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EDUCATION

- Expct. 2026 **Linguistics PhD Program**, *University of Arizona*
- Expct. 2025 **Human Language Technology MSc**, *University of Arizona*, Project: Morpheme embedding for morphologically complex languages
- 2011 **Computer Software Engineering BSc Program**, *Payam-e-noor university*, , Sanandaj, Iran

Professional Courses

- 2023 Coursera, Machine learning with Python, online

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages **Python (Expert), C++ (Expert), R (Expert), C (Intermediate), Java (some experience), Pascal (some experience), Perl (some experience)**

NLP TensorFlow, PyTorch, NLTK, spaCy

Data R (tidyverse, ggplot, lm), Python (pandas, seaborn, scikit-learn)
Analysis

Adjacent Skills

- SQL server Database design and Querying, Data Analysis, Data Confidentiality and Integrity.
- LaTeX Usage as a text editor, to compile slides, present data, and write templates
- Research Praat, GitHub (Version Control), LaTeX.
- Tools

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Arizona

Lecturer **Language Development**, Spring 2025; **Word Structure and Meaning**, Fall 2024; **Psycholinguistics**, Summer 2024; **Psycholinguistics**, Spring 2024; **Introduction to Linguistics**, Summer 2023; **Introduction to Syntax**, Spring 2023; **Language in the World**, Summer 2022

Teaching **Psycholinguistics**, Dr. Diana Ohala, Fall 2023; **Language in the world**, Fall 2022, Dr. Amy Fountain, Fall 2022; **Introduction to Syntax**, Dr. Simin Karimi, Fall 2022;

University of Kurdistan

Teaching **Principles of Grammar**, Dr. Yadgar Karimi, Spring 2018; **Transformational Grammar**, Dr. Yadgar Karimi, Fall 2018; **Syntactic Argumentation**, Dr. Yadgar Karimi, Spring 2019

RESEARCH

- 2022-2023 **Independent Study**, Prof. Noam Chomsky, Project: *Labeling theory and Alignment*, University of Arizona

- 2021-2022 **Research Assistant**, *University of Arizona, Linguistics*, Dr. Amy Fountain
Assisted in organizing and cleaning data to prepare for further research, Coeur d'Alene Language
- 2018-2020 **Research Assistant**, *University of Kurdistan, Atlas of Kurdish Language team*, Sanandaj, Iran, Dr. Yadgar Karimi
Data gathering, Data classification, Applied NLP principles for thematic data tagging and classification to identify key linguistic features.
- 2017-2019 **Research Assistant**, *University of Kurdistan, Kurdish language corpus team*, Sanandaj, Iran, Dr. Ebrahim Badakhshan
Data analysis, Data tagging
- 2021- **Research Assistant**, *PI:Dr. Simin Karimi*, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Working in Elicitation, Transcription, and Analysis, <https://anglistik.uni-graz.at/de/institut/fachbereiche/sprachwissenschaft/>

Publications

- published Meihami, Saman, Karimi, Yadgar (2019). **The Merge Position of the Internal Arguments in Kurdish**. *Journal of Researches in Linguistics*, 11(2), 215-230.
- Under Review Meihami, Saman. **Verbalizers in Sorani Kurdish**. *Proceedings of North American Conference in Iranian Linguistics 3 (NACIL3)*
- In Progress Meihami, Saman. **Word vs. Morpheme Embedding in low resource languages**. *Proceedings of North American Conference in Iranian Linguistics 3 (NACIL3)*

SERVICE

- Sep 2024 **Volunteer**, *Meet Your Major Fair*, Department of Linguistics, UOA
- From 2022 **Mentoring new coming graduate students**, *Department of Linguistics*, UOA
- From 2023 **Volunteer**, *Iranian Students' Association in Tucson*, UOA
- 2023 **Arizonal Ling Circle Librarian**, *Department of Linguistics*, UOA
- 2023 **Tucson Festival of Books**, *Volunteer*, UOA
- 2022 **Tucson Festival of Books**, *Volunteer*, UOA
- Oct 2021 **Arizona Linguistics Circle (15) Conference**, *Chair of Social Media and Advertisement*, UOA
- May 2017 **Second Biennial International Conference on Reading**, *Organizing Committee Member*, University of Kurdistan

LANGUAGES

- Sorani Kurdish, Proficient, Native
- Persian, Proficient, Native
- English, Proficient
- Southern Kurdish, Proficient, Native
- Hawrami, Proficient
- Arabic, Intermediate

Field Work

- Balochi
- Ossetian
- Coeur d'Alene
- Pashto
- Punjabi

Full academic CV (in more detail) is available upon request.