

FELICIA BISNATH

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EDUCATION

- 2019-2024 **PhD in Linguistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
 Advisor: Dr. Savithry Namboodiripad
- 2016-2018 **rM.A. in Linguistics, University of Amsterdam (UvA)**
 Thesis: *wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community*
 <http://www.scriptiesonline.uba.uva.nl/scriptie/658796>
- 2015-2016 **B.A. in Linguistics (Major), Speech and Language Pathology**
 (Minor) (First Class Honours), University of the West Indies
 (UWI)
 Thesis: *Higgins' Taxonomy of Copular Clauses in Trinidadian French Creole*
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AWARDS

- 2020 **"(A)Symmetries in spoken and signed languages" (German Science**
 Foundation) (€500,00)
- 2019 **Rackham Conference Travel Grant (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
 (\$1050.00)
- 2018 **University of Amsterdam Horizon Fund (€300.00)**
- 2015-2016 **University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago**
 John Reinecke Memorial Prize for Linguistics
 Douglas Taylor Prize for Caribbean Linguistics
 Departmental Prize for Linguistics Research
 University of the West Indies Development and Endowment Fund Star
 Scholarship (\$TT15,000.00, approximately \$US2,300.00)
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PUBLICATIONS

- forthcoming* Felicia Bisnath. Forthcoming. *Wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago*
 Signing Community. Proceedings of the Chicago Linguistics Society 56
 (CLS56)
- 2018 Felicia Bisnath & Silvia De Grandis. 2018. A Diachronic Study of
 Transparency in Sranan. *Linguistics in Amsterdam 11(2)*. 179-210
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PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 *Mouthings as Semiotic Resources in Signed Language Emergence* at High
 Desert Linguistics Society 14 (HDLS14) at the University of New Mexico,

Albuquerque, United States of America. 20th-22nd November 2020
(Poster) <https://osf.io/btzfa/>

On Islands in the Sea: Swedish Preposition Usage with Island Nations with
Carl Börstell at High Desert Linguistics Society 14 (HDLS14) at the
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, United States of America.
20th-22nd November 2020 (Talk) <https://osf.io/d9a7f/>

The that-trace effect in Trinidadian English Creole at Society for Caribbean
Linguistics 2020 (SCL2020) at the University of the West Indies, St.
Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. 2nd-9th August 2020 (Talk) (Cancelled:
COVID-19)

Verb Types in Trinidad and Tobago Sign Language at Society for Caribbean
Linguistics 2020 (SCL2020) at the University of the West Indies, St.
Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. 2nd-9th August 2020 (Poster) (Cancelled:
COVID-19)

Wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community at
Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS56) at the University of Chicago.
April 30th-May 2nd, 2020 (Talk) (Cancelled: COVID-19)

Wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community at
Linguistics in Göttingen 3 (LinG3) at Georg-August-Universität,
Göttingen, Germany. February 5-6th, 2020 (Talk)

2019 *Wh-questions in the Trinidad and Tobago Signing Community* at
Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research 13 (TISLR13) at the
University of Hamburg, Germany. September 26-28th, 2019 (Poster)

2018 *Verb Types in Trinidad and Tobago Sign Language (TTSL)* at the International
Conference for Graduate Students on Diverse Approaches to Linguistics 6
(IGDAL6) at the University of Haifa, Israel. 23 April, 2018 (Talk)

2017 *Quantifiers in NGT: A Corpus Study* at the T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference at
the University of Leiden, The Netherlands. 21-22 April, 2017 (Poster)
A Diachronic Study of Transparency in Sranan with Silvia De Grandis at the
38th TABU Dag Conference at the University of Groningen, The
Netherlands. 22-23 June, 2017 (Poster)

2016 *Higgins' Taxonomy of Copular Clauses in Trinidadian French Creole* at the 21st Biennial Conference of the Society for Caribbean Linguistics (SCL) at the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. August 1-6, 2016 (Talk)

TEACHING

Jan-Apr 2021 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States of America (English Department)
Solo Graduate Student Instructor, College Writing (ENG 125)

Sep-Dec 2020 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States of America (Department of Linguistics)
Graduate Student Instructor, Epic Grammer Failz [sic] (LING 137)

Sep-Dec 2018 University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago (Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics)
Part-Time Lecturer, Structure and Usage of Caribbean Sign Language II (LING2820)
Substitute tutor (6 classes), Introduction to Language (LING 1005)
Guest lecturer (Tuesday October 30th, 2018), Language Acquisition (LING 2101): "Sign Language Acquisition"

OTHER ACADEMIC TRAINING

May 2020 Workshop on Quantitative Linguistics Methods, Northern Arizona University. 2 May, 2020. (Online)

Sep 2019 Doing Reproducible and Rigorous Science with Deaf Children, Deaf Communities, and Sign Languages: Challenges and Opportunities at the Department of Deaf Studies and Sign Language Interpreting, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany. 23 September, 2019.

Jan 2018 LOT Winter School 2018 at the Vrije University, Amsterdam. 8-19 January, 2018

May 2017 SIGN-HUB LABEX Summer School in Sign Language Linguistics in Gargnano. 8-12 May, 2017
Courses on sign language information structure, phonology and syntax

Jul 2016 Research internship, Jamaican Language Unit, University of the West Indies, Mona

SERVICE

2020-2021 President of the Graduate Linguists at Michigan (GLaM)

2019-2020 Inclusion and Diversity Committee, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2016 **President of the University of the West Indies Linguistics Society**

LANGUAGES

English (native), Trinidadian English Creole (native), Trinidad and Tobago Sign Language (beginner), American Sign Language (beginner)