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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2020— **Postdoctoral Fellow in Neurology**
NYU Grossman School of Medicine
P.I.: *Adeen Flinker*

2013—19 **Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology**
UC San Diego
P.I.: *Victor S. Ferreira*
Dissertation: *The mental representation of syntax: Interfaces with production, comprehension, and learning*

2011—13 **M.A. in Linguistics**
UC Santa Cruz
Advisor: *Matthew Wagers*
Thesis: *Bridging the gap between acceptability and production of English resumptive pronouns*

2010—11 **Lab Manager, Language Processing Lab**
Harvard University
P.I.: *Maria Polinsky*

2009—10 **Research Assistant, Speech and Language Perception Lab**
Emory University
P.I.: *Lynne Nygaard*

2004—08 **B.A. in Physics and Music,** *Magna Cum Laude*
Middlebury College
Advisor: *Jeff Dunham*
Thesis: *Geometric Algebra in Relativistic and Non-Relativistic Physics*

GRANTS

2012—17 **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship**
Full graduate funding for 3 years from the National Science Foundation

2015—16 **UC San Diego Collaboratories Fellowship**
$10,000 for an ECoG project in Eric Halgren's Multimodal Imaging Lab

2013—14 **UC San Diego David Swinney Fellowship**
$2,500 supplemental graduate support

PUBLICATIONS

Morgan, A. M., Ferreira, V.S. (In press, *Journal of Cognitive Psychology*). Beyond input: Language learners produce novel relative clause types without exposure.

Morgan, A. M. (Under review at *Glossa: A journal of general linguistics*). The That-Trace Effect and Island Boundary-Gap Effect are the same: Null Hypothesis Significance Testing demonstrates equivalence in a psychometric paradigm.

Sarvasy, H. S., **Morgan, A. M.**, Yu, J., Ferreira, V. S., Momma, S. (Under review at *Memory and Cognition*). Cross-Clause Planning in Nungon (Papua New Guinea): Eye-tracking Evidence.

Morgan, A. M., von der Malsburg, T., Ferreira, V. S., Wittenberg, E. (2020). Shared syntax between comprehension and production: Multi-paradigm evidence that resumptive pronouns hinder comprehension. *Cognition, 205,* 104417*.*

Fadlon, J., **Morgan, A. M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A., Ferreira, V. S. (2019). It depends: Optionality in the production of filler-gap dependencies. *Journal of Memory and Language.*

Kaestner, E., **Morgan, A. M.**, Snider, J., Zhan, M., Jiang, X., Levy, R., Ferreira, V. S., Thesen, T., & Halgren, E. (2018). Toward a database of intracranial electrophysiology during natural language presentation. *Language, Cognition and Neuroscience*: 1-10.

Morgan A. M. & Wagers M. (2018). English resumptive pronouns are more common where gaps are least acceptable. Linguistic Inquiry 49:4: 861-876.

Ferreira, V. S., **Morgan A. M.** & Slevc, L. R. (2018). Grammatical Encoding. In Gaskell (Ed.), Oxford Handbook of Psycholinguistics 2nd Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Clemens, L. E., Coon J., Mateo Pedro, P., **Morgan, A. M.**, Polinsky, M., Tandet, G., & Wagers, M. (2015). Ergativity and the complexity of extraction: A view from Mayan. Natural Language & Linguistic Theory 33.2: 417-467.

Polinsky, M., Clemens, L. E., **Morgan, A. M.**, Xiang, M., & Heestand, D. (2013). Resumption in English. In Sprouse (Ed.), Experimental Syntax and Island Effects.

Polinsky, M., Gallo, C. G., Graff, P., Kravtchenko, E., **Morgan, A. M.**, Sturgeon, A. (2013). Subject islands are different. In Sprouse (Ed.), Experimental Syntax and Island Effects.

TALKS

2019   Learning and Representing Syntactic Structure. Invited talk in the UCSF Chang Lab, Department of Neurosurgery, UC San Francisco, USA.

2018   Subcategorization Preferences of Verbs Reveal Syntactic Processing in Evoked Intracranial Potentials. California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP), UCLA, USA. (Work with Erik Kaestner, Victor S. Ferreira, Meilin Zhan, and Eric Halgren)

         This is the Structure that We Wonder Why Anyone Produces it: Resumptive Pronouns in English Hinder Sentence Comprehension. Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP Asia), University of Hyderabad, India. (Work with Titus von der Malsburg, Victor S. Ferreira, and Eva Wittenberg)
Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. English resumptive pronouns hinder sentence comprehension. Presented at the 2018 Pronouns in Competition workshop, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz

         This is the Structure that We Wonder Why Anyone Produces it: Resumptive Pronouns in English Hinder Sentence Comprehension. California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP), UCLA, USA. (Work with Titus von der Malsburg, Victor S. Ferreira, and Eva Wittenberg)

2017   Knowledge of a Syntactic Universal Guides Generalization to New Structures. The 30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT. (Work with Victor S. Ferreira)

2016   Resumptive Pronouns: What can we learn from an "ungrammatical" construction about grammar, sentence planning, and language acquisition? UC San Diego Center for Research in Language.

2012   New approaches to linguistic work in Mesoamerican communities. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies: Mexico and Central America Program Speaker Series, Harvard University. With Jessica Coon, Lauren Eby Clemens, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Maria Polinsky, and Gabrielle Tandet.

         Experimental design for field linguistics. Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon. With Lauren Eby Clemens, Jessica Coon, Peter Graff, Pedro Mateo Pedro, Maria Polinsky, and Nicolás Arcos López.

2011   Ergatividad y ambigüedad: procesamiento de cláusulas relativas en chol. Universidad Indercultural de Tabasco, Tabasco, Mexico. With Jessica Coon and Pedro Mateo Pedro.

POSTERS

2020   Kleinman, D, Ostrand, R, Morgan, AM, Wittenberg, E. Non-linguistic context affects processing of ambiguous speech. Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP), Potsdam, Germany.

Morgan, AM. Subject gaps are not inherently worse than object gaps in islands: Experimental evidence unifying *that*-trace effects and subject-object gap asymmetries in islands. CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

2018   Morgan, AM, Ferreira VS. Learners generate unencountered novel structures by drawing on knowledge of a universal. Architectures and Mechanisms of Language Processing (AMLaP), Berlin, Germany.

Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. This is the structure that we wonder why anyone produces it: Resumptive Pronouns in English hinder sentence comprehension. Presented at the 2018 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston.

Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. This is the structure that we wonder why anyone produces it: Resumptive Pronouns in English hinder sentence comprehension. Presented at the 2018 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston.

2017   Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. This is the structure that we wonder why anyone produces it: Resumptive pronouns in English help production but hinder sentence comprehension. Presented at the 2017 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston.

Fadlon, J, Morgan A, Meltzer-Asscher A, Ferreira VS. English and Hebrew Speakers use Language-Specific Strategies to Produce Communicatively Efficient Relative Clauses. Presented at the 2017 CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, Boston.

2016   Morgan, AM, von der Malsburg T, Ferreira VS, Wittenberg E. Resumptive Pronouns Hinder Sentence Comprehension in English. Presented at the 2016 Conference of Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Bilbao, Spain.

2015   Morgan, AM, Ferreira VS. Acceptability Monitoring's Role in Resumptive Pronoun Production. Presented at the Conference of Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Valletta, Malta.

Morgan, AM, Ferreira VS. Individual Differences in the Production and Judgment of Islands and Domain General Cognitive Abilities. Presented at the 2015 Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of Chicago, USA.

2014   Morgan, AM. English Resumptive Pronouns are Predicted by Bare-Bones Syntax. Presented at the Conference of Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Edinburgh, Scotland.

2013   Morgan, AM, Wagers M. Gap Acceptability Predicts Resumption Rates in English. Presented at the Conference of Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), Marseille, France

EDITORIAL WORK AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Co-organizer & Co-chair   Cross-linguistic Variation in Island Phenomena (Organized Session at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America). With Savi Namboodiripad and Dave Kush

Ad Hoc Reviewer   *PLOS One* (2021)
Cognition (2020)
Journal of Neuroscience (2020)
National Science Foundataion (2019)
Linguistic Inquiry (2019)
Fronteirs in Psychology (2019)
Memory and Cognition (2019)
Canadian Journal of Linguistics (2018-19)

TEACHING

As Instructor:

    2018   UCSD PSYC 164: Cognitive Development

As Teaching Assistant:

    2018   UCSD PSYC 169: Criminology
              UCSD PSYC 153: Psychology of Emotion

    2017   UCSD PSYC 4: Behavioral Psychology

    2016   UCSD PSYC 134: Eating Disorders

    2015   UCSD PSYC 101: Developmental Psychology
              UCSD PSYC 105: Cognitive Psychology

    2013   UCSD PSYC 103: Mechanisms of Animal Behavior
              UCSC LING 101: Syntactic Structures

LINGUISTIC FIELD WORK

Tupari (Tupi), 2012   Rondônia, Brazil
    Preliminary documentation of Tupari in an indigenous reserve. Work with Dr. Denny
    Moore of Museu Parense Emílio Goeldi, with grant funding from the Museu Goeldi.

Ch'ol & Q'anjob'al (Mayan), 2011   Chiapas, Mexico & Santa Eulalia, Guatemala
    Ran experiments on the processing of relative clauses in two languages with verb-
    initial word orders and ergative case alignment. Work with the Harvard University
    Polinsky Language Sciences Lab.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Human languages
    Native: English
    Fluent: Brazilian Portuguese
    Conversational (at one point, anyway): Yiddish, Spanish

Computer languages
- R
- Python
- Matlab
- Praat
- Javascript
- PHP/HTML