

# AI TANIGUCHI

Curriculum Vitae

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## Research interests

- Formal semantics, formal pragmatics, variation, sociolinguistics
- Dynamic semantics, non-at-issue meaning, social meaning, illocutionary meaning, questions, exclamatives, miratives, polarity emphasis, degree semantics, discourse particles, intensification, pedagogy in linguistics

## Teaching interests

- Online teaching, technology in the classroom, inclusion and diversity in the classroom, accessibility, public outreach in linguistics

## Language

- Japanese - native
- American English - native
- French - advanced proficiency

## Citizenship

- Born Japanese citizen (February 1990)
- Naturalized U.S. citizen (June 2017)
- Canadian resident (July 2017 - present)

## Preferred pronouns

- she/her/hers/herself

## ► Employment

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA      July 2020 - present  
*Assistant Professor (Teaching Stream)*      Continuing-status track  
Department of Language Studies

CARLETON UNIVERSITY      July 2017 - June 2020  
*Instructor II (Linguistics)*  
School of Linguistics and Language Studies

## ► Education

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
*Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics*      August 2017  
Dissertation: *The formal pragmatics of non-at-issue intensification in English and Japanese*  
Advising committee: Marcin Morzycki (chair), Alan Munn, Cristina Schmitt, Mutsuko Endo-Hudson

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
*Master of Arts in Linguistics* (by examination)      May 2017

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
*Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and French*      December 2011  
Summa Cum Laude with Highest Honors

## ► Pedagogical grants

Anderson, Catherine, Bronwyn Bjorkman, Julianne Doner, Margaret Grant, Nathan Sanders, and **Ai Taniguchi**. Project title: *Essentials of linguistics*, second edition. eCampusOntario Virtual Learning Strategy – Digital Content grant MCMA-862. CAD\$25,500. 2021-2022.

## ► Authored books

Anderson, Catherine, Bronwyn Bjorkman, Julianne Doner, Margaret Grant, Nathan Sanders, and **Ai Taniguchi** (in progress). *Essentials of Linguistics*. 2nd edition. Toronto: eCampusOntario.

## ► Refereed conference presentations (Pedagogy)

**Taniguchi, Ai** (forthcoming). Teaching academic writing via theoretical linguistics: Towards authentic assessments in introductory linguistics classes. The 2021 Canadian Linguistic Association Annual Meeting special session on pedagogy.

Anderson, Catherine, Bronwyn Bjorkman, Julianne Doner, Félix Desmeules-Trudel, Margaret Grant, Daniel Currie Hall, Timothy Mills, Nathan Sanders, and **Ai Taniguchi** (2021). Podcasting in a pandemic for teaching, outreach, and justice. Presentation Opportunities for Scholarly Teaching, Education, and Resources panel discussion in the Scholarly Teaching in the Age of COVID-19 and Beyond organized session. The 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2020). *Teaching formal semantics in introductory linguistics courses*. Linguistic Society of America 2020 Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

## ► Media appearance and outreach

- **Interview with Youtube channel Galaxy Brain.** April 2021  
Title TBA: How younger and older speakers text differently
- **CTV News interview.** February 2021  
*The new words that are helping people cope with the pandemic*
- **Word to the Whys podcast interview.** November 2020  
*Why we do semantics*
- **Input Magazine interview.** October 2020  
*The – and I cannot stress this enough – strange rise of ‘and I cannot stress enough’*
- **Interview on CBC Newfoundland and Labrador morning radio show.** July 2020  
*Carleton University linguistics professor says some of the words and phrases we use have racist roots*
- **Invited workshop at Careers and Alumni at Michigan State (CALMS)** November 2019  
*SMORE: The art of accessible academic presentations*
- **Winner of “Five-Minute Linguist” competition at Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting** January 2019  
*Why we say stuff*
- **High school audience lecture at MSU World Languages Day** April 2017  
*Language: Different Pieces, Same Puzzle* (co-presentation with Cara Feldscher, Alex Mason, Chenchen Xu)
- **General audience presentation at MSU Linguistics and Languages Alumni Reunion 2016** Spring 2016  
*(My, how big your ears are! Why the big bad wolf can’t answer “4 inches, my dear!”)*

## ► Teaching awards and honors

- **Winner of “Five-Minute Linguist” competition** January 2019  
*Linguistic Society of America 2019 Annual Meeting*
- **New Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award** 2018-2019  
*Carleton University Educational Development Centre*
- **Housing and Residence Life’s Department Favourite Faculty Award** 2017-2018, 2018-2019  
*Carleton University Housing and Residence Life Services*
- **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** Spring 2016  
*Department of Linguistics and Languages, MSU*

## ► Teaching experience

- **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (TEACHING STREAM)** Fall 2020 - present  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LINGUISTICS AND ONLINE TEACHING  
University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), Mississauga, ON, Canada  

COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
LIN204	English Grammar I	700
LIN205	English Grammar II	420
LIN233	English Words through Space and Time	100
LIN337	Lexical Semantics	30
- **INSTRUCTOR I (promoted to Instructor II before leaving in June 2020)** Fall 2017 - Summer 2020  
Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada  

COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	AVERAGE CLASS SIZE
LING1001	Introduction to Linguistics	173
LING1100A/V	Mysteries of Language	339
LING2005	Linguistic Analysis	58
LING3505	Semantics	80
LING4505	Formal Semantics	36
LING4055A	Lexical Semantics	25
LING4009A	Special Topic: Social meaning	19
- **GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT** Fall 2014 - Spring 2017  
LIN200 - Introduction to Language (MSU, East Lansing, MI)
- **ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR** Summer 2016  
LIN200 - Introduction to Language (MSU, East Lansing, MI)

## ► Publications

**Taniguchi, Ai** (in prep). *Social meaning at the semantics-sociolinguistics interface*.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2017). *Positive vs. negative inversion exclamatives*. Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2016). *Sentence-final -ka-yo in Japanese: A compositional account*. Proceedings of the 8th Meeting of Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2016). *Negative inversion exclamatives and speaker commitment*. Proceedings of the 24th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe.

## ► Invited talks

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2019). *Non-redundancy, social meaning, and role language*. Invited talk, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf Semantics and Pragmatics Exchange. Düsseldorf, Germany.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2019). *Non-redundancy, social meaning, and role language*. Invited talk, University of Toronto Language Variation Group. Toronto, Canada.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2018). *The formal pragmatics of illocutionary intensifiers: the case of verum and notification*. Carleton University School of Linguistics and Language Studies Speaker Series. Ottawa, Canada.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2017). *Exclamatives in discourse*. Invited talk, New York University Semantics Group (informal talk series). New York, NY, USA.

## ► Refereed conference presentations (semantics)

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2019). *On social meaning, non-redundancy, and cats*. Integrating Approaches to Social Meaning 2 (workshop at the 31st European Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information). Riga, Latvia. [talk given via Skype]

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2019). *Social meaning in dynamic semantics*. Meaning and Indexicality Across Subfields and Theories. Paris, France.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2019). *Why we say stuff*. “Five-Minute Linguist” talk (winner) at the Linguistic Society of America 2019 Annual Meeting. New York, NY.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2017). *Exhaustification and pejorativity: The case of Japanese nanka*. Integrating Approaches to Social Meaning (workshop at the 29th European Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information). Toulouse, France.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2017). *The dimensions of inversion exclamatives*. Non-at-issue Meaning and Information Structure. Oslo, Norway.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2017). *Nanka or whatevs: Extenders and pejorativity in Japanese and beyond*. Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State 2017. East Lansing, MI.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2016). *Demanding an answer: The CCP semantics of anti-rhetorical questions in Japanese*. Semantics and Syntax Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies. Evanston, IL.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2016). *Positive vs. negative inversion exclamatives*. Sinn und Bedeutung 21. Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2016). *Dynamic semantics with -ka-yo*. Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State 2016. East Lansing, MI.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2015). *Negative inversion exclamatives*. Semantics Workshop of the American Midwest and Prairies. Ann Arbor, MI.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2016). *Manufactured mirativity: A compositional account of Japanese -ka-yo*. Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics 8. Mie, Japan.

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2016). *Negative inversion exclamatives, focus, and speaker commitment*. 24th Conference of the Student Organisation of Linguistics in Europe. York, England.

## ► Talks, conference/workshop presentations, and posters (other)

**Taniguchi, Ai** (2014). VV- vs. V-final truncation of Japanese loanword compounds. 19th Mid-Continental Phonetics and Phonology Conference. Madison, WI.

**Taniguchi, Ai**, Yui Totsuka, Alan Munn, & Cristina Schmitt (2013). Isn't it not cute?: Variation in the interpretation of Japanese double negation by age. Poster at New Ways of Analyzing Variation 42. Pittsburgh, PA.

## ► Undergraduate research supervision

- Eddie Cai Summer 2019  
Independent study on non-at-issue meaning in formal semantics/pragmatics, with focus on sentence-final intonation, response particles (yes/yeah/no), and propositional anaphora
- Allyson Balaz (co-supervised with Raj Singh) Fall 2018 - Winter 2019  
*Proposition removal from the Common Ground via the surprise/redundancy intonation contour.* Carleton University undergraduate honours thesis.
- Shayla Stevens (co-supervised with Ida Toivonen) Fall 2017 - Winter 2018  
*The newly emerging use of the word lowkey.* Carleton University undergraduate honours thesis.

## ► Graduate research supervision

- MA thesis internal/external examiner Winter 2018  
Van Luven, Katie. *Pseudoclefts*. Carleton University MA thesis.

## ► Other teaching and undergraduate mentoring experience

- GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT Fall 2012 - Spring 2014  
MSU Language Acquisition Laboratory (Supervisors: Alan Munn, Cristina Schmitt)  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Mentor undergraduate research, manage lab logistics, construct lab experimental materials, research ethics training
- SUBSTITUTE INSTRUCTOR  
LIN437 - Introduction to Semantics/Pragmatics (Instructor: Marcin Morzycki)  
JPN101 - Elementary Japanese I (Instructor - Mariko Kawaguchi)  
JPN102 - Elementary Japanese II (Instructor - Mariko Kawaguchi)  
JPN491 - Business Japanese (Instructor - Mutsuko Endo-Hudson)

## ► Academic service

### PEER-REVIEW

- **Editorial board member**  
*Semantics and Pragmatics*
- **Reviewer (journals)**  
*Glossa; Canadian Journal of Linguistics ; Semantics and Pragmatics; Language, Culture, and Curriculum*
- **Reviewer (conferences and workshops)**  
*Sinn und Bedeutung; Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting; The thirteenth International Tbilisi Symposium on Language, Logic and Computation; Integrating Approaches to Social Meaning II; Emotive Attitudes Workshop 2019; Great Lakes Expo for Experimental and Formal Undergraduate Linguistics 2015 and 2017*

### OTHER

- **Member** Fall 2018 - present  
*CUASA joint sub-committee on teaching evaluations*
- **Founding Conference Committee Chair and Co-organizer** Spring 2016  
*Graduate Linguistics Expo at Michigan State 2016*

## ► References

- Marcin Morzycki (Assistant Professor of Linguistics at University of British Columbia)

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- Karen Jesney (Assistant Professor of Linguistics at Carleton University)

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