

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

- 2019– **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, *University of Maryland, College Park*.  
Advisor: Dr. Maria Polinsky  
EXPECTED COMPLETION: SUMMER 2024
- 2015–2019 **B.A. in English Language and Literature**, *University of Novi Sad*.
- 2016 **Erasmus+ Student Mobility Program**, *University of Deusto, Bilbao*.

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### Research Interests

- BROAD syntax, morphology, syntax-semantics interface
- NARROW mixed categories, raising, case, bare-NP adverbials, NP/DP debate, argument/event structure, grammatical aspect, tense, Slavic, Mayan

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### Publications

- in press* **Bešlin, Maša**. Revisiting Passive Participles: Category Status and Internal Structure. *Linguistic Inquiry*.
- in press* **Bešlin, Maša**. DP in a model NP language: Evidence from Serbo-Croatian personal pronouns. *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 93*.
- in press* **Bešlin, Maša**. Raising as a free syntactic operation: Evidence from Serbian. *Godišnjak Filozofskog fakulteta u Novom Sadu [Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad]*.
- 2019 Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin**. Instrumental: Why It is Absent from the Clitic System in Serbian/Croatian. In: V. Lopičić, B. Mišić-Ilić (eds.), *Jezik, književnost, teorija* (p. 153–168). Niš: Faculty of Philosophy.

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### Presentations

#### INVITED TALKS

- 2021 **Bešlin, Maša**. *A Mayan temporal puzzle*. Berkeley Syntax and Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley.

#### CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2021 **Bešlin, Maša**. On raising-to-subject as a free syntactic operation. *Crossing boundaries: Empirical and theoretical aspects of A-dependencies in complementation workshop, 46th Austrian Linguistics Conference (ÖLT 46)*, University of Vienna (online).

- 2021 **Bešlin, Maša.** On personal and impersonal *trebati* ‘need’ in Serbo-Croatian: Implications for raising. *14th Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 14)*, University of Novi Sad (online).
- 2021 **Bešlin, Maša.** On the distribution of full object-pronouns in Serbo-Croatian. *16th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS 16)*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (online).
- 2021 **Bešlin, Maša.** DP in a model NP language: Evidence from Serbo-Croatian personal pronouns. *36th Annual Conference of the Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL 36)*, Bar Ilan University (online).
- 2020 **Bešlin, Maša.** Encoding the eventive/resultative/stative distinction on passive participles cross-linguistically. *13th conference on Syntax, Phonology, and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 13)*, Research Institute for Linguistics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (online).
- 2020 **Bešlin, Maša.** No such thing as a *verbal participle*. *14th European Conference on Formal Description of Slavic Languages (FDSL 14)*, University of Leipzig (online), moved to June 2021 due to COVID-19.
- 2020 **Bešlin, Maša.** What’s in a name? The syntax of passive participles. *15th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS 15)*, Indiana University Bloomington (online).
- 2019 **Bešlin, Maša.** On the categorial status of the passive participle in Serbo-Croatian. *Novi Sad Linguistic Colloquium 9*, University of Novi Sad.
- 2019 Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin.** Case alternations with temporal bare-NP adverbials in Old English. *English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today 5 (ELALT 5)*, University of Novi Sad.
- 2018 **Bešlin, Maša.** How often is *subotom*? Some observations on temporal instrumentals in Serbo-Croatian. *Novi Sad Linguistic Colloquium 8*, University of Novi Sad.
- 2018 **Bešlin, Maša** and Predrag Kovačević. An argument in favor of a rescue-by-PF-deletion analysis of P-stranding under sluicing in Serbo-Croatian. *EGG School Open Podium*, University of Banja Luka.
- 2018 Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin.** Instrumental: A Curious Gap in the Clitic System. *Jezik, književnost, teorija*, University of Niš.
- 2017 **Bešlin, Maša.** The Case of Temporal Bare-NP Adverbials in Serbo-Croatian. *Novi Sad Linguistic Colloquium 7*, University of Novi Sad.

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## Awards and Honors

- 2020– Dean’s Fellowship, University of Maryland
- 2022 College of Arts and Humanities Summer Fellowship, University of Maryland
- 2021 Honorable Mention: Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award, Slavic Linguistics Society
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- 2019–2020 University Fellowship, University of Maryland
- 2018–2019 Serbian Government Scholarship for Gifted Students
- 2017–2018 Serbian Government Scholarship for Undergraduate Students

- 2016 Erasmus+ Scholarship
- 2014–2015 Woodhouse Grove School Academic Scholarship
- 2013–2014 The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) Projects in Central and Eastern Europe Scholarship

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## Teaching Experience

### INSTRUCTION

- FALL 2022 LING 420 *Word Formation*, University of Maryland
- JULY 2022 *Introduction to Generative Syntax*, NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive and Linguistic Studies (online)  
co-taught with Dr. Paulina Lyskawa
- JAN 2022 *Introduction to Generative Syntax*, New York–St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (online)  
co-taught with Dr. Paulina Lyskawa

### ASSISTANTSHIP

- JULY 2022 *Verb-initial languages (with a special emphasis on Austronesian and Mayan)*, The 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics (CreteLing)  
DUTIES: preparing materials, grading, office hours  
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Maria Polinsky
- SPRING 2022 LING 312 *Syntax II*, University of Maryland  
DUTIES: preparing materials, grading, office hours  
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Omer Preminger
- FALL 2021 LING 311 *Syntax I*, University of Maryland  
DUTIES: preparing materials, grading, office hours  
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Tonia Bleam
- JULY 2021 *Introduction to Generative Syntax*, New York–St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (online)  
DUTIES: handling Zoom chat/issues, grading, office hours  
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Omer Preminger
- SPRING 2021 LING 200 *Introductory Linguistics*, University of Maryland (online)  
DUTIES: leading 3 weekly discussion sections, grading, office hours  
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Tonia Bleam

### GUEST LECTURING

- DEC 2020 *Theory and Methodology in Morphological Analysis: A Case Study of Passive Participles*, Theoretical Grammar undergraduate seminar, University of Novi Sad  
Instructor: Dr. Tanja Milićev

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## Schools and Workshops

- 2022 *The 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics* (CreteLing), University of Crete, Rethymnon
- 2021 *Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School*, online
- 2021 *The New York–St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture* (V-NYI #3), online

- 2021 *Ri K'iche' Tijob'al Keb' Tz'i'*, online intensive 2-week course in K'iche', co-organized by UMD, University of Toronto and Wuqu' Kawoq
- 2020 *Kab'lajuj Ey 2020*, intensive 2-week course in Kaqchikel at the UMD Language Science Center's Guatemala Field Station in Patzún, Guatemala
- 2019 *Introduction to Statistics: R*, University of Novi Sad
- 2018 *Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School*, University of Banja Luka
- 2018 *6th Novi Sad Workshop on Psycholinguistic, Neurolinguistic and Clinical Linguistic Research*, University of Novi Sad.
- 2017 *Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School*, Palacký University Olomouc
- 2017 *Introduction to Neurolinguistics*, University of Novi Sad

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## Service

- 2022– Proofreader for Language Science Press
- 2021– Student Representative for the Linguistics department, Dean's Graduate Advisory Board, University of Maryland
- 2022 Reviewer for the *Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Syntax*, Norbert Corver & Maria Polinsky (eds.), Cambridge University Press
- 2022 Proctor for the *North American Computational Linguistics Open Competition* (NACLO)
- 2022 Ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Slavic Linguistics*
- 2022 Ad hoc reviewer for the *Catalan Journal of Linguistics*
- 2021 Member of the organizing committee for *Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis 14 (SinFonIJA 14)*, University of Novi Sad (online)
- 2021 Reviewer for *SinFonIJA 14*
- 2020–2021 Co-organizer, General Linguistics Lab Meeting, University of Maryland
- 2020 Reviewer for *Semantics of Slavic Languages*, R. Šimík & B. Gehrke (eds.), Language Science Press
- 2018 Co-author and coordinator of the *Universal Grammar and Language Ability* workshop at the International Festival of Science and Education, University of Novi Sad
- 2017 Volunteer at the International Festival of Science and Education, University of Novi Sad. WORKSHOPS: *When Pigs Fly, What Type of Linguist Are You, Aphasia: When Language Goes Bad*
- 2017 Volunteer at the *4th International Conference on English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today* (ELALT 4), University of Novi Sad

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## Work Experience

- 2015– Freelance translator for the following language combinations:  
English>Serbian, Spanish>Serbian, Serbian>English
- 2018 Interpreter (Spanish>Serbian, Serbian>Spanish) at *Koteks Viscofan* in Novi Sad, Serbia
- 2016–2019 Tutor for the courses English grammar 3, English Grammar 4, Generative Syntax 1 and Generative Syntax 2 at the University of Novi Sad
- 2015–2018 Freelance language teacher for English and Spanish

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## Professional Membership

- 2020– Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
- 2020– Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS)

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## Technical Skills

MS Office  
PsychoPy  
SPSS  
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## Languages

Serbo-Croatian (native)  
English, Spanish (fluent)  
German (elementary)  
Kaqchikel, K'iche' (fieldwork)

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