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2019. Horizontal and vertical pressures in language change: fleshing out admixture models. Research colloquium, University of Tübingen, December 16.
2019. Relaxing the comparative method: probabilistic approaches to sound change and Indo-Iranian dialectology. Paper presented at Protolang 6, Lisbon, September 9.
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2019. Chundra Cathcart and Damián Blasi. How well do Recurrent Neural Networks capture regularities in sound change? Paper presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Leipzig, August 22.
2019. Latent variable models of Indo-Aryan languages. Paper presented at the 24th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Canberra, July 2.
2019. Toward a deep dialectological representation of Indo-Aryan. Poster presented at the Sixth Workshop on NLP for Similar Languages, Varieties and Dialects, Minneapolis, June 7.
2019. Shallow and deep approaches to sound change in Indo-Aryan dialectology. Presented at Seminar in phonetics and phonology, Venice International University, May 16.
2019. Prior thoughts on mixed-membership models in linguistics. Paper presented at Bayes@Lund, Lund University, May 7.
2018. Phylogenetic perspectives on V2 and subject-drop in Indo-European. Paper presented at Perspectives on Word Order Evolution: Reconstruction, Typology, and Processing. University of Zurich, November 8.
2018. The Inner-Outer hypothesis of Indo-Aryan: a computational study. Paper presented at the 34th South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable (SALA), University of Konstanz, April 13.
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2015. Ancestry-constrained phylogenetic analysis and the Indo-European Steppe Hypothesis. Presented at the University of Copenhagen, November 6.
2015. The relationship between areality and frequency of usage: drift vs. diffusion. Presented at the 89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Portland, Oregon, January 10.
2014. A probabilistic model of Evolutionary Phonology. Poster presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 31.

2014. Vedic post-lexical retroflexion: synchronic and diachronic perspectives. Poster presented at the 3rd Biennial Workshop on Sound Change in Interacting Human Systems, University of California, Berkeley, May 29.
2014. The role of diachronic explanation in prosodic phonology: evidence from Vedic Sanskrit. Presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, University of Chicago, April 10.
2014. Geography and contact-induced variation in West Iranian. Presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Minneapolis, January 3.
2013. The undoing of Bartholomae's Law and similar developments in Avestan and Iranian. Presented at the 25th Annual Indo-European Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, October 25.
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2012. Is West Iranian a clade? Presented at the 31st East Coast Indo-European Conference, University of California, Berkeley, May 20.
2011. What can Romani tell us about Middle Indic sound change? Presented at the Roundtable Discussion, Inaugural Conference on Romani Studies, University of California, Berkeley, November 11.
2011. Vedic labial dissimilation revisited. Presented at the 23rd Annual Indo-European Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, October 29.
2010. The probable operation of RUKI in the Nuristani languages. Presented at the 22nd Indo-European Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, November 5.