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Education

2017-pres. PhD, Linguistics, Harvard University
2021 AM, Linguistics, Harvard University
2014 BA with highest honors in Linguistics (major), minor in Philosophy, Emory University
2011 AA, Arts and Sciences, Oxford College of Emory University

Research

Main Interests: Semantics, morphology, syntax-semantics interface, morphosemantics, typology;
 Multifunctional morphemes, polarity sensitivity (NPIs, FCIs), allosemy and polysemy, alternative semantics;
 Fieldwork and documentation of understudied languages;
 Turkic languages, languages spoken in Siberia
Other interests: Corpus linguistics, web scraping for linguistic data, formal logic, philosophy of language, historical linguistics

Publications

(^f=forthcoming)

Journal Articles

submitted Kirby, Ian L. Extending the typology of quantifier particles: Sakha *da* (*dayani*) as a TOO-particle without a ‘too’ meaning.

Proceedings (^f=reviewed)

- 2022^f Kirby, Ian L. Pre-exhaustification Creates Multifunctionality: Evidence from Tuvan *-daa*. *40th Meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 40)*.
- 2022^{f,r} Kirby, Ian L. and Hande Sevgi. Plural Possession in Turkish and Sakha. *Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* (7).
- 2022 Kirby, Ian L. Tuvan *-daa* in Quantificational Noun Phrases: Existential or Universal? *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* (7). DOI:<https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v7i1.5289>
- 2021 Kirby, Ian. Exhaustification, free-choice, and additivity: Evidence from Sakha *da(yani)*. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* (6: 663-675). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v6i1.5005>
- 2020^f Kirby, Ian L. The Sakha focus particle *da(qany)*: Negative Polarity, Conjunction, and Focus. *Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* (5: 71-85). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/ptu.v5i1.4769>

Manuscripts

Wrong-side Affixation: Univerbation of Agreement Morphemes.
Any as a Negative Polarity Item: From Old English to Early Modern English. (Honors thesis, 2014)

Conferences

- 2022 Pre-exhaustification Creates Multifunctionality: Evidence from Tuvan *-daa*. 40th Meeting of the West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 40). May 2022.
- 2022 Plural Possession in Turkish and Sakha. 7th Annual Workshop on Turkic and Language in Contact with Turkic (Tu+7). February 2022. (with Hande Sevgi)
- 2022 A semantic sketch of Tuvan *-daa*^π. 7th Annual Workshop on Turkic and Language in Contact with Turkic (Tu+7). February 2022.
- 2022 Tuvan *-daa* in Quantificational Noun Phrases: Existential or Universal? 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America (LSA 96). January 2022.
- 2021 Emphasis and (anti-)additivity in polarity particles: Sakha *da(ghany)* and *emie*. The Semantics of African, Asian, and Austronesian Languages 8 (TripleA 8). June 2021.
- 2021 The Sakha focus particle *da(qani)*. 4th Conference of Central Asian Languages and Linguistics (ConCALL-4). April 2021
- 2021 Exhaustification, free-choice, and additivity: Evidence from Sakha *da(yani)*. 95th Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Society of America (LSA 95). January 2021.
- 2020 Sakha *da(qani)*: Negative Polarity, Conjunction, and Focus. 5th Annual Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic (Tu+5). February 2020.
- 2019 From (*nawther*) *ne...ne* to *neither...nor*. 21st Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference (DiGS 21). June 2019.
- 2016 *Any* as a Negative Polarity Item: From Old English to Early Modern English. Linguistics Society at the University of Georgia (LSUGA) 3rd Annual linguistics conference. October 2016

Invited and Workshop Talks

- 2021 Wrong side affixation: Pronouns to inflection in head-final languages. Harvard GSAS Workshop in Indo-European and Historical Linguistics. April 2021
- 2021 Where is additivity? Harvard GSAS Workshop Linguistics Circle Colloquium Series. March 2021
- 2018 A Sketch of the Historical Uses of *whether*, *either*, and *neither*. Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS). December 2018
- 2018 The diachronic syntax of English *either...or* and *neither...nor*. Harvard GSAS Workshop in Indo-European and Historical Linguistics. October 2018.

Teaching

(‘TF’=Teaching Fellow)

Harvard University

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| TF, <i>LING 101: The Science of Language: An Introduction</i>
Instructor: Kevin Ryan | Summer 2022 |
| TF, <i>LING 99A, 98B: Senior Tutorial</i>
Instructor: Niels Torben Köhlert, Gennaro Chierchia | Fall 2021,
Spring 2022 |
| TF, <i>LING 148: Language Universals</i>
Instructor: Jonathan Bobaljik | Spring 2021 |
| TF, <i>LING 104: Word Structure</i>
Instructor: Jonathan Bobaljik | Fall 2020 |
| TF, <i>LING 101: The Science of Language: An Introduction</i>
Instructor: Susi Wurmbrand | Spring 2020 |
| TF, <i>LING 83: Language, Structure, and Cognition</i>
Instructor: Kathryn Davidson | Fall 2019 |

TF, Emory University

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| TF, <i>LING 401: Language, Mind, and Society</i>
Instructor: Marjorie Pak | Spring 2017 |
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TF, <i>LING 201: Foundations of Linguistics</i> Instructor: Marjorie Pak (2017, 2014); Jack Hardy (2015)	Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2014
TF, <i>LING 214: Meaning in Human Language (Semantics and Pragmatics)</i> Instructor: Marjorie Pak (2016, 2015)	Spring 2016 Spring 2015
Guest Lectures	
The History of English <i>Any</i> <i>LING 340: Topics in Sociolinguistics (Language Variation and Change)</i> , Emory University Instructor: Marjorie Pak	Oct. 2016

Service, Positions, and Memberships

Assistant Head Tutor, Harvard University Department of Linguistics	2021 – 2022
Department Writing Fellow (Linguistics)	2021 – 2022
Graduate Student Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies (Harvard)	2019 – pres
<i>Spell Out</i> Blog Manager, Harvard Linguistics <i>Spell Out</i> Blog and Facebook Page	2018 – 2022
Workshop Coordinator, Harvard Linguistics Circle Colloquium	2018 – 2020

Professional Membership: Linguistics Society of America; American Association for the Advancement of Science

Review: Tu+

Research

Laboratory Assistant, Emory University Department of Psychology <i>Mind and Language Lab</i> Director: Phillip Wolff	2016 – 2017
Research Assistant, Emory University Program in Linguistics Director: Marjorie Pak	2015

Grants and Awards

Fellowships and Grants

Sosland Family Graduate Fellowship (Harvard)	2017 – 2018
SIRE (Scholarly Inquiry and Research Partners Program) Summer Fellowship (Emory) Stipend and housing grant, Research mentor: Mark Risjord	2013
SIRE Fellowship (Emory) Research mentor: Mark Risjord	2012 – 2013

Honors and Awards

Nominated, Star Family Prize for Excellence in Advising (Harvard)	2022
Award for Excellence in the Study of Linguistics (Emory University)	2014
Phi Beta Kappa (Gamma Chapter)	2014
Phi Sigma Iota	2012
Alpha Epsilon Upsilon	2011

Languages

Speaking/Reading:	English (native), German (advanced), Mandarin (intermediate spoken, beginning reading), Swedish (beginning), French (basic reading), Russian (basic reading)
Philology:	Gothic, Old & Middle English, Old Turkic
Fieldwork/Elicitations:	Sakha, Tuvan, Turkish
Families:	Germanic, Turkic

Skills

Perl, Python, R, Bash, regex, Tregex, Penn Treebank, CorpusSearch, L^AT_EX, HTML, wikitext, markdown, Excel/LibreOffice Calc