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## Employment

**2022/23** Lecturer at Yale.

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

## 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*; [LingBuzz](#); original [file](#), in Br. 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:** A-dependencies, subject licensing, nonfinite clauses, 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 articles

- (accepted) Feature licensing and the number interpretation of bare nominals in Wolof [[LingBuzz](#); accepted with revisions at *Glossa*].
- (accepted) A dependent case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof. [[link](#); accepted with revisions at *Syntax*].
- 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

- (submitted) Pronouncing PRO in Wolof. ACAL proceedings.
- 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)*.

## Presentations

- 2021–22 Nominal licensing via dependent case: the view from Pseudo Noun Incorporation in Wolof.
- Feb/22 S-Lab, University of Maryland [invited; [handout](#)].
- Feb/21 Syntax & Semantics Circle, University of California, Berkeley [presented under the title ‘A dependent case analysis of pseudo noun incorporation in Wolof’; invited].

## 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-Linguística. 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 Linguística 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

### Yale

**Fall 2022** Current Trends in Syntax: The Agree Operation (undergraduate/graduate, LING 261/661)  
Morphology (undergraduate/graduate, LIN 280/680)

## Queen Mary University of London

**Fall 2021** Introduction to Semantics (BA/MA, LIN5217/7206; [teaching materials](#); [sample lecture](#)).

Syntax II: Explaining Grammatical Structures (BA, LIN5213).

Syntax (MA, LIN7209; [teaching materials](#); [sample lecture](#)).

## ELBA (Escuela de Lingüística de Buenos Aires)

**Feb 2020** Theoretical approaches to hyperraising. [handouts and program [here](#); one-week summer course]

## Teaching assistantship

**Fall 2020** Introduction to Syntax (24.951; graduate)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Instructor: Prof. David Pesetsky

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

**Fall 2018** Introduction to Linguistics (24.900; undergraduate)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Instructor: Prof. Adam Albright, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Duties: recitation, office hours, grading [recitation materials [here](#)]

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

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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)

Universidade de São Paulo

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)

Universidade de São Paulo

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

**2022/23** Syntax reading group organizer. Yale.

**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** [WAF 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.

## **Paper reviewing**

*Caderno de Estudos Linguísticos* (2021)

*Caderno de Squibs* (2020×2)

*Glossa* (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)

*Language* (2022)

*Linguistic Inquiry* (2021)

*Syntax* (2021)

A paper for *Formal approaches to number in Slavic and beyond* (2020)

A paper for a collection on African languages (2021)

## **Conference abstract reviewing**

TripleAFLA 2022

Workshop on Formal Linguistics 2021

## **Membership**

2017– Linguistic Society of America

2021– Association of Contemporary African Linguistics

## **Languages**

Brazilian Portuguese: native

English: fluent

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)

## **Other skills**

Python: beginner

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