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## APPOINTMENTS

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2024–present	Assistant professor at Memorial University of Newfoundland
2022–2023	Lecturer in syntax at Yale University
Fall 2021	Lecturer in linguistics at Queen Mary University of London

## EDUCATION

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2015–2021	Ph.D. in Linguistics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Thesis: <i>Nominal licensing: the number interpretation and syntactic distribution of bare nominals in Wolof</i>
2013–2015	M.A. in Linguistics. Universidade de São Paulo Thesis: <i>Construindo um domínio não-finito: a sintaxe de orações de gerúndio em português brasileiro</i> [Building a nonfinite domain: the syntax of gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese]
Spring 2014	Visiting student, University of Connecticut
2008–2012	B.A. in Linguistics and Portuguese Language, Universidade de São Paulo Undergraduate research: Gerund complements in Brazilian Portuguese

## RESEARCH TOPICS

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Broad	syntax, morphosyntax
Narrow	A-dependencies across nonfinite and finite clauses, $A/\bar{A}$ distinction, case, nominal licensing, control, hyperraising, bare nominals
Languages	Wolof (Niger-Congo, Atlantic), Mongolian (Mongolic), Brazilian Portuguese (Romance), Adyghe and Kabardian (Northwest Caucasian)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

2024	“A Dependent Case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof.” <i>Syntax</i> (DOI)
2023	“Feature licensing and the number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof.” <i>Glossa: a journal of general linguistics</i> 8(1). pp. 1–46 (DOI, supplementary file)
2019	“Proper movement through Spec-CP: an argument from hyperraising in Mongolian.” <i>Glossa</i> (4)1, 30. Special Collection: Subject Extraction, ed. Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine (DOI)

## PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

- (To appear) “Reciprocal binding and syntactic ergativity in Adyghe and Kabardian” ([NELS 55 proceedings paper](#))
- 2024 “Pronouncing PRO in Wolof.” Huang, Y., Kaldhol, N. H., Lim, J. J., Rose, S., & Struthers-Young, A. (2024). *ACAL in SoCAL: Selected papers from the 53rd Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Language Science Press. (peer-reviewed; [DOI](#))
- 2022 “Distinguishing between explanatory accounts of the A/A’-distinction: the view from Argentinian Spanish Clitic Doubling.” In Ora Matushansky, Laurent Roussarie, Michela Russo, Elena Soare, and Sophie Wauquier (eds.), *Going Romance XXXIV Proceedings* (peer-reviewed, [DOI](#))
- 2021 “The syntax of plural marking: The view from bare nouns in Wolof.” In Mojmir Dočekal & Marcin Wągiel (eds.), *Formal approaches to number in Slavic and beyond*, 129–148. Berlin: Language Science Press (peer-reviewed, [DOI](#); superseded by [Fong 2023](#))
- 2020 “The syntax of number marking: the view from bare nouns in Wolof.” *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 5(1) ([DOI](#); superseded by [Fong 2023](#))
- 2018 “Featural definition of syntactic positions: Evidence from hyper-raising.” *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America*, 3(1). ([DOI](#); superseded by [Fong 2019](#))
- 2013 “Clausal gerund and Case marking in Brazilian Portuguese.” In Quadros Gomes, A.P., Medeiros, A. B., Cavalcante S. R. O. (eds.) *Proceedings of the IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics*

## HANDBOOK CHAPTER

- (To appear) “A-dependencies.” With Dr. Claire Halpert. To Appear at *The Cambridge Handbook of Comparative Syntax*, eds. Sjef Barbiers, Norbert Corver, and Maria Polinsky ([pre-publication draft](#); invited and peer-reviewed contribution)

## MANUSCRIPTS

- 2025 *An Introduction to Generative Grammar* ([manuscript](#))
- (In prep.) “Reciprocal binding in Adyghe and Kabardian and the ban on ergative anaphors”
- 2023 “A Wholesale Late Merge Theory of Control” ([draft](#))

## PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED

- 2021–2022 *Nominal licensing via dependent case: the view from Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Wolof*
- S-Lab, University of Maryland, February, 2022
  - Syntax & Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley, February, 2021 (presented under the title *A dependent case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof*)

## PEER-REVIEWED

- 2024–2025      *Reciprocal binding and syntactic ergativity in Adyghe*
- CLA 72 conference (Canadian Linguistic Association). McGill University, June, 2025
  - NELS 55 (North East Linguistics Society). Yale University, October, 2024 (virtual talk)
- 2022–2023      *Pronouncing PRO in Wolof*
- NELS 53 (North East Linguistics Society). University of Göttingen, January, 2023 (virtual poster)
  - ACAL 53 (Annual Conference on African Linguistics). University of California, San Diego, April, 2022 (virtual talk)
  - 46th PLC (Annual Penn Linguistics Conference). University of Pennsylvania, March, 2022 (virtual talk)
  - ConSOLE 30 (Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe), Université de Nantes, January 2022 (virtual talk)
- 2021–2022      *Nominal licensing via dependent case: the view from Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Wolof*
- LSA Annual Meeting (Linguistic Society of America), Washington DC, January, 2022 (pre-recorded talk)
  - NELS 52 (North East Linguistics Society). Rutgers University, October, 2021 (virtual talk)
  - 14th SinFonIJA (Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis). University of Novi Sad, September 2021 (virtual talk)
- 2020–2021      *Distinguishing between accounts of the A/A'-distinction: the view from Argentinian Spanish Clitic Doubling*
- CLS 57 (Chicago Linguistic Society), University of Chicago, May, 2021 (virtual talk)
  - LSRL 51 (Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April, 2021 (virtual talk)
  - Going Romance 34, CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique), November, 2020 (virtual talk)
- 2019–2021      *The number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof*
- ACAL 51–52 (Annual Conference on African Linguistics). University of Florida, April, 2021 (virtual talk)
  - ConSOLE 29 (Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe), Leiden University Centre for Linguistics, January 2021 (virtual talk)
  - LSA 2020 Annual Meeting (Linguistic Society of America), New Orleans, January, 2020
  - SinFonIJA 12 (Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis). Workshop on Number, Numerals, and Plurality. Masaryk University, September, 2019
  - LAGB Annual Meeting (Linguistics Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). Queen Mary University of London, September 2019
- 2019      *Alternations between regular and athematic participles in Brazilian Portuguese*
- 49th LSRL (Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages). University of Georgia in Athens, May, 2019
  - 43rd PLC (Penn Linguistics Conference). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, March, 2019 (poster)

- 2018 *Proper movement through Spec-CP: an argument from hyperraising in Mongolian*
- NELS 49 (North East Linguistics Society). Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, October, 2018 (poster)
  - VIII Encuentro de Gramática Generativa. Universidad de Buenos Aires, August, 2018 (presented under the title *Differential Subject Marking in Mongolian*)
  - ConCall-3 (Conference on Central Asian Languages of the Central Asian Region), Indiana University, March, 2018 (presented under the title *A raising analysis of accusative subjects in Mongolian*)
- 2018 *Featural definition of syntactic positions: evidence from hyper-raising*
- LSA 2018 Annual Meeting (Linguistic Society of America), Salt Lake City, January, 2018
- 2012–2015 *Orações de gerúndio em português brasileiro [Gerund clauses in Brazilian Portuguese].*
- 63<sup>o</sup> Seminário do GEL (*Grupo de Estudos Lingüísticos do Estado de São Paulo*). Universidade Estadual de Campinas, July, 15
  - IX ABRALIN (Brazilian Linguistics Association International Congress). Universidade Federal do Pará, February, 2015
  - Workshop on morphology and interpretation. Universidade de São Paulo, July, 14 (poster)
  - IX Workshop on Formal Linguistics. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, August, 2012 (poster)
  - 60<sup>o</sup> Seminário do GEL (*Grupo de Estudos Lingüísticos do Estado de São Paulo*). Universidade de São Paulo, July, 2012 (poster)
- 2010 *Propriedades morfossintáticas na construção da metáfora [Morphosyntactic properties in the building of metaphors]*
- 58<sup>o</sup> Seminário do GEL (*Grupo de Estudos Lingüísticos do Estado de São Paulo*). Universidade Federal de São Carlos, July, 2010 (poster)

## OUTREACH

- 2019 *The singular (and plural) behavior of bare nouns in Wolof*
- Hungry Wugs presentation for undergraduate students, MIT, April, 2019
- 2017 *A ciência e a lógica da estrutura das línguas [The science and logic of linguistic structure].* With Dr. Mar Bassa and Dr. Karin Vivanco
- PUB-Lingüística, Cambridge/MA, March, 2017. Introduction to linguistics & discussion of research for non-linguist audience

## SELECTED NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023–2025 *A Wholesale Late Merge Theory of Control*
- MUN Seminar Series, March, 2025
  - MIT Ling-Lunch, May, 2023
  - Yale Syntax Reading Group, April, 2023

## TEACHING

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### 2025 LSA LINGUISTIC INSTITUTE

- Summer 2025 Introduction to Generative Syntax, University of Oregon. July–August, 2025

## MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Fall 2025	Introduction to Syntax (1103, undergraduate) Field Methods (4500/6500, undergraduate/graduate)
Winter 2025	Introduction to Syntax (1103, undergraduate) Selected Topics in Syntactic Theory (4110/6110, undergraduate/graduate)
Fall 2024	Introduction to Syntax (1103, undergraduate) Morphology (3000, undergraduate)

## YALE UNIVERSITY

Spring 2023	Syntax II (LING 254/654, undergraduate/graduate) Linguistics in the real world (LING 106, undergraduate)
Fall 2022	Seminar on Agree (LING 261/661, undergraduate/graduate) Morphology (LING 280/680, undergraduate/graduate)

## QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Fall 2021	Introduction to Semantics (LIN5217/7206, BA/MA) Syntax II: Explaining Grammatical Structures (LIN5213, BA) Syntax (LIN7209, MA)
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## ESCUELA DE LINGÜÍSTICA DE BUENOS AIRES (ELBA)

2020	Theoretical approaches to hyperraising. Universidad de Buenos Aires, February, 2020 (invited one-week Summer course)
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## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

Fall 2020	Introduction to Syntax (24.951, graduate), MIT
Fall 2018	Introduction to Linguistics (24.900, undergraduate), MIT
Spring 2017	Special Subject: Linguistics (24.S90, undergraduate), MIT
Fall 2016	Language and Its Structure II: Syntax (24.902, undergraduate), MIT
2015 (sem. 1)	<i>Sintaxe: fundamentos de análise e descrição sintática</i> (FLL0215, undergraduate introduction to syntax), Universidade de São Paulo
2014 (sem. 2)	<i>Elementos de Lingüística II</i> (FLL0434, undergraduate introduction to linguistics, part II), Universidade de São Paulo

## ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP

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### MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

2025	Richmond Essien. Research assistantship supervision; project: <i>Agreement vs. clitic doubling in Akan</i> (Niger-Congo)
2024–	Yijun Li. PhD co-supervision
2024–	Manouchehr Kouhestani. PhD co-supervision

## YALE UNIVERSITY

2023	Hailey Dykstra (advisor to senior thesis). Thesis: <i>SMH: Negation in American Sign Language</i>
2023	Diana Kulmizev (advisor to senior thesis). Thesis: <i>Who Saw Who? Exploring Direct-Inverse Marking in Blackfoot: An Agree-Based Approach</i>
2023	Pinyu (Pearl) Hwang (second reader to senior thesis). Thesis: <i>A new level of stupid: An Examination of Noun-of-Adj(P) Structures in English</i>

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

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2017–2021	MIT Ken Hale Fund, funding for elicitation work with native consultants of Mongolian (Summer 2017) and Wolof (Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2021)
2019	Student bursary: LAGB 2019 (Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain) at Queen Mary University of London
2019	Runner-up for the Best Student Presentation Award: 49th LSRL (Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages), University of Georgia
2013–2015	FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil). Funding for M.A. research (grant #2012/23196-5)
2014	FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil). Funding for Research Internship Abroad, BEPE (grant #2013/20648-5)
2013	Capes ( <i>Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior</i> , Brazil). Funding for M.A. research
2011–2012	FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil). Funding for undergraduate research (grant #2011/08152-9)
2009–2010	CNPq (National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, Brazil). Funding for undergraduate research

## SERVICE

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Winter 2025–	Linguistics Seminar Series organizer, MUN
2022–2023	Syntax Reading Group organizer, Yale
2021	ECO-5 workshop co-organizer (virtual), MIT
2017–2021	ECO-5 (syntax workshop that brings together 5 schools in the US East Coast) liaison, MIT
2019	TripleA 6 (The Semantics of African, Asian and Austronesian Languages) co-organizer, MIT
2018	WAFL 14 (Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics) co-organizer, MIT
2018	Linguistics judge for INSPIRE (National High School Research Competition in the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences), MIT
2017–2018	Syntax Square (reading group) co-organizer, MIT
2016–2017	Student co-editor of <i>Whamit!</i> (MIT Linguistics newsletter)
2016–2017	Ling-Lunch co-organizer, MIT
2015 (sem. 1)	Tardes de Linguística na USP [ <i>Linguistic Afternoons at the University of São Paulo</i> : colloquia and other outreach events] co-organizer, USP

## AD-HOC REVIEWING FOR JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Caderno de Estudos Linguísticos* (2021); *Caderno de Squibs* (2020×2); *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* (2023); *Glossa* (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022–24); *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* (2024–25); *Language* (2022); *Linguistic Inquiry* (2021, 2024); *Syntax* (2021); *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (2024); a paper for *Formal approaches to number in Slavic and beyond* (2020); a paper for a collection on predication in African languages (2021)

## AD-HOC REVIEWING FOR CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

LSA Annual Meeting (New Orleans, 2026); NELS 56 (NYU, 2025); CLA Conference (McGill, 2025); LSA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, 2025); NELS 55 (Yale, 2024); NELS 54 (MIT, 2024); LSA Annual Meeting (New York City, 2024); TripleAFLA (University of Manchester, 2022); 13th Workshop on Formal Linguistics (Universidade de Brasília, 2021)

## MEMBERSHIP

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2024–present	Canadian Linguistic Association
2017–present	Linguistic Society of America
2021–present	Association of Contemporary African Linguistics

## LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

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Brazilian Portuguese (native), Ēnpíng huà (恩平话, heritage), English (professional fluency), Spanish (basic reading), French (basic reading); Python (basic)

## ELICITATION

Adyghe	Winter, Spring, and Summer, 2024 (independent, online)
Kabardian	Spring and Summer, 2024 (independent, online)
Wolof	Spring 2018 (course 24.942, MIT); Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2021 (MIT, Ken Hale Fund, online); Spring 2022 (independent, online)
Mongolian	Spring 2017 (course 24.942, MIT); Summer 2017 (MIT, Ken Hale Fund); Spring 2018, Summer 2018 (independent)