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Education

Tel-Aviv University

PhD in Linguistics

2019 - present

Dissertation: Intra-sentential Code-Switching and the Modularity of the Language Faculty.
Supervisor: Prof. Julia Horvath

MA in Linguistics

October 2021

BA in Linguistics and Philosophy

September 2019

Publications and Presentations

Papers

- Under review* **Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A., Dillon, B., and Keshev, M. Composite feature representations license agreement errors.
- Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A., and Horvath, J. Late insertion in code-switching: Evidence from gender agreement patterns of Hebrew-English bilinguals.
- Cartner, M.** and Horvath, J. Intra-sentential code-switching at the syntax-phonology interface.
- 2026 **Cartner, M.***, Kogan, M.*., Webster, N.*., Wagers, M., and Sichel, I. (* = co-first authors). Subject islands do not reduce to construction-specific discourse function. *Cognition*, 271.
- Keshev, M., **Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A., and Dillon, B. Representation distortion contributes to agreement attraction in comprehension. *Frontiers in Language Sciences*, 4, 1708378.
- 2024 Keshev, M., **Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A., and Dillon, B. A working memory model of sentence processing as binding morphemes to syntactic positions. *Topics in Cognitive Science*, 17(1), 88-105. <https://doi.org/10.1111/tops.12780>
- 2021 Katz, Y. Z., **Cartner, M.** and Siloni, T. Garden Path: Reanalysis as Last Resort. *Language and Brain*, 15, 1-14. (In Hebrew)

Peer-Reviewed Talks

- 2026 **Cartner, M.**, Sichel, I., Toosarvandani, M., and Wagers, M. Grammatical resumptive pronouns facilitate processing before they are perceived. Talk at the 39th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA. March 16-18, 2026 (*forthcoming*).
- 2025 **Cartner, M.** and Horvath, J. Intra-sentential code switching at the syntax-prosody interface. Talk at the 34th Colloquium on Generative Grammar (CGG). UNED, Madrid, Spain. May 7-9, 2025.

- Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A. and Horvath, J. The bilingual lexicon under Distributed Morphology: An investigation of gender agreement in code-switching. Talk at the 43rd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL). University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA. April 25-27, 2025.
- Cartner, M.** and Meltzer-Asscher, A. Gap prediction is not fully constrained by grammar: Hebrew Maze results. Talk at the 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA. March 27-29, 2025.
- Webster, N., **Cartner, M.**, Kogan, M., Wagers, M., and Sichel, I. Information structure alone cannot account for subject islandhood: an experimental study. Talk at the 47th Annual Meeting of Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW). Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany. March 25-27, 2025.
- 2024
- Cartner, M.**, Keshev, M., Lipitz, S., Dillon, B. and Meltzer-Asscher, A. Representational agreement attraction: Evidence from illusory feature conjunction in Hebrew. Talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing 30 (AMLaP). Edinburgh, Scotland. September 5-7, 2024.
- Keshev, M., **Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A. and Dillon, B. A working memory model of sentence processing as binding morphemes to syntactic positions. Talk at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci). Rotterdam, Netherlands. July 24-27, 2024.
- Keshev, M., **Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A. and Dillon, B. A transient binding model of interference in sentence processing. Talk at the 37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA. May 16-18, 2024.
- 2022
- Keshev, M., **Cartner, M.**, Neal, A., Meltzer-Asscher, A., and Dillon, B. Dynamic encoding of agreement features and its effects on interference. Talk at the 35th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA. Mar 24-26, 2022.
- 2021
- Keshev, M., **Cartner, M.** and Meltzer-Asscher, A. Processing multiple dependencies: Predicates and reflexive pronouns' agreement. Talk at the Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning workshop (X-PPL). University of Zürich, Switzerland. September 16-17, 2021.
- Keshev, M., **Cartner, M.** and Meltzer-Asscher, A. Processing multiple dependencies: Predicates' and reflexive pronouns' agreement features. Talk at the Linguistic Illusions in Sentence Processing workshop, University of Konstanz, Germany. September 13-14, 2021.

Peer-Reviewed Posters

- 2026
- Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A., Dillon, B., and Keshev, M. Feature distortion is not limited to upward percolation. Poster at the 39th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA. March 16-18, 2026 (*forthcoming*).

- 2025 **Cartner, M.** and Horvath, J. Intra-sentential code switching at the syntax-prosody interface. Poster at the 56th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 56). New York University, New York, NY, USA. October 15-17, 2025.
- Webster, N., **Cartner, M.**, Kogan, M., Wagers, M., and Sichel, I. Subject islands do not reduce to construction-specific discourse function. Poster at the 56th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 56). New York University, New York, NY, USA. October 15-17, 2025.
- Cartner, M.**, Dillon, B., Meltzer-Asscher, A., and Kehsev, M. Rational inference does not predict agreement errors: Gender vs number attraction in Hebrew comprehension. Poster at the 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA. March 27-29, 2025.
- Kogan, M., **Cartner, M.**, Webster, N., Wagers, M., and Sichel, I. Subject islands are not caused by information structure clashes: cross-constructional evidence. Poster at the 38th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA. March 27-29, 2025.
- 2024 Webster, N., Kogan, M., **Cartner, M.**, Wagers, M. and Sichel, I. Subject islands are not caused by information structure clashes: Evidence from topicalization. Poster at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing 30 (AMLaP). Edinburgh, Scotland. September 5-7, 2024.
- Kogan, M., **Cartner, M.**, Sichel, I., Toosarvandani, M., and Wagers, M. Canonical argument alignment modulates gap, but not RP, acceptability in English. Poster at the 37th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA. May 16-18, 2024.
- 2023 **Cartner, M.**, Meltzer-Asscher, A. and Horvath, J. Grammatical gender agreement in bilingual code-switching: Representational and processing considerations. Poster at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing 29 (AMLaP). San Sebastian, Spain. August 31-September 2, 2023.
- Cartner, M.**, Kishinevsky, E., Gidron, N. and Meltzer-Asscher, A. Competing structural pressures: Active antecedent search modulates gap prediction in Hebrew. Poster at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing 29, San Sebastian, Spain. August 31-September 2, 2023.
- Cartner, M.**, Kishinevsky, E., Gidron, N. and Meltzer-Asscher, A. Reflexive-antecedent search modulates gap formation: Evidence from Hebrew. Poster at the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. March 9-11, 2023.
- Cartner, M.** and Keshev, M. Optional resumption is used to overcome ambiguity in Hebrew. Poster at the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. March 9-11, 2023.
- Cartner, M.**, Sichel, I., Toosarvandani, M. and Wagers, M. Predictive parsing as a source for resumptive pronoun preference in Hebrew. Poster at the 36th Annual Conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA. March 9-11, 2023.

2021

Cartner, M., Sichel, I., Toosarvandani, M. and Wagers, M. Tracing optionality to alignment in Hebrew RPs. Poster talk at the 35th annual conference on Human Sentence Processing (HSP). UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA. March 24-26, 2022.

Invited talks

2025

Cartner, M. and Horvath, J. Intra-sentential code switching at the syntax-prosody interface. Talk given by Julia Horvath at the HUN-REN Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics, Budapest, Hungary. May 27, 2025.

Cartner, M. The bilingual lexicon under Distributed Morphology: An Investigation of gender agreement in code-switching. Talk at the Linguistics Department Colloquium, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel. May 20, 2025.

2024

Cartner, M. Intra-sentential code-switching: Gender agreement. Talk at the Department of Hebrew Language and Sociolinguistics Colloquium, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Be'er Sheva, Israel. December 17, 2024.

Cartner, M., Meltzer-Asscher, A., and Horvath, J. The bilingual lexicon under Distributed Morphology: An investigation of gender agreement in code-switching. Talk at the Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics workshop (IATL). Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel. October 28, 2024.

Cartner, M., Wagers, M., Toosarvandani, M. and Sichel, I. Amelioration by resumptive pronouns: Relating processing and acceptability. Talk at (Resumptive) Pronouns between grammar and processing, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA. May 11, 2024.

Sichel, I., Toosarvandani, M., **Cartner, M.**, and Wagers, M. Animacy effects in object relativization and the theory of Agree. Talk at (Resumptive) Pronouns between grammar and processing, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA. May 11, 2024.

2023

Cartner, M. Units of intra-sentential Code Switching and the modularity of grammar. Talk at the Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA, USA. March 29, 2023.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Grants

Collaborative Research Grant from MILA center	2022-24
Lexical representations in bilingual grammar: An experimental investigation of gender agreement in Hebrew-English code-switching	(\$21,800)
P.I.s: Prof. Julia Horvath and Prof. Aya Meltzer-Asscher	
Graduate Research Grant from CSUS in partnership with Fulbright	2022-23
	(\$818)
Collaborative Research Grant from MILA center	2021-22
Code Switching and the Modularity of the Language Faculty: Mapping from Syntax to Phonology	(\$10,900)
P.I.s: Prof. Julia Horvath and Prof. Aya Meltzer-Asscher	

Other

Rotenstreich Fellowship for outstanding Ph.D. students	2023-26
Dean's List for Excellence in Teaching	2019
Fellowship from Yad Hanadiv HUJI/TAU joint PhD program	2019-22
Rector's List of Outstanding Students	2018
Dean's List for Excellent Students	2017

Research Employment

University of Massachusetts Amherst and Tel-Aviv University	2021 - 2025
Graduate Researcher – NSF-BSF Encoding and Retrieval project	
P.I.s: Prof. Brian Dillon and Prof. Aya Meltzer-Asscher	
University of California, Santa Cruz	
Research Consultant – NSF Animacy and Resumption Project	2021 - 2025
Visiting Scholar	Spring 2023
Visiting Scholar	2025-2026
P.I.s: Prof. Ivy Sichel, Prof. Matt Wager and Prof. Maziar Toosavandani	
Tel-Aviv University	
Graduate Researcher – The Sentence Processing Lab	2020 - present
P.I.: Prof. Aya Meltzer-Asscher	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Tel-Aviv University	
Research Assistant – Computational Phonology Lab	2019
P.I.: Prof. Roni Katzir	

Teaching

Tel-Aviv University	
Psycholinguistics: Research Methods and Experimental Design	<i>Fall 2022</i>
Instructor, with Prof. Aya Meltzer-Asscher	<i>Fall 2023</i>
	<i>Fall 2024</i>
Advanced Syntax	<i>Spring 2019</i>
TA (led weekly instruction) for Prof. Tal Siloni	<i>Spring 2020</i>
Beginners' Syntax	<i>Fall 2018</i>
TA (led weekly instruction) for Prof. Tal Siloni	<i>Fall 2019</i>
	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Introduction to Semantics	<i>2018</i>
Academic Tutor	

Departmental Service

Co-founder and coordinator of research group in experimental syntax	2021–23
Co-founder and coordinator of the TAU linguistics peer group	2021–23

Languages

Hebrew (native), English (native), Hungarian (basic), Russian (basic)