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Employment

Fall 2021 Lecturer in linguistics. Queen Mary University of London.

Duties: taught three courses in syntax and semantics, acted as a registration advisor for students, advised final-year students (undergraduate) on their theses.

Education

2015–21 Ph.D. in linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.

Title: Nominal licensing: the number interpretation and syntactic distribution of bare nominals in Wolof. [pdf]

Committee: Prof. David Pesetsky (chair), Prof. Sabine Iatridou, and Prof. Norvin Richards.

2013–15 M.A. in linguistics. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.

Title: Construindo um domínio não-finito: a sintaxe de orações de gerúndio em português brasileiro [*Building a nonfinite domain: the syntax of gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese*]

Committee: Prof. Marcello Modesto (chair), Prof. Jairo Nunes, Prof. Rafael Minussi.

Spring 2014 Visiting student, University of Connecticut.

Supervisor: Prof. Susi Wurmbrand

2008–12 B.A. in linguistics and Portuguese language, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Undergraduate research #2: Complementos gerundivos em PB [*Gerund complements in BP*]. Supervisor: Prof. Marcello Modesto

Undergraduate research #1: A estrutura argumental das metáforas conceituais [*The argument structure of conceptual metaphors*]. Supervisor: Prof. Marcos Lopes

Research topics

Broad: Generative linguistics; syntax; nominal licensing; cross-clausal movement; A vs. A-bar distinction; nominal licensing; control.

Narrow: control in Wolof; bare nominals in Wolof (number interpretation, pseudo noun incorporation, nominal and feature licensing); hyperraising (ECM/raising to object across a finite clause, esp. in Mongolian); gerund clauses in Br. Portuguese (nonfinite clauses, complement and adjunct control, perceptual complements).

Manuscripts and publications

Journal article

2019 Proper movement through Spec-CP: An argument from hyperraising in Mongolian. *Glossa* (4)1, 30. Special Collection: Subject Extraction, edited by Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine.

DOI: https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.667.

Proceedings papers

2022 Distinguishing between explanatory accounts of the A/A′-distinction: the view from Argentinian Spanish Clitic Doubling. Going Romance XXXIV proceedings.

DOI: https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.132

2021 The syntax of plural marking: The view from bare nouns in Wolof. In Mojmír Dočekal & Marcin Wągiel (eds.), *Formal approaches to number in Slavic and beyond*, 129–148. Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5082460.

2020 The syntax of number marking: the view from bare nouns in Wolof. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 5(1), 293–307. DOI: https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa.v5i1.4709

2018 Featural definition of syntactic positions: Evidence from hyper-raising. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America, 3(1)*. DOI: https://doi.org/10.3765/plsa

2013 Clausal gerund and Case marking in Brazilian Portuguese. *Proceedings of the IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics (2012)*.

Unpublished manuscripts

2022 A dependent case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof. [LingBuzz].

2022 Feature licensing and the number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof [LingBuzz].

2015 M.A. thesis: Building a nonfinite domain: the syntax of gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese [LingBuzz; original file, in Br. Portuguese]

Presentations

2021–22 Nominal licensing via dependent case: the view from Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Wolof.

Feb/22 S-Lab, University of Maryland [handout].

Feb/21 Syntax & Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley [presented under the title 'A dependent case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof'].

Refereed

2022 Pronouncing PRO in Wolof.

Apr ACAL 53. UC San Diego.

Mar PLC 46. University of Pennsylvania.

Jan ConSOLE 30, Université de Nantes [OSF].

2021–22 Nominal licensing via dependent case: the view from Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Wolof.

Jan 22 LSA 2022, Washington DC [talk].

Oct 21 North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 52. Rutgers. [OSF]

Sept 21 Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA) 14. University of Novi Sad.

2020–21 Distinguishing between accounts of the A/A′-distinction: the view from Argentinian Spanish Clitic Doubling.

May 21 57th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, University of Chicago [slides].

Apr 21 Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 51, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Nov 20 Going Romance 34, CNRS. [alternate talk, OSF]

2019–21 The number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof.

Apr 21 Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) 51–52. University of Florida [handout].

Jan 21 ConSOLE 29, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics. [OSF]

Jan 20 Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 2020 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, USA [poster].

Sep 19 12th Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 12). Workshop on Number, Numerals and Plurality. Masaryk University, Czech Republic.

Sep 19 LAGB Annual General Meeting 2019. Queen Mary University of London.

2019 Alternations between regular and athematic participles in Brazilian Portuguese.

May 49th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL). University of Georgia in Athens, USA. [slides]

Mar 43rd annual Penn Linguistics Conference (PLC). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA. [poster]

2018 Proper movement through Spec-CP: an argument from hyperraising in Mongolian.

Oct North East Linguistics Society (NELS) 49. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA. [poster]

Aug VIII Encuentro de Gramática Generativa. Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. (Presented under the title *Differential Subject Marking in Mongolian.*) [handout]

Mar 2018 A raising analysis of accusative subjects in Mongolian [handout]

ConCall-3. Indiana University, USA.

Jan 2018 Featural definition of syntactic positions: evidence from hyper-raising [poster]

Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 2018 Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, USA

2012–15 Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese

Jul 15 Três classes de oração de gerúndio em PB [*Three classes of gerund clauses in BP*]
63º Seminário do GEL. Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil

Feb 15 Três classes de oração gerundiva em português brasileiro [*Three classes of gerund clauses in BP*]
IX ABRALIN. Universidade Federal do Pará, Brazil

Jul 14 Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese [poster]
Workshop on morphology and interpretation. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Aug 12 Clausal gerunds and Case marking in Brazilian Portuguese [poster]
IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Jul 12 Complementos gerundivos em PB: proposta preliminar de análise [*Gerund complements in BP: preliminary analysis*] [poster]
60º Seminário do GEL. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Jul 2010 Propriedades morfossintáticas na construção da metáfora [*Morphosyntactic properties in the building of metaphors*] [poster]

58º Seminário do GEL. Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil

Outreach

Apr 2019 The singular (and plural) behavior of bare nouns in Wolof. Hungry Wugs presentation for undergraduate students, MIT. [slides]

Mar 2017 A ciência e a lógica da estrutura das línguas [*The science and logic of linguistic structure*].
PUB-Lingüística. Introduction to linguistics for non-linguists. With Mar Bassa and Karin Vivanco.

Other/Non-refereed

Aug 2020 Feature licensing and the number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof.
40th Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics, Leiden University.

Jul 2019 The syntax of plural marking: the view from bare nouns in Wolof.
The Alphabet of Universal Grammar, The British Academy in London. [poster]

Jun 2019 Nominais nus em Wolof e a sintaxe de marcação plural [*Bare nouns in Wolof and the syntax of plural marking*].
Tardes de Lingüística na USP. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil. [handout]

Feb 2019 CONCORD and INDEX number in Wolof bare nominals.
ECO-5. University of Maryland, USA.

Apr 2018 Differential Argument Marking by phase in Mongolian
ECO-5. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.

Apr 2017 Moving out of a finite CP: an analysis of hyper-raising
ECO-5. University of Connecticut, USA

May 2015 A sintaxe de orações de gerúndio em PB [*The syntax of gerund clauses in BP*]
XVIII ENAPOL. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.

Apr 2014 Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese [poster]
V Language Fest. University of Connecticut, USA

Oct 2012 Gerúndio e marcação de Caso [*Gerund and Case marking*]
20º SIICUSP. Universidade de São Paulo

May 2012 Complementos gerundivos em PB: proposta preliminar de análise [*Gerund complements in BP: preliminary analysis*] [poster]
XV ENAPOL. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Nov 2010 A estrutura argumental de metáforas conceituais [*The argument structure of conceptual metaphors*]
18º SIICUSP. Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Teaching

As instructor

Fall 2021 Queen Mary University of London.
Introduction to Semantics (BA/MA, LIN5217/7206; sample lecture)
Syntax II: Explaining Grammatical Structures (BA, LIN5213)
Syntax (MA, LIN7209; teaching materials; sample lecture)

Feb 2020 Instructor at ELBA (Escuela de Lingüística de Buenos Aires) at the University of Buenos Aires.
Topic: Theoretical approaches to hyperraising. [handouts and program here]

As teaching assistant

Fall 2020 Introduction to Syntax (24.951; graduate)

Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky

Duties: recitation, office hours, grading, dependent case lecture [recitation materials here]

Fall 2018 Introduction to Linguistics (24.900; undergraduate)

Instructor: Prof. Adam Albright, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Duties: recitation, office hours, grading [recitation materials here]

Spring 2017 Special Subject: Linguistics (24.S90; undergraduate)

Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Duties: office hours, hyper-raising class [handout]

Fall 2016 Language and Its Structure II: Syntax (24.902; undergraduate)

Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Duties: grading, recitation, office hours, dependent case lecture [handout]

2015/1 Sintaxe: fundamentos de análise e descrição sintática (FLL0215; undergraduate introduction to syntax)

Instructor: Prof. Jairo Nunes, Universidade de São Paulo

Duties: office hours, preparation of lists of exercises [available here]

2014/2 Elementos de Lingüística II (FLL0434; undergraduate introduction to linguistics)

Instructor: Prof. Margarida Petter, Universidade de São Paulo

Duties: office hours, two exam review classes, preparation of lists of exercises [available here]

Research grants, fellowships, and awards

2019 Student bursary: LAGB 2019 (Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain) at QMUL.

2019 Runner-up for the Best Student Presentation Award: 49th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 49, UGA).

2013–15 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil).

M.A. research (grant #2012/23196-5)

2014 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil)

Research Internship Abroad, BEPE (grant #2013/20648-5)

2013 Capes (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior, Brazil)

M.A. research

2011–12 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil)

Undergraduate research (grant #2011/08152-9)

2009–10 CNPq (Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico, Brazil)

Undergraduate research

Academic service

2020– LSA Mentoring Initiative; mentor.

2021 ECO-5 co-organizer (virtual).

2017–21 ECO-5 liaison, MIT Linguistics (syntax workshop for graduate students from five schools in the East Coast).

2019 TripleA 6 (The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics.

2018 WAFL 14 (Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics.

Jun 2018 INSPIRE judge. (National High School Research Competition in the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences), Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2017–18 Syntax Square (reading group) co-organizer, MIT Linguistics.

2016–17 Student co-editor of Whamit! (MIT Linguistics newsletter).

2016–17 Ling-Lunch co-organizer, MIT Linguistics.

2015/1 Tardes de Lingüística na USP co-organizer (series of colloquia and other events), Universidade de São Paulo.

Journal reviewing

Caderno de Estudos Linguísticos

Caderno de Squibs

Glossa

Language

Linguistic Inquiry

Syntax

A paper for a Language Science Press collection

A paper for a collection of papers on African languages

Conference abstract reviewing

Workshop on Formal Linguistics 2021

Membership

2017– Linguistic Society of America

2021– Association of Contemporary African Linguistics

Languages

Brazilian Portuguese: native

English: professional knowledge

Spanish: basic reading and listening

French: basic reading

Elicitation

Wolof: Spring/2018 (24.942/MIT); Spring/2019, Fall/2019, Spring/2020, Summer/2021 (MIT, Ken Hale fund); Spring/2022 (independent)

Mongolian: Spring/2017 (24.942/MIT); Summer/2017 (MIT); Spring & Summer/2018 (independent)