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EDUCATION

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

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

AWARDS, HONORS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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	

National Merit Scholar 08/2010 – 05/2014
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Undergraduate Research Initiative – Grantee 10/2013 – 05/2014
College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2013 Linguistic Institute Fellowship 06/2013 – 07/2013
Linguistic Society of America, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Genevieve Gillette Fellowship 05/2013 – 08/2013
Honors College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Undergraduate Research Initiative – Grantee 10/2012 – 05/2013
College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Professorial Assistantship 08/2010 – 05/2012
Honors College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Honors

2016 Outstanding Graduate Student in Linguistics 05/2016
Department of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Outstanding Graduating Senior in LGSAAL 05/2014
Department of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Presentation Awards

Award Winner, Poster Presentation 04/2014
MSULC, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Category Winner (with C. Heffner) 04/2012
UURAF, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Award Winner, Poster Presentation (with C. Heffner) 04/2012
MSULC, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Publications & Manuscripts

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.

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.

Submitted Manuscripts

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

Presentations

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

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member	2012 – present
Linguistic Society of America	

Skills

Languages

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

Intermediate German, French

Beginner Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese

Computing

Advanced 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