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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 – Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh

EDUCATION

2022 PhD in Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara. Dissertation: *Syntactic distributional information in the lexicon: Systematicity, functional pressures, and grammatical implications*.

2015 MA in Linguistics (with distinction), University of New Mexico. Thesis: *Illustrating the prototype structures of parts of speech: A multidimensional scaling analysis*.

2009 BA in History, Ohio Dominican University

PUBLICATIONS (*advisee)

In revision Rogers, Phillip. Birth of a noun class: Gender actualization in Bitur, a language of Southern New Guinea. [\[draft\]](#)

2024 Olguín Martínez, Jesús & Phillip Rogers. A cross-linguistic analysis of cross-clausal associations: Counterfactual conditionals. *STUF – Language Typology and Universals* 77(4), pp 467-514.

2024 Zingler, Tim & Phillip Rogers. The interaction of affix size, type, and shape: A cross-linguistic investigation. *Linguistic Typology*. [\[link\]](#)

2022 Rogers, Phillip & Stefan Th. Gries. Grammatical gender disambiguates syntactically similar nouns. *Entropy* 24(4), p 520. [\[link\]](#)

2021 Kapur, Rhea* & Phillip Rogers. Modeling language evolution and feature dynamics in a realistic geographic environment. *Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on Computational Linguistics*. [\[link\]](#)

2021 Rogers, Phillip. The Phonetics of Bitur. In Kate L. Lindsey & Dineke Schokkin (eds.), *Language Documentation & Conservation Special Publication No. 24: Phonetic fieldwork in Southern New Guinea*, pp 108-119. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press. [\[link\]](#)

2018 Lester, Nicholas A., Sandra Auderset, & Phillip Rogers. Case inflection and the functional indeterminacy of nouns: A cross-linguistic analysis. *Proceedings of the 40th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*. [\[link\]](#)

2015 Rogers, Phillip. *Illustrating the prototype structures of parts of speech: A multidimensional scaling analysis*. MA Thesis, University of New Mexico

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

In prep Rogers, Phillip. Words are syntactically distributed for efficient use: The role of syntax in the architecture of the lexicon.

ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

2018 Rogers, Phillip. *Documentation and description of Bitur, a Lower Fly language of Papua New Guinea, and preliminary investigation of the moribund Abom language*. Endangered Languages Archive. [\[link\]](#)

INVITED TALKS

2023 Rogers, Phillip. Computational linguistics: from linguistic theory to the classroom. English Department, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, Apr. 3.

2022 Rogers, Phillip. Reimagining syntax from the perspective of words. Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Jan. 10.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Rogers, Phillip. Missing the forest for the trees: The role of syntactic distributional information in the architecture of the lexicon. 15th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT XV), Dec 6.
- 2024 Olguín Martínez, Jesús & Phillip Rogers. If we hadn't done this, we wouldn't know: A cross-linguistic analysis of competing strategies for expressing counterfactual conditionals. 15th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT XV), Dec. 4.
- 2024 Zingler, Tim & Phillip Rogers. The phonological length of affixes: A cross-linguistic investigation. 21st International Morphology Meeting, Vienna, Aug. 28.
- 2024 Rogers, Phillip. Words are syntactically distributed for efficient use: Evidence from syntactic neighborhood density. 15th International Corpus Linguistics Conference (CILC), Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, May 23.
- 2019 Olsson, Bruno & Phillip Rogers. Noun classification in a Trans-New Guinean outlier: The Anim gender systems in historical perspective. 24th International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL), Canberra, July 5.
- 2019 Rogers, Phillip & Rhea Kapur. Exploring the dynamics of linguistic typological features in time and space using computer simulations. 55th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS), University of Chicago, Chicago, May 17.
- 2017 Rogers, Phillip. The gender system of Bitur in regional and typological perspective. 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Australian National University, Canberra, Dec. 14.
- 2017 Rogers, Phillip, Sandra Auderset, & Fermín Moscoso del Prado Martín. The influence of geography and genealogy on typological similarity: New perspectives on an old question. 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Australian National University, Canberra, Dec. 13.
- 2017 Rogers, Phillip. Building a foundation for Papuan historical linguistics: Documentation and description of the Bitur and Abom languages of Southern New Guinea. 23rd International Conference on Historical Linguistics (ICHL), San Antonio, Aug. 2.
- 2016 Rogers, Phillip. Valency in the Bitur language: A preliminary analysis of argument-indexing frames and alternations. 12th High Desert Linguistics Society Conference (HDLS), University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, Nov. 12.
- 2016 Rogers, Phillip. A preliminary look at the Bitur language: Phonology and morphosyntax. 8th Austronesian and Papuan Languages and Linguistics Conference (APLL), SOAS, University of London, May 14.
- 2015 Rogers, Phillip. Defining substance in crosslinguistic studies of parts of speech. Workshop on Substance and Structure in Linguistics, University of Copenhagen, Feb. 27.
- 2014 Rogers, Phillip. Polysemy of K'ichee'an *wach*: Mechanisms of semantic extension and subjectification. 11th High Desert Linguistics Society Conference (HDLS), University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, Nov. 14.
- 2014 Rogers, Phillip. Illustrating the prototype structures of parts of speech. Georgetown University Round Table on Languages and Linguistics (GURT), Georgetown University, March 15.
- 2014 Rogers, Phillip. Parts of speech and multidimensional scaling. Department of Linguistics Silver Anniversary Reunion, University of California Santa Barbara, Oct. 11.

COLLOQUIA

- 2024 Rogers, Phillip. Seeing the forest for the trees: How lexicon and grammar are shaped by the syntactic habits of words. Departmental colloquium, Department of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh, Oct. 4.
- 2021 Rogers, Phillip. Substance and subtlety: Grammatical gender from three perspectives. Doctoral colloquium, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara, April 29.
- 2021 Rogers, Phillip. The role of syntactic distributions in grammatical gender assignment. Graduate student recruitment colloquium, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara, Jan. 14.
- 2014 Rogers, Phillip. Parts of speech and multidimensional scaling. Department of Linguistics Silver Anniversary Reunion, University of California Santa Barbara, Oct. 11.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014 – 18 Regent's Special Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California Santa Barbara
- 2013 – 14 Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, Latin American & Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico

GRANTS

- 2015 – 19 Department Mini Grant (5 times, \$400 – 1,276), Department of Linguistics, UC Santa Barbara

- 2016 Small Grant (£9,999), Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, SOAS, University of London
- 2014, 2016 Travel Grant (2 times, \$200), Graduate Students Association, UC Santa Barbara
- 2014 Research, Project & Travel Grant (\$700), Office of Graduate Studies, University of New Mexico

AWARDS

- 2019 Nominated, Academic Senate Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UC Santa Barbara
- 2016 Runner-up (\$2,500), Grad Slam, UC Santa Barbara
- 2015 – 16 Nominated (3 times), Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate Students Association, UC Santa Barbara

TEACHING

- 2022 – Instructor, Department of Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh
Accelerated/Graduate Morphology (Fall 2024)
Introduction to Linguistics (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023(x2), Spring 2024, Fall 2024)
Field Methods (Spring 2023, Spring 2025)
Morphology (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)
Phonetics & Phonemics (Fall 2022)
Syntactic Theory (Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
- 2016 – 19 Instructor, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara
Introduction to Language & Linguistics (Summer 2016)
Linguistic Analysis (Fall 2017)
Phonetics (Fall 2019)
Teaching Assistant Seminar (Fall 2016)
- 2015 – 21 Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara
Advanced Computational Linguistics (Winter 2019, Spring 2021)
Computational Linguistics (Winter 2021)
Historical-Comparative Linguistics (Spring 2016)
Introduction to Language & Linguistics (Winter 2015, Fall 2018)
Introduction to the Research University (Summer 2020)
Language & Life (Spring 2018, Spring 2020)
Language & Power (Fall 2020)
Language & Society (Winter 2020)
Memes (Winter 2017)
Phonetics (Fall 2015, Summer 2018, Summer 2019)
Psycholinguistics (Spring 2019)
Syntax (Winter 2016, Winter 2018)
- 2014 Reader, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara
Second Language Acquisition (Fall 2014)

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

R, Python, Praat

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

ELAN, Fieldworks, Praat, Audacity

LINGUISTIC FIELDWORK

- 2016 Abom (Trans-New Guinea), Western Province, Papua New Guinea (1 week)
- 2015 – 16 Bitur (Lower Fly, Trans-New Guinea), Western Province, Papua New Guinea (2 months)
- 2015 – 16 Mixtec of Tlahuapa (Oto-Manguean), Santa Barbara, California (9-month field methods course)

INVITED REVIEWS

Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, SOAS, University of London
NSF, Dynamic Language Infrastructure - Documenting Endangered Languages
Journal of the International Phonetic Alphabet
Language Documentation & Conservation

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020 – 21 Member, Inclusive Curriculum Initiative for LING 110 & 111, University of California Santa Barbara
2018 – 20 Mentor (3 summers, 7 students), Research Mentorship Program, University of California Santa Barbara
2016 – 17 Undergraduate Liaison, Department of Linguistics, University of California Santa Barbara
2013 – 14 Liaison to the Faculty, High Desert Linguistics Society, University of New Mexico

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2013 – Association of Linguistic Typology
2013 – Linguistic Society of America
2012 – 15 High Desert Linguistics Society

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2022 Contract Linguist, Linguistic Quality Assurance, Artificial Intelligence, TELUS International
2011 – 14 Academic Advisor, College of Arts & Sciences Advisement Center, University of New Mexico
2010 – 11 Campus Visit Coordinator, Admissions & Recruitment Services, University of New Mexico
2010 Student Enrollment Associate, Enrollment Management Division, University of New Mexico