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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

CURRENT **The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL
PhD in Linguistics
Thesis: Interpreting negative answers
Committee: Chris Kennedy (chair), Ming Xiang, Itamar Francez

2020–2022 **The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL
MA in Linguistics

2015–2019 **Reed College**, Portland, OR
BA in Linguistics

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed (* = equal contribution)

2025 Eszter Ronai* & **Lucas Fagen***. Experimental evidence for variation across exclusive modifiers. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*, 10(1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.16797>

Conference Proceedings

- 2025 **Lucas Fagen** & Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal. Minimal sufficiency, plural predication, and scalarity. In Federica Longo & Daniele Panizza (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 29*, pp. 465–481. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18148/sub/2025.v29.1224>
- 2024 **Lucas Fagen** & Ming Xiang. Graded complementarity in the resolution of pronouns and reflexives. In *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America 9*(1), 5697. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v9i1.5697>
- 2023 **Lucas Fagen**. Numerals are doubly bounded: evidence from exclusives and polarity. In Suet-Ying Lam & Satoru Ozaki (eds.), *Proceedings of the 53rd Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, pp. 219–232. GLSA, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2022 **Lucas Fagen**. A scalar analysis of polarity contrasts between exclusive modifiers. In Marco Degano, Tom Roberts, Giorgio Sbardolini & Marieke Schouwstra (eds.), *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium*, pp. 84–90.
- 2022 Eszter Ronai* & **Lucas Fagen***. Exclusives vary in strength and scale structure: experimental evidence. In Marco Degano, Tom Roberts, Giorgio Sbardolini & Marieke Schouwstra (eds.), *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium*, pp. 258–266.

Edited Volumes

- 2023 **Lucas Fagen**, Sam Gray, Quain, Stephanie Reyes & Irene Tang (eds.), *Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. CLS.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Conference Presentations

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- 2025 Sanghee J. Kim, **Lucas Fagen** & Ming Xiang. Variation in reflexive processing across constructions and individuals. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Conference on *Human Sentence Processing* (HSP 38), College Park, March 28.
- 2024 **Lucas Fagen** & Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal. Just cumulative predicates get a sufficiency reading. Poster presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung* 29 (SuB 29), Noto, September 18.
- 2024 **Lucas Fagen** & Ming Xiang. Pronominal and reflexive resolution in noncomplementary environments. Talk presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the *Linguistic Society of America* (LSA 98), New York, January 6.
- 2023 **Lucas Fagen**. Numerals are doubly bounded: evidence from exclusives and polarity. Talk presented at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the *North East Linguistic Society* (NELS 53), Göttingen, January 13.
- 2023 **Lucas Fagen*** & Eszter Ronai*. Testing variation across exclusive modifiers. Talk presented at the 97th Annual Meeting of the *Linguistic Society of America* (LSA 97), Denver, January 7.
- 2022 **Lucas Fagen**. A scalar analysis of polarity contrasts between exclusive modifiers. Talk presented at the 23rd *Amsterdam Colloquium* (AC 2022), Amsterdam, December 21.
- 2022 Eszter Ronai* & **Lucas Fagen***. Exclusives vary in strength and scale structure: experimental evidence. Poster presented at the 23rd *Amsterdam Colloquium* (AC 2022), Amsterdam, December 19.

Other Presentations

- 2024 **Lucas Fagen**. Minimal sufficiency as projection reversal. Talk presented at the University of Illinois *Commentary on the Latest Approaches to Syntax and Semantics in Illinois* (claSSi) Workshop, Urbana, December 10.
- 2023 **Lucas Fagen**. Pronominal and reflexive resolution in noncomplementary environments. Talk presented at the UChicago *Language Evolution, Acquisition & Processing* (LEAP) Workshop, Chicago, November 3.
- 2022 **Lucas Fagen**. Testing variation across exclusive modifiers. Talk presented at the UChicago *Language Evolution, Acquisition & Processing* (LEAP) Workshop, Chicago, October 21.

AWARDS

The University of Chicago

- 2025-2026 Lindsay Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$39,762)
2025-2026 Affiliated Doctoral Fellow, Franke Institute for the Humanities
2022-2026 Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics (awarded yearly)

TEACHING & OTHER WORK

Instructor at the University of Chicago

WINTER 2025 Semantics & Pragmatics

Teaching Assistant at the University of Chicago

- SPRING 2024 Semantics & Pragmatics (Instructor: Anastasia Giannakidou)
AUTUMN 2023 Mind, Brain & Meaning (Instructors: Jason Bridges, Leslie Kay & Chris Kennedy)
AUTUMN 2022 Psycholinguistics (Instructor: Ming Xiang)

Tutor at Reed College

SPRING 2019 Introductory Syntax (Instructor: Matt Pearson)

AUTUMN 2018 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (Instructors: Sameer ud Dowla Khan, Matt Pearson)

AUTUMN 2017 Introduction to Linguistic Analysis (Instructors: Sameer ud Dowla Khan, Matt Pearson)

Other

SUMMER 2018 Research Assistant

New York University, Department of Linguistics (PI: Chris Barker)

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

2021–	Ad hoc reviewing Conference: <i>Chicago Linguistic Society</i>
2023–2025	Board Member <i>Dean's Student Advisory Board, Division of the Humanities, The University of Chicago</i>
2021–2023	Publications Manager <i>Chicago Linguistic Society</i>
2021–2023	Co-coordinator <i>Language Evolution, Acquisition & Processing Workshop</i> (LEAP)
2021–2022	Conference Organizer <i>58th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society</i> (CLS 58)

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

2019 Linguistics Summer Institute, Linguistic Society of America
University of California, Davis, Davis, CA

2016 International Chinese Language Program
National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2023–	Design & Production Assistant, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL
2019–2020	Runner Experience Specialist, Brooks Running, Seattle, WA
2019–2020	Volunteer Tour Guide, Museum of Pop Culture, Seattle, WA
2018–2020	Contributor, City Pages, Minneapolis, MN
2012–2021	Contributor, Hyperallergic Media, Brooklyn, NY
2017	Project Coordinator, UChicago Career Advancement, Chicago, IL

SKILLS & INTERESTS

LANGUAGES	English: native Mandarin: intermediate German: intermediate Korean: beginner French: beginner
COMPUTING	Python, C++, R, Go, SQL, MIPS Assembly, Ibex, L ^A T _E X