heffner & Cristina Schmitt. “An artificial language investigation of number and number neutrality.” Michigan State Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (MSULC), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2011 **Liter, Adam**. “Towards a theoretical tool against anthropogenic environmental harm: Bringing the western “bio-logic” into view.” University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

## UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE – POSTERS

- 2012 Heffner, Christopher C., **Adam Liter** & Cristina Schmitt. “Lions, zebras, and plurals, oh my!: Learning a novel number system.” Michigan State Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (MSULC), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- Heffner, Christopher C., **Adam Liter** & Cristina Schmitt. “Lions, zebras, and plurals, oh my!: Learning a novel number system.” University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2011 Heffner, Christopher C., **Adam Liter** & Cristina Schmitt. “Dogs not put in boxes by boys: Learning a novel number system.” Michigan State Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (MSULC), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- Heffner, Christopher C., **Adam Liter** & Cristina Schmitt. “Dogs not put in boxes by boys: Learning a novel number system.” University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### TA

**IAH 204 – “Asia and the World”** 2015 – 2016  
*Department of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*

### TUTORING

**Departmentwide Undergraduate Tutor** 2013 – 2014  
*Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*

## UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

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2015 – 2016

- Tess Huelskamp
  - *Reassessing the Verbal Distinction of the Maratsos Effect*
  - Poster presented at [GLEEFUL](#) & [UURAF](#); talk given at [MSULC](#)
- Julia Andary, Robert Felster, & Natalie Chemey
  - *It is either high or low: Investigating children’s and adult’s understanding of ‘or’*
  - Poster presented at [UURAF](#) & [MSULC](#)
- Rachel Stacey & Adam Smolinski
  - *C-or-pus: How children learn the properties of ‘either/or’*
  - Poster presented at [UURAF](#) & [MSULC](#)

## 2014 – 2015

- Tess Huelskamp, Susima Weerakoon, & Adam Smolinski
  - *Seeking perfection in death*
  - Poster presented at [UURAF](#), [MSULC](#), & [GLEEFUL](#)
- Tess Huelskamp, Susima Weerakoon, & Taylor Sydow
  - *What underlies the Maratsos Effect, agentivity or eventivity?*
  - Poster presented at [UURAF](#), [MSULC](#), & [GLEEFUL](#)

## 2013 – 2014

- Tess Huelskamp & Emily Glaser
  - *An Artificial Language Investigation of Number & Number Neutrality*
  - Poster presented at [UURAF](#) & [MSULC](#)
- Adam Greene & Kevin Kain
  - *Accounting for Comprehension Asymmetries in Children's Acquisition of the Passive*
  - Poster presented at [UURAF](#) & [MSULC](#)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| <b>COSIAC Committee Member</b><br><i>Linguistic Society of America, Washington, DC</i>                                  | 07/2015 – present                  |
| <b>Organizing Committee Member</b><br><i>Mayfest 2018, University of Maryland, College Park, MD</i>                     | 05/2018                            |
| <b>Organizing Committee Member</b><br><i>MidPhon 21, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>                    | 09/2016                            |
| <b>Reviewer</b><br><i>GLEEFUL, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>  | 04/2015, 04/2016, 04/2017          |
| <b>President</b><br><i>qUALMS, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>  | 08/2012 – 05/2014                  |
| <b>Chair ('13 &amp; '14), Vice Chair ('11 &amp; '12)</b><br><i>GLEEFUL, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i> | 04/2011, 04/2012, 04/2013, 04/2014 |
| <b>Vice Chair ('13 &amp; '14), Chair ('11 &amp; '12)</b><br><i>MSULC, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>   | 04/2011, 04/2012, 04/2013, 04/2014 |
| <b>Assistant Editorial Board Member</b><br><i>Stance, Ball State University, Muncie, IN</i>                             | 2012 – 2014                        |
| <b>Student Editorial Board Member</b><br><i>ReCUR, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>                      | 2013                               |

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| <b>Member</b><br><i>Linguistic Society of America</i> | 2012 – present |
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## SKILLS

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### LANGUAGES

**Native** English (specifically, [North-Central American English](#))

**Intermediate** German, French

**Beginner** Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese

### COMPUTING

**Advanced**  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , R, HTML, CSS, Jekyll, knitr, R Markdown

**Intermediate** Python, git, Linux, Bootstrap, Sass, PsychoPy, E-Prime, psiTurk, Speriment

**Beginner** JavaScript, CLAN, Praat, CorpusSearch, Django, nginx, Docker