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## Education

- 2019– **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, *University of Maryland*.  
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*.

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## Research Interests

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

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## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- in prep* **Bešlin, Maša**. Locality domains above and below the ‘word’ level.
- submitted* **Bešlin, Maša**. Active participles are (deverbal) adjectives.
- in press* **Bešlin, Maša**. Revisiting Passive Participles: Category Status and Internal Structure. *Linguistic Inquiry*.

### PROCEEDINGS

- in press* **Bešlin, Maša**. Reanalyzing K’iche’ as a Tensed Language. In *Proceedings of the Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL 25)*.
- in press* Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin**. Word Order in Old English Embedded Clauses: Syntactic Instantiation and Pragmatic Factors. In *Proceedings of ELALT 6, Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad*.
- in press* **Bešlin, Maša**. DP in a model NP language: Evidence from Serbo-Croatian personal pronouns. In *Proceedings of the Israeli Association for Theoretical Linguistics (IATL 36), MIT Working Papers in Linguistics*.
- 2023 **Bešlin, Maša**. Passive *v*P is not phasal in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. In *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America (PLSA)* 8(1). 5499.
- 2022 **Bešlin, Maša**. Raising as a free syntactic operation: Evidence from Serbian. In *Proceedings of SinFonIJA 14, 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 *Proceedings of Jezik, književnost, teorija* (p. 153–168). Niš: Faculty of Philosophy.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 **Bešlin, Maša.** Exceptives in K'iche'. In *Variation in Exceptive Structures*. Zenodo. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.8059592
- 2023 **Bešlin, Maša.** Exceptives in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. In *Variation in Exceptive Structures*. Zenodo. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.7851016.

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## Presentations

### INVITED TALKS

- 2023 **Bešlin, Maša.** TBA. Hungarian Research Centre for Linguistics.
- 2021 **Bešlin, Maša.** A Mayan temporal puzzle. *Berkeley Syntax and Semantics Circle*, University of California, Berkeley.

### CONFERENCE TALKS

- 2023 **Bešlin, Maša.** Distinct locality domains above and below the 'word' level: Evidence from Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian adjectives. *Rencontres d'Automne de Linguistique Formelle (RALFE)*, Université Côte d'Azur.
- 2023 **Bešlin, Maša.** Temporal interpretation in K'iche'. *Workshop on American Indigenous Languages (WAIL)*, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2023 **Bešlin, Maša.** Reanalyzing K'iche' (Mayan) as a Tensed Language. *The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) Annual Meeting* (online).
- 2023 **Bešlin, Maša.** Passive *v*P is not phasal in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. *Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO.
- 2022 Milićev, Tanja and **Maša Bešlin.** Embedded Clauses in Old English: Between Syntax and Pragmatics. *Formal Approaches to Embedding workshop, English Language and Anglophone Literatures Today 6 (ELALT 6)*, University of Novi Sad.
- 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

- 2023 Howard Lasnik Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Student
- 2023 College of Arts and Humanities Summer Fellowship, UMD
- 2023 Southeast European Studies Association Travel Grant
- 2022 Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award for outstanding scientific contribution to the Slavic Linguistics Society
- 2022 College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Travel Award, UMD
- 2022 College of Arts and Humanities Summer Fellowship, UMD
- 2021 Honorable Mention: Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award, Slavic Linguistics Society
- 2020 Honorable Mention: Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award, Slavic Linguistics Society
- 2020–2024 Dean's Fellowship, UMD
- 2019–2020 University Fellowship, UMD
- 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***, UMD  
DUTIES: designing and teaching a seminar-style class with 15 students, mentoring the students on their final research papers, grading, office hours
- JULY 2022 ***Introduction to Generative Syntax***, NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive and Linguistic Studies (online), with Dr. Paulina Lyskawa  
DUTIES: teaching a two-week class with 80 students, office hours
- JAN 2022 ***Introduction to Generative Syntax***, NY–St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture (online), with Dr. Paulina Lyskawa  
DUTIES: teaching a two-week class with 60 students, office hours

### ASSISTANTSHIP

- JULY 2022 ***Verb-initial languages*** (*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***, UMD  
DUTIES: preparing materials, grading, office hours  
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Omer Preminger
- FALL 2021 **LING 311 *Syntax I***, UMD  
DUTIES: preparing materials, grading, office hours  
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Tonia Bleam
- JULY 2021 ***Introduction to Generative Syntax***, NY–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***, UMD (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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## Research Assistantship

- SPRING 2023 Variation in Exceptive Structures NSF-funded project  
PIs: Dr. Maria Polinsky & Dr. Eric Potsdam  
DUTIES: investigating the lexical, morphological, and syntactic properties of exceptives in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (native) and K'iche' (fieldwork)

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## Schools and Workshops

- 2023 *NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies*, online
- 2023 *Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School*, University of Novi Sad

- 2022 *The 4th Crete Summer School of Linguistics*, University of Crete
- 2021 *Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School*, online
- 2021 *NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture*, 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

## Service

### REVIEWING

#### *Journals*

Annual Review of the Faculty of Philosophy, UNS

Catalan Journal of Linguistics

Glossa: A journal of general linguistics

Journal of Slavic Linguistics

#### *Books*

Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Syntax, CUP

Semantics of Slavic Languages, Language Science Press

#### *Conferences*

SinFonIJA 14 & SinFonIJA 16

### OTHER SERVICE

- 2022– Proofreader for Language Science Press
- 2023 Co-organizer for *Mayfest 2023* in honor of Howard Lasnik, UMD
- 2022 Co-organizer for *Mayfest 2020(+2)* in honor of Norbert Hornstein, UMD
- 2022 Proctor for the *North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad*
- 2021–2023 Student Representative for the Linguistics department, Dean's Graduate Advisory Board, UMD
- 2021 Member of the organizing committee for *Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis 14 (SinFonIJA 14)*, University of Novi Sad (online)
- 2020–2021 Co-organizer, General Linguistics Lab Meeting, UMD
- 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

## 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

## Professional Membership

- 2022– Society for the Study of Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA)
- 2020– Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
- 2020– Slavic Linguistics Society (SLS)

## Technical Skills

MS Office  
PsychoPy  
SPSS  
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## Languages

- native* Serbian (Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian)
- fluent* English, Spanish
- beginner* German
- fieldwork* Kaqchikel, K'iche'

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