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Education

2018–(2024) | PhD student in Linguistics, **McGill University**, and **Mila** – Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute
advisor: Timothy J. O’Donnell. [Fast-tracked from MA program in 2019]

2006–2012 | BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS (ALB), *cum laude*, **Harvard University Extension School**
Field of Study: Mathematics | Minor: Linguistics

Teaching

FALL 2021 | Guest lecture for **McGill** COMP 445 *Computational Linguistics*
TA for **McGill** COMP 445 *Computational Linguistics* (Prof. Timothy O’Donnell)
WINTER 2021 | TA for **McGill** COMP 596 *Probabilistic Programming* (Prof. Timothy O’Donnell)
FALL 2020 | TA for **McGill** COMP 445 *Computational Linguistics* (Prof. Timothy O’Donnell)
WINTER 2020 | TA for **McGill** LING 201 *Introduction to Linguistics* (Prof. Francisco Torreira, Mathieu Paillé)
FALL 2019 | TA for **McGill** LING 201 *Introduction to Linguistics* (Prof. Francisco Torreira, Prof. Junko Shimoyama)

Community

2020 | Graduate Program changes Committee, student member
2020–pres. | Graduate student representative, McGill Linguistics Department
2019–pres. | Vice President, Academic, **GLAM**, Graduate Linguistics Association of McGill
Founding member, **EARTH-LING**, McGill Linguistics department environmental working group
2018–pres. | Graduate student member, webmaster, Montreal Computational and Quantitative Linguistics Lab (**MCQLL**)

Reviewing: CogSci 2021, CoNLL 2020

Awards

2020 | **Microsoft Research-Mila Collaboration Grant**, for project supervised by Alessandro Sordoni (MSR Montreal) and Prof. Timothy O’Donnell (Mila)
2019 | **Graduate Scholar Stipend**, Centre for Research on Brain, Language and Music (**CRBLM**)

Research

Hoover, Jacob Louis, Alessandro Sordoni, Wenyu Du, and Timothy J. O’Donnell (2021). *Linguistic Dependencies and Statistical Dependence*. arXiv: [2104.08685](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.08685) [cs.CL].

Hoover, Jacob Louis (2020). “[Accounting for variation in number agreement in Icelandic dative–nominative constructions](#)”. In: *Proceedings of the 38th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Ed. by Daniel Reisinger and Rachel Soo. Somerville, Mass., USA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. Forthcoming.

Languages

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| English | Native |
| Estonian | Intermediate (2½ years living and working in Estonia: ~ CEF level B2) |
| Japanese | Novice (two years’ university study, at this point rather atrophied) |
| Russian, Spanish, French | Basic knowledge |

Programming languages: Clojure, Java, Julia, Python, R

Ballet career

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| 2018–pres. | I retired from full-time dancing in 2018, when I began my graduate study at McGill, but I have continued with occasional appearances as a freelancer and as a guest artist including with Festival Ballet Providence, RI, and Robinson Ballet in Bangor, ME. |
| 2008–2018 | Trained as a ballet dancer at Walnut Hill School and Miami City Ballet School. I worked full-time as professional dancer from 2008 until 2018. I danced soloist roles when at José Mateo Ballet Theatre in Cambridge, MA, (2008–2012) and principal roles when at the Vanemuine Theatre in Tartu, Estonia (2013–2015), and was a company dancer for Festival Ballet in Providence, RI (2015–2018). |