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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

Fellow, NSF-NRT Training Program (NSF: #1449815) 09/2018 – 05/2020
University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant 01/2020
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 <i>Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	08/2010 – 05/2014
Undergraduate Research Initiative – Grantee <i>College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	10/2013 – 05/2014
2013 Linguistic Institute Fellowship <i>Linguistic Society of America, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI</i>	06/2013 – 07/2013
Genevieve Gillette Fellowship <i>Honors College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	05/2013 – 08/2013
Undergraduate Research Initiative – Grantee <i>College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	10/2012 – 05/2013
Professorial Assistantship <i>Honors College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	08/2010 – 05/2012

HONORS

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

PRESENTATION AWARDS

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

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](https://doi.org/10.1080/15475441.2017.1324307).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2020 **Liter, Adam** & Naomi H. Feldman. Modeling the learning of the Person Case Constraint. In Allyson Ettinger, Gaja Jarosz & Max Nelson (eds.), *Proceedings of the society for computation in linguistics*, vol. 3, 372–381. DOI: [10.7275/38dj-hj49](https://doi.org/10.7275/38dj-hj49).
- 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

- 2020 Durvasula, Karthik & **Adam Liter**. Generalizing from ambiguous data. *Phonology*. Accepted. LINGBUZZ: [005120](https://lingbuzz.net/005120).

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Grolla, Elaine, **Adam Liter** & Jeff Lidz. “Why do you think why kids produce medial wh-phrases?: Grammar or performance?” Michigan State Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (MSULC), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2016 Durvasula, Karthik & **Adam Liter**. “Learning phonological patterns from ambiguous data.” North American Phonology Conference (NAPhC), Concordia University, Montréal, Canada.

REFEREED CONFERENCE – TALKS

- 2020 **Liter, Adam** & Naomi H. Feldman. “Modeling the learning of the Person Case Constraint.” Society for Computation in Linguistics (SCiL), New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 Munn, Alan, Rachel Stacey, Robert Felster, Adam Smolinski, **Adam Liter** & Cristina Schmitt. “Context effects in children’s calculation of scalar implicatures: The case of disjunction.” Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (SRCD), Baltimore, MD.
- Muller, Hanna, Phoebe Gaston, Bethany Dickerson, **Adam Liter**, Karthik Durvasula, Mina Hirzel, Kasia Hitczenko, Margaret Kandel, Paulina Lyskawa, Jacqueline Nelligan, Maxime Papillon & Laurel Perkins. “Gender bias in representation and publishing rates across subfields.” Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), New York, NY.
- 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| LING 311 – “Syntax I” | Spring 2020 |
| <i>Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD</i> | |
| LING 200 – “Introductory Linguistics” | 2018 – 2019 |
| <i>Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD</i> | |

IAH 204 – “Asia and the World”

Department of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2015 – 2016

TUTORING

Departmentwide Undergraduate Tutor

Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2013 – 2014

UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

SPRING 2020

- Katie Kincaid
 - *Passives are known by everyone (even four-year olds)*
 - Poster presented at [UMD's Undergraduate Research Day](#)

FALL 2018

- Bekki Kline
 - *Acquisition of the English Passive*
 - Poster presented at [UMD Acquisition Lab poster session](#)

SUMMER 2018

- Rosetta Previti
 - *What factors make passives easier for children to understand?*
 - Poster presented at [Language Science Day 2018](#)

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 <i>Linguistic Society of America, Washington, DC</i>	07/2015 – present
Organizing Committee Member <i>Mayfest 2020 – 2020 Hindsight, University of Maryland, College Park, MD</i>	05/2020
Organizing Committee Member <i>Mayfest 2019 – WSCLA, University of Maryland, College Park, MD</i>	05/2019
Co-Chair <i>ECO-5, University of Maryland, College Park, MD</i>	02/2019
Organizing Committee Member <i>Mayfest 2018, University of Maryland, College Park, MD</i>	05/2018
Organizing Committee Member <i>MidPhon 21, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	09/2016
Reviewer <i>GLEEFUL, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	04/2015, 04/2016, 04/2017
President <i>qUALMS, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	08/2012 – 05/2014
Chair ('13 & '14), Vice Chair ('11 & '12) <i>GLEEFUL, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	04/2011, 04/2012, 04/2013, 04/2014
Vice Chair ('13 & '14), Chair ('11 & '12) <i>MSULC, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	04/2011, 04/2012, 04/2013, 04/2014
Assistant Editorial Board Member <i>Stance, Ball State University, Muncie, IN</i>	2012 – 2014
Student Editorial Board Member <i>ReCUR, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</i>	2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member <i>Linguistic Society of America</i>	2012 – present
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SKILLS

LANGUAGES

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

Intermediate German, French

Beginner Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese

COMPUTING

Advanced \LaTeX , R (including `kni tr`, `Shiny`), HTML, Jekyll

Intermediate Python (including `NumPy`, `pandas`), `git`, Linux, `nginx`, Docker, CSS, `PsychoPy`, E-Prime, `psiTurk`

Beginner JavaScript, CLAN, Praat, CorpusSearch, Django