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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

**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**                                                       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

2020   Durvasula, Karthik & **Adam Liter**. There is a simplicity bias when generalising from ambiguous data. *Phonology* 37(2). 177–213. DOI: 10.1017/S0952675720000093.

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

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.

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.

## Presentations

### Invited Talks

2019 Grolla, Elaine, **Adam Liter** & Jeffrey 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

2020 **Liter, Adam** & Jeffrey Lidz. "Non-actional passives can be comprehended by 4-year olds." Boston University Conference on Language Development (BUCLD), Boston University, Boston, MA.

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

### Instructor of Record

**LING 419E – "Topics in Syntax; Investigating Linguistic Competence: Theory and Methods"**      Fall 2020
*Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

## TA

**LING 311 – "Syntax I"**                                             Spring 2020
*Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

**LING 200 – "Introductory Linguistics"**                             2018 – 2019
*Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

**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

## 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

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### SERVICE

**COSIAC Committee Member**                                                           07/2015 – present
*Linguistic Society of America*, *Washington, DC*

**Organizing Committee Member**                                                                      2019 –
*Mayfest 2020 – 2020 Hindsight*, *University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

**Organizing Committee Member**                                                                   05/2019
*Mayfest 2019 – WSCLA*, *University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

**Co-Chair**                                                                                        02/2019
*ECO-5*, *University of Maryland, College Park, MD*

**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*

**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*

### MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

*Language Acquisition*                                                                              2020

### CONFERENCE ABSTRACT REVIEWER

*GLEEFUL*                                                                            2015, 2016, 2017

### EDITORIAL BOARD

**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 (including `knitr`, Shiny), HTML, Jekyll

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

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