

# Christopher Hammerly

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Assistant Professor

Department of Linguistics, University of British Columbia

Vancouver, BC

July 2021 – Present

### Postdoctoral Fellow

President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities – Institute of Linguistics

Minneapolis, MN

August 2020 – July 2021

## EDUCATION

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### University of Massachusetts, Amherst – Department of Linguistics

Ph.D.; Dissertation: *Person-based Prominence in Ojibwe* [PDF]

Amherst, MA

September 2020

### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

B.A. Linguistics, B.S. Psychology; Minors in Philosophy & French

Minneapolis, MN

May 2014

### Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind

University of Oslo

Oslo, Norway

August 2017

### Université Paul Valéry (Montpellier III)

Study Abroad, Focuses in French Language and Literature

Montpellier, France

Spring 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

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\* = student-led project

### Journal Articles

1. **Hammerly, C.** (accepted) The pronoun which comprehenders who process it in islands derive a benefit. *Linguistic Inquiry*. [Preprint]
2. **Hammerly, C.**, Staub, A., Dillon, B. (2019) The grammaticality asymmetry in agreement attraction reflects response bias: Experimental and modeling evidence. *Cognitive Psychology*, 110, 70-104. [Preprint] [Published Version]
3. Matchin, W., Brodbeck, C., **Hammerly, C.** & Lau, E. (2019) The temporal dynamics of structure and content in sentence comprehension: Evidence from fMRI-constrained MEG. *Human Brain Mapping*, 40(2), 663-678. [Preprint] [Published Version]
4. Matchin, W., **Hammerly, C.**, Lau, E. (2017) The role of the IFG and pSTS in syntactic prediction: Evidence from a parametric study of hierarchical structure in fMRI. *Cortex*, 88, 106-123. [Preprint] [Published Version]

## Conference Proceedings

1. **Hammerly, C.** (2021) A set-based representation of person features: Consequences for AGREE. *Proceedings of NELS 51*, eds. Alessa Farinella & Angelica Hill. Amherst, MA: GLSA.

## Book Chapters

1. **Hammerly, C.** & Pfau, R. (in press) Distributed Morphology and Psycholinguistics. In *The Cambridge Handbook of Distributed Morphology*, eds. Artemis Alexiadou, Ruth Kramer, Alec Marantz & Isabel Oltra-Massuet. Cambridge University Press.
2. **Hammerly, C.** (2019) Limiting Gender. In *Gender and Noun Classification*, eds. Éric Mathieu, Myriam Dali, and Gita Zareikar. Oxford University Press. [Preprint]
3. **Hammerly, C.** (2018) What ‘other people’ mean to ‘us’. In *A Festschrift for Peggy Speas*, ed. Rodica Ivan. Amherst, MA: GLSA. [Preprint]

## Edited Volumes

1. **Hammerly, C.**, Prickett, B., eds. (2016) *Proceedings of NELS 46*. Amherst, MA: GLSA.

## Book Reviews

1. **Hammerly, C.** (2016) [Review of the book *Ojibwe Discourse Markers* by Brendan Fairbanks]. *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*.

## Under review and in preparation

1. \*Johnson, H. & **Hammerly, C.** (submitted) Noun Composition in Mille Lacs Ojibwe. *Proceedings of the 53rd Algonquian Conference*.
2. **Hammerly, C.**, Staub, A., & Dillon, B. (under review) Person-based prominence guides incremental processing: Evidence from obviation in Ojibwe. *Cognition*.
3. **Hammerly, C.** (under revision) A set-based semantics for obviation and animacy. *Language*.
4. **Hammerly, C.** (under revision) A verb raising analysis of the Ojibwe VOS/VSO alternation. [Preprint]
5. **Hammerly, C.** & Mathieu, E. (in preparation) On the interpretation of long-distance agreement in Ojibwe.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

1. **Hammerly, C.** (2022) TBA. *Language Variation and Change Workshop*. University of Chicago, Department of Linguistics (virtual).
2. **Hammerly, C.** (2022) TBA. *Colloquium*. University of Victoria, Department of Linguistics.
3. **Hammerly, C.** (2021) Processing relativization in Ojibwe. *Move and Agree: Forum on the Formal Typology of Move and Agree*. Montréal and Vancouver (virtual).

4. **Hammerly, C.** (2020) Deriving person-based prominence effects: A set-based theory of AGREE. *Syntax Brown Bag*. New York University (virtual).
5. **Hammerly, C.** (2020) Processing obviation in Border Lakes Ojibwe. *Colloquium*. University of Toronto Scarborough (virtual).
6. **Hammerly, C.** (2020) Resolving person-based prominence conflicts in Border Lakes Ojibwe. *Colloquium*. University of British Columbia (virtual).
7. **Hammerly, C.** (2020) Number representation and memory in agreement processing. *Colloquium*. University of Toronto.
8. **Hammerly, C.** (2019) Person-based prominence in Ojibwe agreement. *Colloquium*. University of Minnesota.
9. **Hammerly, C.** (2019) Making the most out of grammaticality judgments: A case study of subject-verb agreement. *Psycholinguistics Lab Meeting*. UCLA.
10. **Hammerly, C.** (2019) When memory mixes things around: The case of agreement attraction in comprehension. *Keynote Address at Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium*. University of Minnesota.
11. Dillon, B., **Hammerly, C.**, & Staub, A. (2018) Under no illusions: Reëvaluating illusions of grammaticality. *Lynschrift18*. UMass Amherst.
12. **Hammerly, C.** (2018) A verb-raising analysis of the Ojibwe VOS/VSO alternation. *WLMA/S-Circle*. UC Santa Cruz.
13. **Hammerly, C.** (2018) The grammaticality asymmetry in agreement attraction reflects response bias: Experimental and modeling evidence. *s-lab*. UC Santa Cruz.
14. **Hammerly, C.** (2016) Agreement across clause types. *Syntax Square*. MIT.
15. **Hammerly, C.** (2016) Innovation and assimilation in post-contact Ojibwemowin. *9th Annual Indigenous Peoples Symposium*. UMass Amherst.

#### Conference/Workshop Talks

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1. \*Johnson, H. & **Hammerly, C.** (2021) Noun Composition in Mille Lacs Ojibwe. *The 53rd Algonquian Conference*. Carleton University (virtual).
2. **Hammerly, C.** (2021) Processing obviation in Border Lakes Ojibwe. *LSA Annual Meeting*. Virtual.
3. **Hammerly, C.** (2020) Processing obviation and voice in Border Lakes Ojibwe. *The 52nd Algonquian Conference*. University of Wisconsin Milwaukee (virtual).
4. **Hammerly, C.** (2019) The P-constraint, obviation, and word order in Southwestern Ojibwe. *Person and Perspective*. University of Southern California.
5. Göbel, A. & **Hammerly, C.** (2019) A new perspective on obviation from attitude contexts. *Person and Perspective*. University of Southern California.
6. **Hammerly, C.** & Göbel, A. (2018) A “perspective” on obviation from attitude contexts. *The 50th Algonquian Conference*. University of Alberta.
7. Matchin, W., Brodbeck, C., **Hammerly, C.** & Lau, E. (2018) The temporal dynamics of structure and content in the language network. *31st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. UC Davis.

8. Göbel, A. & Hammerly, C. (2017) A new perspective on obviation in Ojibwe. *Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS)*. MIT.
9. Hammerly, C. (2017) The structure of VOS/VSO alternations in Ojibwe. *The 49th Algonquian Conference*. University of Montreal.
10. Hammerly, C. (2015) Limiting Gender. *Gender, class, and determination: A conference on the nominal spine*. University of Ottawa.
11. Hammerly, C. (2015) The theoretical fallout of non-systematic sex denotation in French gender. *Berkeley Linguistics Society 41st Annual Meeting*. UC Berkeley.
12. Hammerly, C. (2014) Mapping gender assignment in French: Nominal categories and features. *Harvard Undergraduate Linguistics Colloquium*. Harvard.
13. Hammerly, C. (2014) The linguistic-conceptual interface and the French gender paradigm: A cross-disciplinary approach to linguistic relativity. *Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Conference*. University of Minnesota.
14. Hammerly, C. (2014) Mapping gender assignment in French: Nominal categories and features. *Minnesota Undergraduate Linguistics Symposium*. University of Minnesota.

#### Conference/Workshop Posters

1. Hammerly, C., Dillon, B., & Staub A. (2021) Prominence guides incremental interpretation: Lessons from obviation in Ojibwe. *34th Annual CUNY Conference on Sentence Processing*. UPenn (virtual).
2. Hammerly, C. (2020) A set-based representation of person features: Consequences for AGREE. *NELS 51*. Université du Québec à Montréal (virtual).
3. Hammerly, C. (2020) Obviative agreement and word order in Ojibwe. *LSA Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA.
4. Hammerly, C. (2019) Obviative agreement, word order, and the  $\varphi/\delta$  divide. *NELS 50*. MIT.
5. Hammerly, C., Wagers, M., & Dillon, B. (2019) Reassessing the grammaticality asymmetry in agreement attraction: An ROC analysis. *32nd Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. University of Colorado, Boulder.
6. Hammerly, C. (2019) A verb-raising analysis of the Ojibwe VOS/VSO alternation. *LSA Annual Meeting*. New York, NY.
7. Hammerly, C. & Göbel, A. (2019) A new perspective on obviation in Ojibwe from attitude contexts. *LSA Annual Meeting*. New York, NY.
8. Hammerly, C. (2018) Intrusive resumption can ameliorate island violations in real-time comprehension. *Pronouns in Competition*. UC Santa Cruz.
9. Hammerly, C., Staub, A., & Dillon, D. (2018) Response bias modulates the grammaticality asymmetry: Evidence for a continuous valuation model of agreement attraction. *31st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. UC Davis.
10. Hammerly, C. (2018) Resumptive pronouns can ameliorate island violations in real-time comprehension. *31st Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. UC Davis.
11. Hammerly, C. & Dillon, B. (2017) Restricting domains of retrieval: Evidence for clause-bound processing from agreement attraction. *30th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing*. MIT.

12. Matchin, W., **Hammerly, C.**, & Lau, E. (2015) A parametric study of hierarchical structure building in fMRI and MEG. *Seventh Annual Meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language (SNL)*. Chicago, IL.
13. Stephens, E., **Hammerly, C.**, & Sera, M. (2015) Effect of native phonology and semantics in preschoolers' foreign word learning. *2015 Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA.
14. **Hammerly, C.** (2014) Conceptual and morphophonological grammatical gender assignment in French: Lexical architecture and derivational operations. *Ninth International Conference on the Mental Lexicon*. Niagra-on-the-Lake, ON.
15. **Hammerly, C.**, Sera, M., & Stephens, E. (2013) What Semantic and Phonological Properties Influence Second language Learning? *Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium at the University of Minnesota*. Minneapolis, MN.

### Public Lectures

1. **Hammerly, C.** (2016) Agreement errors in comprehension. *Montgomery Blair High School Linguistics Club*. Silver Spring, MD.
2. **Hammerly, C.** (2016) Linguistic diversity on Turtle Island and a crash-course in Ojibwemowin. *Holyoke Community College*.
3. **Hammerly, C.** (2016) Linguistic diversity on Turtle Island and a crash-course in Ojibwemowin. *Josephine White Eagle Cultural Center*. UMass Amherst.
4. **Hammerly, C.** (2014) Modeling lexical production. *Montgomery Blair High School Linguistics Club*. Silver Spring, MD.

### GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- SSHRC Explore Graduate Research Assistant Support Grant Spring 2022  
*UBC Faculty of Arts*  
 "A Morphological Analyzer for Southwestern Ojibwe"  
 CAD \$5,000
  - Industry Partnership Grant (co-PI Bryan Gick) Spring/Summer 2022  
*Culture Foundry*  
 "Creating Text-To-Speech systems for Ojibwe, Malisset, and Mi'kmaq"  
 Direct: CAD \$13,641.68; Indirect: CAD \$5,456.67
  - New Faculty Grant 2021–2023  
*Hampton Research Fund*  
 "Processing Event Structure in Ojibwe and Secwepemctsin"  
 CAD \$9,938
  - John R. Evans Leaders Fund Grant 2021–2024  
*Canadian Foundation for Innovation*  
 "The Experimental Linguistics and Fieldwork Lab"  
 CFI : CAD \$61,152; BCKDF: CAD \$61,152
  - Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (co-PI with Brian Dillon) 2019–2020  
*National Science Foundation*

“The role of animacy and obviation in the processing of Ojibwe relative clauses”  
USD \$15,079

- Graduate Research Fellowship 2015–2020  
*National Science Foundation*
- Dissertation Fieldwork Grant 2019  
*UMass Graduate School*
- Interdisciplinary Studies Institute Fellow 2018–2019  
*UMass Interdisciplinary Studies Institute*
- Selkirk Linguistic Outreach Fund Grant 2017  
*UMass Department of Linguistics*
- Graduate Research Fellowship Program Individual Professional Development Grant 2017  
*National Science Foundation & UMass Graduate School*
- Doctoral Student Research Grant 2016  
*UMass Department of Linguistics*
- Talle Family Scholarship 2013–2014  
*University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts*

## AWARDS

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- CUNY Student Travel Award 2018
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Minnesota 2013

## TEACHING

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- Term 2 (Spring) 2021: Instructor for *LING 447: Introduction to Psycholinguistics* at University of British Columbia
- Term 1 (Fall) 2021: Instructor for *LING 405/505: Morphology* at University of British Columbia
- Spring 2021: Instructor for *Syntax I* at University of Minnesota
- Spring 2019: Teaching assistant for *Language and Cognition* at UMass  
Instructor: John Kingston  
Duties: grading, gave three class lectures
- Fall 2018: Instructor for *Introduction to Linguistic Theory* at UMass
- Fall 2016: Teaching assistant for *Introduction to Linguistic Theory* at UMass  
Instructor: Nicholas LaCara  
Duties: led weekly discussion, weekly grading, gave one class lecture

## ADVISING

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- 2021–Present: Member of First Year Advisory Committee for Sonja Frazier. Department of Linguistics, University of British Columbia.
- Spring 2021: Reader, Hunter Johnson (now graduate student at UCLA); *Differential Object Marking in Guaraní*. Undergraduate Honors Thesis (B.A. in Linguistics) at University of Minnesota

- Spring 2021: Supervisor, Hunter Johnson (now graduate student at UCLA); Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program grant on nominalization in Ojibwe at University of Minnesota
- Spring 2021: Supervisor, Hunter Johnson (now graduate student at UCLA); undergraduate independent study on theories of syntax/morphology at University of Minnesota
- Spring 2019: Supervisor, Kerri Devlin (now graduate student at UCLA); undergraduate independent study on agreement attraction in adjuncts versus complements at UMass

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **CultureFoundry**

*Lead Linguist (Consultant)*

*2020–2021*

### **Ojibwemotaadidaa Omaa Gidakiiminaang Summer Immersion Academy**

*Program Assistant*

*Summers 2017, 2018*

### **National Breath of Life Archival Institute for Indigenous Languages**

*Linguistic Partner*

*Summer 2017*

### **NewGen Technologies**

*IBM Watson Temporary Contractor*

*Spring 2015*

### **Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland**

*Baggett Fellow*

*2014 – 2015*

### **Language and Cognitive Development Laboratory, University of Minnesota**

*Research Assistant*

*2012 – 2014*

## AFFILIATIONS

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- Member, Psychonomic Society *2018–present*
- Member, Linguistic Society of America *2013–present*

## SERVICE

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- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, University of British Columbia *2022*
- Co-Organizer, Syntax Reading Group, University of British Columbia *2021–Present*
- Organizer, Linguistics Flash Talks, University of British Columbia *2021–2022*
- Co-Organizer, Linguistics Colloquium, University of Minnesota *2020–2021*
- Organizing committee member, CUNY 33, UMass Amherst *2019–2020*
- Graduate student representative to the faculty, UMass Amherst *2018–2019*
- Mentor, Office of Professional Development NSF GRFP Program, UMass Amherst *Fall 2018*
- Organizer, Psycholinguistics workshop, UMass Amherst *2017–2018*
- Steward, Graduate Employee Organization UAW 2322, UMass Amherst *2016–2017*
- Organizer, Syntax/Semantics Reading Group, UMass Amherst *2016–2017*
- Organizing committee member, Mayfest 2015, University of Maryland *2014–2015*
- Co-Organizer, Linguistics Colloquium, University of Minnesota *2013–2014*

## REVIEWING

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### Journals

*Cognition*: 2021

*Glossa*: 2019

*Glossa Psycholinguistics*: 2021 (× 2)

*Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*: 2018, 2021

*Journal of Memory and Language*: 2019, 2021 (× 3)

*Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*: 2019

*Language*: 2021

*Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience*: 2021 (× 2), 2022

*Linguistic Variation*: 2019

*Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*: 2019, 2021 (× 2)

*PLOS ONE*: 2021

*Semantic Fieldwork Methods*: 2021

### Conferences

*Association Canadienne de Linguistique/Canadian Linguistics Association*: 2021

*Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting*: 2021

### Edited Books

*Oxford University Press*: 2021

## FIELDWORK

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*Ojibwe (Border Lakes, Mille Lacs)* — 2016–Present: Minnesota and Ontario

## SKILLS

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**Programming**: R (advanced); Python, HTML (intermediate)

**Languages**: English (native language), French (fluent), Ojibwe (intermediate)

**Experimental methods**: Self-paced reading, eye tracking while reading, visual world eye tracking, acceptability judgments (self-sufficient); MEG, fMRI, EEG (collaborative)

**Analysis methods**: Signal Detection Theory, Diffusion Model, Mixed Effects Models, ANOVA (advanced); Bayesian (intermediate)

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