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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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### Theoretical

- Syntax and its interfaces, morphology, modality, definiteness, nominal semantics, agreement

### Methodology

- Fieldwork

### Language areas

- Algonquian, Hmong-Mien, Semitic, North American languages, Polynesian

## EDUCATION

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### Degrees

2023-present	<b>PhD</b> , Linguistics. Rutgers University. <u>Started</u> : Fall 2023.
2023	<b>MS</b> , Theoretical Linguistics. Georgetown University.
2021	<b>BA</b> , Linguistics, Global Studies. University of Minnesota–Twin Cities. <b>Minor</b> , Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

### Other Academic Experience & Certifications

2025	European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information (ESSLLI) - 2 week participant. July 28-Aug 8. Ruhr Universität-Bochum, Bochum, Germany.
2024	CoLang - 4 week participant. June 2024. Workshops on Collaborative Language Training at Arizona State University. Cook Islands Maori NLP practicum at Scottsdale Community College, AZ.
2023	CITI Program - Research Training Basic Course in Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research. Basic Course in Social and Behavioral Research Investigators & Key Personnel.
2022	IT'T International TEFL and TESOL Ltd.

## CONTRACT POSITIONS

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2024–present	Independent contractor - Cook Islands Māori linguist, Dartmouth University.
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## TUTORING & CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

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2021–2023	(Standard) Arabic Language Tutor - ARC, Georgetown University.
2018–2021	Classroom Support (Team Lead) - CLA Language Center, University of Minnesota.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference Presentations

2025	“The Cheyenne Potential, Irrealis and Conditional Modes.” <b>[Poster]</b> . Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning (MACSIM 11). John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.
	“A cover analysis of the plural classifier in Hmong.” <b>[Talk]</b> . Sinn und Bedeutung. Goethe University Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany.

- “The semantics of Hmong indefinites.” [Talk]. International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics. Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland.
- “The syntax of White Hmong reciprocals and reflexives.” [Poster]. Mismatches in Anaphoric Relations. Universität Graz, Graz, Austria.
- 2024 “The Cheyenne Potential, Irrealis and Conditional Modes.” [Poster]. Semantics of Under-represented Languages of the Americas. Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil.

### Other Presentations

- 2023 “The Igbo [ka] Complementizer” Field Methods poster session, Georgetown University.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Editor

- 2025 Avelino, G., Balihaxi, M., Colvin, Q., Czarnecki, V., Joo, H., Wang, C., Zobarlar, U., Jardine, A. & McCollum, A., (2025) “Editors’ Note”, *Proceedings of the Annual Meetings on Phonology* 1(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.7275/amphonology.3007>

### AWARDS

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- 2020 *Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship*  
FLAS was received for intensive Arabic study at the University of Illinois.
- 2019 *Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship*  
FLAS was received for intensive Arabic study at the University of Minnesota.

## SERVICE

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### Service to Rutgers University

- 2025–present Vice President, Linguistics Graduate Students Association (LGSA).
- 2024 Member, Annual Meeting on Phonology organizing committee (AMP 2024),  
Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ,  
November 1-3, 2024.
- 2024–present Editor, Department newsletter (SNARL)
- 2023–present Organizer, Syntactic Theory at Rutgers (ST@R)

### External involvement

- 2023– Member, Algonquian Prosodic Structure working group (Organized by Dr. Natalie Weber, Yale University)

## FIELDWORK

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- 2025 Yemba, New Brunswick, NJ, in a field methods course.
- 2024 Maori (Cook Islands Maori), Scottsdale, AZ, in an NLP practicum course.
- 2023 Igbo (Orlu), Washington, DC, in a field methods course.
- 2022–present Hmong (White Hmong), ongoing independent elicitation.
- 2020 Darija (Moroccan Colloquial Arabic), Fez, Morocco  
Ojibwe (SW Ojibwe), Minneapolis, MN, in a field methods course.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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2024	Student member, Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas
2023	Student member, Linguistic Society of America.

## **SKILLS**

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### **Languages**

- Fluent: English (native language)
- Intermediate: Spanish, Modern Standard Arabic, French, Portuguese
- Beginner: German, ASL, Sanskrit,
  - Cook Islands Maōri (Eastern Polynesian)
  - Unkechaug (Algonquian)

### **Programming & Markup languages**

- Python, R, LaTeX

### **Software**

- XFST, Praat, ELAN, OT-Help, OT-Soft, FLEx, DB Browser, Audacity
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