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## Research Interests

semantics, pragmatics, syntax-semantics interface, Japanese

## Employment

**April 2019 – Present**

Lecturer

Department of Foreign Languages, Institute of Liberal Arts

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## Education

**March 2019**

Ph.D. in Linguistics, Department of Linguistics,  
University of California, Santa Cruz

Dissertation: Asking and Answering Questions:  
Discourse Strategies in Japanese

**March 2014**

M.A., Graduate school of the University of Tokyo

Thesis: On Italian Nominal Semantics in the Left Periphery

**March 2012**

B.A., the University of Tokyo

Thesis: On Italian Noun Phrases with Kinship-term Heads

**September 2010 – April 2011**

Exchange student, University of Toronto

## Publications

### Journal Articles

**2018** Hirayama, H. 'Revisiting a null pronominal account for parasitic gaps in Japanese.'

*Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics* 3(1), 117, 1-33

DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.522>

**2018** Hirayama, H and A. Brasoveanu. 'Expressing Ignorance in Japanese:

Contrastive *wa* versus *sukunakutomo*'. *Journal of Cognitive Science* 19-3:331-355

### Conference Proceedings

**2021** Hirayama, H. Exclamations and their discourse effects in Japanese.

In *Proceedings of Linguistics Society of America*, 6 (1), 411-420.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v6i1.4948>

**2020** Hirayama, H. A Pragmatic Account of Negative Island Obviation by *wa* in Japanese.

In *Japanese/Korean Linguistics*, Vol. 27

**2019** Hirayama, H. A Continuation-based Analysis of Contrastive *Wa* in Japanese.

In *Proceedings of the 33rd Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation*  
405-413, <http://hdl.handle.net/2065/00063926>

**2018** Hirayama, H. 'Discourse Effects of Biased Questions in Japanese.'

In *Online Proceeding of Japanese and Korean Linguistics* 25

- 2017 Hirayama, H. 'Towards a Unified Analysis of Contrastive *wa* as Contrastive Topic'  
In *The Proceedings of Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics 14*
- 2013 Mori, Y. and H. Hirayama. 'Bare Plurals in the Left Periphery in German and Italian.'  
In *New Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence: JSAI-isAI 2013 Workshops, LENLS, JURISIN, MiMI, AAA, and DDS*, Kanagawa, Japan, October 27-28, 2013, Revised Selected Papers Proceedings of LENLS10. 82–97.

## Book Review

- 2015 Hirayama, H. Review of Tomoko Ishizuka, *The Passive in Japanese: A cartographic minimalist approach*. In *Journal of Japanese Linguistics* 31, 115–118.

## Presentations

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2021 Hirayama, H. 'Rising Declaratives in Japanese '  
The 29th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference, Online
- 2021 Hirayama, H. 'Exclamations and Their Discourse Effects in Japanese '  
The 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, Online
- 2020 Hirayama, H. 'Non-exhaustivity on QuDs — Contrastive *wa* in Japanese '  
Workshop "QUDs and exhaustivity: experiments, computation, and theory", Online
- 2019 Hirayama, H. 'A Pragmatic Account of Negative Island Obviation by *wa* in Japanese '  
The 27th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference, Seoul, Korea
- 2019 Hirayama, H. 'A Continuation-based Analysis of Contrastive *Wa* in Japanese' (Poster)  
The 33rd Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation, Hakodate, Japan.
- 2018 Hirayama, H. 'Wa-questions in Japanese'  
156th Linguistic Society of Japan meeting, Tokyo, Japan
- 2017 Hirayama, H. 'Towards a Unified Analysis of Contrastive *wa* as Contrastive Topic'  
Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics 14 (LENLS 14), Tokyo, Japan
- 2017 Hirayama, H. and A. Brasoveanu. 'Expressing Ignorance in Japanese: *wa* vs. *sukunakutomo*.'  
East Asian Psycholinguistics: Recent Development, Honolulu, USA
- 2017 Hirayama, H. 'Discourse Effects of Biased Questions in Japanese.' (Poster)  
Japanese and Korean Linguistics 25, Honolulu, USA
- 2016 Hirayama, H. 'Two kinds of *nai* questions in Japanese'  
Theoretical Linguistics at Keio (TaLK) Tokyo, Japan
- 2016 Hirayama, H. 'A Null Pronominal Account for Apparent Parasitic Gaps in Japanese' (Poster)  
Formal Approaches to Japanese Linguistics (FAJL) 8, Mie, Japan
- 2015 Hirayama, H. 'Japanese Modified Numerals and Ignorance Inference',  
150th Linguistics Society of Japan meeting, Tokyo, Japan
- 2014 Mori, Y. and H. Hirayama. 'Definite Readings of Left-dislocated Indefinites',  
Workshop on Indefinites in Discourse Structure, Köln, Germany
- 2014 Mori, Y. and H. Hirayama. 'Nominal Semantics in the Left Periphery in German and Italian.'  
Specificity Workshop, Trento, Italy
- 2013 Mori, Y. and H. Hirayama. 'Bare Plurals in the Left Periphery in German and Italian.'  
Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics 10 (LENLS 10), Kanagawa, Japan

### Other Presentations

- 2021 Hirayama, H. Introduction to Sign Language and Linguistics (invited lecture)  
TOSLL Spring Seminar
- 2017 Hirayama, H. 'A QuD-Based Analysis of Japanese Contrastive *wa*'  
California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 10, UC Irvine
- 2017 Hirayama, H. 'Expressing ignorance in Japanese'  
Workshop at Waseda Institute for the Study of Language and Information Tokyo, Japan  
(given in Japanese)
- 2017 Hirayama, H. 'Expressing ignorance in Japanese: *wa* vs. *at least*'  
Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC) 2017, UC Santa Cruz

<b>2017</b>	Hirayama, H. 'On <i>nai</i> and <i>no(da)</i> questions in Japanese' UCSC-Stanford Workshop on sentence types, UC Santa Cruz
<b>2016</b>	Hirayama, H. 'An analysis of negative biased questions in Japanese as tag questions' California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 9, UC Santa Cruz
<b>2016</b>	Hirayama, H. '(Apparent) Parasitic Gaps in Japanese' Syntax & Semantics Circle UC Berkeley
<b>2016</b>	Hirayama, H. 'Deriving obligatory movement of wh-phrase in a wh-in-situ language' Linguistics at Santa Cruz (LASC) 2016, UC Santa Cruz
<b>2015</b>	Hirayama, H. 'Japanese contrastive wa and ignorance inferences', California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) 8, Stanford

## Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

<b>2021-2024</b>	JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists
<b>2019-2021</b>	JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Research Activity Start-up
<b>Fall 2018</b>	Quarter Dissertation Fellowship
<b>September 2015 – Present</b>	Yoshida Scholarship Foundation Fellowship for studying overseas
<b>September 2014 – August 2015</b>	Fulbright Principal Candidate
<b>2014</b>	Full-Exemption of Returning of JASSO Scholarship Loan with Outstanding Works

## Teaching Experience

### Kyushu Institute of Technology

<b>2019-present</b>	English IC, IIC (First year English), English VIC (Second year English) English VIIIA (Writing), English VIID (Speaking, Discussion)
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### University of California, Santa Cruz

<b>2019</b>	Structure of Japanese (Teaching Fellow, 2019 Winter)
<b>2018</b>	Semantics I (Teaching Fellow, 2018 Summer) Syntax II (Teaching Assistant, 2018 Spring) Instructor: Jorge Hankamer Semantics II (Teaching Assistant, 2018 Winter) Instructor: Maziar Toosarvandani
<b>2016–2017</b>	JAPN1-3: First-year Japanese (Graduate Student Instructor)
<b>2015–2016</b>	Semantics I (Teaching Assistant, 2016 Winter) Instructor: Donka Farkas Introduction to Linguistics (Teaching Assistant, 2015 Fall) Instructor: Adrian Brasoveanu

### The University of Tokyo

<b>2013–2014</b>	Statistical Data Analysis (Teaching Assistant, 2013 Winter) Studies in the Japanese Language (Teaching Assistant, Grader, 2013 Summer) English II (Teaching Assistant, 2013 Summer)
<b>2012–2013</b>	Statistical Data Analysis (Teaching Assistant, 2012 Winter) Computer Analysis of Japanese I (Teaching Assistant, 2012 Summer)

## Service: Department

<b>April 2020 – present</b>	Global learning committee, member Online lecture working group, member
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## Service: Profession

### Reviewer for Journals

*Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics,*  
*Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*  
*Language*

### Reviewer for Conferences

PACLIC 33, NELS (2019, 2020)

## Other Experience

### Spring 2017

### Spring 2016 – Spring 2017

### April 2012 – August 2014

Part-time Research Assistant (Supervisor: Shigeko Okamoto)

Event Committee Chair, UCSC

Technical Assistant

Department of Language and Information Science, the University of Tokyo

— User assistance and management of websites of the department

Work-study Program

University of Toronto, St. George Campus and Scarborough Campus

— Held office hours for Japanese learners

— Coached students for a Japanese speech contest

### October 2010 – April 2011

## Qualifications

### 2013

Japanese Language Teaching Competency Test

(conducted by The Society for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language)

Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera (CILS) B2

(Certification of Italian as a Foreign Language)