

CONTACT INFO

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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I am interested in the systematic grammatical underpinnings of cross-linguistic variation, specifically with regards to how syntax and its interfaces with morphological, phonological, and semantic systems facilitate and constrain the range of cross-linguistic variety in phenomena such as affixation and cliticization mechanisms, the availability of different types of ellipsis, the realization of agreement and concord, and linearization of syntactic structures.

My previous and current research focuses on topics such as: Sluicing, Gapping, Right Node Raising, Suspended Affixation, Suppletion & Allomorphy Domains, Agreement & Concord, Syntax-PF Mapping, and Linearization.

EDUCATION

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2020-*ongoing*    **PhD Candidate, Linguistics:** University of Chicago, IL, USA.

**Dissertation:** On the Derivational Routes to Shared Exponence

    Committee: Karlos Arregi, Erik Zyman, Jason Merchant

2020-2022      **MA, Linguistics:** University of Chicago, IL, USA.

2016-2020      **BA with Honors, Linguistics:** Stanford University, CA, USA.

QUALIFYING PAPERS & DISSERTATION

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2022            **Qualifying Paper #1:** Refactoring Right Edge Sharing: Backwards Gapping  $\neq$  Right Node Raising in Turkish

2023            **Qualifying Paper #2:** Apparent Dative Stem Suppletion in Turkic Pronouns: Emergence of the Unmarked & Faithfulness Hierarchies

2024            **Dissertation Prospectus:** On the Derivational Routes to Shared Exponence

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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2025            **Serova, Kutay.** Right Edge Restriction is Non-Uniform: Evidence from Turkish. In *Proceedings of the 16th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*, 16(1).

2019            **Serova, Kutay.** Head Movement, Suspended Affixation, and the Turkish Clausal Spine. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic*, 4(1), pp. 89–103. DOI: 10.3765/ptu.v4i1.4584.

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023        **Serova, Kutay.** Dative Stem Alternation in Turkic Pronouns: Emergence of the Unmarked Faithfulness Hierarchies. Poster presentation at the *17th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics* (WAFL 17), National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- 2022        **Serova, Kutay.** Right Edge Restriction is non-uniform in Turkish. Talk at the *16th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics* (WAFL 16), Rutgers University (online).
- 2019        **Serova, Kutay.** On the Interaction of Gapping and Head-movement in Turkish Coordination. Poster presentation at the *4th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic* (Tu+4), NYU, NY.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (EXTERNAL)

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- 2024        **Serova, Kutay.** On the Derivational Paths to Shared Exponence. Talk at *UIUC Commentary on the Latest Approaches to Syntax and Semantics at Illinois (claSSi)*.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (INTERNAL)

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- 2022        **Serova, Kutay.** Accusative Passives in 16th century Chaghatay. Talk at *UChicago Morphology and Syntax Workshop (Morph-Syn)*.
- 2021        **Serova, Kutay.** Apparent Dative Stem Suppletion in Turkic Pronouns. Talk at *UChicago Morphology and Syntax Workshop (Morph-Syn)*.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

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- 2018        **Serova, Kutay.** *Turkish Verb Complex and Polar Question Marker Interaction.* Talk at *Southern California Undergraduate Linguistics Conference (SCULC)*, at UCLA.

EDITED VOLUMES

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- 2024        Proceedings of the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS 59). *Chicago Linguistic Society*. Chicago, IL

MANUSCRIPTS

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- in prep*    **Serova, Kutay.** Comitative Conjunction in Samoan & Turkish
- in prep*    **Serova, Kutay.** Accusative Case Assignment by Passives in 16th century Chaghatay
- in prep*    **Serova, Kutay.** *Do so* replacement with Stranded Arguments.

GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS

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2023	UChicago Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics (GRAIL)	\$750
2023	Chicago Linguistic Society Research Funds	\$500
2020	Stanford UAR Major Research Grant	\$7000
2019	Stanford UAR Conference Grant	\$1400
2017	Stanford VPUE Summer Research Grant: Stanford Language & Cognition Lab	\$1400

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2024 Autumn	Teaching Assistant @ UChicago: LING 20001 Introduction to Linguistics Primary Instructor: Sanghee Kim
2024 Winter	Teaching Assistant @ UChicago: LING 20201 Introduction to Syntax Primary Instructor: Amy Dahlstrom
2023 Autumn	Teaching Assistant @ UChicago: LING 28620 Computational Linguistics Primary Instructor: Daniel Lam
2023 Spring	Teaching Assistant @ UChicago: LING 20001 Introduction to Linguistics Primary Instructor: Laura Stigliano
2018 Winter	Grader @ Stanford: LINGUIST 130A/230A Introduction to Semantics & Pragmatics Primary Instructor: Chris Potts
2011-2014	Art Tutoring @ Bolluca Orphaned Children's Village – Istanbul, Turkey

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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2023-ongoing	<i>UChicago Syntax-Morphology Circle</i> : Workshop Organizer
2022-2023	<i>UChicago Humanities Division Humanities Division Graduate Student Council (HDGSC)</i> : Linguistics Representative and Financial Manager
2022-2023	<i>Chicago Linguistics Society</i> : CLS 59 Conference Organizing Committee Member, Proceedings Editor
2022-2023	<i>Chicago Linguistics Society</i> : Publications Manager

REVIEWING

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2024-ongoing	<i>Glossa</i>
2022-ongoing	<i>Chicago Linguistic Society</i> : CLS 58–61
2019, 2021	<i>Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic</i> : Tu+4, Tu+6

OTHER SERVICE & MANAGERIAL ROLES

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2019-2020	Team Member & Recruit Training @ Stanford University Archery Team
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2017-2020	Kiln Management Team @ Stanford University Ceramics Studio
2014-2016	Co-founder & Instructor @ Japanese Language & Culture Club – Robert College High School (Istanbul, Turkey)
2011-2014	Art Tutoring @ Bolluca Orphaned Children’s Village (Istanbul, Turkey)

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PREVIOUS PROJECTS

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2019	Predicting Yelp Reviews using Convolutional Neural Networks Team: Kaan Dönbekci, <b>Kutay Serova</b> , Tyler Su, @ Stanford course CS 224U: Natural Language Understanding
2018	Human Vision Reconstruction with 3D Convolutional Neural Networks Team: Kaan Dönbekci, <b>Kutay Serova</b> @ Stanford course CS 221: Artificial Intelligence: Principles & Techniques
2017-2018	Connective Learning in Child Language Acquisition Project Research Assistant @ Stanford Language and Cognition Lab with PI: Masoud Jasbi. Automated corpus extraction and annotated transcribed child-adult speech.

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CERTIFICATIONS

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CITI – Human Subjects Research Protections Group 2: IRB Nonmedical Research 1 – Basic Course  
 Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) – N2  
 Goethe Institut German Proficiency Test (Goethe-Zertifikat) – B1

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WORK EXPERIENCE

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Aug 2018-Sep 2018	Machine Learning Intern @ GT-ARC – Berlin, Germany
May 2017-Jun 2018	Research Assistant @ Stanford Language & Cognition Lab
Aug 2016-Sep 2016	Software R&D Intern @ Innova IT Solutions, Istanbul – Turkey

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Methods	Syntactic Elicitation, Fieldwork Methodology, Online Experiments
Linguistic Tools	ELAN, Praat, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Audio Recording, Prolific, Ibex Farm
Statistics	R, Python
Programming	Python, C++, Java
Machine Learning	Neural Networks, NLP, Keras, Tensorflow, PyTorch
Web Development	html, jekyll, javascript

LANGUAGES

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Native/Fluent	Turkish, English
Proficient	Japanese
Intermediate	Kazakh, Uyghur, German, Russian
Beginner	French, Mandarin Chinese
Reading – Historical	Ottoman Turkish, Chaghatay, Manchu (Beginner), Middle Egyptian (Beginner)
Fieldwork Languages	Eastern Javanese & Samoan (Methods Coursework), Turkish