

# Madeline K Snigaroff

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## Research interests

Broadly: Syntax, semantics, fieldwork, language revitalization, Arctic languages  
Narrowly: Syntax-semantics interface, clausal syntax, finiteness, TAM, the left periphery  
Languages I've worked with: Western Aleut, Western Samoan, English, Toba Batak

## Education

2020 – present     **The University of Chicago** – *Chicago, IL*  
Ph.D. in Linguistics

- First Qualifying Paper: “Head movement from adjunct positions: Evidence from Aleut”  
Readers: Jason Merchant, Erik Zyman
- Second Qualifying Paper: “An alternative semantics of the Samoan article system”  
Readers: Karlos Arregi, Chris Kennedy

2016 – 2020     **Stanford University** – *Stanford, CA*  
BA with Honors in Linguistics, Minor in Slavic Languages and Literatures  
Honors Thesis: *Constructing Language Revitalization Resources: The Aleut Picture Dictionary*  
Advisor: Paul Kiparsky

## Publications

Snigaroff, M. K. (In press). **Head movement from non-complement positions: Evidence from Aleut.** *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*.

## Edited volumes

Aitha, A., K. Serova, & **M. K. Snigaroff**. (In prep). *Proceedings of the Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. Chicago, IL: Chicago Linguistic Society.

## Talks

- Invited talks      Snigaroff, M. K. (2024, April). **Where Are Your Keys (WAYK): A framework for endangered language learning**. Presented at the Language Revitalization Working Group, University of California, Berkeley.
- Snigaroff, M. K. (2023, May). **Revitalization and fieldwork that complements communities: A case study with Aleut**. Presented at the Linguistic Fieldwork Working Group, University of California, San Diego.
- Snigaroff, M. K. (2019, February). **Language revitalization in Alaska**. Guest lecture at LINGUIST 47N: Languages, Dialects, Speakers, Stanford University.
- Conference talks      Snigaroff, M. K. (2024, May). **Language-learning tailored to endangered language communities**. Presented at Language Ideologies and Inequality with a Perspective on the Arctic, Ilisimatusarfik Grønlands Universitet.
- Internal talks      Snigaroff, M. K. (2024, February). **Merge and c-command**. Guest lecture at LING 20201: Introduction to Syntax, The University of Chicago.
- Snigaroff, M. K. (2022, April). **Head movement from adjunct positions: The case of Aleut suffixal adjectives**. Presented at the Morphology & Syntax Workshop, The University of Chicago.
- Snigaroff, M. K. (2021, May). **Aleut language revitalization**. Presented at The Workshop on Language Variation & Change, The University of Chicago.
- Snigaroff, M. K. (2017, October). **The Presidents Project: Evaluating Metrical Tree**. Presented at VPUE Research Initiative Presentations, Department of Linguistics, Stanford University.

## Honors and scholarships

- 2020 – present      Humanities Fellowship (The University of Chicago)
- 2020 – 2024      Graduate Scholarship (The Aleut Foundation)
- Oct. 2022      Sapir Scholars Program (The University of Chicago)
- Sep. 2022      Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics (The University of Chicago)
- June 2022      Graduate Research Aid Initiative in Linguistics (The University of Chicago)
- 2020      Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study (University of California, Berkeley; declined)
- 2020      Cota-Robles Fellowship (University of California, Los Angeles; declined)
- 2016 – 2020      Educational Scholarship with Honors (The Aleut Foundation)
- 2020      Robert M. Golden Medal for Excellence in the Humanities and Creative Arts (Stanford University)
- 2019      Dobro Slovo (National Slavic Honor Society)
- 2019      Phi Beta Kappa (Stanford University)
- 2017      Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education (VPUE) Research Initiative (Stanford University)

## Language Revitalization

- Sep. 2022 – present      **Cultural Heritage Center Independent Contractor**  
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, teaching, organization of revitalization activities, transcription of lessons, language proficiency testing, among other duties  
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association  
*Remote work*
- May – June 2023      **Summer Language Intensive Intern**  
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, and teaching  
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association  
*Anchorage, AK*
- July – August 2022      **Summer Language Intensive Intern**  
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, and teaching  
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association  
*Anchorage, AK*
- June – August 2019      **Summer Language Intensive Intern**  
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, and teaching  
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association  
*Anchorage, AK*
- June 2019      **Culture Camp Language Teacher**  
The Aleut Foundation  
*Atka, AK*
- May 2018      **Culture Camp Language Teacher**  
The Aleut Foundation, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association  
*Anchorage, AK*
- March – August 2018      **Summer Language Intensive Intern**  
Aleut elicitation, curriculum-building, and teaching  
Where Are Your Keys, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association  
*Atka and Anchorage, AK*

## Classroom teaching experience

- Spring 2024      **Teaching assistant, LING 20301: Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics**  
*Prof. Anastasia Giannakidou, The University of Chicago*  
Led weekly discussion sessions, attended all lectures, graded assignments, designed answer keys, held office hours
- Winter 2024      **Teaching assistant, LING 20201: Introduction to Syntax**  
*Prof. Amy Dahlstrom, The University of Chicago*  
Gave a guest lecture, led weekly discussion sessions, attended all lectures, graded assignments, and held office hours

Fall 2022      **Teaching assistant, LING 20001: Introduction to Linguistics**  
*Prof. Erik Zyman, The University of Chicago*  
Led weekly discussion sessions, attended all lectures, graded assignments, and held office hours

## **Mentorship**

Winter 2023      **Gabriel Correa Ramos Alves (RA)**  
**Lars Nordquist (RA)**  
*The University of Chicago*  
Mentored two undergraduate research assistants in a project gathering, organizing, and annotating Aleut recordings

Fall 2022      **Sarah Kim (RA)**  
**Reagan Sparks (RA)**  
*The University of Chicago*  
Mentored two undergraduate research assistants in a project gathering, organizing, and annotating Aleut recordings

## **Leadership and service**

February 2024      **Panelist**  
Panel on Careers in Linguistics  
*Stanford University*

February 2024      **Abstract Reviewer**  
60<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)

2022 – 2023      **Central Committee Member**  
59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)

2022 – 2023      **Student Coordinator**  
Language Variation and Change Workshop  
*The University of Chicago*

2022 – 2023      **Student Coordinator**  
Fieldworkers' Lab  
*The University of Chicago*

January 2023      **Abstract Reviewer**  
59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)

February 2022      **Abstract Reviewer**  
58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS)

## Industry experience

2022    **Worldshifter Games (Independent contractor)**

*Remote*

Gave linguistic, worldbuilding, and story feedback for desktop videogame; constructed dialogue and other elements of the storyline

## Technical skills

### **Programming languages**

R, Python

### **Software**

ΛT<sub>E</sub>X, ELAN, SayMore, Pratt

### **Languages**

English (L1), Spanish (fluent), Russian (intermediate), Aleut (intermediate)

## Other interests

Conlanging, worldbuilding