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Education

PhD in Linguistics — Harvard University	2017 – pres
AM in Linguistics — Harvard University	2020
BA in Linguistics (Major), Philosophy (minor) — Emory University	2014
Highest Honors in Linguistics	
Honors thesis advisor: Marjorie Pak	
AA in Arts and Sciences — Oxford College of Emory University	2011

Publications and Manuscripts

- Kirby, Ian. 2021. Exhaustification, free-choice, and additivity: Evidence from Sakha *da(yani)*. *Proceedings of the Linguistics Society of America* (6: 663–675).
- Kirby, Ian L. 2020. 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).
- Kirby, Ian L. 2014. *Any* as a Negative Polarity Item: From Old English to Early Modern English. Senior honors thesis, Emory University.

Presentations

π =poster

Conferences

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

Invited and Workshop Talks

Wrong side affixation: Pronouns to inflection in head-final languages	Apr. 2021
Harvard GSAS Workshop in Indo-European and Historical Linguistics	
Where is additivity?	Mar. 2021

Harvard University Linguistics Circle Colloquium	
A Sketch of the Historical Uses of <i>whether</i> , <i>either</i> , and <i>neither</i>	Dec. 2018
Southern New England Workshop in Semantics (SNEWS)	
The diachronic syntax of English <i>either...or</i> and <i>neither...nor</i>	Oct. 2018
Harvard GSAS Workshop in Indo-European and Historical Linguistics	

Teaching

(‘TF’=Teaching Fellow)

Harvard University

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

Emory University

TF for <i>LING 401: Language, Mind, and Society</i>	Spring 2017
Instructor: Marjorie Pak	
TF for <i>LING 201: Foundations of Linguistics</i>	Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2014
Instructor: Marjorie Pak (2017, 2014); Jack Hardy (2015)	
TF for <i>LING 214: Meaning in Human Language (Semantics and Pragmatics)</i>	Spring 2016
Instructor: Marjorie Pak (2016, 2015)	Spring 2015

Guest Lectures

The History of English Any	Oct. 2016
<i>LING 340: Topics in Sociolinguistics (Language Variation and Change)</i> , Emory University	
Instructor: Marjorie Pak	

Service, Positions, and Memberships

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

Professional Membership

Member, Linguistics Society of America	2019 – pres
Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science	2019 – pres

Review

Tu+5 Proceedings	2020
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Research

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

Director: Marjorie Pak

Grants and Awards

Fellowships and Grants

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

Honors and Awards

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 and Skills

Spoken//reading:	English (native), German (advanced), Mandarin (intermediate), Swedish (basic), French (basic reading), Russian (very basic reading)
Fieldwork//elicitations:	Sakha, Tuvan
Structural knowledge:	GERMANIC (Old & Middle English, North Germanic languages, Gothic) TURKIC (Sakha, Tuvan, Turkish)
Skills:	Basic programming (Python, Perl, R, Bash, Powershell), Excel/LibreOffice Calc, L ^A T _E X, Penn TreeBank querying (CorpusSearch), Tregex