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Employment

- 2024– **Postdoctoral researcher**
Universität Stuttgart
in partial substitution for Judith Tonhauser
- 2021–2024 **Postdoctoral researcher**
Universität Konstanz
Project: [MECORE: Cross-linguistic investigation of meaning-driven combinatorial restrictions in clausal embedding](#)

Education

- 2014–2021 **PhD in Linguistics**
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2011–2014 **MA in Cognitive Science** (“Cogmaster”)
École Normale Supérieure, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris V
Diplôme de l’École Normale Supérieure
École Normale Supérieure, Department of Cognitive Science
- 2012–2013 **Visiting graduate student**
UCLA Linguistics
- 2010–2011 **BA in Philosophy**
Paris West University, Nanterre La Défense
- 2008–2010 **Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Écoles** (“khâgne hypokhâgne”)
Lycée Condorcet, Paris
- Summer schools**
- CreteLing 1 & 2, Rethymnon
 - ESSLLI 28, Bolzano
 - SPIRIT summer school on complex clauses, Göttingen
 - African Linguistics School 4, Yamoussoukro
 - Languages and Linguistics of the Mediterranean, Cagliari
 - NYI 2015, Saint Petersburg

Writing

Papers

- in prep *Wondering hopefully/fearfully: How do desires and inquisitive attitudes interact?*
with Ciyang Qing, Maribel Romero & Wataru Uegaki
Proceedings of SALT 35

- A causal explanation for the contrafactive gap
with Tom Roberts
Submitted to *Linguistics & Philosophy*
- Clauses can be modifiers, or arguments: Evidence from alternations in factivity and answer-orientedness in Turkish and Japanese
with Wataru Uegaki
Submitted to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
- When can non-veridical preferential predicates take questions?
with Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero
Submitted to *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*
- Operationalizing focus-sensitivity in a cross-linguistic context
with Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero
Submitted to *Natural Language Semantics*
- 2025 How context and focus modulate form-meaning mismatches in speech reports
Proceedings of WCCFL 41
with Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Maribel Romero, & Wataru Uegaki.
- 2023 Two question-embedding strategies and answer-orientedness
Proceedings of SALT 33
with Wataru Uegaki
- On the prosodic exponence of universal quantification in Turkish relative clauses
Languages special issue Theoretical Studies on Turkic Languages
with Ömer Demirok
- A Crosslinguistic Database for Combinatorial and Semantic Properties of Attitude Predicates
Proceedings of the ACL Special Interest Group on Typology (SIGTYP)
with Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero.
- 2022 Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries
Proceedings of SALT 32
with Morwenna Hoeks, Jonathan Pesetsky & Tom Roberts
- Why neg-raising requires stativity.
In *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium*.
with Paloma Jeretić
- Range in the use and realization of BIN in African American English.
Language & Speech
First authors: Green, Lisa, Kristine Yu, Anissa Neal, Ayana Whitmal, Tamira Powe
- 2020 Should I move for focus and contrastive topic.
Comments on “Focus and Contrastive Topic in Questions and Answers, with Particular Reference to Turkish” (Kamali & Krifka) in *Theoretical Linguistics*.
Anissa Neal, Ayanna Whitmal, Lisa Green, Kristine Yu & Deniz Özyıldız. *Investigation of the Effect of Contextual Factors on BIN Production in AAE*. In *University of Pennsylvania Working Papers in Linguistics*: Vol. 26.
- 2019 Deniz Özyıldız. *Potential answer readings expected, missing*. In Paloma Jeretić & Yağmur Sağ (eds.), *Proceedings of the 4th workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic*.
Ömer Demirok, Deniz Özyıldız & Balkız Öztürk. *Complementizers with attitude*. In Maggie Baird & Jonathan Pesetsky (eds.), *Proceedings of the North East Linguistics Society 49*.
- 2018 Deniz Özyıldız, Travis Major & Emar Maier. *Communicative reception reports as hearsay: Evidence from indexical shift in Turkish*. In Richard Stockwell et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of the 36th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*. Cascadilla Proceedings Project.

- Deniz Özyıldız. [Not all Turkish possessors are anti-subject oriented](#). In Theodore Levin & Ryo Masuda, *Proceedings of the 10th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.
- 2017 Deniz Özyıldız. [Attitude reports with and without true belief](#). In Dan Burgdorf et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 27*.
- Deniz Özyıldız & Rodica Ivan. [The Somali Microscope: Personal Pronouns, Determiners and Possession](#). In Vera Hohaus & Wanda Rohde (eds.), *Proceedings of TripleA 3*. University of Tübingen.
- Rodica Ivan & Deniz Özyıldız. [The temporal presuppositions of Somali definite determiners](#). In Robert Truswell et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*.
- 2016 Deniz Özyıldız. [Knowledge reports without truth](#). In Marisa Köllner & Ramon Ziai (eds.), *Proceedings of the ESSLI 2016 student session*.
- Kristine Yu & Deniz Özyıldız. [The absolutive particle *ia* in Samoan](#). In Emily Clem et al. (eds.) *Proceedings of the 42nd annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*.

Book chapters

- 2023 [Quantifiers](#).
Encyclopedia of Turkic Languages and Linguistics, Brill
- 2017 [Quantification in Turkish](#).
Handbook of Quantifiers in Natural Language: Volume II, Springer

Manuscripts

- 2018 Unique proportions
Rejected from Snippets
- 2015 [Move to mI, but only if you can](#)
Submitted to *Proceedings of the 11th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics*
- 2012 [When I is not me: A preliminary study of shifted indexicals in Turkish](#).

Generals papers and theses

- 2021 [The event structure of attitudes](#)
PhD thesis
- 2017 [Factivity and prosody in Turkish attitude reports](#)
Second generals paper
[Knowledge reports with and without true belief](#)
First generals paper
- 2014 Online data collection for the study of shifted indexicals in Turkish
MA thesis

Presentations

Invited

- 2025 Thinking questions
BerlinBrnoVienna student conference
On embedded clauses as modifiers
MorphoSynSem colloquium, Universität Potsdam
On embedded clauses as modifiers
Semantics Group, NYU

De *diye*

10th Workshop on Turkic and Languages in Contact with Turkic (Tu+ 10), USC

A causal explanation for the contrafactive gap

Workshop on How we do (not) talk about mistaken beliefs, Heinrich-Heine-Universität
Düsseldorf

with Tom Roberts

2024

Composing with clauses, from the perspective of Turkish

Theoretical Linguistics Colloquium, Universität Wien

Complement clauses in Turkish: How much *saying* is necessary?

IMMAGES workshop, Tübingen

Descriptions of mental states and events

Complement Clauses Côte d'Azur speaker series

Descriptions of mental states and events

Newcastle Linguistics Seminar Series

Aspect shapes the meaning of attitude reports.

Workshop on the (De-)composition and modification of attitude predicates at the DGfS

Annual Meeting, Bochum.

2023

Stative and eventive attitude reports.

Working on Language in the Field lab, Harvard

Stative and eventive attitude reports

Bochum Language Colloquium

Composing with clauses, in Turkish and beyond

Meaning and Grammar Reading Group, University of Edinburgh

Thoughts

Linguistics Circle, University of Edinburgh

Bad attitudes: Impossible meanings and the false belief gap

Meaning Language and Cognition Seminar, Universiteit van Amsterdam

with Tom Roberts

2022

Embedded questions and aspect

Universität Konstanz Colloquium

2021

Question embedding, neg-raising, and lexical aspect

MECORE kickoff workshop, online

2020

Beliefs

Rutgers colloquium

2019

Embedded clauses in Turkish: Different paths to composition.

Relativization, Nominalization, Complementation workshop, University of Toronto

2018

Unselected questions

Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 14, MIT

2017

Factivity and prosody in Turkish attitude reports

MIT Ling lunch

Knowledge reports without true belief

NYU Semantics Group

Abstract reviewed talks

2025

Ciyang Qing, Deniz Özyıldız, Maribel Romero & Wataru Uegaki. *Wondering hopefully/fearfully*:
How do desires and inquisitive attitudes interact? SALT 35. May 20–22. Harvard.

- 2024 Travis Major & Deniz Özyıldız. Bare clauses in Turkish are syntactic complements. Tu+9. Mar. 23–24, Cornell.
- Kajsa Djärv & Deniz Özyıldız. Worries. Workshop on the (De-)composition and modification of attitude predicates at the DGfS Annual Meeting. Feb. 28–Mar. 1, Bochum.
- 2023 Deniz Özyıldız & Tom Roberts. Bad attitudes: Impossible presuppositions and the false belief gap. Fourteenth International Tbilisi Symposium on Logic, Language and Computation. Sept. 18–22, Telavi.
- Deniz Özyıldız & Tom Roberts. Bad attitudes: Impossible presuppositions and the false belief gap. SuB 28. Ruhr Universität Bochum. Sept. 6–8, 2023.
- Deniz Özyıldız & Wataru Uegaki. Two kinds of question-embedding strategies & veridicality alternations. SALT 33. May 12–14 2023, Yale.
- 2023 Deniz Özyıldız, Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero. A Crosslinguistic Database for Combinatorial and Semantic Properties of Attitude Predicates. ACL Special Interest Group on Typology (SIGTYP) workshop. May 6 2023, Dubrovnik, Croatia (presented online).
- 2023 Paloma Jeretić & Deniz Özyıldız. Perfectivity disrupts neg-raising. NELS 53. Jan. 12–14, Göttingen.
- 2022 Paloma Jeretić & Deniz Özyıldız. Why neg-raising requires stativity. The 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium. Dec. 19–21, UvA.
- Deniz Özyıldız, Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Maribel Romero & Wataru Uegaki. Crosslinguistic patterns in the selectional restrictions of preferential predicates. GLOW 45. Apr. 26–29 2022, QMUL.
- Morwenna Hoeks, Deniz Özyıldız, Jonathan Pesetsky & Tom Roberts. Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries. SALT 32. June 8–10 2022, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & El Colegio de México.
- 2020 Deniz Özyıldız. Embedded clauses in Turkish: Both argumenthood and modification are paths to composition. LSA Annual Meeting. Jan. 2–5 2020, New Orleans.
- 2019 Lisa Green, Kristine Yu, Ayana Whitmal, Anissa Neal, Alejna Brugos, Deniz Özyıldız. The prosody and meaning of BIN constructions in African American English. New Ways of Analyzing Variation 48. Oct. 10–12 2019, University of Oregon.
- Deniz Özyıldız. Two questions about embedded questions. Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic 4. Feb. 16–17, NYU & Rutgers.
- Deniz Özyıldız. Describing and accounting for a ‘prosodic factivity alternation’ in Turkish. Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody 4. Oct. 11–13 2018, UMass Amherst.
- Deniz Özyıldız, Travis Major & Emar Maier. Communicative reception reports as hearsay: Evidence from indexical shift in Turkish. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 36. Apr. 20–22 2018, UCLA.
- Deniz Özyıldız. Overt Quantifier Raising derives factivity and its prosody. Penn Linguistics Conference 42. Mar. 23–35 2018, UPenn.
- 2017 Deniz Özyıldız. Factivity and prosody in Turkish attitude reports. Workshop on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey 3. Nov. 18–19 2017, UCLA & USC.
- Deniz Özyıldız. Knowledge reports without true belief. Semantics and Linguistic Theory 27. May 11–14 2017, University of Maryland.
- 2016 Deniz Özyıldız. Knowledge reports with(out) true belief. Workshop on Turkish, Turkic and the languages of Turkey 2. Nov. 18–20 2016, Indiana University Bloomington.
- Deniz Özyıldız. Knowledge reports without truth. ESSLI 28 Student Session, Aug. 18 2016, Bolzano.

Rodica Ivan & Deniz Özyıldız. The temporal presuppositions of Somali definite determiners. Definiteness across languages. June 22–24 2016, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & El Colegio de México.

Deniz Özyıldız & Rodica Ivan. Pronouns under the Somali Microscope. The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages 3. July 6–8 2016, Tübingen.

Rodica Ivan & Deniz Özyıldız. The Temporal Presuppositions of Somali Definite Determiners. The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages 3. July 6–8 2016, Tübingen.

Deniz Özyıldız & Rodica Ivan. The Somali microscope: Personal pronouns, determiners, possession. Annual Conference on African Linguistics 47. Mar. 23–26 2016, UC Berkeley.

Kristine Yu & Deniz Özyıldız. Emergence of tonal absolutive case marking in Samoan. Berkeley Linguistics Society 42. February 5–7 2016, UC Berkeley.

2015 Deniz Özyıldız. Move to mI, but only if you can. Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 11. June 4–6 2015, University of York.

Abstract reviewed posters

2023 Ciyang Qing, Deniz Özyıldız, Floris Roelofsen, Maribel Romero, & Wataru Uegaki. How context and focus modulate form-meaning mismatches in speech reports. WCCFL 41. May 5–7 2023, UC Santa Cruz (presented online).

2022 Morwenna Hoeks, Deniz Özyıldız, Jonathan Pesetsky & Tom Roberts. Event plurality and quantifier scope across clause boundaries. GLOW 45. Apr. 26–29 2022, QMUL.

2018 Ömer Demirok, Deniz Özyıldız & Balkız Öztürk. [Complementizers in Laz are attitude sensitive](#). North East Linguistic Society 49. Oct. 5–7 2018, Cornell.

Deniz Özyıldız. [A prosodic factivity alternation explained by clause movement](#). Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28, May 18–20 2018, MIT.

Kouneli, Maria & Deniz Özyıldız. [Graded nominal tense in Kipsigis](#). Annual Conference on African Linguistics 49, Mar. 22–25 2018, Michigan State University.

2017 Deniz Özyıldız. [Knowledge reports without true belief](#). Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 13. May 25–28 2017, International Christian University, Tokyo.

2016 Deniz Özyıldız & Rodica Ivan. [The Somali microscope: Personal pronouns, determiners, possession](#). Definiteness across Languages. June 22–24 2016, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México & El Colegio de México.

Deniz Özyıldız. [*Say what: A Turkish word order restriction explained by prosody](#). Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 12. May 13–15 2016, Central Connecticut State University.

2014 Deniz Özyıldız. [Not all Turkish possessors are anti-subject oriented](#). Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics 10. May 2–4 2014, MIT.

Other presentations

2024 The MECORE database. MECORE closing workshop. June 19–21 2024, Konstanz.

with Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero

When can non-veridical preferential attitude predicates take questions? MECORE closing workshop. June 19–21 2024, Konstanz.

with Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen, Wataru Uegaki & Maribel Romero

2016 Deniz Özyıldız. Factivity alternates, at least in Turkish. East Coast 5. Apr. 16 2016, MIT.

Deniz Özyıldız. What can't you move to the right in Turkish, and why. Phonology in New England. Apr. 9 2016, NYU.

Deniz Özyıldız. Move to mI, but only if you can. East Coast 5. Apr. 11 2016, Harvard & MIT.

Deniz Özyıldız. [A parallel OT analysis of exceptional stress in Turkish](#). Phonology in New England. Apr. 4 2016, Yale.

2014 Deniz Özyıldız. Online data collection for the study of shifted indexicals in Turkish. Southern New England Workshop on Semantics. Nov. 15 2014, UMass Amherst.

2012 Deniz Özyıldız. When I is not me: A preliminary account of shifted indexicity in Turkish. California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics 5. Oct. 27–28 2012, UCSD.

Teaching

At Uni Stuttgart

WiSe 2026 Advanced semantics: The calculus of events
Language and cognition: Introduction to psycholinguistics

SoSe 2025 Advanced semantics: Clausal subordination
Advanced semantics: Tense and aspect
Language Variation: The sounds and structures of English varieties

WiSe 2024 Advanced semantics: Attitude reports
Advanced semantics: Event semantics
Language and cognition: Introduction to psycholinguistics

At Uni Konstanz

WiSe 2023 Intonation and meaning

SoSe 2023 Semantics 1
Co-taught with Maribel Romero

At UMass

Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant for Ling 389 “Introduction to African American English”
Instructor: Lisa Green

Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant for Ling 101 “People and their language”
Instructor: Magda Oiry

Fall 2019 Grader for Ling 201 “Introduction to Linguistic Theory”
Instructor: Kimberly Johnson

Spring 2019 Primary instructor for Ling 201 “Introduction to Linguistic Theory”

Fall 2018 Research Assistant for Kristine Yu, work on AAE prosody

Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant for Ling 397S “Linguistics of Sign Language”
Instructor: Vincent Homer

Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant for Ling 510 “Introduction to Semantics”
Instructor: Peter Alrenga

Spring 2017 Teaching Assistant for Ling 201 “Introduction to Linguistic Theory”
Instructor: Troy Messick

Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant for Ling 101 “People and their language”
Instructor: John Kingston

2015–2016 Research Assistant for Kristine Yu (Fall & Spring), work on Samoan prosody

Elsewhere

- 2024 Intonation and meaning
35th European Summer School for Logic Language and Information
Co-taught with Kajsa Djärv
Leuven
Event semantics & Intonation and meaning
Eastern Generative Grammar 2024
Braşov
- 2023 Semantic properties and combinatorial restrictions of attitude predicates
Co-taught with Ciyang Qing
34th European Summer School for Logic Language and Information
University of Ljubljana
- 2017 & 2018 Teaching Assistant for “Introduction to Semantics”
Instructor: Rajesh Bhatt
The Crete Summer School of Linguistics
University of Crete, Rethymnon

Advising

At Uni Stuttgart

- WiSe 2026 Sveva Battisti
Projection Variability in Italian: The Two Readings of the Adverb “Ancora”
Lea Schmidt (Uni Hohenheim)
A Linguistic and Pedagogical Analysis of the English (Present) Perfect and the German Perfekt: Challenges for learners and implications for teachers
- SoSe 2025 Doruk Işıldak
A nanosyntactic approach to Turkish derivational morphology
Raheleh Soltani
Resumptive pronouns in Farsi

At Uni Konstanz

- WiSe 2024 Katharina Mattes
“Staying north or going south? A diachronic perspective on the emerging FOOT-STRUT-split in the West Midlands”
First advisor: Massimiliano Canzi
- SoSe 2023 Leah Doroski
“Neg-raising: Intensity of the attitude”
First advisor: Maribel Romero

Service

Volumes Edited

- 2018 Faruk Akkuş, İsa Kerem Bayırlı & Deniz Özyıldız (eds.). Proceedings of the 1st Workshop on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey. UMass GLSA publications.
- 2015 Thuy Bui & Deniz Özyıldız (eds.). Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society 45. UMass GLSA publications.

Ad-hoc reviews

Papers

- 2025 Semantics and Pragmatics, Linguistics and Philosophy, Cambridge Handbook of Natural Language Modality, Glossa, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Journal of Linguistics, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi (Journal of Linguistics Research), Proceedings of Tu+10, Natural Language Semantics, Journal of Linguistics
- 2024 Glossa, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi (Journal of Linguistics Research), Italian Journal of Linguistics, Lingvisticæ Investigationes, Proceedings of Tu+ 9, Journal of Semantics, Natural Language Semantics, Oxford Handbook of Non-Canonical Questions, Semantics and Pragmatics
- 2023 Natural Language Semantics, Topoi, Philosophical Studies
- 2022 Dil Dergisi, Snippets, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics & Philosophy, Symposium on Logic and Algorithms in Computational Linguistics, Languages, Journal of Semantics
- 2021 Linguistics & Philosophy, Glossa, Proceedings of Tu+6
- 2020 The Linguistic Review, Theoretical Linguistics, Glossa
- 2019 Proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Turkic and languages in contact with Turkic, Glossa, Journal of Semantics, Dilbilim Araştırmaları Dergisi (Journal of Linguistics Research)
- 2017 Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey
- 2015 Journal of Asian and African Studies, Poznań Studies in Contemporary Linguistics
- 2014–2015 Lingua

Abstracts

- 2025 ESSLLI 36, Tu+ 11
- 2024 SALT 34, AAA 11, 6th Boğaziçi Student Conference on Linguistics, ESSLLI 35, Amsterdam Colloquium 2024, Tu+ 10
- 2023 SuB 28, ESSLLI 34, WAFL 17, LSA 2024, DGfS 2024, GLOW in Asia XIV, NELS 54, Konstanz Linguistics Conference, Tu+9, DGfS
- 2022 ESSLLI 33, GLOW in Asia XIII, Theoretical Linguistics and Languages of the Caucasus 1, NELS 53, Amsterdam Colloquium 2022, Tu+8
- 2021 ESSLLI 32, Sensus 2, NELS 52, Tu+7
- 2020 NELS 51, SuB 25 (Workshop on the Semantics of Understudied Languages and linguistic Fieldwork), Web Summer School in Logic Language, and Information (WeSSLLI), Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics, Tu+6
- 2019 AAA 6, ESSLLI 31, NELS 50, NaP, Tu+5, ConCALL-4
- 2018 WCCFL 36, ESSLLI 30, Tu+4
- 2017 LENLS14, ESSLLI 29, AAA4, ConCALL-3
- 2016 Tu+2, ConSOLE XXV
- 2015 ConSOLE XXIV

Organization

- 2026 The OVA summer school
- 2025 The EGG summer school
- 2024 [MECORE closing workshop](#). Jun. 19–21, Konstanz (with Maribel Romero, Ciyang Qing, Floris Roelofsen & Wataru Uegaki)
- 2020 [Sensus: Constructing meaning in Romance](#). Apr. 18–19 2020, UMass Amherst (with Ana Arregui, Maria Biezma, and Vincent Homer) [postponed to Sept. 26–27, 2020]

[Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody 4](#). Oct. 11–13 2018, UMass Amherst (for Meghan Armstrong-Abrami, Mara Breen, Heather Pon-Barry, Kristine Yu)

[East Coast 5](#). Apr. 28, UMass Amherst (with Jyoti Iyer)

[NELS 47](#). Oct. 14–16, UMass Amherst (with Thuy Bui, Alexander Goebel, Rodica Ivan, Leland Kusmer, Jon Ander Mendia, Ethan Poole & Ekaterina Vostrikova)

[1st Workshop on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey](#). Nov. 21–22, UMass Amherst (with Faruk Akkuş)

Member of the organization committee for the “[Forum des Sciences Cognitives](#)”

Treasurer of [Fresco](#)

French federation of young researchers and students in cognitive science

Treasurer of [Cognivence](#)

Parisian association for students in cognitive science

Languages

I’m a native speaker of Turkish and near-native in English and French. I can get by increasingly in German and Dutch, and decreasingly in Spanish and Italian. I’ve taken more than one term of Russian and ASL and can decipher Greek and Latin with the help of a dictionary. I’ve worked first hand on Akan, Somali, Yalálag Zapotec, and Haitian Creole, and in collaboration on Kipsigis, Laz, and Samoan.